All-America candidate Dave Buckey
### 1975 WOLFPACK ROSTER

**QUARTERBACKS**
- Dave Buckey: 6-0 167 Sr. Akron, Ohio
- Caesar Campana: 6-0 173 Sr. Woodbury, N.J.

**RUNNING BACKS**
- Bill Brockman: 5-11 200 Soph. High Point
- Tommy London: 6-1 207 Jr. Shelby
- Larry Morrissey: 6-1 199 Soph. Faison
- Buster Ray: 5-10 173 Soph. Asheville

**FULLBACKS**
- Johnny Evans: 6-2 200 Soph. High Point
- Timmy Johnson: 6-0 164 Soph. High Point
- Garson Rice: 5-8 170 Jr. Greensboro
- Horace Whitaker: 6-1 210 Jr. Fayetteville

**FLANKERS**
- Pat Hovance: 6-0 194 Sr. Warren, Ohio
- David Moody: 6-0 178 Soph. Asheville
- Johnny Richardson: 5-11 170 Sr. Pittsburgh
- John White: 6-0 190 Soph. Smithfield

**SPLIT ENDS**
- Don Buckey: 6-0 177 Sr. Whitsett
- Elijah Marshall: 6-1 177 Soph. Whitsett

**TIGHT ENDS**
- Ricky Knowles: 6-3 215 Jr. Clinton
- B.J. Lyttle: 6-3 233 Sr. Glen Cove, N.Y.

**TACKLES**
- Rusty Coggins: 6-1 230 Jr. Lexington
- Larry Shavis: 6-4 250 Jr. Thomasville

**GUARDS**
- Dan Ahern: 5-11 220 Sr. Freeport, N.Y.
- Ed Callaway: 6-3 245 Soph. Elkin
- Frank Comito: 6-3 230 Soph. Colonie, N.J.

**CENTERS**
- Los Alcalo: 6-1 215 Sr. Arnold, Md.
- Dennis Brooks: 6-2 210 Soph. Silver City
- Tom Butz: 6-0 200 Jr. Charlotte
- Mark Teach: 5-10 218 Soph. Medford Lakes, N.J.

**MIDDLE GUARDS**
- Tom Higgins: 6-2 229 Sr. Colonie, N.J.
- Mike Owens: 6-0 185 Soph. Thomasville

**DEFENSIVE TACKLES**
- Doug Carter: 5-10 221 Sr. Staunton, Va.
- Jack Kohl: 6-4 228 Soph. Reenow, Ohio
- Tom Proonay: 6-4 230 Soph. Colonie, N.J.
- Tony Santiago: 5-10 215 Jr. Highspire
- Percy Twine: 6-5 205 Soph. Edenton

**DEFENSIVE ENDS**
- Ken Baithan: 6-0 185 Jr. Brevard
- Clarence Cotton: 6-5 210 Sr. Lexington
- Russell Matt: 6-0 188 Soph. Jeannette, Pa.
- Ricky Morgan: 6-3 193 Jr. Corpeake

**LINEBACKERS**
- Bill Cherry: 6-2 205 Jr. Stateville
- George Poulos: 5-11 190 Soph. Wilminton
- Jim Stowe: 6-4 218 Soph. Belmont
- Greg Walker: 5-11 212 Jr. Hudson

**DEFENSIVE BACKS**
- Terry Crite: 6-2 195 Jr. Brevard
- Jim Denning: 5-9 191 Jr. Willow Springs
- Larry Eberheart: 5-10 182 Soph. Shelby
- Bob Horton: 5-9 165 Jr. Knightdale
- Darryl Jackson: 6-0 195 Sr. Lynchburg, Va.
- Tony Lowder: 5-10 155 Soph. Huntsville
- Danny Miller: 5-8 165 Soph. Nashville
- Eddie Poole: 6-0 194 Sr. Troy
- Billy Port: 5-11 185 Soph. Charleston, S.C.
- Dave Roberts: 6-0 185 Jr. Shelby
- Ralph Stringer: 5-11 185 Jr. Warren, Ohio

**PUNTERS-KICKERS**
- Mike Nall: 6-2 180 Sr. Burlington

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Old nemesis graduation takes its toll on the Wolfpack's offensive backfield last season, as the sheeprinck took two State standouts, all-time leading rusher Stok Fritts and running mate Roland Hooks, away from the collegiate game. This devastating duo amassed 2,019 yards and crossed the goal line 21 times last year, and you don't replace horses like that overnight.

But Coach Lou Holtz isn't shedding tears over their departure because he has a fine stable of more than capable ball carriers who will be performing for the Wolfpack this fall.

Facing the horde of inexperienced but talented running backs are Tommy London and Johnny Evans.

London, who missed most of spring practice with a broken arm, saw limited action last season, picking up 127 yards on 40 carries. He is still hampered by his wounded limb and it remains to be seen when he will be operating at full steam. But when London does recover, there is no telling what he can accomplish. "Tommy could be a real great one," predicted first-year offensive backfield coach Diet Kemp. "He's big and strong, simply proved it.

The fleet-footed junior should be adept at getting that short yardage on essential third-down situations, but he is also fast enough to outrun those swift defensive backs once he breaks into the open. "Tommy is quick and has the moves in the open field," said Kemp of the Shelby native.

As of last week, Richard Carter was the starter at the running back spot.

Evans Shifted to Fullback

Heir apparent to Fritts' fullback slot is the multi-talented Evans. Filling Fritts' star-studded shoes will be a difficult task, but the converted quarterback is up to the challenge.

Rugged Evans has proven himself to be a fledgling runner, as is shown by the fact that he churned out 227 yards last season as Buckey's backup.

"Although the High Point product has an excellent arm, he will operate strictly at fullback unless some unforeseen crisis curtailed his role. Thus, he will spend most of his playing time running and blocking.

Never, however, count out the possibility of the option pass. "We think that Evans being in the backfield adds a rather troublesome new dimension to our offense in that we do have an ex-quarterback there," Kemp smiled.

As returner vying for action at the running back position include sophomores Buster Ray and Larry Morrissey.

Ray Eliminating Fumbles

Ray is one athlete who suffered from the sophomore jinx ahead of time, with his misfortune coming in the form of fumbles. The excellence of his activeness to his problem was good old fashioned hard work. And during the course of off-season drills he seemed to find the right remedy, making great strides in all phases of his game.

"Hurst had a super spring," boasted Kemp. "He used to have a problem holding onto football, but he seemed to have solved that this spring. He showed improvement in all areas.

Carter, who at 160 pounds is a relatively small player, raced for 116 yards on 15 attempts in his initial season for a remarkable average of 7.7 yards per carry. His unusually high rushing average is mainly due to a 57-yard jaunt against Wake Forest, which was State's longest run from scrimmage last fall.

Morrissey Shows Promise

Another promising young runner is Morrissey, who grounded out 86 yards in the annual Red-White battle held last April.

"Larry Morrissey had a good spring game, and he will be in there fighting for a position in our backfield," stated Kemp.

"Spelling Evans at fullback will tough little Timmy Johnson, a guy who typifies the word versatile.""

"Timmy Johnson is a tough competitor, and he's awfully consistent," said an admiring Kemp. "He suffers a little bit in size and speed, but in hardnosedness, toughness and consistency he is outstanding.

Horace Whitaker, a junior from Fayetteville, was switched from linebacker to fullback, and his versatile performer will provide depth there.

State signed a few running backs with outstanding high school credentials. Among those who inked with the Pack are Birkey Adams, Ted Brown, Kevin Flossman, Ron Reddick and Scott Wade.

However, most of them will probably have to wait a while before they are able to see much action, because of the major adjustment from high school football to the collegiate brand.

Back to run the Wolfpack's explosive twin veer attack is senior sensation Dave Buckey, (see page 6) who is a bonafide All America candidate.

Relieving Buckey of his signal-calling duties will be junior Pete Cordelli.

The lofty from Longborne, Pa., transferred to State from Cornell two years ago. During last season, his first year of eligibility at State, he saw only spot duty. If however, the strong Armed passer is called on, he has the ability to get the job done.

Overall, the Dave Buckey led offensive backfield, despite the relative inexperience of the running backs, should again be of the exciting and explosive nature that Wolfpack football fans have grown accustomed to under the leadership of Lou Holtz.
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Buckey, Marshall
key receiving corps

by Greer Smith

Receiver coach Brian Burke has a problem in trying to improve a passing attack that has been adequate but not overpowering for the Wolfpack the past three years. He must also decide how to utilize the talents of split ends Don Buckey and Elijah Marshall at the same time.

Burke claims that both have reached first-team status and he has to find a way to play both talented receivers. "Elijah has developed his skills to the point that he is a first-team player," said Burke. "We are going to try to play them both as much as we can and will probably try to run plays with both of them in the ball game."

According to Burke, Buckey has a slight edge on Marshall and will start. "Don has the edge because of his experience. He has developed super concentration needed to play the end position."

Although Buckey is superior in the mental aspects of the game, Marshall has the potential to be everything Don Buckey is and more. The main difference between the two is Elijah's quickness. Once he develops his mental concentration, he's going to be a great receiver."

Any combination of two talented ends will be Pat Hovance who switched from tight end to Banker during spring practice. Hovance made the adjustment in position well and should not only help the Pack's passing but could also play an important part in the running phase of the offense.

Hovance has proven as a receiver by his ability to catch the ball past the three years. He adjusted well in learning the patterns and reading defenses at that position in the spring. Burke commented.

"His size makes him an excellent blocker around the outside perimeters of our offense which should strengthen the outside running game." Burke calls the trio the best group of receivers he has worked with since Pat Kenney and Steve Lester in 1972, his first year as an assistant coach at State.

"Kenney and Lester were good receivers because of their experience. Overall, this group not only has the experience, but it also has more talent," he said.

Not only do they have talent, the three also have the size that has been absent from the receiving corps since Kenney and Lester graduated.

Size Aids Blocking

"These receivers are 10-15 pounds heavier per man than the people we had last year. This is going to help our blocking as well as our receiving," Burke elaborated.

Marshall's speed will also add a dimension that has been lacking from the Wolfpack passing attack the past three years.

"For the first time since 1972 we will have a super deep threat with Elijah's quickness," he added.

Burke considers the three one of the best groups of receivers in the country and strongly believes that all three have the talent to become All Atlantic Coast Conference selections.

For those that might think the Pack will have to make many changes behind the talented three, Burke has replacements that can fill the positions adequately.

-Sophomore David Moody, who was red-shirted last year or senior Johnny Richardson will be the Wolfpack's fourth receiver.

Moody, although inexperienced, has good hands and speed. Richardson is not extremely talented, but does not make many mental mistakes. Another player that could gain playing time is sophomore Johnny White who performed well in spring practice and played well in the spring intrasquad game.

Freshmen Could Play

Two high school prospects could figure into the lineup by the end of the season, but they are unknown quantities at the moment.

Mike Crabtree and Randy Halt were both highly recruited last spring, but Burke has no indication if they will be able to learn the State offense quickly enough to gain much playing time this year.

Anchoring the tight end spot will be Ricky Knowles and B.J. Lail, an pair of solid performers. Both Knowles and Lyttle are top-notch blockers and receivers.

"We've got two good tight ends in Ricky Knowles and B.J. Lail, said Coach Bob Harrison. "They are both starters in our mind."

Last season, Knowles backed up Knowles, and one of the reasons Hovance was able to move to Banker was the continual improvement of Knowles, who had an impressive spring practice.

"Ricky is very sound fundamentally and should become an outstanding tight end," said Harrison of the Clinton product.

Lyttle Provides Back-Up

Receiving equal playing time will be Lyttle, a guy who loves to plug open holes in the opposing defense.

The 6, 233-pound Glen Cove, N.Y., native is very physical and should leave his mark on enemy defenders.

"B.J. is a big tight end, and having him in the lineup is like having another tackle in there," Harrison beamed.

Burke will make his first three starters at the position and the tough tight end spot will be Greg Bolius, who was the junior varsity's leading pass receiver last season with nine catches for 139 yards.

"Greg has good ability and will mature into an excellent player," promised the coach.

Also vying for action will be talented freshman Tom Fabiny of Youngstown, Ohio.

Both coaches are optimistic in anticipating the problems his receivers will give opposing defenses this season. Burke only needs to solve his one small problem.

Offensive line has holes to plug

by Ginger Andrews

The "unsung heroes" of the offensive line hope to find their own star in the returning lettermen and younger players after losing three starters to graduation.

Among these three were two All-Atlantic Coast Conference players, center Justus Everett, and guards Mike Fagan and a three-year letterman, tackle Rich Lehr.

(Offensive line coach Larry Beightol expressed, "To say the least, these guys will be hard to replace. We think we can find some capable replacements in some of the younger players, however."

One returning letterman, Lou Alcabo, will probably capture the starting center position.

"At the end of spring practice, Alcabo was the number one player at center," said Beightol, "Alcabo will probably win the starting position because of his experience and ability."

Serfass Reaps Prase

Four lettermen will be returning to the guard positions, led by senior Tom Serfass, who is proclaimed by Beightol to be "one of the outstanding linemen in the country this year."

Serfass, an all-conference hopeful, received nothing but praise from the coach. "Serfass has a great attitude, great physical tools, and he is a very dedicated player," said Beightol.

Backups for Serfass will be senior Dan Ahern, or sophomore Randy Cook.

Developing at the left guard position is a real dog fight between Ed Callaway, a sophomore, and Glenn Genis, a senior.

"Both are capable of being outstanding football players. At the end of spring callaway was the number one man," said Beightol.

Callaway is another player with all-conference potential.

Bill Druschedel '74

Tackles Bill Druschedel and Mike Fagan, part-time starters during the 1974 season, will be returning, along with letterman Larry Shaw.

Druschedel, whose older brother Rick is an ex Wolfpack standout now with the Pittsburgh Steelers, is another outstanding prospect of whom Beightol spoke highly.

"Bill is one of the most intense players I have ever coached, he has the privilege of coaching," remarked Beightol.

Back-ups at tackle will be Shaw and junior Brad Bass, graduated from this position.

Depth for the offensive line will be a problem except at center. Help is expected to come in the persons of freshman Frank Prior of Yardley, Pa., and sophomore Tommy Linder of Bethelburn, Pa. Prior is described by Beightol to be a "blue-chip prospect."

Another prospect which could plague the center spot is injuries. Alcabo had a setback when philchick developed in his left leg after surgery in May.

"We don't know if Alcabo will be able to go full speed or not," said Beightol.

More Physical

In comparison to last year's line, Beightol finds this year's unit to be more physical overall.

"The 1974 offensive line did a great job of development off this offense. They were very good fundamentally but not a real physical outfit," he pointed out.

"I think the 1975 group can be just as consistent and develop depth to them to be much more physical group."

Some of the freshmen that Beightol will be looking to for the added size and quickness are Reggie Jackson of Chapel Hill, Greg Bolius of Washing, Bob motivation of Beaver, Pa., in addition to Prior.

"We have a number of freshmen coming in that have size," said Beightol, "but before I comment, I'd like to take a wait and see attitude about them."

Though Beightol hesitated to comment on the freshmen, he was eager to proclaim the outstanding talent on his line.

"We have outstanding potential to have another great line at N.C. State, but you don't win on potential. If these fellows are willing to work hard and pay the price for greatness, we can have the best offensive line in the AIA."
Interview by Kevin Fisher

In the fall of 1972, Dave Buckey came to State as an unheralded quarterback recruit from Akron, Ohio. Three years later, he is going into his final season as one of the most prolific quarterbacks in Wolfpack football history. In an interview last week with the Technicians, Buckey talked about seasons past, present and future.

Technician: The aerial combination of Dave Buckey to Don Buckey is both extremely unique and immensely successful. Has it always been that way—Dave Buckey the quarterback to Don Buckey the receiver, or did that come about later?

Buckey: Well, from the time we started playing that's the way it's been. We started when we were eleven years old and from the first practice I started out as a quarterback and Don as a receiver. We've never played any other positions.

Obviously, both you and Don were recruited by State. Was it that way everywhere? Did all the schools that recruited you want both of you?

There wasn't anybody that talked to one of us that didn't talk to both of us.

Was that your and Don's stipulation or did it just work out that way?

They approached us first; we didn't tell them that's the way it would be. All the schools that approached us wanted both of us.

When you first arrived here in the summer of 1972 someone else was also just getting here—Lou Holtz. What were your first impressions of him? Did you think he'd be the fiery, dynamic type man that he is?

When you first think of a college football coach you think of a guy that's 6'4" and about 200 pounds...a big rough guy. You see Coach Holtz and you think maybe he's a professor or something and it really surprises you that he's the football coach. But after you get to know him and hear him talk for a while you realize he's got a brilliant mind.

Don Buckey is unquestionably an excellent receiver, one who owns a host of school records and is closing in on some conference marks. Nonetheless, if a team has a good quarterback he will be the one that gets most of the attention. To put it mildly, you've done well yourself, and the majority of the pre-season publicity has been centered on you. Does that put any extra pressure on you and Don, either on the field as a quarterback/receiver combination, or off the field as brothers?

Don has been real good about that...really, anything we play we have nearly equal ability at, and probably more than half the things we might do he could beat me at. I think if he'd work at being a quarterback he'd get to be a great one.

So he knows the way things stand and that's just it—quarterbacks get more publicity. And it's not right...I think they're overrated. I don't think the quarterback's job is any harder than anybody else's, and there's no doubt it's less physical. You have to recognize things and it may be a little more mental work, but I'd much rather be doing that than be up there getting punched in the face for four quarters.

Speaking of mental work, Coach Holtz has said recently that in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl last year, when we were behind 24-17, he thought he had a great idea for a play that he was sure would go for a touchdown. After the "sure thing" ended up an interception and a touchdown for Houston, he says he pulled you over and said "Son, you call 'em for a while," and the next thing he knew it was a tie ballgame. Would you like to call every play?

No, I wouldn't like that at all. We've tried that in games, having the quarterback call the plays...it just takes so much pressure off you when the coach is calling them. All you have to worry about is execution...you don't have to worry about down and distance and time on the clock. And of course I'm not as experienced at calling plays as Coach Holtz is. When he sends a play in I don't have anything to worry about...just call it and run the play.

Looking back over your first three years here, which of those teams would you say was the best?

I don't know, it's hard to compare teams. I really don't know how to answer that because we were more experienced the first two years but I don't know that that would necessarily mean we were better.

On the same train of thought, would you say this year's team is going to be better than the other three you've played on?

I think this one has more potential than any of the other three, but you know that's no big deal...potential really doesn't mean that much. I remember two years ago Colorado had something like 19 starters returning and the previous season they had been 10-1 and everybody said they were
going to be national champions. Well, they had great potential but they finished something like 4 and 7. The potential is really there for us though, and if we work hard we could be better than any of the first three teams...but it’s hard to say definitely that we will be.

What about the offense? Do you think it’s going to be stronger or weaker this year, particularly taking into account the loss of Stan Fritts and Roland Hooks? Will Fritts and Hooks be adequately replaced?

It’s hard to replace guys like Fritts and Hooks overnight, because they were experienced and they knew the offense inside-out. But we’re going to have a strong line and good receivers, and the backs...they’re not experienced but they’re good. They’re accepting the challenge well, and the ones back from last year are really ready to go...and the freshmen look exceptionally good.

With Johnny Evans at fullback, can we expect to see a lot of “razzle dazzle” type play with him taking laterals and then rolling out and throwing?

We’re going to do that. I think everybody knows that, so I don’t see any sense in saying we’re not, although I don’t know how much. We did it with Fritts and we’re not going to stop now. Johnny’s such a threat when he gets out in the corner and he’s such a great runner, he’ll put a lot of pressure on the defense by being able to both run and throw. Yea, I’m sure we’ll use it.

Earlier, we talked about the pre-season buildup of Dave Buckey. Does all the publicity put extra weight on your shoulders, put more pressure on you to perform? Do you lie awake nights wondering if you can do all the things people are saying you’re going to do?

No, it hasn’t been like that. There are like 20 pre-season polls and it’s like 20 people’s opinion and they’re all different. It’s an honor to be considered with guys like Scott Gardner, who’s going to be a pro quarterback, and Steve Davis of Oklahoma. I don’t see how you can say one quarterback is better than all the others.

I think it’s an honor just to be considered for something like that. Whether I get it or not is no big deal to me. As far as pressure goes, my responsibilities aren’t any different this year from what they have been. If there’s additional pressure on me, it would come from myself I think.

When you came here, did you have any expectation of playing as a freshman?

None at all. Don and I talked about it...coming out of high school and going into college ball was like going into a different world. We didn’t know what we were getting into...we thought there’d be monsters here waiting to eat us up. We just hoped to make the travelling squad the first year. When we got here four quarterbacks had quit and two others were injured. There was just Bruce Shaw...and me. So from the first day I started in behind Bruce.

Virtually all of the pre-season polls have the Pack ranked in the top twenty, with several of them predicting State will break the top ten. Do you think that puts extra pressure on the team as a whole?

I’ve got mixed emotions about the polls. It’s kind of nice to be thought of as being in the top twenty, but then again when teams see your name up there...they’re kind of shooting for you. It would be nice to feel like you’re strong but people don’t know it. The pressure on the team is going to come from the schedule because there are some real strong teams on it like Michigan State, Penn State and Florida. It’s going to be a challenge.

You mentioned that you felt Scott Gardner was going to be a pro quarterback. What about Dave Buckey? Some people still say things like “Yea, Buckey’s great but he’s just not big enough for pro ball.” Also, the same question about Don.

That’s something that’s a long way off and it’s not good to think about now...but it’s like a dream...I’ve always wanted to play professionally and I would like a chance just to try it anyway. You know, they do look for guys that are big—6’2”, 200 pounds for quarterback, and there’s no way I’m going to be that size, but if I got the chance I’d go try because that’s what I like...

As far as Don...right now, because of his size, his chances are a lot better. He’s a little over six feet and about 185 and there are pro receivers right now that are that size. He’s heard a lot from some pro teams, and he feels the same way I do...he’d like to try it. I think anybody that’s played a sport has dreamed of playing in the pros.

Finally, what about the conference race? Who do you see as the toughest opposition? Will the Pack come out on top?

The conference is going to be tough as a whole, a lot more so than before. The first two years it was like Carolina and Maryland were tough, but now it’s spread around...Clemson is really tough and Duke is gonna be good. I think most any team is capable of winning it, but I think our chances are as good as anybody’s. You know, if we can play without fumbles and interceptions, and play smart football, we’ve got as good a shot as anybody...
A trio of national powers plus

by Jimmy Carroll

East Carolina

Two years ago East Carolina opened its season against State and lost 58-7. Last year the Pirates and Tar Heels battled it out on regional television, and State had to rally to win the game.

Quarterback Mike Weaver directed the wishbone offense which Coach Pat Dye brought to Greenville from Alabama last season. Weaver gave the pirates defenders headaches by running back the ball at will. His passing, however, left much to be desired.

This season, the Pirate wishbone will run into what should be a vastly improved Wolfpack defense.

The Pirates return eight starters on offense but only five on defense, which will mean problems stopping the opposition. In the offensive backfield, Ken Strayhorn, the top rusher and scorer last year is back, but halfback Bobby Myrick has been moved to the defensive secondary.

E.U.C. fullback, Ken Schink will certainly carry the load. Junior Tom Daub will also be counted on to fill his place.

Every starter is back on the defensive line from Dye's 7-4 team, but he isn't pleased with their speed or size.

Defensively, linebacker Danny Kepley has been transferred to Florida, a talented. Kepley, who destroyed enemy offenses in the past, has been replaced by two potential starters on the Pirates' three-man front, but none of four starting linebackers.

However, each spot in the secondary will be filled with last year's starters, headed by all-conference safety Jim Budding.

East Carolina could battle for Southern Conference honors, but the Bucs desperately need a passing attack after completing less than three per game in 74.

FLORIDA

Wake Forest won more on the field than in the ACC college, last year; a 16-13 victory over the Demon Deacons.

Frank Harsh Wake Forest's most valuable player last year, and the top college footballer in the ACC is the most valuable player this year. For his efforts, he was the ACC player of the year and won the Maxwell Award.

The Demon Deacons return some top players, they are expected to be a threat in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Still, though the schedule may be a better than last year's, Wake's success may not.

"It is our third year at Wake Forest," says Mills. "We feel we are making progress. We may still be a year away from peaking. That progress is in the won-loss column because the ACC is a powerful college football league and we have a lot of ground to make up."

The defensive secondary could be Wake's strongest suit. Starters Ed McDonald, Bill Armstrong and Gary Huyck return from last year. Quarterbacks Mike McElroy and Solomon Everett give the Demon backfield depth there. Running backs Frank Harsh and Clark Gaines are the leaders of the candidates for starting backs. Harsh was hobbled by injuries last year after a strong sophomore season, and Gaines possesses excellent speed.

The offensive line is big enough to be respectable, Mills says, and should be one of the team's strongest positions.

Mills notes lack of size along the defensive line as one of his major problems, along with the senior position and punting.

Wake Forest also faces 11 other opponents. Some of them are Notre Dame, Missouri, N.C.G. State, Appalachian State, Kansas State...

Charley Baggett of Fayetteville

One is quarterback Charley Baggett of Fayetteville, who transferred from Carolina after his freshman season because he wasn't going to play, is called by Stohl, "the best quarterback in the country."

Charley Baggett, a 5.4 yards a carry last season and completed 48 of 109 passes, 10 for touchdowns.

"He's our biggest offensive threat is keyed by All-Big Ten fullback Levi Jackson who rushed for 642 yards last season. It was his 88-yard run against Ohio State that sparked the MSU upset. Alongside Jackson will be tailback Rich Baes, a 750-yard rusher in '74."

The Spartans lost all-conference performers Terry McClure at linebacker and tackle tackle. However, all-conference end Otto Smith is back and joins tackle Greg Schaum and safety Tom Graves to head an awesome unit which returns eight starters.

INDIANA

Lee Corso coached Indiana to a 1-10 finish a year ago. Not too impressive. But it could be drastically different this year.

The reason being Corso has 18 starters returning Which means valuable experience at every position.

Among those Hoosier hotshots is Courtney Snyder who ran for 1,254 yards, more than any Big Ten backs except Herchel "Jumbo" Archie Griffin and Wisconsin All-American Mark Mazur.

Quarterback Terry Jones was the league's most accurate passer, completing 57.2 percent of his tosses. His favorite targets will be both back; Senior Trent Smoak caught 31 passes for 549 yards and sophomore Keith Calvin for 339.

The Hoosier offense shows excellent potential, but the defense allowed 27 points and 417 yards per game last year, good enough to win about one game a year. Senior nose tackle Mike Davis, back, that unit should be considered tougher.

Linebackers are Indiana's key to victory. For that reason, Coach Corso has signed the 4-3 defense he originally used back when losing last season's 5-2.

Leading the corps of linebackers is Donnie Thomas, a senior. Coach Corso is quoted as saying, "I have not seen a better one in two years."

Alongside Thomas will be sophomore Craig Brinkman, the league's most valuable end and senior Len Bruce.

The Hoosiers return 15 in the league's most experienced corps and are expected to seriously challenge perennial Big Ten powers Michigan and Ohio State.

The only Buckeyes loss in the regular season-15-13-3 at the hands of the Spartans.

A popular trivia question is: Who is Michigan State's head football coach? No, it's not Duffy Daugherty. It's Frank Beauchamp.

He's letting his players earn the name, and he's got those necessary to do so.

MARYLAND

The last two Maryland-State clashes have determined the ACC champion. The same could be true for the third year in a row.

State's fans will argue vehemently on that point.

After rolling unscathed through the league last season, the Terrapins lost all but two starters on offense and four on defense. Coach Jerry Claiborne is expected to come up with ample replacements at most positions, either from year's reserves or from a crop of talented recruits.

The line talent available but lack of experience that was so vital to Maryland's success and took us to two consecutive bowls, says Claiborne. "September will tell the story. If we survive the Big Eight road trip to Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky, we will be in good shape."
Conference foes could make for rough sledding

Maryland's quarterback tough, says Mike O'Cain. Maryland has the right defense to stop him.

Clemson's defense is as capable as any in the ACC. However, the Tigers' defense is somewhat inexperienced but capable. There is no backup at this time. Johnny Stratten, Johnny Elam, Ben McEnaney and freshman Matt Kueper are all quarterbacks, but none have ever played a varsity game. If anything happens to Pashall, someone will have to mature immediately.

Dooley is an excellent coach, but no coach can squeeze blood from a turnip. Young players can't be counted on to save a ballclub overnight. With a schedule that includes Georgia and Tennessee, he will come up against some tough teams. The Tar Heels are in the league.

The Clemson-State battle could be for the conference title. Red Parker has 13 starters back from last season's 7-4 team which should have been in a bowl, and probably would have been had the Tigers not been trounced in three of its losses—24-0 by Texas A&M, 41-0 by Maryland and 33-30 by Virginia. Parker, who is the head coach, feels that experience and defensive line and in the secondary will be his greatest strength.

Jeff Grantz, Gamecock quarterback, has showed himself to be a formidable force.

The Gamecocks have added some great personnel to their secondary. The defense was worse than that of a good high school team. More than one school set rushing records against the Gamecocks in '74. Obviously, that is where Carlisle must begin his rebuilding efforts.

Seven starters return to the defense, which could help. The defensive secondary, which wasn't the big problem last season, should be stronger this year. Carlisle won't let anyone start as a defender are two starters are back, plus a converted linebacker. Speaking of converting, Carlisle may do more of that than he would like to in order to come up with the right combination. He's already moved an offensive lineman to the defensive front to give him three exceptional quarterbacks—senior Jeff Grantz and junior Ron Bass.

The only thing South Carolina has to show off is the presence of two exceptional quarterbacks—senior Jeff Grantz and junior Ron Bass.

Whether Carlisle can snatch up a defensive wall (junior Bobbi Stungard) and a running back to flanker (senior Randy Chastain). However, the Blue Devils appear to have some outstanding personnel at key positions. However, a non-league schedule of bruising could make the Blue Devils' chances at the title look dimmer.

Pennington in his book about the Blue Devils, says, "The Blue Devils will be a tremendous challenge."

Duke opens its season in Los Angeles and then faces national champions Southern Cal, and then faces North Carolina and the Blue Devils finish the season with South Carolina, on successive Saturdays.

Ernie Clark, Blue Devil linebacker

Penn State's defense is a formidable force. The Lions' defense is带领ing the way and the team is looking for revenge.

Penn State's defense is the most improved unit in the Big Ten. The Nittany Lions' defense is strong and physical. The defense is led by linebacker Greg Buttel who anchors the defense.

Pittsburgh, Maryland and Georgia Tech. Besides two quarterbacks, leading the USC ground attack will be juniors Kevin Long (490 yards) and Clarence Williams (865). Three returning starters should make the offensive line solid.

The Gamecocks' offensive line will be a weak spot as both of South Carolina's center and guards are questionable starters.

South Carolina's Ron Johnson is looking for a repeat of last season's success. Johnson has the talent and experience to lead the Gamecocks to another conference title.

Duke is the final regular-season opponent for the Wolfpack and a win may be needed for a conference or a bowl bid. That would make the assignment even tougher for Duke, who would be looking to the dusty grudge match against Virginia, which takes place on the following week.
When victory is at stake, it's no 'Holtz' barred

by Jimmy Carroll

I f he thought it would help North Carolina State win a football game, Lou Holtz would cut off a finger. He'd fast for a month, he'd swim shark infested waters, he'd step in front of a train, he'd wrestle a bear or drive off a cliff and never think twice before doing it.

That's the type of fiery competitor he is. He will pay any price for success.

It's with such determination and passion that Holtz has sought State football to national prominence, and it's with the same fervor that he focuses his sights seriously on the Wolfpack's championship adversaries.

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"Fifteen percent of the players, the Wolfpack's head coach, Holtz foresees. "The only thing I never want to underestimate any player I ever coach says is 'If Coach Holtz only knew how hard we were willing to work..." If he only knew how far we could have gone...if he only knew how much we were willing to sacrifice...I don't ever want to underestimate any player I ever coach."

Now, standing at the threshold of his fourth season as the Wolfpack's head coach, Holtz admits to wondering exactly what lies ahead.

"The thing that goes through your mind a lot is that you wonder what the future holds," he said. "I'm driving home and turning into the drive, and I wonder what my life will be like turning into the drive after the Duke game, the last game of the season. But once you get started you never give it another thought."

As for specific goals this season, Holtz contends, "My goals this year are the same as always. I personally want to have the best football team we can possibly have within the framework of the university."

Just a glance at Holtz' record at State shows there is little room for improvement. After three consecutive years of sub-.500 football, Holtz took the sputtering Wolfpack program.

"That's the national championship is everybody's goal," said Holtz, leaning back in his huge office swivel chair. "It should be everybody's goal. It was our goal when we first came here, and it wasn't until last year that people began to realize just how close we have come to that goal."

Holtz has instilled into each of his players the belief that a national championship is a real possibility. Because, he says, a goal in which you do not believe will most assuredly never be reached.

"Fifteen years from now, the players are gonna come back here and laugh at the things we did and the things we told them," Holtz forecasts. "The only thing I never want to hear any player I coach say is 'If Coach Holtz only knew how hard we were willing to work..." If he only knew how far we could have gone...if he only knew how much we were willing to sacrifice...I don't ever want to underestimate any player I ever coach."

"Yes, this could be our best team. It could be," he repeated. "That's capital-C, capital-O, capital-U, capital-L, capital-D, capital-B, capital-E. COULD BE."

"We've had a very fine spring practice," Holtz said. "However, there are some things that are going to have to happen positively for us. There's no doubt we're going to be an exciting team, and we will play good football. We're a young team, and I don't know how we will react to the crises we will face. We play probably the most difficult schedule we've ever had."

The slate includes Florida, Michigan State and Penn State—all ranked in the Top 20—plus vastly improved Indiana, not to mention rivals East Carolina and South Carolina, and that's just non-conference opposition.

"All we have to do is beat everybody on our schedule," Holtz smiled. "Our athletic director did his job to give us a shot at the national championship."

As do most coaches, Holtz frowns on the idea of comparing one of his teams with another.

"This team will have its own personality, and it won't be the same as the others," he said. "Each of the first three were different in certain aspects. But I will say that this is one of the most fun groups I've ever coached. I just enjoy working with them all. They're eager and enthusiastic."

The general consensus of the pre-season wizards is a first or second-place finish for State in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and Holtz says such speculation has no effect on him but adds, "I'd rather be picked lower, but at this point people aren't gonna overlook North Carolina State. We could be picked seventh in the conference and people would still be ready to pull for us."

"I'd rather be the underdog than the favorite. The thing I don't like is the reason why you're the underdog, and I do like why you're the favorite."

Holtz said any of six teams could win the conference title.

"The first thing one notices about Lou Holtz is that he looks like a librarian and talks like an auctioneer. But when he's on a football field, there is no mistaking his profession."

While most people see Holtz enjoying his duties as head coach few people realize, as Holtz says, "About 60 per cent of my time entails doing things I don't like to do. It's the involvements outside of coaching, the speaking engagements, the various public services, etc. that Holtz does not cherish.

"Why do you stay in coaching?" "Because the other 40 per cent is so much fun," Holtz, who looks at least five years younger than the 38 he will turn in January, took his first coaching job at his alma mater, Kent State, as a student assistant in 1959. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree, he moved to Iowa to obtain his Master's in education, and he was a graduate assistant for the Hawkeyes for one season. He then served as an assistant at William & Mary for three years, Connecticut for two, South Carolina for two and Ohio State for one before becoming head man at William & Mary in 1969.

"The love of the game and working with youth" is why Lou Holtz made teaching the game of football to young men his work.

"Football is so much like life, yet it's just a game. You have to pull together for a common cause. There are struggles, the ups and downs."

Hitting strongly that he will not remain in coaching all his life, Holtz remarked, "I think there's always that possibility when it gets to the point that I don't enjoy coaching that I'll get out. You need to find something that you can do satisfactorily. Coaching is a young man's game. I personally sit down each year and decide if I'm satisfying myself and my goals."

In accepting the State job in November of 1971, Holtz promised to fill the stadium in three years. In 1974, his third season, the average attendance in Carter Stadium, with a capacity of 41,000, was 42,600—an overflow crowd for each game. Holtz had lived up to his promise, and although speculation has been running rampant for over two years, now that his promise has been fulfilled, it is felt his departure may soon be in the offing.

"I've had numerous opportunities to leave, just as anyone has opportunities to move from one job to another," he said. "I'm at North Carolina State by choice. I don't know what the future holds, but there are three reasons I'm here. One is that I'm happy here. Two is that I believe in our athletic director, Wills Casey. I don't think there's a better one in America. And three is that I believe in our athletes."

"I can't say I'll be here forever. I'll be here as long as I feel I can make a contribution to the football program. And that just might be forever. You can bet Lou Holtz will always find a way to contribute. Because Lou Holtz is a winner."
Coach Michaels will be missed

Al Michaels sat quietly on the side steps of Reynolds Coliseum. He was smiling at the surroundings while acknowledging passing students and friends.

It was easy for Michaels to say hello to people or recognize a passerby. He has been doing it at State for the past 21 years.

But while for those years he was referred to as "Coach," Michaels is no longer serving the Wolfpack in his most recognizable fashion. When defense is the subject, Michaels is sure to crop up into the picture.

Oh, he'll still be called Coach Michaels, but his days in the mentor ranks are passed. It was in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl that he coached his last game. He has retired from the coaching scene.

Spring practice came and went in April, and there was no Michaels to instruct defense.

"It was the first spring practice I have not been involved with in quite a few years," said the man who has been coaching since he graduated from Penn State in 1934. "Frankly, I didn't miss it during the spring, much to my surprise."

But, says Michaels, "I'm getting a little different feeling now as the spring approaches. I do miss it now, but I'll get over it," he continued. "What I will not miss is the anxiety before the game, the night before and on the day of the game. It will be funny just watching the games."

The thing I'll miss most of all at the games is the action. I do miss the practices and, most of all, the kids. They're all so great to work with."

When game time does roll around Saturday night, Michaels will be free—free to do as he pleases.

"I will not sit in the stands," he said. "I definitely couldn't sit in the stands. My wife has been watching games for quite some time without me, and she can just continue to do so."

"And I will not be on the sidelines," Michaels continued. "I couldn't be of any help to anybody and would probably just get in the way."

Michaels said another reason that he wouldn't be on the sidelines is because "you can't see any of the action from there."

"I'm just going to try and enjoy the game," he stated. "If the team is doing poorly then I can leave if I want. When we played in Riddick Stadium, and we were playing poorly, there were many times that I would look up and see that freshman going by and wish I was on it."

"We've had some good years and bad years here," he reminisced. "Our team in '57 was a fine football team. We (Earle Edwards' new staff) came down here and turned the program around in three years and won the conference."

In high school and college, Michaels was a quarterback, but he is most noted for defense. The 1938 Penn State secondary which he coached set five national pass defense records which still stand.

Before the two-platoon system was put into effect, Michaels was involved with nearly all four phases of coaching—backs, ends, linemen and freshmen. "It was when we started in the platoons that I went to defense," he said. "Most of my coaching here has been on defense. It is almost impossible to coach both ways."

Michaels has gone through many different defensive plans—the 5-3, 4-4, six men down and others—but he said defensive success and formations all boil down to one thing.

"In the final analysis, it's the players you have," he stated. "There's no secret in how you line up. It's the personnel you have."

In his 40-year career, Michaels was a head coach just one year. In 1971, Edwards retired, and Michaels served as a one-year interim coach. His team compiled a 3-8 record.

"It was all right that year," he said. "The way it turned out can be seen in the results. That's what counts. It's not how you won or how you lost, it's how many you won and how many you lost."

Michaels would have like another year as head coach, but "we didn't do the job. I think we would have done better the next year if we would have stayed on. But the appointment was just for one year, and I knew that before I took it."

The man that brought pride and joy to Wolfpack teams has only one and a half years before retirement. He still remains on the State campus as an assistant to the athletic director.

"I'll be keeping physical facilities up and improving them," he explained. "I've spent a lot of time on fields and I'll be looking after them. We are trying to get the baseball field in the same condition as the football field which is one of the finest playing turfs. I'll be relieving Frank Weened (assistant athletic director) of a lot of stuff."

"And I'll be playing a lot of golf," said Michaels, who was also State golf coach from 1958-71.

So, as Michaels puts it "there will be no more projectors" for the man who spent a great deal of his life watching game films and preparing for the next opponent week after week. He likes his new job, but he has "dealt with youngsters all these years," and his new duties are in "a different world."

Al Michaels will miss coaching and will be missed as a coach.
Secondary rich in talent

by David Carroll

State's defensive secondary rich in talent. For the men manning the Wolfpack's deep zones are blessed with all the important qualities that any secondary could want.

"We have good size, speed and aggressiveness," boasted defensive secondary coach Chuck Amato. "Our secondary could be as good as any that we have ever had."

State's star cornerback Ralph Stringer concurs. "Our defensive secondary is extremely talented. We have last year's players, strong people, smart people and hard working people."

The wolves prowling the deep zone are physical to say the least, as they zap opponents with painstaking passion, stringing the bleep out of them with bone-jarring bumps and tackles.

"This is the most physical defensive secondary that we have ever had," complimented Amato. "They enjoy hitting."

The awesome strength of the secondary is evidenced by the fact that three defensive backs—Ralph Stringer, Larry Eberheart and Richard Wheeler—were able to lift more weight than any linebacker on the squad at the end of spring drills.

Employing Zone

The Wolfpack's cat-quick secondary will again employ zone pass coverage. The main objective for the secondary in zone coverage is to eliminate the long pass and the long run. In other words, it is a defense which protects against the quick score.

In the zone defense, since the defenders are assigned to areas rather than to individual players, the men in the secondary must always be alert, knowing exactly where they're supposed to be. Fortunately for State, and unfortunately for the Pack's opponents, its defensive backs are reasonably experienced, thus learning through its few mistakes.

The most seasoned performer in the secondary is senior Eddie Poole, a truly fine athlete who has been moved from cornerback to strong safety because of his versatility.

"Eddie is a great athlete," stated Amato. "He did an excellent job at centerback, but we needed him at strong safety because the position requires someone who is very athletic."

Poole is also a bandit, a guy who loves to swipe enemy aerials. Last season, the Troy native pilfered three opposition passes. He always seems to bounce back, playing with unswayed tenacity.

Poole Adds Depth

One of the moves that Poole was switched to strong safety was that graduation carried off any.JPGs of DeVine and Bob Divens, both of whom had attained All-Coast Conference honors.

Poole's addition to the secondary will be Mike Miller, a very physical performer who lettered last year. Miller is also expected to see some action at cornerback.

Starting at the weak or free safety position will be Wheeler. Last season, the Northern Durham product was red-shirted. He would have possibly started had he played, because he outgraded Devine the previous spring.

Wheeler is fast for his 6-2, 205-pound frame, being able to check a 4.75 in the 40-yard dash. Backing up Wheeler at free safety will be Dave Roberts, a walk-on from Shelby who has developed into one of the most fundamentally sound players on the squad. Roberts, a senior, may also help out at strong safety.

The outstanding talent in the secondary is Stringer, who has passed aggressively for All America honors.

Stringer blazes the 40 at a blistering rate of 4.5 seconds. And the Warren, Ohio, flash seems to enjoy excitement every time he touches the ball. The threat of a sudden six points is always alive on any interception, punt or kickoff return.

Peersless Return Specialist

Much of the attention which Stringer has garnered comes from his amazing ability as a return specialist. Last year, he returned 19 kickoffs for 500 yards, which was good enough to rank him ninth nationally. But as swift as Stringer is, he is also just as strong. State, and

Despite his depth at an already formidable array of defensive backs will be Eberheart, a sophomore who has a lot of capabilities.

"Larry's going to be a good one," predicted Amato. "He reminds me of Stringer. He's cut out of the same mold as Ralph."

Also aiding the Wolfpack's cause will be incoming freshman Tom Michael, who was heavily recruited out of Dallas, Tex.

No. 11 in all, the Wolfpack's talented defensive secondary should be a group of helmet hunters, pass therein intimidating foes, looming as nightmares for the opposition.

End Jeff Easter

by Ginger Andrews

Defensive line coach Dale Haupt finds himself with a lighter and quicker defensive line this year.

"The defense in general will be quicker, faster and more aggressive than in the past," said Haupt. "We have more speed this year than last."

Although the team is recruiting faster athletes, they lost some hard-charging fellows from last year's team. Tackle Sam Senneca, a 250-pounder, now plays for the Charlotte Hornets. Another starting tackle, Frank Haywood, carries with him a weight of 250-255 pounds. Haywood is with the Winnipeg Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

Other losses in the defensive line were tackles John Goeller and Randy Lusk, who were lost by Haupt as "two good reserves."

Despite the loss of these two to size, Haupt feels that the defensive line is pretty good.

Youngsters Abound

"We have quite a few young players in the interior line," said Haupt. "They are good prospects who should develop as the season goes along."

The top prospects include sophomores Frank Hitt, Tony Harington, Jack Kohl and freshman men Tim Gillespie and Tom Van Arsdale.

However, a senior will be leading the defensive line and the guard spots for All-Conference. This outstanding defensive lineman is middle guard Tom Higgins.

Higgins will be joined on the first team with junior Jim Henderson and senior Dan Meier. Though they will not start, Al Jenkins, a sophomore who won a scholarship, senior Doug Carraway and sophomore Young Vuong, who also played a lot last year as a middle guard, will see quite a bit of action with the second team.

Haupt thinks these people are fine football players with potential to be defensive players.

Others under Haupt either on the varsity or junior varsity team are Mike Owens, another walk-on, and Perry Twine, who was switched from end to tackle.

Although the defensive ends are coached by Jerry Kirk, Haupt feels that his only weakness is the inexperience of some players.

"We have a lack of experience in some positions," said Haupt. "Easter was red-shirted last year, but he is a fine prospect. Behind him are young players such as Cullen."
Linebacker's tasks tough

by Jim Pomerina

Do you remember the last time you got into a serious discussion about linebackers? You don't? Well, just to jog the old memory banks, names such as Dick Butkus, Ray Nitschke and Sam Huff were thrown back and forth.

Or if you were discussing the Wolfpack linebackers you might have shown your knowledge of the team by saying such names as Walt, or Sam, or you might have even mentioned Mike.

Walt? Sam? Mike? (What's this guy trying to pull over on us poor readers?) Oh, you want last names?

While some people may refer to past Mike and Sams and Walt and try to come up with last names, others know to what is being referred. Others probably are saying, "What the Sam Houston is this guy talking about?"

To get right to the point, State's coaching staff has labeled the linebacker positions with names for easy reference. Walt refers to the weak-side linebacker, Sam to the strong-side linebacker, and Mike in the middle linebacker, or in the case of the Pack's 5-2 defensive alignment, Mike is the nose guard.

Labels Add Simplicity

By labeling positions, the coach wouldn't have to say, "Hey, Albertson, Switzerland, go in and play the weak-side linebacker position for Joseph Williamstonian." With the labels, linebacker coach Bob Boswell would only have to say, "Al, go in for Walt." And besides, the second-year Wolfpack assistant wouldn't have to attempt to pronounce the names and for that matter, he could just say, "32 for Walt." It gets simpler as we go along.

As said earlier, the Pack only has Walt and Sam. Mike has been pushed up to the line directly across from the offensive center, most are, and will be filled adequately by Tom Higgins, A.W. Jenkins and Mike Owens, according to Boswell.

But occasionally, State fans may not see any of those three in the game and only four down linemen on defense. That's when Mike, the middle linebacker, goes back into action.

Boswell has three Wolfpack veterans picked out to start out in the Walt and Sam positions: juniors Bill Cherry and Jack Hall and senior Greg Walker.

"They had a super spring and should play a great deal," stated the coach. There are others: Bob Michael, Jimmy Stowe and a few recruits, including Kyle Wescoc of Bethlehem, Pa., and Boswell thinks they will all see a great deal of action.

"Potentially we can have a very good group of linebackers," stated Boswell about his crew, "as compared to our opponents. But I don't think we are there yet. We have a young group to work with, but we will be excellent if we continue to improve like we did in the spring."

Practice Films Revealing

It seems that the word "3" is connected with all the greats. But in the world of scientific football the "3" are more possible and probable than not.

Take for instance when Boswell said that Cherry, Walker and Hall had a super spring. Did you ever wonder how that statement could be made?

"We videotape the practices and scrimmages and grade players' performance," the linebacker coach explained. "These three consistently graded the best.

"We look at the films for the players with good technique, the men that are aggressive, and those that are consistent," Boswell added. "Some of the guys have different problems than others. They all must be able to take on a guy and shed the blocker to be good."

Linebackers follow three basic steps when attacked by an offensive player, who of course is at a distinct advantage by knowing exactly where the play is going. The linebacker must guess how the play will develop. The three steps to being successful are, according to Boswell, are: 1) meeting the blocker head-on with a forearm attempting to neutralize him; 2) after halting the blocker, the linebacker should gain control of the blocker's movement with the use of his hands; and 3) shed him, get rid of the blocker, push him to the side, move him out of the way, anything in order to get to the play.

After watching the videotape, Boswell and other coaches have come to the conclusion that the Wolfpack has capable talent, but it must improve drastically in two ways: strength and size.

"It's obvious that if you're stronger you have better control over your opponent," said Boswell. "We don't want a quick gain in strength and increase is what we want."

Boswell does not refer to height when speaking about size. Height is important, but the building up of the present body size means a good deal in football. Remember, the bigger we are, the harder they fall.

"To play our type defense," Boswell continued, "we must improve our leverage strength and size."

Linebackers are by far the most important parts of a defensive squad. On offense, the quarterback reads the defense and proceeds to call a play against it. The linebackers are the defensive players who must work to stop the action after it has begun.

The front line is assigned to penetrate the offensive line as quickly as possible. The secondary must be alert for long passes and be ready to stop any action that gets past the line and linebackers.

And linebackers do exactly what the word says: back the line. But it is still not quite that simple. They direct the defense in attempting to stop the offense. Their assignment differs from play to play and from game to game than any other defensive player.

"The line gets set and takes off with the ball," said Boswell. "And the defensive backs take off with the receivers. But the linebackers' read will differ each play."

The next time you get into a serious discussion on a linebacker, or the next time you discuss something that a certain linebacker just did in a game, remember the work involved.

Remember the Watts and Sams and Mike's? That's who will be playing linebacker for the Wolfpack in 1975, and the outlook for success at that position is good.

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Pigskin Predictions is alive in '75

by Jim Pomeranz

"Oh boy! Gosh! This is great! I'm really glad to be in Pigskin Predictions," exclaimed Tom Sitter. "I'd miss it if I wasn't in it. I'd be hurt if I wasn't asked to be in it," stated Beth Holtz.

"Yeah man, I'll do it again. You guys are no good anyway. I'm psyched up. Let's pick 'em," ribbed Caulton Tudor. Those are just a few of the reactions from members of this year's Pigskin Predictions panel when asked if they cared to struggle through another year of this prognostication...the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat included.

The Group is Made Up of Some of the Most Conceited Victory Guessers Ever. Everyone Said Something Like "I'm Sure to Win, Just Look At the Competition."

Defending Champion Jimmy Carroll, now sports editor of the Techniclan, returns, but is subject to defeat, taking into consideration a number of things, none of which are his competitors. David Carroll, a brash freshman out of Lambertson and no relation to Jimmy except by myth. Helen Potts, one of those "I'll make a guess" types, and John Delong, another newcomer to the poll, but not to sports, round out the entries from the sports staff of the Techniclan.

Beth Holtz, a two-year veteran of pigskin pickin' warfare, gives us the coaching side of the game...being Lou's wife and all.

Tom Sitter, that smile on WRAL-TV sports, adds the television side of football. He attended Eakins College and is a one-year letterman in Pigskin Predictions.

Caulton Tudor is a sports writer from the Raleigh Times. He usually does really well in his own Fearless Forecast column which he figures up the standings each week, but in this column, he can't even cut sauce better with a dull knife. Hailing from Angier, Tudor wears a mustache.

And there's me Jim Pomeranz. It has been said that I'm the Techniclan's art editor, but actually the only reason I'm still here after five years is so I can write this article.

The group was polled, then soon recovered and proceeded to predict the order of finish. And, ahem, believe it or not...you're fooling yourself, the Wolfpack finished first, even though not all first place votes were in for State. The results are set up in the table below, with points received, tabulated according to our own scientific method.

Tudor was the only one not going with State first. "Realistically," he said, "it will be State and Clemson battling for the top spot. It is gonna hurt the Pack playing at Maryland. And State also travels to Clemson, and Maryland visits there too. If Clemson wins both those games they probably deserve the title.

And While Beth Holtz picks Carolina "low on the list simply because they are Carolina. Tudor, who is a noted East Carolina, and sometimes Tar Heel, fan, predicted, "Five teams could win it...even Carolina, unless they get killed. They can afford to get only so many bodies maimed against Ohio State and Notre Dame. They have a good defense (don't fool yourself Caulton) and it's not that their running game is better, but their passing game is better even without Kueper. They have some fast receivers this year."

And speaking of Carolina, "Picking them fifth is a psychological play," said Delong. "I'm picking them higher than they should finish, like Lou did. (Lou picked them first.) They'll get the big head and have to use more shaving cream. You know, when they shave their heads...more shaving cream...get it...you know?"

Forget it, John.

And now a word from our defending champion: Jimmy Carroll.

"If I can't defend my title against such a pitiful bunch of jerks, I'll hang up my typewriter. (Promises, promises.) Obviously, I pick myself to win, mainly because of my superior intelligence, but also because the secret source I have for the close ones is almost never wrong." Such depth in Jimmy's speech. Took him an hour to compose it.

More cuts. "WAKE Forest is definitely last," understated Helen Potts.

What about Sitter as a threat? "He's easy," stated Tudor. And Beth Holtz? "She can't pick," he continued.

Can you win it? "You better believe I'm cocky."

What do you mean Beth Holtz can't pick? "I go strictly on woman's intuition," she explained. "I do not have any scientific knowledge, I haven't read much pre-season material. And I don't discuss football with Lou at home. It's just my woman's intuition that I pick to-pick."

Tom is the host for the Mike McGee Show, but that evidently had no effect on his selection for the top spot. "I went with State because I didn't want you to yell at me and say bad things about me for not picking State."

Would I Really Do That to You, Tom?

"You darn right you would. You did it all last year. That's everybody except for me and David Carroll. Remember, David is just a freshman, but that hasn't damaged his confidence."

"I'll be no contest!" David said, in a tone reminiscent of a Muhammad Ali pre-fight press conference. "I'm a professional gambler and you guys are just a bunch of clowns. Just remember, David most freshmen lose all their "bunch money" while gambling before the semester even gets started.

As for me...I'll just let it ride. I mean when you're the best, there's no reason at all to cut down the opponents and boast about how great you are. I mean, even though Sitter's face would crinkle if he ever let down that smile, and Tudor couldn't pick the winner of Nixon and McGovern, and Holtz, well remember that she's Lou's wife, and...

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