

# Prep Chatter



The Independence High School goalkeeper, Tim Daily, has decided to go to UNCC. Daily was a standout recording 20 shutouts and allowing only 1.45 goals per match in a three year stint. His team was 11-5 overall and 7-3 in the conference. He said he liked playing at UNCC because it is close to home and has a competitive program. Other Charlotteans attending UNCC for soccer are David Cooper and Robertson Mangione of East Mecklenburg.

WGIV Radio is in the process of making tentative plans to carry the game of the week in football. Last year's venture was a successful one.

I would like to take this time to thank all the coaches and athletes of the Southwestern 4A Conference, Rocky River 4A Conference and Charlotte Independent Schools Conference who have helped me this year in compiling information of our star athletes.

Without you, we wouldn't have anything to write about. Everyone has been most cooperative. Have a good summer!

Independence ran away with the boys team title at the state track meet.

Coached by Jeryl Todd, the Pats had 52 points to 31 for Garinger.

The Pats got victories from its 400 and 1600 meter relay teams in 41.98 seconds and 3:16.4 seconds.

Leading the Patriots individually were Harold Simpson, Teddy Pauling, and Bill Beamer.

Simpson was second in the 200 meters in 21.97 and fifth in the 100 meters with 11.01.

Pauling finished second in the 300 meter hurdles and Beamer was fourth in the 100 in 11.01.

Garinger's Thayne Harmon won the 800 in 1:55.54 and the 1600 in 4:19.41. David Parker of Garinger was second in the pole vault with 13 feet, 6 3/4 inches.

The Mustangs of Myers Park finished in a four-way tie for seventh as Alvin Blakeney finished second in the long jump with 23-7 and Mike Hailey finished second in the discus with 161.6.

Others finishing in the running were Elton Bailey of Independence with a fifth in the shot put with a throw of 52-4 3/4, Billy Harris of South with a sixth place run of 22.9 in the 200 meters, Lamont Windham of South with a 14.75 run in the 110 meter hurdles for fifth place and the 1600 Garinger meter relay team with a time of 3:23.2.

In the girls meet, Garinger's Tanya Fillmore won the 400 in 56.54 and West Mecklenburg's Barbara Myers won the discus with 117-8 1/4.

West Charlotte's Melanie Collins was second in the 800 and East Mecklenburg's Jamie Oxendine was third in the 1600.

Neese Gray of North Mecklenburg was fourth in the 100 with a time of 12.42 seconds and fifth in the long jump with 17-9 1/2 feet.

South Mecklenburg's Cheryl Weaver was sixth in the 100 meter hurdles.

Here is wishing coach Steve Shaughnessy the best of luck at Clemson University.

Steve was a positive force for the Garinger Wildcats program of football and baseball.

He led the Wildcat football team to the semifinals of the state 4A playoffs and the baseball team to the quarterfinals.

The 34 year old Shaughnessy will run the Clemson athletic dorm and serve as a volunteer assistant football coach.

His record at Garinger was 15-8. Last year, he was 10-3. Saying that this was an opportunity he could not pass up, he said, "This is an opportunity that comes only once in a lifetime."

Congratulations to Willie Walker of Garinger. Walker signed with High Point College. The 6-5 swingman averaged 15.3 points, 4.5 assists and 4.5 rebounds per game in high school.

Walker will be a great player in the Carolinas Conference. His brother, Odell, currently plays for the Panthers of High Point.

Good friend Jack Sink at Myers Park High School has tendered his resignation as baseball coach.

One of the best coaches in the system, Sink, 56, coached at the Mustang campus for 30 years.

His team won the state championship in 1970 and advanced to the finals in 1958.

Former West Charlotte Lion baseball player, Alan Lewis had a great year for the Davidson Wildcats.

Lewis is a shortstop-outfielder and led the Southern Conference in runs batted in with 61.

It is only a matter of months before the new conference gets in the full swing of things.

The Southwestern 4A will be composed of Gastonia Hunter Huss, Independence, Garinger, Myers Park, South Mecklenburg, Gastonia Ashbrook and East Mecklenburg.

The Tri-County 4A will be composed of Harding, Shelby Crest, North Mecklenburg, Olympic, West Mecklenburg, East Gaston, and West Charlotte.

Charlotte Catholic will be in the new Rocky River 2A that will consist of Albemarle, Monroe, Mount Pleasant, North Stanly, Parkwood, Piedmont, South Stanly, and West Stanly.

Central Cabarrus will be in the South Piedmont that will be a 3A conference including Concord, East Rowan, Forest Hills, Northwest Cabarrus, Sun Valley, and West Rowan.

Kannapolis Brown will be in a 4A conference with Davie County, Mount Tabor, North Davidson, Winston-Salem Parkland, R. J. Reynolds, South Rowan, and West Forsyth.



William M. Blakeney was chosen as South Carolina State College's "Alumnus of the Year" at the 89th Annual Convocation. Mrs. Bernice Chapman of the Philadelphia chapter and chairperson of the awards committee, presents a plaque inscribed, "Faithful to your Alma Mater, Loyal to your Profession, Devoted to your Fellowman." Blakeney has been very dedicated

to his Alma Mater having served on a number of committees at the college. He served two terms as president of the National Alumni Association and continues to be devoted to the college - having attended every Commencement since 1968 and has attended every Homecoming for the past 36 years.

## NCSU Study Questions Link Between Abuse, Violent Crime

By Natalie Eason Hampton  
Special To The Post

A person who is abused as a child is not necessarily more likely to become involved in violent crime later in life, says a North Carolina State University sociologist who recently studied the state's prison population.

But a related study by Dr. Matthew T. Zingraff of NCSU and a colleague showed a correlation between childhood abuse and mental illness.

Despite a public perception that abused children grow up to be aggressive and abusive, "you can't look at the literature on abuse and argue that if you have been abused, you will be an abuser," said Zingraff, an associate professor of sociology with an interest in prison populations.

Zingraff, along with Dr. Michael J. Belyea, a health sciences researcher at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Durham, studied background information collected from 18,784 inmates at the time of their admission to prison between 1979 and 1981.

They found that abused offenders were less likely than their non-abused counterparts to be incarcerated for violent offenses such as murder, rape, assaults and robbery, Zingraff said.

For example, less than three percent of the abused group were in prison on murder convictions, while almost five percent of the non-abused prisoners were serving time for murder.

About nine percent of the inmates in the study reported they were neglected or abused as children, compared with estimates that about three percent of the general population has experienced some abuse, he said.

Zingraff said he was surprised by the results of the study, which conflict with the common notion that violence breeds violence. The findings will be published later this year in a Waveland Press book, "Cor-

rectional Controversies: A Book of Readings."

An earlier study by Zingraff and Belyea found that prison inmates with a history of mental illness were more likely to have been abused as children than those with no such history. The researchers examined background information from 5,000 inmates who entered North Carolina prisons during 1979.

Of the prisoners reporting childhood abuse, 26 percent had mental health problems, more than twice the rate of mental illness of those who were not abused.

Zingraff and Belyea reported the study results on mental illness in a recent issue of the "Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare."

Although child abuse is found across all economic and social classes, Zingraff said most abused children come from families where abuse is only one of many problems. Many abusive families also face financial and employment difficulties. A higher rate of child abuse is found among lower-class families, he said.

Most research on child abuse has focused on injuries from abuse—broken bones, bruises and scars—and on short-term emotional effects, he said. But little research has been done on the effects of abuse on behavior beyond adolescence, Zingraff said.

The most effective means of studying long-term effects of abuse, he said, would be to follow a group of abused individuals over a period of 15 to 20 years and compare their behavior with a group of non-abused people. Such a study has not been done because it would be very expensive, requiring thousands of cases to compensate for the number of individuals who would drop out during the study, he said.

Zingraff cautioned that the findings on abuse and crime should be viewed within the study's limitations. He pointed out that the study did not examine people convicted of violent offenses who did not go to

prison or the effects of plea bargaining in reducing a charge before conviction.

Zingraff does not believe there are problems with using self reports of child abuse in his study. Prisoners, he said, would be more likely to underreport child abuse than to report incidents that never occurred.

"In prison, everything you say can and will be used against you by your peers," he said. Because it is important for a prisoner to maintain a tough image among peers, Zingraff believes reports of abuse would be viewed as weakness to be exploited by other prisoners.

There is a need for intervention with abused children, whether or not they are likely to become involved in crime later in life, Zingraff said. Many abused children are facing other problems that may put them at risk to become involved in crime.

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