



Rinker named XC Coach of the Year

When BC Cross Country Coach Dave Rinker says, "We line up to win, that's all there is to it," he's not kidding.

Rinker's teams dominated the National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Championships in November, winning the Nike Cup for the third time after his women came in second and the men ran off with the national crown.

Rinker is an inspiring and demanding coach. "Most teams shoot for the moon," he says. "We, on the other hand, shoot for the stars."

At the nationals at Johnson County Community College outside Kansas City last month, Rinker was named the National Junior College Cross Country Coach of the Year. Rinker says when this was announced, "it added more momentum to the team."

Rinker came to BC in 1983 after a successful high school coaching career at Blacksburg, Va. His first year here, he coached the women's cross country team, and he assumed the head coaching job in 1986 when long-time cross country coach Norm Witek stepped down.

In his first nationals last fall, both the BC men and women were national runner-ups. But this year, the Tornado men took it all. Before the meet, Rinker had said he thought the men could do it if everybody ran the race he knew they were capable of.

Next year, Rinker is looking for a pair of national championships. He likes to tell his runners, "If it didn't hurt, everybody would be doing it."

Rinker earned his bachelor's degree from James Madison University. He and his wife, Sue, have a son, Mark.

Ta-da! It's the Official 1987 Clarion Catalog of Useless Christmas Gifts

by Carlisle Turner

Personally, I'm tired of all the Christmas merriment.

No more will I compete with the mall crowds, Salvation Army tambourine shakers, and The First Ungodly Cherub Church Choir. I'm also sick and tired of small children panhandling carols in exchange for watered-down hot chocolate and curdled eggnog that resembles dog food yogurt.

And if I hear one more verse of "Frosty the Snowman" or "Rudolph the Boozing Venison," poor old overworked Santa is going to be a little less jolly with a black eye and one less golden-fried McReindeer.

If everyone else is half as unfulfilled as I, listen up.

There just happens to be a way to get around all the hubbub, bub. It's called The Official Brevard College Catalog of Useless Yuletide Gifts, and it is sure to cut heavily into Sears, Brendies, and Montgomery Ward.

Let's see now. A sure fire "super dad" pleaser is our handy timing gun as Clay Rowe of Henderson, N.C., will attest.

If that sounds like dear old pop, I bet he would look sleek in a nice satin blue tie complete with the likeness of Pluto embroidered on it, submitted by Olin Hatch of Winter Haven, Fla.

I know, that might make him look too sporty. Andy "Andycephus" Wall of Carpenter, N.C., thinks his dad looks extra special in polyester pants and a pair of suede shoes. Around the house he can also style and profile in a new pair of fuzzy bedroom slippers.

Some of you are probably saying to yourselves, "Gee, I certainly would like some of those exquisite presents, but I'm on a junior college budget." Well aren't you in luck. We have some lesser-priced gifts near the back of the catalog, such as a

handy medic alert ID bracelet. Any proud father with a terminal disease would be proud as a peacock to own one, much less wear one.

Need some gifts for mom? Maybe she's just a tad overweight. How about a huge box of chocolate-covered cherries to push her over the edge of the scales. She's not an eater? How does a macrame picture frame of a glass weather bird sound? I bet mom would be thrilled. Kerry Wells of Sylva, N.C., says her mom just loved her handmade ashtray that closely resembled Thanksgiving's leftover mashed potatoes.

Maybe you have a little brother or sister. It's a proven fact that children just aren't as easy to shop for as when I was a wee tot. I could entertain myself for hours with a Stretch Armstrong or GI Joe with the kung-fu grip.

But children change and we have some excellent gift ideas. Chad Veen of Brevard strongly urges parents to bless their children with Fruit of the Loom's three sizes too big. Or how about an outdated General Lee model from everyone's favorite show, "The Dukes of Hazard," recommended by Andy Wall. Say, don't y'all miss that show as much as I do?

There is even a section for you musical buffoons, er, buffs. Lee Tuttle of Walker-Town, N.C., recommends some selections from our vast musical library: "Red Sovine's Greatest Hits," "Slim Whitman," "The Chuck Wagon Gang," and Zamfir and His Magical Flute."

There you have it, a virtual potpourri of gifts. Be sure to order early before we run out of gifts, but I'm sure the more fortunate of you will. In that case we have some suggestions. Chad Veen personally offers his services for a good strong right cross to the chin, eye, or groin; rates vary. Andy Wall also offers the same gift he gave me last year. Thanks Andy, I still en-

joy my nothing, and I use it every day.

Well home shoppers, it's time to go. Those phone lights are just lighting up the office switchboard.

The Message Board

This message board is dedicated to all you BC students who have worked so hard and are making it through to the finals.

Merry Christmas and remember to submit your messages to PO Box 324 when you come back from the holidays.

Cindy,
Come see Ted! Merry Christmas! Love Ya!

Kathy

My "BBB,"
A very merry Christmas to the girl who has been my Brevard sunshine. Thanx for the encouragement and fun times. Don't work too hard at P.H., and let your green eyes show. Keep smiling!

Your "BBB"

Pearl,
No thanks, I'm not into cheap jewelry.

Kerry

"Chippy,"
Have a great Christmas! 2-3! Love Ya!

Kathy

Pebbles I,
Let us not repeat our interior decorating actions. It causes blue circles and tired puppies!

Pebbles II

To my "BBB" and "PHB,"
Hope you have a Beary, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanks for being my buddies! Ya'll are the greatest!

Love ya bunches,
Melissa

Liz,
Merry Christmas! Tell Jeff! Love ya!

Kathy

Sketer,
May you have golden opportunities and silver bullets throughout the holidays.

Pearl

Andrea,
Drive much? Hope you make it home for Christmas!!

Mike M.

Yo Heffer,
Moo, Moo and here's to guys at home.

P.S.

J.B. and J.B. love T.B. and B.T.

Jen,
Have a happy!

Andy

To the General Public,
"The woody's are out to get you."

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