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Blue Devils Sweep UNC, ACC

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The warning signs had been there for weeks.

Duke had won 23 consecutive games, overwhelming opponents in tidal wave-like fashion.

North Carolina, meanwhile, had struggled to keep its head above water, pulling out three close wins against middle- and lower-tier ACC teams.

Yet by virtue of the first meeting

between the two teams — an 89-77 Duke win on Jan. 27 that was closer than the score indicated — there was hope and even optimism that UNC would shake off recent struggles and apply the lessons learned from that loss to even the score Saturday night at the Smith Center.

Instead the 14th-ranked Tar Heels found themselves lost amid a raging tempest of Duke rebounds, deft guard penetration and timely outside shooting. When the storm finally passed, No. 1 Duke had turned a 35-33 halftime edge

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to an 81-61 rout of the Tar Heels in front of a sellout crowd of 21,572 on Senior Day.

The 20-point defeat was the worst ever for the Tar Heels in the 13-year history of the Smith Center. The win — Duke's first in Chapel Hill since 1991 — was the Blue Devils' biggest at UNC since a 104-69 win in 1964.

The win also gave Duke (29-1, 16-0 in the ACC) the first undefeated ACC regular season since Florida State became the ACC's ninth team in 1992. The last team to go unbeaten in the league was UNC (14-0) in 1987.

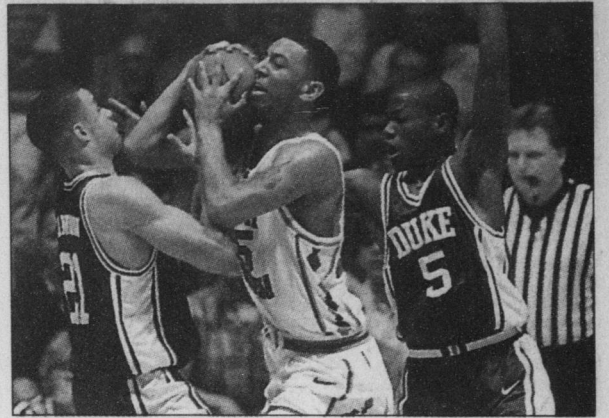
"Coming in I thought they were a great team, and they were even better

than I thought," UNC coach Bill Guthridge said. "I don't think we're as bad as we looked. We could've beaten a lot of teams tonight. But we certainly couldn't beat Duke."

UNC will go to next week's ACC Tournament in Charlotte as the No. 3 seed. The Tar Heels will face No. 6 Georgia Tech at 7 p.m. Friday.

Duke's domination of UNC (22-8, 10-6) came despite playing without starting forward and third-leading rebounder Shane Battier, who was out with an ankle sprain. But the Devils didn't miss a step; Duke blasted the Tar Heels on

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Duke's Trajan Langdon (left) and William Avery trap North Carolina freshman guard Jason Capel in the Blue Devils' 81-61 victory.

A Draining Dilemma

The Division of Water Quality will plug a nine-month loophole today that resulted in the draining of 6,000 acres of wetlands in North Carolina.



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Environmental officials say that without the filtering mechanism of the wetlands, coastal water quality will be diminished.

By EUGENE WHEELER
Staff Writer

C.B. Caroon has fished the waters of the Cape Fear River since his childhood on the North Carolina coast.

But Caroon, a 67-year-old retired fisherman, said the river quality would soon change. Disheartened by the recent loss of thousands of acres of wetlands in southeastern North Carolina, he said the damage was incurable.

"I've seen our river utterly devastated," said Caroon, a former chairman of the Marine Fisheries Commission and a lifelong resident of Southport, a small town nestled at the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

Many N.C. officials and residents, like Caroon, said wetland drainage was devastating to the state's wildlife.

Today will be bittersweet for Caroon and others bothered by the loss of the wetlands, as the N.C. Division of Water Quality will enact a new policy to monitor drainage activities in the state.

This monitoring will put an end to a nine-month loophole in federal laws that has resulted in more than 6,000

acres of drained wetlands in southeastern North Carolina.

Much of the draining is being done by developers who will eventually build housing developments or retirement communities on the land.

John Dorney, head of the state's wetlands unit, presented the new wetland draining policy to the Environmental Management Commission Water Quality Committee last month. The new policy, which takes effect today, will require all new wetland draining activities to be approved by the Division of Water Quality, he said.

Dorsey said ditches created before today would not be affected by the policy unless developers violated water quality standards.

Before June, the Tulloch Rule prohibited wetland draining without a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dorsey said. But the statute was overturned in June by a 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, which governs Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

Since the decision, at least 6,000 acres of wetlands have been drained. Before the ruling, North Carolina only

allowed between 500 and 1,000 drained acres of wetland per year, Dorney said.

"These drainings are complete losses. There is no offset whatsoever," he said. Dorney explained that, under the Tulloch Rule, developers were required to fill in other lands to offset wetland loss.

Dan Besse, environmental attorney and member of the Environmental Management Commission Water Quality Committee, said all the wetland losses were needless because the state had the rules to regulate wetland drainage even after the June rejection of the Tulloch Rule.

With the overturning of the Tulloch Rule, the Corps of Engineers, which is dedicated to protecting the nation's waterways and wetlands, was prevented from overseeing these activities, shifting the burden of monitoring to the understaffed and unprepared state government, Besse said.

In 1996, North Carolina adopted laws that were stricter than federal laws, thus allowing the state to regulate wetland draining even in the nine-month absence of federal

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Crackdown On Pit Policy Irks Students

Three instances of students being removed from the Pit for violating UNC policies on sales have occurred in the last two months.

By AMY STEPHENS
Staff Writer

An incident Friday marked the third time in two months that people have been kicked out of the Pit for being involved in business conflicting with University policy.

Licensing Director Steve Brummett asked members of the UNC Men's Club Track Team to stop selling T-shirts in the Pit for the UNC-Duke basketball game.

Although the UNC team is an officially recognized organization and able to raise money for itself under the policy, Brummett said the Umstead Act prohibited the sale of merchandise bearing the UNC logo without licensing approval. "We have to protect merchants in Chapel Hill so if anyone is going to sell merchandise with the UNC name to the public, they have to pay royalty on it and it must be made by a licensed manufacturer."

Mike Steiner, president of the Club Track Team, said he was surprised when Brummett confiscated 35 T-shirts because a week before, Brummett had told him he would let the team slide since they had just bought the shirts. The shirts featured the words "Beat Dook" and had a blue foot on the front and depicted a ram dunking a blue devil into a toilet on the back.

"We ended up losing money on a fundraiser," Steiner said.

Another policy caused problems Thursday for senior Chris Crotty. He unknowingly violated the Chancellor's Facilities Use Policy by soliciting credit card applications in the Pit in order to raise money for his mother's cancer treatment. This is the second time the policy has been scrutinized. Varsitybooks.com, an online textbook distributor, violated the policy in January when it set up a table in the Pit to advertise prices.

Director of Student Legal Services Dorothy Bernholz said the policy only allowed official student organizations to solicit or sell goods. "If the student organization is officially recognized and the funds they raise go back into that student organization, they are fine," she said.

The policy states: "All employees and nonaffiliated individuals and groups are prohibited from canvassing, selling,

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Court Delays RHA Lawsuit While Counsel Study Case

By JIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

Rather than dismissing former RHA candidate Jermain Reeves' suit naming Residence Hall Association President-elect Murray Coleman, the Student Supreme Court ruled Saturday to delay hearing the case until March 17.

Coleman, who moved for dismissal, will have to wait until then to hear from 27 witnesses testifying either for or against his case.

RHA President David Jernigan said the continuance would hinder efforts to organize RHA organized for next year.

"Last year, I appointed my (executive) board before Spring Break," he said. "This year there won't be a president at the time to elect anyone."

Reeves and Coleman have until 5 p.m. today to submit their respective

lists of witnesses to Chief Justice Calvin Cunningham.

Reeves filed a suit against Coleman and Elections Board Chairwoman Heather Faulk citing improper conduct in the RHA presidential race.

Coleman, a write-in candidate, was credited for fewer votes than Reeves until he challenged how graduate votes were counted. Due to the complaint, Faulk disqualified graduate votes because she could not discern which graduates had paid fees to the RHA,



Counsel for defendant Murray Coleman maintains he did not violate any campaign rules.

which makes them eligible to vote.

Reeves also said Coleman gained unfair support when Black Student Movement President Tamara Bailey sent a mass voice mail advocating Coleman.

Coleman's counsel Shawn Fraley said Coleman did not violate RHA election rules. "Murray had no idea of the voice mails until after the election. He had permission to hang up posters in all residence halls except Morrison — which he took those posters down when notified," Fraley said, emphasizing Coleman's compliance with campaigning rules.

Reeves' counsel Laura Killinger said Fraley's claims were unsubstantiated. "There is no knowledge of whether he had permission from residence halls or prior knowledge of voice mail," she said. "A trial searches for fact, and the defen-

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Initiative Team to Repair Glitches in New Computers

By ALEXANDRA MOLAIRE
Staff Writer

University officials are trying to fix glitches with a file transfer protocol program and an antivirus computer program before they become widespread problems with the Carolina Computing Initiative.

Beginning in 2000, the initiative requires all incoming freshmen to purchase laptop computers. University departments are also receiving IBM computers for classroom instruction.

Steve Fearrington, associate director of distributed support for Academic Technology & Networks, said the FTP program that UNC computers supported was a free product in the University's system package. The program allows users to transfer files from one place to another, he said at a meeting Friday.

Fearrington said the company that supplied the program would not guar-

antee the program's would read dates marked in programming by the two digits 00 as the year 2000 and not 1900. "They're not going to invest in the testing to make sure its Y2K compliant."

He said the initiative logistics team had advised the University to use the FTP program built into Windows '98, which the University's computers already used, rather than the vendor's FTP program.

The team planned the delivery of computers to University departments, said Angela Eubanks, the team's student representative. Eubanks said the team also continually evaluated the software used in all initiative computers.

Linwood Futrelle, the director of distributed support for ATN, said checking for current problems within the initiative prevented more serious ones from occurring later. "We're trying to anti-

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INSIDE Monday

Redefining Limits

The General Assembly is considering an amendment that would lengthen the terms of state senators from two years to four years and will create time limits for both short and long legislative sessions. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Partly cloudy; Mid 50s. Tuesday: Mostly sunny; Lower 60s.

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Lawyers spend a great deal of time shoveling smoke.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.