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SPORTS FANS SPEAK OUT:

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As applications begin rolling in for the job of athletic director at UNC, a number of Tar Heels advocate a woman for the job in the hopes that women's sports will improve.

When asked if they felt that because of Title IX women should be given money and facilities equivalent to the men's, students replied in various ways.

Lynette Barnes, 19, sophomore, Charlotte, N.C. said, "Yes and no.

Wayne Miller looks ahead

By THOMAS WALKER
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The men's indoor track season is just underway and promises to have an exciting array of swift athletes. Just as exciting will be Wayne Miller making his run for success.

Miller, a junior psychology major, is one of the elite of the men's track team and has high hopes for a successful season, with the ultimate goal of being number one in his event. His specialties are the 400 and 600 meter runs. Wayne has already been All Conference in outdoor track for two years; yet, success did not start here at Carolina for him.

Miller, a Mt. Olive native, was originally being recruited as a football player while at Southern Wayne High School. Tailback was his primary position and according to Wayne, "I wanted to wrestle or play football but I got hurt too much." Some of his high school honors include All East wrestling and All State track. The summer following high school, Wayne ran with the Durham Striders. He also attended the Junior Olympics in Lincoln, Nebraska and came away ranked fifth in the nation in the 440 yard dash. After his summer success, Wayne was off to Carolina.

Wayne didn't care much for track but recalls, "I remembered a Will Rogers quote, 'Stick with what got you here,' so I decided to run track." All American is the next trial for Wayne. He wants to attend the NCAA

On the emphasis of women's sports

Yes, because its only fair that women have the opportunity to travel etc. like the men. However, men's athletics bring in more money, for that reason the greatest amount of money should be spent on them."

Greg Knight, 19, sophomore, Battleboro, N.C. also felt this to be the case. "I think they should be given their allotment money regardless of Title IX because they are equal as people. But I don't think they should be given as much as men. Women's athletics haven't come as far as men have, maybe when they have then the allotments should be the same."

One student felt the question to be a more complex one. Johnny Sutherland, 20, junior, Richlands,

N.C., said, "Some women's sports aren't as expensive as the men's. It depends on the prestige and type of sport how much money it should get."

June Taylor, 20, junior, Greensboro, N.C., also felt the money should be allotted fairly. "I feel they (women) should have the same opportunity to strengthen their skills by having the best equipment. However, there are two sides to the story . . . but I didn't like the idea of the women's basketball team not knowing whether or not they could go to London."

However, some of the students interviewed were either against equal funds or strongly in favor of it.

Anthony Leary, 20, sophomore, New Bern, N.C., said, "I believe that

they should have equal uniforms but they shouldn't have equal money because they don't bring in as much as the men's sports."

John Slade, 19, sophomore, Yanceville, N.C., differed greatly in his answer, which commented on the future of women's athletics. "Those sports will never become important unless they are treated on an equal basis with the men."

Jeff Faulkner, 21, junior, Greensboro, N.C., also looked to the future. "They're just as equal as we are. Women's sports are not on the level of men's sports and they should be."

As Aaron Coble, 21, senior, Asheboro, N.C., simply said, "Why not? Women should be given a chance."



Miller (front center) poses with Black teammates on UNC track squad. (Photo by Dewese Gilyard)

outdoor meet in Austin, Texas and the indoor meet in Detroit. To achieve All American, he must place in the top seven in his event. An even greater goal is the Olympics. If Wayne runs a good time, in meets to come, he will be able to attend the Olympic trials in Eugene, Oregon this summer. However, Wayne admits "It's a long shot but I'll try hard."

To make the Olympics is a dream of many athletes but few have the opportunity to try and make it. Wayne

has pushed himself hard and hopefully and All American and Olympics honors will come his way. His next meet will be at Madison Square Garden on February 8, where he will compete against some of the world's best athletes.

There is no doubt that Wayne will have a tough time in his quest for the Olympics, but if an athlete was judged on how hard he tried, then there would be few that deserve it more than Wayne.

Blackmon hopes for shot at varsity

By KEVIN McCULLOUGH
Sports Writer

Not everyone has a chance to play basketball for Coach Dean Smith. Sometimes one must start on a lower level.

Charles Blackmon, alias "Cholly B," is a business administration major from Durham, N.C. who hopes to play varsity basketball here at Carolina. Currently he's playing on the junior varsity squad. Even though he had a chance to play varsity basketball for several small college teams, including nearby N.C. Central, he chose to come to Carolina and take his chances.

The Durham native plans on playing on

the junior varsity squad next year, and hopes for a varsity invitation. However, he doesn't want to play junior varsity for three years. "If I don't make varsity by the end of next year, I wouldn't play anymore," commented Blackmon.

To most people, practicing basketball two hours, five days a week would be too much. Charles Blackmon has found a way to cope. He admits that at first it was a problem.

"At first it interfered a lot because I came back tired. It took away my free time because I had to study all the time.

Blackmon played high school basketball for Durham Jordan where he averaged around 14 points a game as a senior. He

also helped Jordan reach number two in the state 3-A polls, but his team lost in the first game of the district playoffs.

He tried out for the junior varsity here at the insistence of friends and the encouragement of Coach Williams.

He not only made the team as a freshman, he is about the sixth or seventh man. Blackmon hopes to start this year and made this prediction: "By the end of the year, I think I might be starting."

Back in Durham, everyone is proud of his achievement. "They (his parents) were real excited," he said. "They are hoping I'll play varsity. My friends all look up to me. They think it's a big step up."

At 6'3" 180 pounds, Charles Blackmon hopes for a chance to prove himself.

Staton leads runners

By JOHN HINTON
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Running can be defined as an art. The UNC women's track team performs this craft very well. Freshman sprinter Lisa Staton, a vital component of the squad, executes the art with uncanny ability.

Since the RTVMP major has been at Carolina, she participated in the indoor 60 yard dash, long jump, and on some occasions, the mile relay. In the 60, Staton recorded a solid time of 6.97 seconds in two previous meets. At an invitational meet at the University of Tennessee, she competed against olympian Brenda Morehead, the second fastest sprinter in the country from Tennessee State.

Staton, who is on a full scholarship commented, "I want to try to my best and live up to my scholarship. I don't want the coaches to feel they made a bad investment." Staton praised her coaches Hubert West and Joe Hinton. "They really care about you and your school work. If you are hurt, they take a lot of interest and will not try to kill you," added Staton.

The competition on the college level did not surprise Staton. "Everybody up here you run against is as good or better than you are; I like that," Staton said.

It was certainly different in high school. Staton set conference records in the 100 yard dash (10.7), 220 (25.4), long jump (19'-6½"), and triple jump (38'-11½"). The latter is a girls' state record. In the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state meet at Raleigh last year the 5-3, 106 pound athlete finished first in the long jump, second in the triple jump, fourth in the 100 and fifth in the 220. The team finished first in the North Piedmont Conference in Staton's senior year. She also took part in the junior olympics in Lincoln, Nebraska last summer.

The lady trackster hopes to attend the University of Texas law school after graduation. Nevertheless, Staton doesn't totally rule out the 1984 Olympics.