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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

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

Congratulations to George, again.



George Nicholas

Hedges to play at Memorial tonight By MARK DAVIS

For more than three years, Michael Hedges has been amazing audiences around the country with his guitar wizardry. Through innovative tunings, slap-ons, pulloffs, and weird hammer-ons, Hedges has won himself a hard-core legion of fans faster than you can say Jimi Hendrix. Tonight Hedges will bring his musical bag of tricks to Memorial Hall in the latest installment of his nation-wide tour to promote his current album, Watching My Life Go By. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. with pianist Liz Story opening for Hedges.

Watching My Life Go By marks the first time Hedges has put vocals on his records. His record company initially was concerned about what the reaction would be from Hedges' fans, but so far the fears have turned out to be groundless. Hedges refutes the notion that using vocals represents any sort of watershed for him.

"Some of these songs I've always had," he said. "One or two were even written before Breakfast In the Fields (his first album). And I've really been practicing my singing a lot. It's a much more personal form of expression. Singing comes naturally to me, and the guitar playing is the same as ever, just not as soloistic."

The Michael Hedges story is pretty much your basic

at Stanford University and began playing in local bars. He was discovered by a scout from Windham Hill Records and was quickly signed to a contract on the label. His 1982 debut album, Breakfast In the Fields garnered success from critics and fans alike. His followup in 1984, Aerial Boundaries, helped spread his reputation further, a fact that became apparent last year when he opened for Shadowfax in Chapel Hill and promptly stole the show.

For Watching My Life Go By, Hedges did more than his customary guitar work. In addition to the guitar and vocals, he played flute, synthesizer, harmonica and bass. Hedges wrote all but one of the songs, the exception being a highly reflective version of Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower," a song Hedges said he has always loved.

"I've always been a big Dylan fan," Hedges said. "I also love Hendrix's version, though. I wanted to do it like Dylan but give it a Jimi Hendrix feel. Then when I got in the studio and tried to play it, I thought, 'Gee, why am I doing this?' But it worked out. I like the way it sounds on the record."

Hedges' musical influences are as varied as his musical abilities. He cites everyone from Elvis and the to become a musician. If given the opportunity to play with anyone in the world, he said he'd pick Joni Mitchell or Todd Rungren. Despite all these influences, however, Hedges claims his unique guitar style has no real origin other than Michael Hedges.

"I just get it from all over," he said. "It's really a cumulative thing. Sometimes I'll get a particular technique just from experimentation. It's basically a mixture of experimentation, concentration, and inspiration. I just try to keep my mind open all the

When asked where he thinks his career will go from here, Hedges said with a laugh, "Straight up." Though he said he's not exactly sure what his next album will be like, he thinks it will be more rock-oriented and

a little more casual. "I want to make simple stuff, more light-natured, Hedges said. "This album is very serious and philosophical. I'd like to do some pop stuff. I'd like to reach a lot of people but still have some substance. If I stay true to myself, it'll be good. That's the important thing. As long as I feel I'm in the right place, I think it'll be O.K."

Michael Hedges and Liz Story will perform at 8

rags-to-riches tale. He was studying computer music Lamenting the last three-ring circus Beatles to jazz guitarist Pat Martino as his inspiration Harjo addresses Indian issues

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.



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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

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

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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 out-

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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. I 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 But it isn't all fun and games. Many

a time I have had to make a soulsearching decision, like whether to interview Kevin Anthony or order seconds of dessert. Of course, I've always made the right choice.

I'm going to my miss lunches with

By RANDY FARMER

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 Chevenne 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

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-

"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, 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

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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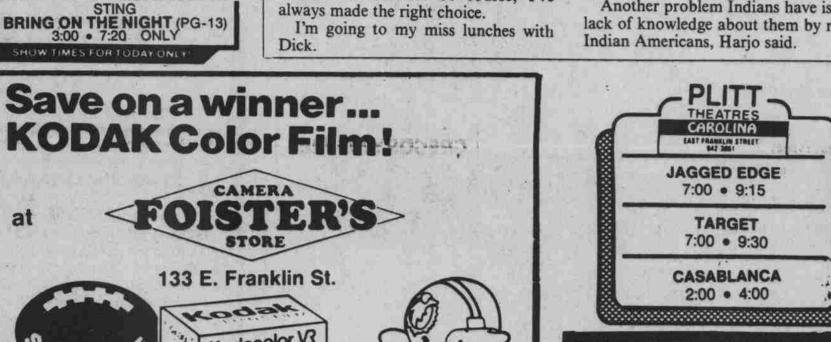
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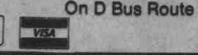


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