

COMMENTARY

Intramural teams fight it out in fun

By ANDY HODGES

Where can a dedicated sports fan go to see the *Quantum Ducks* take on the *Flaring Horse Nostrils* in head-to-head football competition? Or how about the *Dirt Chickens* against the *Potbellies* in volleyball? Chances are you won't find either one on ABC's *Wide World of Sports*, but you can find both of these matches and many more in Carolina's wide world of intramurals.

UNC's intramural sports program is one of the most wide-ranging and well-organized in the Southeast, with something to offer the most competitive and the most weekend-ish of athletes. With competition in men's, women's and co-rec divisions, anyone and everyone has a chance to get in on the act. Typical IM activities offered include football, basketball, badminton, racquetball and wrestling. There are also some lesser known activities such as frisbee golf, whiffle ball and innertube basketball.

Many students who come to UNC were stars and All-Everythings on their high school teams, but lack the talent, time or opportunity to play at the big-time college level. This only increases the skill level of IM sports and makes for some rather heated rivalries. Some incoming students take intramural athletics so seriously that they base their residency decisions on a dorm's reputation in intramurals.

Therefore, three or four particular dorms are almost always on or near the top of the IM standings for residence halls. For example, for 11 of the last 13 years, Teague Dorm has won the overall championship, which is determined mainly on the basis of points awarded for number of participants and order of finish in each individual activity. The other two winners were Lewis Dorm and Granville West.

Having lived in Teague for three years, I can speak accurately of the rivalry that existed between these three, especially Teague and Lewis. To simply say that it is intense is like

saying that Michael Jordan is a good basketball player; it is true, but it's an understatement. And the rivalry is not only limited to the IM field, either. A loyal group (it would be in your best interest not to do it while alone) of Teague- or Lewis-ites would almost never pass up the opportunity to make a few passing comments whenever in shouting distance of the other dorm. These opportunities, which more often than not seem to present themselves at about 1 or 2 in the morning, are usually met by eggs, ice, trash cans full of water or whatever else can be thrown and is not nailed down. But that's nothing that walking beside the car of a campus policeman making his nightly rounds won't stop. Anyway,

the chance to tell the guys from Lewis that "Your mama sleeps in Teague," is worth getting drenched every once in a while. All things considered, the rivalry is just good-natured fun that serves to add to a little bit of extra incentive to IMs.

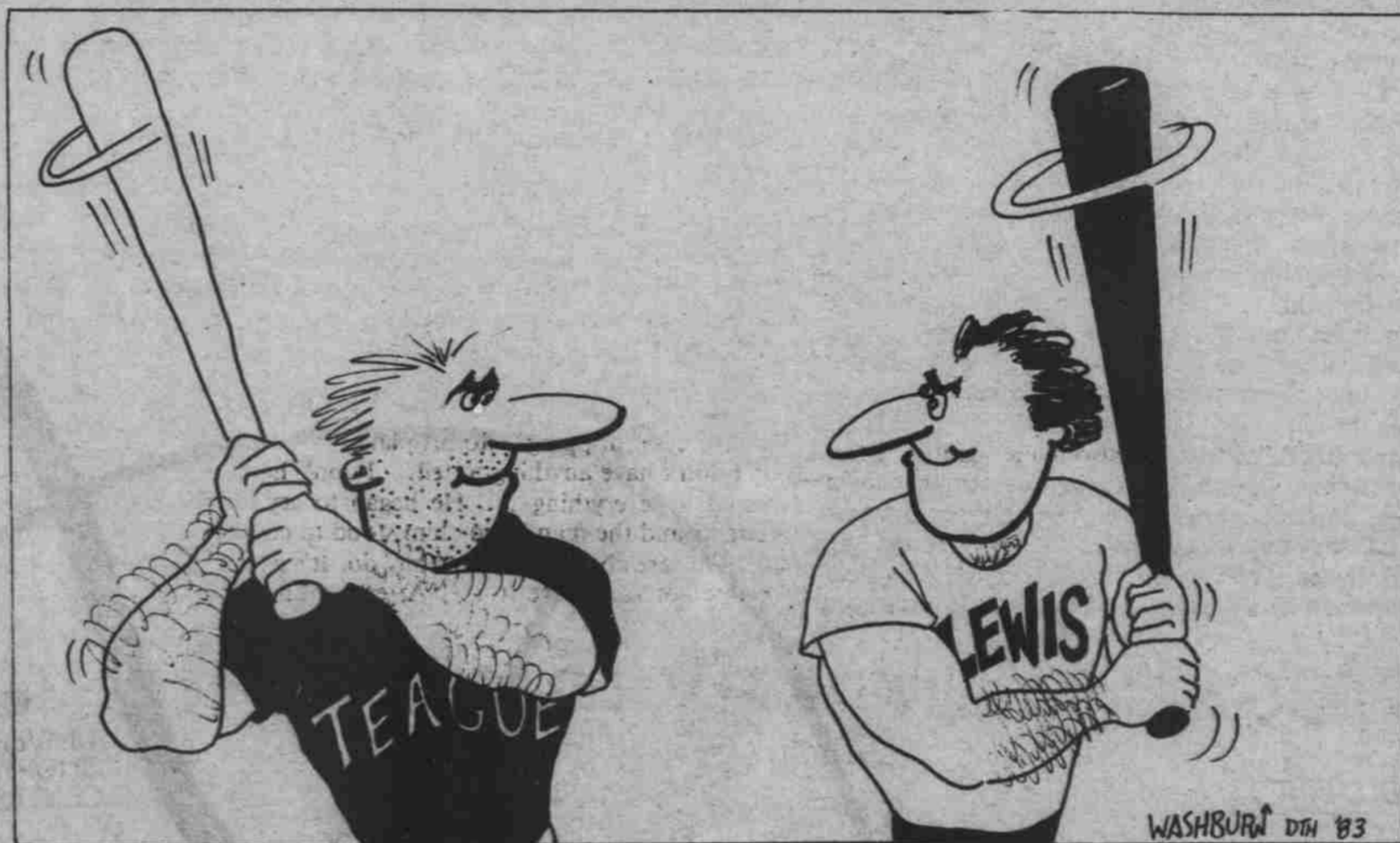
The biggest incentive for doing well in IMs is the Carolina Intramural Champion T-shirt that is awarded to winners of each sport. This prize is your letter sweater and championship trophy rolled into one, and, as many will tell you, it is high on the list of priorities for a large number of UNC students. Maybe things would change if they started giving T-shirts that say, "I Made the UNC Dean's List."

The intramural department also has a way

to reward some of the losers. The Blue Heaven Classic pits basketball teams with the worst win/loss records against each other to see who can lose the most games.

There are lots of reasons to get involved in Carolina intramurals: they offer a chance to meet new people, they provide much-needed breaks during a long night of studying and somehow they seem to make the semesters go by a little faster.

But if you can't think of any other reason to participate in IMs, it's worth the small amount of time involved just to hear some of the team names. I mean where else are you going to get a chance to see what a *Hairless Horseman* or a *Choking Cardinal* looks like?



Club's racist policies tarnish ACC golf

By ALLEN DEAN STEELE

The ACC golf tournament had finally found a home. Players were taken in by local residents; college banners flapped from houses that surrounded the Northgreen Country Club of Rocky Mount. But as the players strode down the second fairway during this year's tournament, a different kind of banner greeted them. "Racist" and "Black Wolfpackers can't be members of racist Northgreen" were just two of the signs which were displayed by Steven Rogers, a 25-year-old black man who didn't want to join the club, but wanted his child to have the chance to make the choice whether or not she wanted to join the club.

The issue went unnoticed in the media until Clifton Barnes, sports editor of the *Nashville Graphic*, decided to tackle the issue of discriminatory policies by Northgreen. Barnes' story recognized Rogers' point that the ACC should not be linked to a discriminating club, but suggested that the tournament stay in Rocky Mount. The story was used by *Sports Illustrated* in a July 4 issue which called for the ACC to move the tournament.

As a result of the recent publicity, the Northgreen Country Club announced last week that it would no longer host the

ACC golf tournament. The four-year relationship which saw the tournament increase in popularity was over. The ACC is currently looking for a new location where discriminatory practices won't occur.

But the real question is why did the relationship between the ACC and a country club such as Northgreen ever form?

The Northgreen Country Club does discriminate in choosing its members. Blacks are allowed to play at Northgreen but there are no black members. These two facts were quite evident when the ACC began its relationship with Northgreen over four years ago. That is when the ACC made the mistake from which it will be unable to vindicate itself.

The tournament needed a home four years ago. It had wandered from course to course, finally finding a home at Northgreen. But the ACC didn't see the wolf under the sheep's clothing. It ignored the facts and decided the policies of the club were up to the ACC's standards.

Last November, Rogers wrote the ACC in an attempt to show them their errant ways. But the ACC tried to vindicate itself by a legal investigation which showed that there were no civil rights violated by the by-laws and constitution of Northgreen.

Increased media and public attention to the issue forced officials from all eight ACC schools to their phones in a conference call with the outcome being that another site should be considered with a final decision in October. The ACC would be unable to clear itself as the announcement by Northgreen beat them to the punch.

Perhaps by October the ACC will have come to realize that golf is a very private sport whose facilities discriminate when they choose their membership. This discrimination comes not only because of an applicant's race. A great deal of it comes from his income and social status in the community. But the ACC, which contains six state-supported schools, cannot be linked with a club that practices discrimination of any kind. There is no legal violation by Northgreen, but the relationship between Northgreen and the ACC was morally wrong.

The hardest part now is arriving at a solution to the problem of where the tournament should be located. One solution offered by *Sports Illustrated* is to move the tournament to a campus course, but obviously a home course advantage would occur. However, certainly somewhere in the East is a course both worthy to host the tournament and morally right in its club policies. A course must be found where the only discrimination is no fivesomes, no mulligans and no slow play.

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