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## Forward Duo Steals Show, Sparks Tigers

Natasha Anderson and Nikki Blassingame combined for 32 points to lead Clemson past UNC on Monday night.

By BRIAN MURPHY  
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CHARLOTTE — On a team with two All-ACC guards, it's easy to overlook Clemson forwards Natasha Anderson and Nikki Blassingame.

But after Clemson's 87-72 victory in the ACC Tournament title game on Monday night, Anderson and Blassingame will not be forgotten by North Carolina.

"You know what you're getting with Amy Geren and Ito Umoh but the keys to our success has been and will be Natasha Anderson and Nikki Blassingame," Clemson coach Jim Davis said. "They came up huge tonight."

The duo combined for 32 points on 13-of-22 shooting, often exploiting the Tar Heels interior defense. UNC's small lineup, so effective against Virginia on Sunday, was unable to keep the duo from getting the ball in scoring position.

"They have some real good post players and they're real physical and aggressive," UNC center Yanick Clay said.

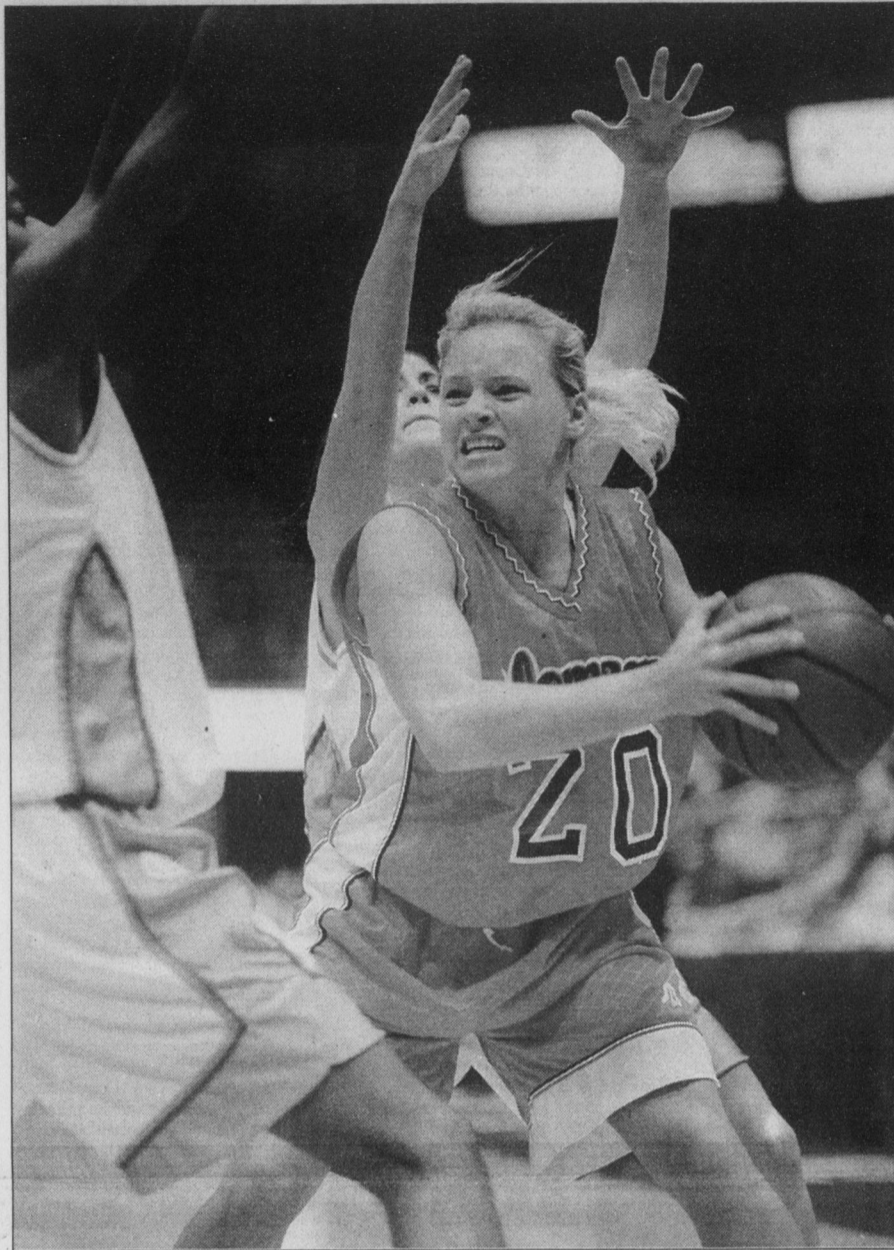
The duo was more than somewhat responsible for the Tigers' 40 points in the paint, 24 in the first half alone.

With All-ACC guard Amy Geren unable to find her stroke (0 for 6 from the field), the Tigers looked to their forwards for offensive production.

Blassingame, a 6-foot-3 forward, See FORWARDS, Page 7



Clemson forward Natasha Anderson scored 18 points and had six rebounds in Monday's ACC final in Charlotte.



Clemson's Angie Cossey looks to evade a North Carolina trap during Monday night's ACC Tournament final at the Charlotte Coliseum. Cossey scored 12 points and hit 7 of 8 free-throw attempts in Clemson's 87-72 win.

## Clemson Ends Tar Heel Run At ACC 3-Peat

After losing in the ACC final to UNC in '97 and '98, the Tigers topped their nemesis to win the ACC Tournament.

By T. NOLAN HAYES  
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CHARLOTTE — Ito Umoh had seen it happen twice before.

Two years in a row she had seen her team fight through the ACC Tournament only to come up short against North Carolina in the championship game.

She refused to let it happen again.

Umoh pumped in a game-high 26 points Monday night in the final of the ACC Tournament, leading fourth-seeded Clemson to an 87-72 win against UNC in front of 6,021 fans at Independence Arena.

"I think Umoh said it best before the basketball game started," Clemson coach Jim Davis said. "(She said), 'I'm tired of losing to North Carolina.'"

Umoh led the Tigers in a second-half comeback with her electrifying quickness and steady decision-making, cutting through the Tar Heel defense for 16 points after halftime.

But perhaps the mightiest blow she struck against UNC might have come on the least likely of plays. Not known for her outside shooting ability, Umoh made a 25-foot 3-pointer to put the Tigers ahead 69-59 with 4:47 remaining in the game.

All Davis could do was put his hands on his head and smile.

"I didn't want to look at (Davis) when I took the 3 because I knew if it didn't go in that he was going to be pulling his hair out," said Umoh, who was named the Tournament's unanimous MVP. "But then it went in."

"They called a timeout, which was pretty good because I had to keep a straight face. I wanted to laugh so hard." The Tar Heels (26-7) probably didn't find the basket very funny. The shot helped prevent them from winning their fifth league title in six years and helped hand them only their second loss in their past 16 ACC Tournament games. UNC looked like it was on the right path for its third-consecutive league crown, as it took a 43-36 halftime lead behind the hot shooting of sophomore guard Juana Brown.

Brown scored 17 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the field in the opening 20 minutes. She was perfect from the foul line (3 of 3) and from behind the 3-point arc (2 of 2).

But Brown didn't have that same success after halftime, and neither did her teammates. After blistering the nets to the tune of 53.6-percent shooting in the first half, UNC registered only a 32.4 percent mark in the second.

Meanwhile, Clemson shot 50 percent from the floor in the second half. More importantly, however, the Tigers made

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| Clemson            | .....87 |
| UNC                | .....72 |

## RHA Trial Creates Transition Concerns

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN  
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The lawsuit contesting the results of the Feb. 9 Residence Hall Association presidential election has left RHA officials concerned that a new administration will not have the benefit of a guiding hand from predecessors.

Because of the suit, filed by former RHA presidential candidate Jermain Reeves, appointments and training of next year's executive board will occur

later than in past years.

RHA President David Jernigan said that when he was president-elect, he had selected all of his executive board members by Spring Break and that doing so would not be possible this year. To allow each party involved in the suit to testify, the trial, which was postponed Saturday, will continue March 17 — after Spring Break. If the trial determines the need for a new election, one would not be held until April 6, he said. "The ramifications of having this postponed are

really far-reaching."

Jernigan said applicants for the RHA executive board often ran for residence hall government positions if they were not accepted. Jernigan said the delay could cause potential conflicts.

Also, Jernigan said the current RHA administration planned activities to continue until the end of the year, but, traditionally such events were used as orientation activities for the new administration. The new RHA officers will probably only have the chance to help

implement the activities but not to plan them, he said.

RHA President-elect Murray Coleman said he and Jernigan had discussed appointments and training. Coleman said Jernigan wanted to wait until the trial was over to begin the appointment process. "He's the RHA president, so it's up for him to say," Coleman said. "I trust his judgement."

But Coleman said he would have See RHA, Page 7

## N.C. Farmers Stage Protest In Raleigh

Tobacco growers held a 'tractorcade' Monday in an effort to solicit funds from a \$4.6 billion settlement.

By MARY CAMERON  
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RALEIGH — Cold weather did not stop onlookers from lining the streets of downtown Raleigh on Monday morning as police escorted hundreds of tractors from the state fairgrounds to the State Capitol.

Tobacco farmers, demanding an allotment of the state's landmark \$4.6 billion settlement with cigarette manufacturers, planned the event to send a poignant message to the state legislature.

"Thirty-five percent of our income has been cut," said Max Bachelder, a



U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge, D-N.C., shows his support for farmers who are protesting recent tobacco legislation. The farmers drove their tractors through downtown Raleigh from the State Fairgrounds to the Capitol.

tobacco farmer from Four Oaks. "It's bad, and it's going to get worse."

A portion of the funds, currently promised to buffer the demands of "tobacco-dependent communities," should be given directly to farmers, protesters said.

"I think farmers need more of the money," said Scott Adams, a coverall-

clad tobacco farmer from Morrisville.

"When you get the government involved, they're going to get more than their fair share."

Though many were optimistic about the message of the "tractorcade," pessimists filled the crowd as well.

"This is just pork barrel money that's going to get away from the farmers,"

said Bill Hawkins, a spectator from Raleigh. "If farmers do get the money, I hope it is spent wisely by somebody who's got enough sense to spend it, but that will never happen."

Many said the current tobacco situation was the worst they had seen in

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## Activities To Honor Women

Pat Beyle, a member of the University Women's Club, says March will provide a time to surpass stereotypes.

By AMY STEPHENS  
Staff Writer

To celebrate Women's History Month, UNC student organizations and students are hosting activities including poetry readings and guest lectures.

Beginning today, organizations will be holding events in honor of the monthlong celebration.

Professor Joyce Russell of Fayetteville State University, who specializes in women's literature of the Harlem Renaissance, will speak at 7 p.m. tonight at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. Her speech is entitled "Black Women's Literature."

In addition to Russell's speech, other organizations will be celebrating Women's Week, which begins on March 23.

Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity and the Women's Issues Network are co-sponsoring a poetry reading at 4 p.m. March 26 in the Bull's Head Bookshop.

B-GLAD Co-chairman Ian Palmquist said the reading was open to anyone who was interested in participating. "We wanted to do something with WIN because Women's Week is the same week as Celebration Week for B-GLAD," he said. "A poetry reading is

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## INSIDE Tuesday

Going for the Gulp



Friday night at 11 p.m. beer drinkers around Chapel Hill and the country raised glasses of Guinness to break the record for the largest simultaneous toast in history. See Page 6.

We've Got the Hooch



A night on the town in Chapel Hill means a choice of 29 bars and alcohol-serving restaurants, a hefty figure compared to other communities of equal or larger size. See Page 4.

Joining the Fight

National fraternities and sororities joined the debate over Dartmouth College's decision to reform their Greek system. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Partly cloudy; Mid 60s.  
Wednesday: Chance of thunderstorms; Mid 60s.

The only question left to be settled now is, are women persons?

Susan B. Anthony