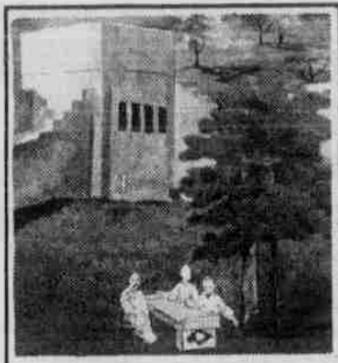




Dinner and a show

Resident drama critic Patricia Green reviews Equus, the current PRC box office attraction. See page 2. The Peking Garden offers authentic Taiwanese food to tantalize exotic taste buds. See page 3 for Vaughn Ramsey's review.



Cross country

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The battle of the Carolinas

North vs. the South

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The Battle of the Carolinas could be decided down in those trenches where helmets are only inches apart and great plays go scarcely noticed.

When South Carolina comes into Kenan Stadium Saturday, it brings with it a weak offensive line which is expected to line up across from a strong, intimidating, good Carolina defensive front line.

Some would argue that the two teams probably will be even since Carolina's offensive line is young and inexperienced.

Wrong, says Gamecock coach Jim Carlen. "We just don't have a quality line," Carlen said from Columbia this week. "We're just not that good. North Carolina has a young offensive line. We're playing juniors and seniors."

That is the reason, Carlen said, that when his Gamecocks got in a third-down-and-one situation on the goalline against Georgia, they had to settle for a field goal.

"What happens is the running backs get the credit when they pick up the yards," Carlen said, "and the line gets the blame when they don't. We just don't have a quality line which can knock the holes open for the runners."

This, however, doesn't mean that
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Carolina's defense has given every opponent this season some problems and South Carolina Saturday should be no exception. Here N.C. State running back Rickey Adams finds a steel wall as T. K. McDaniels grabs him around the legs while Ron Broadway (70), Ken Sheets (89) and Dave Simmons (84) provide support. Staff photo by Allen Jernigan.

Curry adds spice to defense

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One of the highlights, if not the highlight of this year's UNC football team has been the outstanding play of its defense. This year's unit is loaded with possible All-ACC candidates, end Kenny Sheets, safety Alan Caldwell and tackle Dee Hardison to name a few. But one name you don't hear that often is that of the strong-side linebacker Buddy Curry.

Curry has played outstanding football this year after making the starting unit as a freshman midway through last season. His first start came against undefeated East Carolinam when the defense played one of its best games of the year in leading UNC to a 12-10 victory. Making numerous tackles, Curry's strong effort earned him the starting position the rest of the season.

"I had been working pretty hard all year," Curry said. "Coach Dooley had told me at the beginning of the year that if I worked, I might get to play some. I wasn't too sure whether I could believe him or not, but then the week of the ECU game, two guys got sick, and I got my chance to start."

Since then, he has developed into one of the top linebackers in the ACC. His excellent speed (4.8 in the 40) enables him to roam the field chasing down enemy ballcarriers. He and his weak-side

linebacking mate, Bobby Gay, have been in on a tremendous amount of tackles.

"We have a super defensive line," Curry said. "They all have great technique and can keep the lineman from coming out and hitting us. Bobby and I just scrape up."

Beside his usual tally of tackles, Buddy also hauled down an interception last week off N.C. State's Johnny Evans and then ran 31 yards, plowing over Evans at the two-yard line for a touchdown. The score gave the Heels a 17-0 lead in the first half and blew open the game.

"It was one of the best feelings I've ever had. When I caught it, I just had to outrun one defender, and then I saw Evans at about the two. I just lowered my shoulder and tried to get in. It was great!"

At 6 feet 3 and 215 pounds, Curry possibly could play pro ball if he decides he wants to and gets an offer.

"If I get the chance I will," Curry said. "But there's really a lot of luck involved. You've got to stay healthy, or you don't stand much of a chance. So far I've been very lucky."

Pro ball is still one of his long range goals, however. Something athletes talk about a lot is goals. Jack Nicklaus wanted to win the Grand Slam in golf; Lou Brock cherished breaking Ty Cobb's stolen base record. But what does Buddy Curry want to do?

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