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UNC an 81-73 lead. But Cota saved his best for last when he stared down Wojciechowski, worked into the lane and suddenly bounced a beautiful drop-down pass to Brendan Haywood for a three-point play. "I think Ed's always been a scorer," said Vince Carter, who nearly hooked up with Cota for an off-glass alley-oop with the game well in hand. "When he gets in the lane, he's always capable of scoring." "Maybe (Duke) overlooked that." The talk coming into what was supposed to be an epic encounter between the nation's top two teams centered around Duke's potential to wear out UNC's six-deep rotation. Cota and backcourt mate Shammond Williams rendered that notion ridiculous. "Ed and I have always felt like we have one of the best backcourts in the



UNC point guard ED COTA notched his fifth career double-double with 12 points and 12 assists against the Blue Devils.

nation," said Williams, who broke down Langdon late in the game as Cota did Wojciechowski and finished with 17 points. "We like to show that we're able to create. We like to show that we can handle." The contest wasn't supposed to conclude with a clinic on UNC penetration. Wojciechowski said earlier in the week that he wanted to distract Cota, to make it hard for him to see, never mind pass to his teammates. Cota did commit a season-high eight turnovers against the guard's defense, but Wojciechowski acknowledged he'd been outplayed. "He's an outstanding player," he said flatly. "He does a great job of seeing the court, penetrating and delivering the ball. I don't think I rattled him." Perhaps not, but with his constant harassment of Cota up and down the court, along with that of Langdon on Williams, Duke forced the UNC guards' hand at taking over the game down the stretch. Cota beat Wojciechowski with crossover dribbles and quick stops and starts. Langdon overplayed Williams, and Williams made him pay. "They're old and they're good," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of the UNC backcourt that scorched his team for 29 points and 17 assists. "They're old together, and that's one of the things missing in college basketball. They've seen pressure before."

TICKETS
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saying, 'I hate this lottery. Bring back the campout.' This year you have students saying, 'I hate this campout. Bring back the lottery.'" Nearly 2,000 people lined up for tickets for the UNC-Duke University game campout Jan. 23. At one point, the line of students stretched to Odum Village. Tickets were distributed early, and they ran out early, forcing ticket officials to hand out tickets for a different game. More than six hours after the distribution began, hundreds of students were turned away empty-handed. In some respects, problems that have plagued this year's ticket distribution come down to basic supply and demand — way too much demand. In an arena that seats 21,572 fans, fewer than 6,000 seats are available to CAA for distribution, CAA ticket distribution co-director Amy Whaley said. Whaley said a direct correlation existed between the success of the men's basketball program and ticket demand. In the past, campouts were easier to control because fewer students camped out. "Now, we have 1,400 people come in the first hour," Whaley said. "You can't enforce a line of 3,000 students." Valenti said camping out was not

safe. "We really don't have the facilities to run a campout. That road is so unsafe." Whaley also said camping out was not the safest means of distribution but that the CAA was a student group that had to be responsive to the wants of its constituents. "It's a pain. It's a pain for the people who are running it," she said. "It's just not a very safe policy, but it's what the students like." Heather Schafer, a senior from Greensboro, said she had been in both a lottery line and a tent. "I don't know if the campout idea is wonderful or not because I don't see what it accomplishes," she said. "But then I have been in the lottery lines, and I didn't like it." Although the lottery system was easier to police, Whaley said it was not necessarily the answer to problems. "There's really no best way to do it, especially when you are going to have two or three thousand students come out for tickets." "For a school this size, I really don't know what would be the perfect alter-



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs SUSAN KITCHEN said she did not support making distribution an administrative policy.

native. There will always be a person who doesn't like the system." Despite the problems, both sets of candidates for CAA co-presidents have included campouts in their platforms. David Cohn and Hunter McCrossin have said they would not "drastically alter a campout system from years past." Cohn and McCrossin plan to hand out numbers on the Friday morning of a campout and not require students to line up until 6 p.m. that day. Cohn and McCrossin did not return phone calls Thursday. "The campout is traditional and fun, and it benefits the real fans who are willing to put out extra effort," Cohn said in a previous interview. Jeff Pierce and Jeff Stencil also plan to keep campout distribution, but Stencil said students needed more input. "People seem to want campouts," Stencil said. "They just want to have it more organized. I guess the communication has never been there. Communication is the thing I think this last administration has been lacking. I don't think the organization has been very good." At some schools the athletic departments set the distribution policy, and student government enforces it. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen, who approved this year's distribution policy, said that although the campout policy could use some revising, she did not support making it

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an administrative policy. "I think that one of the things that is unique about Carolina is the decision-making role that students play. I would hate to give that up. I would hate to see this be an administrative policy." This year was Kitchen's first time dealing with ticket distribution. She said that all involved worked hard to make distribution successful. "We step into a problem each time, and you correct that and create another difficulty," she said. Kitchen suggested the administration devise a set of principles, rather than rules, that the CAA could consider when deciding on a new policy. Whoever is elected, Whaley said experience had taught her that early communication between the co-presidents and administrators was key. "Just think worst case scenario," she said. "You need to go ahead and plan for it now." "Try to think of a way that would not be camping out."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
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juniper in the lane, Vince Carter hit a fallaway jumper from the baseline, and Cota scored four more points on free throws and a left-handed layup. UNC led 87-73 then, and Duke would manage only one point in the final 3:07.

The Tar Heels played out the remaining minutes exuberantly, casting layups and dunks at the Devils as UNC students prepared to storm the court.

"Why not show a little emotion, have a little fun?" said Carter, who finished with 17 points. "You want to be businesslike, but you want to have fun at the same time. This is a college basketball game. This isn't a job yet."

UNC 97, Duke 73
Score box

	34	39	73
Duke	34	39	73
UNC	50	47	97

DU: Carwell 6-11 4-8 19, McLeod 8-23 3-2 18, Langdon 3-12 4-4 12, Wojciechowski 3-8 0-0 8, Chappell 1-5 4-4 7, Avery 2-6 1-2 5, Satter 0-4 2-2 2, Donzalski 0-1 1-2 1, Totals: 25-89 16-24 73.
UNC: Jamison 14-20 7-12 35, Williams 8-11 0-1 12, Carter 7-14 3-3 12, Cota 4-7 4-4 12, Heywood 3-4 1-1 7, Helms 2-4 0-0 7, Okajima 1-3 0-1 2, Totals: 40-83 15-22 97.
Replay: game — DU 8:30 (Carwell 3-4, Wojciechowski 2-4, Langdon 2-7, Chappell 1-5, McLeod 1-4, Avery 0-4) UNC 2:30 (Helms 1-1, Williams 1-2), Replays — DU 2:30 (Wojciechowski 2, UNC 2:30 (Cota 1), Replays — DU 8 (Wojciechowski 6), UNC 7 (Cota 4), Total fouls — DU 21, UNC 18.
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