

SPORTS

unc athlete of the week

We had a DTH photographer on hand this week to try and capture the emotion of George Nicholas as he was informed that he would be the first-ever two-time winner of the prestigious UNC Athlete of the Week.

As you can see, George was all smiles. Of course, our award was not all he had to be excited about. Nicholas won the 10,000-meter run at the District III cross country championships held last Saturday in Greenville, SC. He beat a field of over 200 runners with a time of 29:39. It was the first individual divisional title one by a Tar Heel runner since the NCAA adopted its divisional system.

Thanks partially to Nicholas, the UNC men's cross country team qualified for the NCAA championships to be held on November 25 in Milwaukee, WI.

Congratulations to George, again.



George Nicholas

Lamenting the last three-ring circus

By TIM CROTHERS
Assistant Sports Editor

A football press conference is always a three-ring circus. The final Dick Crum lecture of the 1985 season Tuesday afternoon was no exception.

The Bitter End: "We were disap-

pointed with the way we played; it was the worst game of the year," a forlorn Coach Dick Crum said of last Saturday's 24-22 loss at Virginia. "If we would have played decently, we would have won."

Instead, the Tar Heels are 5-5, needing a win in their final game this Saturday against Duke to improve on last season's disappointing 5-5-1 record.

Speaking of Duke, Steve Sloan the beleaguered coach of the 3-7 Blue Devils sent Coach Crum a package of drinking glasses inscribed with the phrase, "The Devil Himself." The implication of this goodwill is unclear, but in response to a reporter's question on whether there

would be a return gift, Crum said, "I'll send him three golf balls."

Coaches going to bowl games don't have time for golf.

B.J. the Bashful Brewer: A ghost lurks around Boshamer Stadium on warm spring days. You can still hear the crack of his particular bat on a baseball when nobody else is around.

The ghost upstaged the football program when B.J. Surhoff appeared at the press conference to accept the Southland Olympia Award for outstanding athletic achievement in an Olympic sport.

In his three years at North Carolina

from 1983-85, Surhoff authored his own Tar Heel record book. He is the career leader in runs (187), hits (265), and batting average (.392) and he led UNC to two ACC championships.

Surhoff was the No. 1 pick in last summer's baseball draft, taken by the Milwaukee Brewers.

I had hoped to speak with B.J. after the press conference about life after UNC, but like any ghost, I turned my head, and he was gone.

Two-inch Steaks and Pecan Pie: I haven't eaten Monday dinner since the football season started.

I guess it's safe to admit it now; Dick Crum's provocative quips were not the only reason I accepted the football press conference beat this season.

Often in my Tuesday 11:00 English Renaissance Literature course, while sifting through one of Marlowe's amatory poems, my mind would drift to Slug's and that juicy steak on the horizon. If I have no other claim to fame, I can say that I've eaten at Slug's 11 times this semester and haven't paid a dime.

But it isn't all fun and games. Many a time I have had to make a soul-searching decision, like whether to interview Kevin Anthony or order seconds of desert. Of course, I've always made the right choice.

I'm going to miss lunches with Dick.

Harjo addresses Indian issues

By RANDY FARMER
Staff Writer

Alcoholism is the number one problem among American Indians today, said Suzan Harjo, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians and member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

"It's our number one," said Harjo in an informal speech Monday night in Memorial Hall. "To call it a serious problem is to grossly underestimate it. Some tribes may not make it past the year 2000 because of alcoholism."

About 60 people attended Harjo's speech, which was part of the Campus Y's Human Rights Week. The audience sat in a semi-circle on stage with Harjo.

Alcoholism among Indians is 450 percent higher than the national average, Harjo said. It is also a cause of the high number of teenage suicides among American Indians, which are about 9 percent higher than the national average.

Harjo said the cause of alcoholism among Indians was genetic, and cures are problematic.

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a solution," she said. "But if you're not a Christian, like many Indians are not, then it does not work."

Data on Indian alcoholism is just coming in to help find a solution.

Another problem Indians have is the lack of knowledge about them by non-Indian Americans, Harjo said.

"Where do you learn about American Indians?" Harjo said. "You don't. Indians are always referred to as part of the past."

"The belief is that if Indians exist today, then we must be something else than Indians. People on the right and the left in the general public see us as an anomaly, as an inconvenience."

"Trying to educate people who make policy is a never-ending task. It becomes difficult when you have to teach Indian 101 to 535 members of Congress."

"My job is to get things done for Indians in Washington D.C.," Harjo said.

Harjo said the situation for Indians was worsened by the loss of federal aid.

"The Reagan Administration is pushing in all directions to cut off aid to reservations," Harjo said. This is one factor contributing to the high unemployment rate on Indian reservations, she said.

Some reservations have 90 percent unemployment, and the average unemployment for Indians on reservations is 65 to 85 percent, Harjo said. The national average is 12 percent, she said.

"Unemployment is a cause of disintegrating social life among Indians and a cause for the high rate of child abuse."

Getting the federal government to investigate cases of child abuse is difficult, also, she said.

"In child sex abuse cases, we find it difficult to get the Federal Bureau of Investigation and federal attorneys general to take the cases seriously," Harjo said. "The FBI is less vigorous in pursuing investigation because they're Indian. They do not understand there is a problem."

The NCAI is the oldest, largest and most representative national organization for American Indians and Alaskan natives.

Harjo has played a key role in the lobbying roles of more than 200 bills, including the Maine, Rhode Island and Mashantucket Pequot Land Claims Settlement Acts.

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