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Referee Defends Controversial Call In Final Game

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

John Clougherty is a prime candidate for an American Express commercial.

You know the type. It's someone famous (or semi-famous) who asks, "Do you know me?" while showing a credit card.

Well, millions who didn't know Clougherty before know him now. He's the basketball official who called "The Foul" against Seton Hall's Gerald Greene with three seconds left in the NCAA championship a little over a month ago. That foul (or non-foul, depending on whom you talk to) put Michigan's Rumeal Robinson on the

free throw line. Robinson sank the two shots and Michigan won the national title by one point, 80-79.

Clougherty talked about the "call heard round the world" while addressing a local Rotary club last Thursday night.

"I don't mind telling you about my play. It's not a problem," he said.

The call: Robinson brought the ball down the middle, headed for the Michigan basket. Greene met him at the top of the key and brushed Robinson. Without hesitation Clougherty blew his whistle and flagged Greene for blocking.

"The play was an easy play in my opinion," said

Clougherty. Greene interfered with Robinson's drive to the hoop and that was enough for Clougherty. The official, who works for Wachovia Bank in Raleigh, said he had three options. They were: call the foul, let ball roll out of bounds and give it to Seton Hall or see if a Michigan player picked up the ball and scored.

It wouldn't have mattered if no whistle blew and another Michigan player scored, said Clougherty. But he saw a foul and called it.

If the ball had rolled out of bounds and he had given it to Seton Hall, he said, the press would have screamed in the next morning's papers "Where was the foul?"

Instead, Clougherty said he called the foul the same way a foul was called at the end of the first half under almost identical circumstances.

"I didn't see any of the priests that sit on the end of the (Seton Hall) bench... giving me their blessings," he said.

But it was Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo who disarmed the press over the call, said Clougherty. When asked about the call, Carlesimo asked how he could be second-guess the official he considered the best in the country. But Carlesimo had his doubts immediately after the foul was called.

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Recent rains have been a double-edged sword for farmers

Spring Rains Hurt Crops, Say Experts

By BETTY GRAY

Special to the West Craven Highlights
Three years after North Carolina farmers saw their crops wither in drought, farmers in Craven County are contending with the opposite problem.

This spring's wet, cool weather may result in smaller plantings and a lower quality of corn and tobacco in some areas, say agricultural specialists.

Corn and, to a lesser degree, tobacco are the main crops delayed because of the almost daily rainfall that has left fields in eastern North Carolina too muddy to plant.

One area agricultural extension agent said farmers are three to four weeks behind in their corn and tobacco planting.

He said only about 30 percent of the county's corn crop has been planted and only 15 to 20 percent of the tobacco crop.

Reddick said the wet weather is "having a terrible effect on the tobacco plants that are still in beds waiting to be transplanted."

"We're still o.k. if the rain stops and the soil can dry out," he said.

The extension service estimated last year's income from tobacco in Beaufort County at

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Saltwater Fishing License Plan May Go To Study Panel

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

A proposal to require saltwater fishing licenses has been delayed for at least a year.

State Sen. Bill Barker, D-Pamlico, who had planned to introduce the bill during the current legislative session, said last week that he will not introduce it "at this time." Instead, he said, he will introduce legislation to create a study commission.

Meanwhile, state officials said they were interested in proposal to establish one license for all state waters, salt water and fresh.

Barker's proposed bill had met with strong disapproval at hear-

ings last week in Carteret County, Manteo and Wilmington.

Barker said he was asked by the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries to introduce a bill requiring salt-water fishing licenses for sports fishermen in some coastal waters. "I told them I would consider it if all the money went back to the resource and if they held a series of public hearings to see if there was any support," said Barker.

Barker said the first hearing on the bill, held in Wilmington, persuaded him to exempt piers and charter boats from any licensing requirement. He said pier owners and charter boat operators

overwhelmingly opposed the proposal.

About 30 fishermen from New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender counties said the proposal should be studied further.

Disagreement over how the money would be spent and the apparent lack of public support for the proposed bill caused him to consider the study commission, said Barker. The senator said the study commission should include commercial fishermen, sports fishermen, pier owners, legislators from coastal areas and state officials. It would report to a later session of the General Assembly.

Barker said the public hearings have indicated concern over how requiring the licenses would affect tourism, sports fishing, charter boats and commercial fishing.

Barker said he had until 3 p.m. Tuesday to submit the bill.

Harold Johnson, district manager of the Division of Marine Fisheries in Elizabeth City, said today that the decision not to introduce the license bill was announced at a public hearing Thursday night in Manteo. He said division's director, Dr. William T. Hogarth, said the bill would not be introduced, but that Barker would seek the study

commission. Johnson said, "The Division of Marine Fisheries has a total-license package we're looking at."

He said the division is still seeking public opinion and the salt-water license request could resurface later.

Barker said those supporting the licensing idea agree that the revenue should be used "to improve the resource but there is disagreement over how that money should be spent."

Johnson said further study would allow proponents time to explain the plan more fully.

Barker said the hearings did not provide the consensus he felt was needed to introduce the bill seeking the salt-water fishing license.

The proposal would charge \$2 a day for a one-day license, \$5 for a three-day license, \$10 for 14 days, \$15 for an annual license and \$250 for a lifetime license. Children under 16 would be exempt and special rates would apply for the blind, disabled and senior citizens.

Several groups support the idea, including some salt-water fishermen and the N.C. Coastal Federation.

Stokes Named Teacher Of The Month In April

Dennis Stokes, the graphics instructor at West Craven High School, is one of three teachers selected by the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education as Educators of the Month for April.

Also selected for the honor were Leslie Williford, a kindergarten teacher at Roger R. Bell Elementary School, and Mary Peeler, an exceptional education teacher at Brinson Memorial Elementary School.

Stokes graduated from East Carolina University where he earned degrees in industrial arts. For the past 18 years he has been the graphics instructor and VICA Club sponsor or co-sponsor at West Craven High School.

An activity that Stokes is particularly proud of is the incorporation of computers into the graphics classes. The computers challenge students to think critically and also afford them the luxury of excellent quality work. Stokes recognizes outstanding performances in his program and strives to challenge each student. Many of his students have received scholarships to continue studies in graphics communication in college and many have graduated and entered the world of work qualified and trained to meet the challenges and demands of everyday life.

Stokes has done professional photography for publications and has also worked as a part-time photography instructor at Pitt Community College. His hobbies include photography,

reading, gardening and breeding Persian cats. He is an active member of Hollywood Presbyterian Church. Stokes and his wife, Debbie, and their two children live in Greenville.

Leslie Williford graduated from Meredith College with a degree in home economics and early childhood education. She has been teaching kindergarten in Craven County for six years. She offers individualized attention to the various learning styles, establishes a positive approach to learning and uses hands-on and language experience activities in her classroom. It is very important to her that each child develops a good self-concept and positive attitude toward their first year in school. Being creative, organized and recognizing that each child is unique enables her to instill that positive feeling in each individual.

She is a member of the International Reading Association, Junior Women's Service League and First Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Jim, have one daughter.

Mary Peeler received her degrees from East Carolina University. She has taught in the exceptional education program at Brinson for the past five years. According to her, her job requires a good sense of humor, creativity and a good knowledge of motivational and management techniques. She is empathetic with her students and works closely with the parents. Individual approaches to learning experiences are necessary in her

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Jump To It

West Craven's Lee Becton, who qualified for the state high school track championships last year as a freshman, prepares to jump in the triple-jump event at the Coastal Conference track championships in Havelock last week. The Eagles finished fourth in the meet. Wesley Roberson won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10:46 and Tim Roberson won the 110-meter hurdles. The Eagles' 400-meter relay team also took first. Becton, a silver medalist in the triple jump at last summer's Junior Olympics, finished third in the triple jump and fourth in the long jump. (Mo Krochmal photo)

Jobless Rate Declines In Four-County Area

RALEIGH — Unemployment rates in Craven, Lenoir, Pamlico and Jones counties dropped in March, according to the state Employment Security Commission.

Craven County experienced a .5 percent decline in its unemployment rate, from 3.3 percent in February to 2.9 percent in March. About 900 people were without jobs in March in a work force estimated 31,340. In February, the work force was estimated at 31,230 and there were 1,040 unable to find work.

Pamlico County was one of five counties with unemployment rates at or above 10 percent last month — but it dropped out of that category. The rate in Hyde fell from 10 percent in February to 6.1 percent in March. There were about 290 unemployed in a

work force of 4,750 in March. In February, the estimates were 490 in a labor pool of 4,910 unable to find work.

Lenoir County's 4.6 percent unemployment rate in February fell to 3.8 percent in March. The March work force was 29,250 and 1,120 of that force were unemployed. February's work force totaled 29,390 and 1,350 could not find work.

Jones County saw its unemployment rate fall from 3.7 percent in February to 3.1 percent in March. The county's labor pool in March totaled 4,240 workers and 130 could not find employment. The labor force in February totaled 4,320 and there were 160 unable to find employment.

The state's unemployment rate

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Telephone Spokesman Explains Fiber Optics

A pair of minicule strands of glass made like wire can carry 8,000 telephone calls by transmitting laser impulses, an official of Carolina Telephone Co. said Friday.

Jesse Stewart of Greenville, the firm's district distribution manager, discussed the glass cables, called fiber optics, at a media luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

He said Carolina Telephone is adopting fiber-optic technology because it is cheaper and pro-

vides better service than traditional copper wire.

For example, he said, the sound going down traditional wire on electrical impulses must be amplified by devices installed within a mile of each other along the line. Sound going through fiber-optic cables needs to be enhanced only once in 20 miles.

Moreover, the enhancement of the sound on fiber optics does not amplify unwanted noise on

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