

Sports

Suggestions and subtle hints for the NCAA and Mack Brown

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Opinion

It's pretty bad when your own fans start to taunt you. Tar Heels, don't you feel any remorse at all?
There are the jokes, like the one I picked up at the barber shop.
"Heard Mack Brown's gonna buy himself a 7-Eleven."
"Oh yeah? Is he gonna change the name?"
"Uh, huh — to 0-11."
Well, not much can be said in defense of the Tar Heels, who are riding the nation's fourth-longest frustration roller coaster — at nine games without a celebration. Until Saturday, that is.
Tar Heels 24. Georgia Tech 21.
And remember, you heard it here first.

When forced to throw often, UNC's quarterbacks are telegraphing their passes, forcing passes and missing open receivers. It's time to put the bean on the ground and give it to Kennard Martin and Torin Dorn — and to keep it away from the opposition's offense.
Surprisingly, despite the 0-6 start, UNC leads the ACC in average yards per carry, and all of the Tar Heels' opposing coaches have pointed to the UNC offensive line as a primary strength.

Let's face it, UNC is between a rock and a very hard place. Losers have no friends, and the press long ago became not so friendly toward Mack Brown's troops. But now, in the great tradition of Tar Heel spirit, some of the students are even turning tail.
Mack Brown is quite aware.
"We can't worry about whether we win one, we don't win any or if we win the last five," the Tar Heel coach said after his team's most recent debacle, a 48-3 smashing at home, courtesy of their statemates from Raleigh.

"Our problems are bigger than win-loss record this year. Our problems are re-establishing ourselves and this program to get it back to where we can compete."
To this end, Brown made a plea to all area talent on his football show Sunday, challenging the state's best to "come up here to North Carolina and help us turn this thing around."
But turning this thing around begins Saturday with the Tar Heels. The aura of North Carolina will go a long way, but 0-11 won't interest a whole lot of people when your area competition, the States and Dukes of this world, are off to some of the best starts in their respective histories.

Listen to N.C. State head man Dick Sheridan: "I didn't think we'd stop UNC from scoring a touchdown (Saturday). They have probably the best offensive line that we have faced this year, and they ran the ball down our throat early on. We simply couldn't stop them."
"But I knew if they got behind, they would have to start passing. Their strong point is running, not passing." It's not some great hidden message. In time, Brown's Tar Heels will more than likely be an aerial thing of beauty. But for now, Air Mack has Dick Crum's recruits to work with, recruits brought in to emphasize the running game — and feature the tailback.
For now, give it to Kennard and Torin. Be a little boring. But doggone it, 24-21 must sound a heckuva lot better than 0-7.

There are certain beliefs that, since I have been a Tar Heel, have seemed to be incorporated into the American way. These beliefs are cherished as much as our inalienable right to take 15-minute showers.
For example:
■ Michael Jordan is a demi-god.
■ J.R. Reid was the first human being on this earth to wear a flat-top.
■ Light beer is a diet drink.
Along those same lines, college football is a fantastic game. But it's a game that needs a couple of simple rule changes that would make it a wondrous coming together of spirit,

emotion and the NCAA.
Simply put, college football needs a playoff system to determine a national champion, and it needs a tie-breaking system to help decide the outcome of the closely-played battle.
Let's say UNC is ranked No. 1 all season in football (I said "Let's say," so gimme me a break here) and Johnson C. Smith is ranked No. 2. In the fifth week, the Tar Heels lose to Shaw University in a thriller — 21-20. The nation would know that the game was a fluke, but unless Smith loses a game, the Heels' chances for a national title would be all but shot.
But enough about playoffs. The NCAA needs to think about that one. I can almost live without a playoff system, but I will be upset if and when Miami and Oklahoma, the nation's two best teams — and yes, USC and Notre Dame, you can throw rankings and upsets out the window — don't play in the Orange Bowl for all the marbles.

The NCAA needs a tie-breaking system. I cannot live and watch teams forfeit ballgames while trying to avoid a loss. What am I talking about?
Just last weekend the Miami Hurricanes saw their 16-game win streak and No. 1 national ranking go down the tubes at Notre Dame. The Canes scored a late touchdown to cut their deficit to 31-30 and then had to make a decision. Go for the win or the tie?
Miami coach Jimmy Johnson went for broke, but Steve Walsh's pass was batted away in the end zone, allowing the Irish to post the big upset. Wouldn't it have been fantastic if Johnson's Hurricanes could have kicked the extra point and sent the game into overtime?
And not in that bogus way the professionals in Rozelle's league do things. Not the first to score wins. Let 'em play for 15 minutes and the team that scores most... well, I think you understand.
Methinks the NCAA needs to add a certain unalienable right to its books of laws: A Team May Go For The Tie In A Ballgame And Still Try For A Victory. In overtime.

Men's soccer wins fifth straight

From Staff reports

HICKORY — Senior back Donald Cogsville scored three goals and sophomore forward Derek Missimo added two more to pace the UNC men's soccer team to a 6-0 win over Lenior-Rhyme on Wednesday.
The win was the Tar Heel's fifth straight as they improved their record to 9-6-1. The Lenior-Rhyme Bears, meanwhile, fell to 4-9-2.
The first tally of the game came at 32:07 and was the first of four North Carolina goals to be scored in the next six and a half minutes. Cogsville took a feed from Dino Megaloudis across the middle and

beat the Bears' goalie Billy Mock from 12 yards out for the game winner.
Less than two minutes later, Cogsville quickly got his second goal with a diving header from five yards out. Missimo then nailed the first of his two goals from eight yards out off a Chad Ashton pass at the 37:27 mark.
Cogsville finished the scoring flurry just over a minute later on a 12-yard chip shot over Mock's head off a Jose Luis Coirolo pass.
UNC rounded out the rout with two second-half goals. Jim Gourlay converted an Alan Higgins pass from 10 yards out at the 59:59

mark. Missimo headed a Matt Morgan pass from just six yards out for his second and final goal at the 83:59 point to account for the final score.
The Tar Heels dominated the statistics sheet as well. Senior UNC goalkeeper Darren Royer only had to make three saves while his counterpart on the other side of the field, Mock, was forced to slap 10 shots away. UNC also managed 17 shots on goal while the Bears only tallied three.
North Carolina attempts to continue its streak to six games on Sunday when they welcome N.C. State to Fetzter field.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 107... Items of interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

Thursday

12:30 p.m. **Women's Studies Luncheon** will host Dr. Audrey Johnson, from the School of Social Work, to speak on "African American Women: Omitted Contributions in Social Work and Social Welfare." The program will be in Toy Lounge, Dey Hall.
3 p.m. **GPSF** will have an informational meeting in 224 Union on obtaining in-state tuition. Handout cost is \$1.25.
3:30 p.m. **DELTA Squad** will meet in 220 Union. New volunteers and peer counselors are needed.

4 p.m. **University Career Planning and Placement Services** will have an interviewing skills workshop in 210 Hanes.
UCPPS will sponsor a presentation by the Annenberg School of Communications in 104 Howell.
UCPPS will have "Career Action Plan," a session to help develop a personalized action plan to map out skills needed to prepare for a career. The program will be in 209 Hanes.
UCPPS will have a basic informational meeting for seniors and graduate students on how to use the UCPPS office in 210 Hanes.
4:30 p.m. **Carolina Economics Association** will sponsor guest speaker Luis Cubeddu to discuss economic modeling and underdeveloped nations, in 211 Gardner.
4:45 p.m. **UCPPS** will have a resume-writing workshop in 210 Hanes.
5 p.m. **STV** will have a meeting for "Off the Cuff" writers in the South Gallery Meeting Room, Union.
Association of International Students will meet in 208-

209 Union. Tonight's program will be about Portugal.
Institute of Latin American Studies Health Colloquium will present Dr. Glenn Pickard of UNC and Dr. Joaquin Montero of Catholic University, Santiago, Chile, to speak on "Rationing of Health Resources and the Struggle for Priorities between Primary and Tertiary Health Care." The lecture will be in 355 Hamilton.
5:30 p.m. **Christian Science Organization** will meet in 210 Union. All are welcome.
6 p.m. **Presbyterian Campus Ministry** will have its undergraduate dinner at the Student Center, 110 Henderson St.
STV Publicity Committee will meet in the Union. Those unable to attend please call Shannon Welch.
7 p.m. **Campus Crusade for Christ** will have Thursday Night Live in 205-206 Union.
UNC Outing Club will meet in the Union.
7:30 p.m. **Cellar Door** will have a poetry staff meeting to make selections in 209 Union. All poetry staff should read submissions and be in

attendance.
Black Greek Step Show, sponsored by CAA, will be in Carmichael Auditorium. A \$2 cover charge will be donated to a minority scholarship fund. Following the show will be a Diced dance.
9 p.m. **Union Cabaret** will have "Senior Night with Mike Edwards." Edwards is an acoustic guitarist. Seniors and non-seniors are welcome.
11 p.m. **WXCY FM 89.3**, will play the new album from Dreams So Real, Rough Night in Jericho, in its entirety with no interruptions.

Items of Interest

UNC Study Abroad will host a Study Abroad Fair Oct. 26 with representatives from foreign universities in Great Hall, Union.
UNC Learning Skills Center has openings for General College students in its November session study skills short course. Come by 204 Phillips Annex to register.
Industrial Relations majors may sign up for pre-registration counseling in 230 Hamilton. Students who need more extensive counseling should sign up in Arts and Sciences, third floor Steele building.

Dodgers beat Oakland, take 3-1 lead in Series

From Staff reports

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jay Howell, the goat of World Series Game 3, set down Oakland's big sluggers and picked up the save Wednesday night as Los Angeles won Game 4, 4-3, to take a three-games-to-one lead.
Dodger starter Tim Lincecum was impressive, pitching into the seventh inning before giving way to Howell after Dave Henderson's RBI double cut the Dodgers' lead to 4-3. Howell then retired the side and got through the eighth with ease as well.
In the ninth, Oakland put a runner on first with one out. Howell then struck out A's slugger Jose Canseco and retired Dave Parker on a pop-up to win the game.
Oakland's starting lineup had out-homered Los Angeles 132-36 this season, but Belcher and Howell continued the Athletics' Series-long slump.
Game 5 is set for tonight in Oakland. Dodgers' ace Orel Hersheiser will try to wrap up the Series, while Oakland's Storm Davis will try to prolong the baseball season.

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Since 1960, hormone levels

Pumping iron has replaced flower power. Pinstripes have replaced paisley. And Wall Street has replaced Woodstock.
But of all the major changes that have taken place since the 60's, one is hardly visible at all: the change that has taken place in the Pill.
In 1960, the Pill contained as much as 150 mcgs. of the hormone estrogen. Today, it's down to 35 mcgs. or less. That's a fraction of the original dosage.
Yet, today's Pill is as effective as yesterday's. In fact, it's still the most effective birth control available other than sterilization.
But is the Pill right for you? You should see your doctor to help you answer that. If the answer is yes, then the ultimate decision is yours. And it's important that you learn all you can about oral contraceptives.
First and foremost, what are the risks? Does the Pill cause cancer? Will it make you less fertile? Do you need to take a rest from it? These are just a few questions that have surrounded the Pill since 1960. Questions which must be addressed by you and your physician.
What about the Pill and breast cancer? Although there are conflicting reports concerning this issue, the Centers for Disease Control reported that women who took the Pill, even for 15 years, ran no higher risk of breast cancer than women who didn't. The CDC also reported that ovarian and uterine cancer are substantially less common among women who use oral contraceptives.
The Pill has been shown to have other health benefits as well. Pill users are less likely to develop pelvic inflammatory disease (tubal infections), benign breast disease and iron deficiency anemia, not to mention menstrual cramps.
But if the Pill is so effective at preventing pregnancy, can it later prevent you from having a baby when you're ready to have one? Studies

in the Pill have

indicate that if you were fertile before you took the Pill, taking it will not affect your ability to have children later. Some women may experience a short period of readjustment after discontinuing the Pill. Even so, most women usually become pregnant soon.
One piece of advice you may have heard if you're on the Pill is that you should take an occasional rest from it. Yet there's no medical basis for this advice. Furthermore, a rest could turn out to be anything but restful, since switching to a less effective form of birth control increases your chances for unplanned pregnancy.
Now that you know what the risks aren't, you should know what the risks are. For example, if you are taking the Pill, you should not smoke. Especially if you are over 35. Cigarette smoking is known to increase the risk of serious and possibly life-threatening adverse effects on the heart and blood vessels from Pill use. What's more, women with certain conditions or medical histories should not use the Pill.
Even if you're already on the Pill, you should see your doctor at least once a year. And read the patient information regularly.
Taking the Pill is easy. Deciding whether or not to take it isn't. That's why it's so important for you to make an informed decision. Continue reading everything you can about birth control methods. Seek out reliable sources. Talk to your doctor.
You've already taken a step in the

dropped considerably.

right direction. Just think, since you began reading this, there's a good chance your knowledge level about the Pill has increased. Considerably.

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