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UNC athlete of the week

We at the Daily Tar Heel like to see good athletic performances. In fact, we like them so much, we've decided to institute a weekly award in the sports section to honor fine athletic performers of the past week.

This week, there were only two UNC athletic matches, but the sparsity of events doesn't diminish the accomplishments of our first-ever winner.

Carrie Serwetnyk, a striker on the women's soccer team, scored two goals in a 3-3 tie against No. 1-ranked George

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Mason to earn this week's honors. Serwetnyk is a sophomore from Mississauga, Ontario.

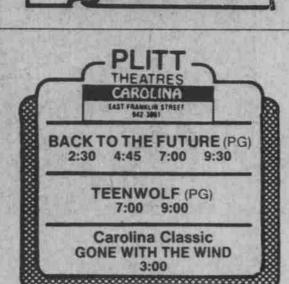
Carrie wins absolutely nothing except for the pride of saying she was the DTH's first "UNC Athlete of the Week." Congratulations. We award no cars here.

Honorable mention has to go to Tommy Nicholson of the men's soccer team, who scored three goals in the Tar Heels' 5-0 season-opening win over Southern Indiana.

The rationale for picking Serwetnyk was that we thought the level of competition was more intense in her



Carrie Serwetnyk



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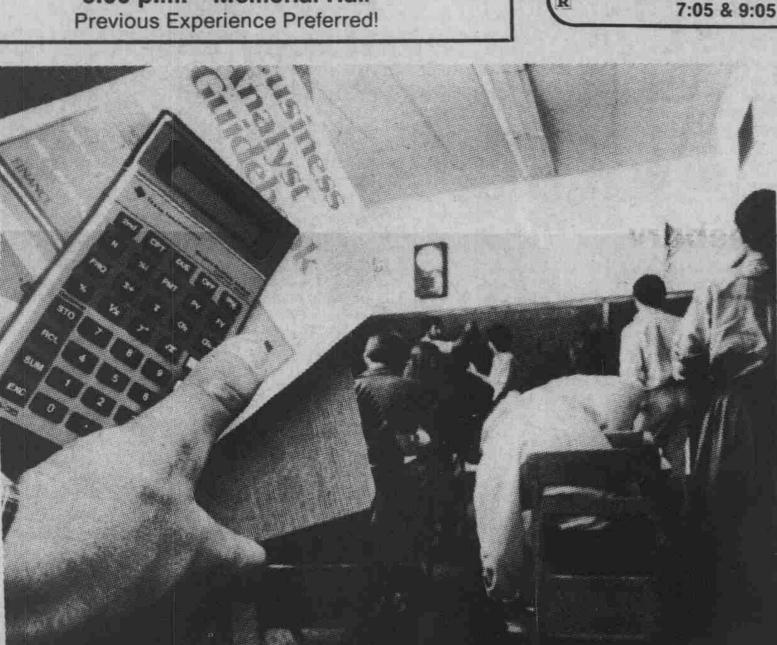
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Pro wrestling is no legal matter

By LEE ROBERTS

Perry Mason walks menacingly to the witness stand. He stares coldly at the defendant. Members of the packed courtroom tensely hang on every

word. "So tell me," Mason starts, "what did you watch on TV last night?" The defendant bolts upright in the chair, the courtroom hums with

excitement. Mason smells blood. "What did you watch on TV last night?" he repeats, voice raised.

The tension in the courtroom is unbearable.

"I - I - " the defendant breaks down and weeps.

"You what?" Mason asks. "I watched professional wrestling."

Hey, what can I say. I decided the other night that I like wrestling. I'm not talking about 'rasslin', where, when you're 7 years old you roll around a room with your brother

Jake destroying all the furniture. And I'm not talking about that Greco-Roman stuff either, like they have at the Olympics.

I'm talking about pro wrestling. The stuff on TV with all those guys like Rick Flair and the Russians and Abdullah the Butcher and Magnum T.A. and Tully Blanchard and the Rock 'n Roll Express.

You know, the stuff where everyb-

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ody has a gimmick, and they run around and bounce off the ropes of the wrestling ring and throw each other into the stands. And after the match they talk to the announcers. Or rather they shout at the announcers. I'd love to see one of them just talk rationally to an announcer after a match. That'd be a good gimmick.

People get so mad about pro wrestling. They say it's fake. They say it's fixed. They say it's not a sport.

I say so what? People get too uptight about it. So, pro wrestling is stupid.

But what's wrong with something stupid? I consider pro wrestling stupid like I consider 'Gilligan's Island' reruns stupid. Or Dave Letterman's Stupid Pet Tricks.

Gilligan's Island is probably one of the dumbest shows ever to make it onto the idiot box. But for that reason, I like it. It's a parody of sitcoms.

Wrestling is a parody of sports. Is that such a big deal?

There are a lot of sports 'purists' out there who get worked up about wrestling. I know it's not real, I just think it's funny to watch. And the people who are getting all worked up about it are just as stupid as wrestling itself is.

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As for it being fixed, we all know it. So what?

There's a court case going on up in Pennsylvania right now. A pro wrestling promoter is suing one of his wrestlers because the wrestler is trying to win his matches. He's storming through his opponents, and the promoter wants him to dally around, to put on a show.

That's wrestling. That's entertainment.

Another complaint people have about pro wrestling is that it's so violent. People say it's a bad influence on our youth to have a couple of monsters named The Minnesota Wrecking Crew wrecking the referee over in the corner while their promoter is kicking the unconscious opponent.

But the violence is so ridiculously fake that it's not worth getting very worked up over. One of my friends, John Strickland, apologetically told me he went to a pro wrestling event in Greensboro this summer. He told me it was even faker in real-life than it is on TV, which is almost hard to

So the next time you see wrestling on TV, just give it a little try. I don't mean get all excited about it and buy pro wrestling magazines. I sure haven't. Just watch it for a little bit. and have a good time.

And one tip: if you want to know who to cheer for, cheer for the guy with the gimmick. When there's a guy entering the ring dressed like a huge tomato and the guy in the other corner is just wearing black trunks, the tomato's going to win.



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