

Bill Cobey: Taylor-made athletic director?

During halftime of the UNC-Clemson basketball game Saturday, UNC Assistant Athletic Director Bill Cobey made a quick television appearance, hurried to the press box for a radio interview and then answered questions from reporters. He said with a laugh, "I'm probably incoherent by now."

Such a hectic schedule will be daily norm for the 36-year-old administrator. UNC Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor Saturday recommended Cobey as the next UNC athletic director, succeeding Homer Rice, who is the new athletic director and head football coach at Rice University.

Cobey became acting athletic director Sunday. "Coach Rice's employment ended as of today," said Cobey, who has been assistant athletic director since 1971. Upon his arrival at UNC in 1968, he was an

academic counselor for the football team. In 1971 he became assistant athletic director for operations and most recently served as an assistant AD for promotions and finance.

Cobey, whose appointment is subject to approval by the UNC Board of Trustees at a Feb. 12 meeting and the President of the Board of Governors of the University, is the fourth man to hold the AD job.

The late Bob Fetzer held the post from 1922 until 1951, and Charles P. (Chuck) Erickson took over until May 1968. Rice followed Erickson in January 1969.

Cobey said he has not considered who he'll hire to fill his assistant AD vacancy, but he is sure that Assistant AD Moyer Smith will shift responsibilities from business to promotions. The new person will be in business.

Overall as director, Cobey said, "I will do my level best to be fair. I know I will not be viewed as fair in all situations. I've got to

learn to accept that. There's no way to satisfy all."

Adding athletic facilities, most immediately finding private financial backing for the completion of Kenan Football Stadium, will be a specific emphasis of his administration, Cobey said.

Putting money into a stadium addition (west end zone) wouldn't be viewed negatively by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Cobey said, though it is endorsing more expenditure in women's athletics through Title IX.

"If football and basketball are not healthy, they could be a great drain," he said. "We have to have facilities in order to attract recruits and keep them. It's not so much the seats (we need) as the facilities."

Concerning Title IX's provisions, Cobey said, "No we are not complying. It's going to take a lot of money. I feel we won't be able to produce the type of revenue from private

sources to cover it all. We've got to look at the student fee again. It's \$25, but at a lot of schools they pay more. We don't want to tear down the men's program to build up the women's."

Cobey acknowledged that the present seats in Kenan usually aren't all filled on game days, but that "good promotion of tickets will enable Carolina to reverse these fortunes."

Cobey is a graduate of Emory University (1962), received a masters degree in business from the University of Pennsylvania and earned a masters degree in education at the University of Pittsburgh. He said he will not have a contract, that he "believes in his abilities" and that he will "serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor."

— Susan Shackelford

Tracksters lap Duke, FSU; extend season mark to 8-0-1

by Doug Clark
Staff Writer

The UNC track team used nine first places in 13 events to roll over Duke and Fayetteville State in the Tin Can Saturday. The final score of the meet was UNC 76, Duke 44 and FSU 14. The Heels now have a 8-0-1 season record.

The win was impressive considering several UNC runners had competed the previous night at the Millrose Games in New York. There, the mile relay team of Reggie Jones, Chuck Hayes, Will Southerland and co-captain Reggie Brown won its division with a time of 3:23.

However, the two-mile relay team failed to place, and graduate assistant coach Tony Waldrop had his indoor mile victory streak broken by former NCAA mile champ Paul Cummings. Cummings set a Millrose Games record of 3:57, while Waldrop was second in 4:01.

In the tri-meet Saturday, Dennis Quick and Chip Wilson were double winners, running on the mile relay team with Hayes and Southerland, and Quick winning the long jump and Wilson the hurdles.

Fred Woltz and Spencer Wynne took first and second in the triple jump. Brown and Charles Matheson in the 600, Ralph King and Tommy Ward in the 1000, and Shannon LeRoy, John McCabe and Erwin Jones took the first three places in the high jump.

Co-captain Dave Hamilton won the mile in 4:12, with Danny Spake third, and freshman Mike Salzano, in his first meet of the season, won the shot with a put of 49 feet 11 inches.

Duke won the distance medley, although neither team fielded its strongest unit, and, as expected, was strong in the two mile. Robbie Perkins and Bynum Merritt both ran the two mile in under nine minutes.

The Heels will host Southern Conference power William and Mary Saturday in the Tin Can.

IM meetings

A meeting for men's intramural managers will be held at 7 tonight in room 304 Woollen Gym. Women's managers will meet at 6:30 tonight in 303 Woollen Gym. Entries for table tennis are due by 5 today in the intramural office, 215 Woollen.

Belmont, Tech rout women cagers

by Ed Rankin
Staff Writer

Cold shooting performances plagued UNC's women's basketball team in Tennessee this past weekend as the Tar Heels dropped games to Belmont College 73-62 in Nashville and fifth-ranked Tennessee Tech 111-63 in Cookeville.

Carolina, now 7-3, fell behind Belmont Friday 36-28 at halftime but rallied to take a one-point lead, 54-53, with 4:32 left. But the loss of four UNC starters to fouls in the second half and poor shooting for the game (39.6 per cent) killed any chance for a Tar Heel victory.

Joan Leggett led the Tar Heels with 15 points while Cathey Daniels had 14 points and Cathy Shoemaker 12. Carolina had only one less field goal than the Rebellets (24-23) but could hit just 53 per cent from the line to Belmont's 76 per cent.

"I was pleased with our overall effort," said UNC Coach Angela Lumpkin, "but our fouls and poor shooting hurt us. Belmont

had a tough player-to-player defense and forced us away from our offense."

Linda Matthews is still suffering from hematoma in her right leg and did not play in either game.

The Tar Heels ran into a hot-shooting Tennessee Tech team Saturday and never posed a threat in the game. The Golden Eaglettes, who start two players over 6 feet, hit 57.6 per cent from the floor and 80 per cent from the line. Tennessee Tech held a 52-

28 halftime lead. Joyce Patterson scored 16 points for the Tar Heels and Shoemaker and Leggett each added 11.

"We should have played better against Tennessee Tech than we did, but they are the toughest team we'll face all year," said Lumpkin. "Their shooting was phenomenal and their rebounding was another big factor." The Golden Eaglettes controlled the boards, 49-22, with Daniels grabbing seven of the Tar Heel total.

Tar Heel heavy weights topple, ECU rallies to 24-13 victory

by Lee Pace
Staff Writer

Two escapes East Carolina wrestler Paul Thorp registered against UNC's Mike Benzel through two periods Thursday night — though merely serving to tie the 158-pound bout at 2-2 — provided the initial impetus for a massive escape the Pirates were to make from a lopsided Tar Heel advantage.

Trailing 13-3, ECU recorded five consecutive wins — two by fall — and rallied to defeat the stunned Tar Heels, 24-13. Pins by Ron Whitcomb and D.T. Joyner over Dean Brior and Dee Hardison respectively, led the way.

Scott Conkwright, Curtis Rudolph, Dave Juergens and Jeff Reingten constructed the early advantage, Reingten upsetting two-time Southern Conference champ Tom Marriott, but Carolina was no match for ECU's prowess in the upper weights.

East Carolina is now 6-2. Carolina fell to 6-5.

After tying Benzel, Thorp went on to take a 5-2 win. Phil Mueller, an honorable mention All-American, took 167-pound Carl Hoffman down and scored a near pin early in the third period to take a 8-3 lead that Hoffman, although closing the gap to 8-7, couldn't overcome.

Then Whitcomb, who is ranked fifth nationally, pinned Brior at 6:47 before Mike Radford, ranked seventh in the nation, dominated Dave Casale for a 13-7 decision. Needing a pin to offset ECU's 18-13 lead.

Dee Hardison fell far behind Joyner early before being pinned at 3:33.

UNC Wrestling Coach Bill Lam pointed to three weights — 134, where Chris Conkwright was upended by Paul Osmand, 158 and 177 — as the places where the Heels were stung.

Carolina faces three road tests this weekend. Friday, the Heels are at Old Dominion, Saturday at Richmond and Sunday at Maryland for an important Atlantic Coast Conference match. UNC is 2-0 in conference play.

Swim splits with Virginia

The UNC men's swim team absorbed a 60-53 loss at the hands of a fired-up University of Virginia team Saturday in Charlottesville. The women's team, however, left Charlottesville with their 5-0 record intact by winning 73-57. The men's loss dropped their record to 5-2.

The weekend added two wins to the women's spotless mark. Friday they had no problem with Madison College, winning 77-54. Ann Marshall set the NCAA record of 1:51.8 in the 200-yard freestyle against Virginia Saturday. She broke her own mark of 1:53.3 and went on to win three other events. Laurie Potter and Madelyn Warcholik also placed first in four events.

The men's winners included Steve McDonald in the 100 freestyle, Rich DeSelm in the 500, and Mark List in the 200 backstroke. The 400 medley relay team of List, Tom Berry, Alan Toll, and McDonald knocked 2.5 seconds off their previous best in winning and the 400 freestyle team of Mike Roock, Karl Thiele, Tim Balderston, and McDonald also took first-place honors.

The women's team visits William and Mary Feb. 7. The men travel to Clemson Feb. 14.

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