

# Carolina students look for fun and imagination in IM team names

"What's in a name?" Shakespeare wrote. "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Ah, hut Willy, you never played intramural sports at UNC. were a well-christened team is almost as important as winning a championship.

## IMs & Clubs

By LINDA ROBERTSON

Shunning the mundane and scaling the heights of absurdity, UNC students rack their brains every year to come with the quintessential IM team name. The zanier the better, because experienced IM participants turn their noses up at such disgracefully common names as Tigers, Chargers, Eagles or Cougars. Being unimaginative is worse than having dandruff or cellulite. So participants invent unusual names like the MBA school's "Corporate Ratrace" or "Immortal"

Minority" (campaign contributions to the "Defeat Jesse Helms' fund can be turned into Avery dorm) or "Peptic Ulcer" (appropriate for exam time) or Teague Alumni's "Squackating Armadillos."

Surveying this year's list, fraternities generally had the most boring names, taking advantage of the incredibly original "Blue" and "White" or using the frat colors, such as "Gold" or "Purple."

Pretty tame stuff compared to the weird variety of names the grad/independent teams came up with. Many had convoluted meanings stretching back through several years.

"Ernest T. Bass" is a tradition proudly carried on by the Law School. A small foundation trailer next to the Law School was recently named Ernest T. Bass Hall.

"Bass was a ridiculous character on the *Andy Griffith Show*, and former students Louis Allen and Jimbo Perry started the whole thing," Greg York said. "We also have a team called 'Learned Hands III.' Learned Hand was a prominent judge in a lot of cases we've read."

George Sanders and Julie Vernon came up with

"The Benzene Ring" for their volleyball team.

"George and I are chemistry majors," Gene Sanders explained. "Benzene is a six-carbon compound and you've got six players in volleyball, so it fits in real well."

The Dental School invented "Centric Occlusion" and "Mulberry Molars."

"Centric Occlusion is a dental term for a normal bite, and a mulberry molar is the type of tooth formed when a mother has syphilis and passes it on to her child," second-year student Donnie Luper said.

Dave Rollings and Michael Zarzar of the School of Medicine soccer team called themselves "Colic Flexure" which, if you don't know already, is where the ascending colon turns on itself and connects to the transverse colon.

Mike Day of the geography department called his team the "Recalcitrant Environmental Determinists," and Warren Scroggin of the MBA School represented the "Slackvariables."

The psychology grad's soccer team was called "Thanatos."

"That means 'Death Wish' in Greek and we thought it was an appropriately lethal-sounding name," Paul Thompson said. "We also came up with 'Standard Normal Deviates' and 'Incredible Oedipals.'"

Some team names reflect a more violent inclination. There are such fear-inspiring examples as the Kenan "Killers," the "Scalpers," Granville DW's "Vigilante Force," the "Urban Guerrillas," the Avery "Dead Babies," the "Butcher" and the "Assassins."

Blase is out; risque is in, and the following demonstrates the imagination of some college students: a co-rec team called "Group Sex," the water polo players called the "Master Bathers," the Erotics, and many more we can't mention.

Then there's the food category with such gems as the Graham "Crackers," the "Out to Lunch Bunch," the "Frosted Flakes" and "Liver Mush" (do sane people really eat this stuff?).

IM participants have also produced some strange mutations of the traditional mascot names. New species include the "Batfrogs," "Barking Spiders," "Crunch Hounds," "Sleehrats," (figure

that one out) and "Three-Eyed Newt." Then there's the "Penguins in Bondage," "Bulldogs in Heat," "Toledo Mudhens" and "Virile Mud Puppies."

Those who obviously have a low self-image and no confidence in their athletic ability are Everett's "Scum of the Earth," the "Patsies," "Goons," "Grimey Sox," "Cosmic Wimpouts" and the "Fups."

To prove the continental influence at UNC there's "Roscoe's Bar and Grill," which is a bar in Detroit, where one of the players grew up, and the "Chico State Golden Griffins" (there actually is a school in California called Chico State).

Jeff Leal of Stacy dorm has used "Jucin' Jacuzzis" and "Jerry's Kids."

"I try to come up with new ideas because nobody wants to be a conformist," Leal said. "Some are private jokes and some come from bathroom graffiti."

Borrowing DU's team name to end the year on an appropriate note, "Webeseeny."

Oh, and what exactly is a "Tar Heel" anyway?

Note: The IM softball tournament is continuing.

## Seven-run 4th kills Heels 10-1

Mitch McCleeny singled in Shawn Dean in the eighth inning, making the 124th straight game North Carolina has scored at least one run.

But that was little solace, as the Tar Heels lost to South Carolina 10-1 at Boshamer Stadium Wednesday.

The Gamecocks scored seven runs on five hits and six walks in the fourth inning.

"When you give up a couple of walks and they get a hit around it, it'll kill you," Coach Mike Roberts said. Starter Brian Rice, Dave Droschak and Franklin Roberts walked two batters each. Ronnie Huffman went the rest of the way.

USC's Dennis Lupert pitched seven scoreless innings and scattered seven hits as he went the distance to raise his record to 9-1.

"Since South Carolina is an independent, they key up for teams like us, and they'll throw their best pitchers at you," Roberts said. "That's what they did last night and today."

Tuesday night the Tar Heels edged the Gamecocks 4-3.

"Overall I'm pleased with our four-game series with them," Roberts said. "We split with them both here and there."

South Carolina moved to 35-12 to keep its hopes of a bid to the NCAA tournament alive, while the Tar Heels dropped to 33-15, dimming their hopes.

Carolina's chances would look better had the Heels won Wednesday, but the disastrous fourth inning stood in the way.

The Tar Heels nearly got out of the inning when they executed a double play with the bases loaded. Jim Curl flew out to UNC right-fielder Drex Roberts, who threw Rod Carraway out at the plate.

Then designated hitter Rod Lowery hit a soft single to drive in two runs. "That little blooper in left field fell in and things just broke down," Roberts said.

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## Bradley tags

UNC catcher Scott Bradley puts the tag on South Carolina's Rod Carraway after taking the throw from right fielder Drex Roberts in the fourth inning Wednesday. The out was not enough as the Gamecocks went on to score seven runs in the inning and beat the Tar Heels 10-1. The loss dims North Carolina's hopes of an NCAA bid.

## Troubled baseball season should end

By DAVID POOLE  
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North Carolina's 1981 baseball season is a lot like a horse with a broken leg. As cruel as it may sound, somebody ought to put the poor thing out of its misery.

Next month, the National Collegiate Athletic Association will select several teams for at-large berths to its various regional baseball tournaments. Despite the fact that North Carolina finished sixth in the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season this year, there's some talk around Boshamer Stadium that the Tar Heels just might have a shot at one of those.

"If we can win four of our last five, or even five out of five, we think a bid is a possibility," Coach Mike Roberts said after South Carolina drubbed his team 10-1 Wednesday afternoon.

Unless the NCAA decides to slight some more deserving teams, Roberts' hopes are probably little more than dreams.

### An analysis

If Carolina wins each of its last five games, the Tar Heels will finish 38-15 in 1981. That is certainly a fine record, but it probably isn't good enough.

N.C. State has a record that is very similar to that of the Tar Heels. South Carolina is 35-11. Duke has only 10 losses. In short, there are a lot of teams in this area alone who should be picked for the national tournament long before North Carolina.

But anything can happen. Last year, the Tar Heels were on the other end of the stick. They had finished 11-1 in regular-season ACC play before starting what looks like it might become an annual tradition by losing to Clemson in the finals of the league tournament. Overall, the Tar Heels were 39-17 and most deserving of an at-large bid.

That bid, of course, never came. If the selection committee makes the same kind of mistake it did last year, Carolina might just get a bid in 1981.

Roberts said he was told last year that where a team finishes in its conference doesn't matter. "All they're concerned with after the automatic bids go out is overall records," Roberts said. "We think we have played some top competition outside of the conference this year."

Carolina did do well outside of ACC play this year. The Tar Heels are 24-6 outside the league, with five non-ACC losses coming on an early season trip to Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Carolina split four games with South Carolina, went 1-1 against a tough Georgia Southern team and has two games this week with an always-tough East Tennessee State team.

But the fact that Carolina played some tough non-league

games is of little consequence, or should be, when one recalls that five ACC teams finished better in league play. State beat UNC two out of three. So did Duke. Clemson, in the NCAA's after winning the league tournament, won three of four from UNC.

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A selection committee can play games by comparing the schedules or looking at a few games against top teams if it likes. It should decide who gets to go after the national title on the basis of how teams have played all year and State or Duke would rightfully feel slighted should Carolina get a bid instead of them.

That, though, isn't even the main reason why this baseball team should play its last game this weekend. The 1981 North Carolina baseball team has all kinds of talent, but that special something that creates a winner just isn't there.

Privately, this team has grumbled a lot. Many of the players on the team will say quietly that Roberts' aggressive style of baseball causes more losses than wins. Roberts said that the aggressive style is the only way he thinks the game should be played.

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In short, the 1981 North Carolina baseball team isn't as good as people thought it would be back when they were pre-season favorites to win the whole thing. They gave it a good shot in the ACC tournament, but just didn't have that little something that makes the difference.

An NCAA bid now would make less sense than the snub of Carolina did in 1980. The Tar Heels of 1981 are a lot like the Texas Rangers of the American League. Every year the Rangers have good talent and somebody thinks this might be their year. Every year the Rangers watch the World Series from the sidelines. That's where UNC's team belongs when the college playoffs begin this year. On the sidelines.

### Sports

- baseball vs Davidson 7 p.m. Boshamer Stadium
- softball at AIAW Region II Tournament, Milligan College
- men's golf at Southern Intercollegiate, Athens, Ga.

## Golf hopes to impress NCAA's; softball moves on in regionals

From staff reports

Carolina's men's golf team winds down the year with the Southern Intercollegiate Tournament today through Saturday in Athens, Ga.

Bids will be extended to the NCAA tournament after this tournament is played, and if an Atlantic Coast Conference team is to receive a bid, it would be the Tar Heels who won the ACC Tournament April 19 in Rocky Mount. The NCAA tournament will be May 27-30 in Stanford, Calif.

The Tar Heels finished 15th last weekend at the Chris Schenck Invitational in Statesboro, Ga., after winning the two tournaments before that one.

Traveling to Athens from Chapel Hill will be Frank Fuhrer, John Spelman, Todd McGrew, John Inman and Mike West.

There will be 24 teams entering the tournament, including Georgia and Tennessee, ranked ninth and 10th respectively. Last year's winner, Oral Roberts, also will be competing, as will Duke the only other ACC school in the tournament.

The women's golf team finished sixth out of an 18-team field in the Women's Southern Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Athens, concluding its season until the AIAW National Championships June 17 at the University of Georgia.

In other action, N.C. State is hosting the N.C. State Invitational Track Meet this weekend, which several members of both the men's and women's track teams will attend.

In the women's division, Marla Daniel, Nancy Radford, and Joan Nesbit are competing in the 3,000 meters. John Clark, Jimmy Cooper and Glenn Sparrow are entering the 1,500 meters for the men's squad. Also in the men's division, Todd McCallister, Brett Plummer and Mike Kominsky will enter the 800 meters, and Kevin Lockerbie will run the 400 meters.

Wayne Miller will run the 200 meters, Skip Miller will compete in the 110-high hurdles, and Chris Mand will be in the pole vault competition.

In women's softball action, the Tar Heels play Bryan College of Dayton, Ohio, in the AIAW Region Two Tournament at Milligan College in Tennessee.

The nationally 10th-ranked Tar Heels are entering the tournament with a 39-19 record. Eight teams are competing in the tournament.

This is the second year in a row that the Tar Heels have gone to the regionals. They secured that right after taking second place in the double-elimination regional qualifying tournament over the weekend.

In the semifinals of that tournament, Carolina lost to East Carolina but came back to defeat N.C. State, 5-0. In a rematch with the Lady Pirates, the Tar Heels won 3-1. Semifinal play resulted in another rematch between North Carolina and East Carolina in the finals. East Carolina won that game, 3-1.

The double elimination Region Two tournament ends Friday.

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