Stripping Students Nab Tickets ACC Fans Pack Rivals' Courtsides

By Beth O'Brien

Chowing down on hot fudge sundaes was one entry in the Carolina Athletic Association's "What Would You Do For Wednesday morning.

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But there was a catch - three girls licked the whipped cream off each oth-

ers' plastic wrapped bodies.
Only the outrageous few won the four sets of tickets to tonight's game.

Acts were judged on the spectators' enthusiasm and applause.

Timmy Ligay, a freshman from Raleigh, kicked off the second annual with a real crowd-please After three of his friends brushed

their teeth, rinsed with Listerine and spit into a communal cup, Ligay chugged down the tempting mixture

"We were throwing around ideas last night," he said, "It came up and sounded disgusting enough. I'll tell you what, though, it'll suck if I don't win." Jenny Duncan, a freshman from

Newton, said she was desperate enough

to eat her breakfast in front of the crowd – a delicious meal of live goldfish.

"One for each starting team member and an extra for Dean Smith," she said. Although the grotesque won spirited groans from the audience, nudity got its chance as well. One particularly inven-tive duo combined the nauseating with nakedness to the delighted (or disgusted)

response of spectators.

Wearing nothing more than Calvin Klein briefs and slathers of blue paint, freshman Graham Jenison from Trinity

said the idea just came to him.
"I thought to myself, 'Self, you need to be naked and blue," Jenison said.
Jenison's roommate Curtis Chesney,

a freshman from Knoxville, Tenn., got into the action as well. Billing themselves as 'Slick Willy' and 'C-Rock,' the two enlisted the crowd to keep the atmosphere energetic.

Brandishing a quart-sized yogurt container, Curtis dared his Smurf-like counterpart to eat the whole thing. Curtis, dressed in a duct-tape suit, flashed the contents to an unsuspecting girl in the audience. She gasped as she saw the

chirping creatures inside.
"Can you eat a cricket to get a ticket?" Curtis asked the crowd.

Jenison complied with relish.

Even sex found its place at the event. Patrick Doyle, a sophomore from Durham, sat with a 'Coach K' sign, reviewing game plans. Wearing a 'Wojo' tag, Sasha

Astrakhan, a sophomore from Cary, strutted up behind him and gently laid his hand on Doyle's shoulder.
Amid strains of Marvin Gaye's 'Let's

Get It On,' the two enacted a passionate barbecue sauce and whipped creamlaced striptease massage.

"We were wondering what the deal was with Coach K. and Wojo, and I think we've made our answer obvious, said Doyle of their idea.

The audience cheered and awarded Doyle and Astrakhan a pair of the cov-eted tickets. Two of the other winners included both the goldfish and the cricket gastronomical feats.

Freshman Jesse Blanton's destruction of a Duke teddy bear by falling on it from a tree in the Pit completed the winner's circle.

"I can feel them moving around in there," said Duncan of the fish in her stomach. She said the Row D prize tick ets more than compensated for any dis-

"I think a guy who drinks other peo ples' wastewater should've won,' Matt Marko, a senior from Clinton, N.Y., who watched the entire show.

"But I'm still glad I got up early."

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By Kristian Kordula

The Home Court Advantage? As University students push for more lower level seating, figures indicate that

ACC School	Lower-Level Student Seats	Total Seats
Clemson	1,215	10,980
Duke	2,000	9,314
Florida State	200*	12,000
Georgia Tech	1,700	9,800
University of Maryland	4,000	14,500
N.C. State	2,250	19,700
University of Virginia	2,900	8,100
UNC	2,000	21,572
*This number refers to	courtside seats available to stud	ents

SOURCE: SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICES OF ACC SCHOOLS

come to the stadium with as much energy as students. "It seems like the crowd in the Dean Dome are almost too comfortable," Wilson said.

He said the students at other ACC stadiums created an intimidation factor because they sat so close to the court.

"Those kids at Duke are right on top of you," Wilson said. "You can hear everything they say."

Michael Crocker, a junior on the

Clemson basketball team, said the Smith Center was intimidating more because of the legacy of the basketball program and the building's impressive structure. "It's more the tradition at the Dean Dome than the loud, obnoxious

fans," he said.

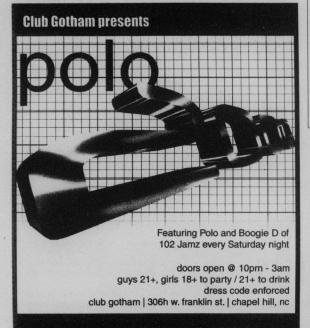
But many sports administrators at the college level said having students near the court go hand-in-hand with the excitement of college basketball.

Tim Bourret, sports information director at Clemson, emphasized the importance of lower-level student seats.
"I think it helps our players very

much," he said.

Clemson men's basketball coach Larry Shyatt said students should have the most pull when it comes to seating "They're the best fans in the house

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the number of courtside seats for stu-

proportionately larger than at UNC-

Out of the 6,000 seats available to

students in the Smith Center, only 2,000

are the coveted lower-level seats.

And the 2,000 mark for lower-level

seats is consistent throughout ACC

But the majority of ACC stadiums seat only about 10,000 fans, compared to the 21,572 seats at the Smith Center.

At Duke University's Cameron Indoor Stadium, exactly 2,000 lower-

level seats are reserved for students. The

maximum seating capacity at Cameron

The only stadiums that hold more than 2,000 lower-level seats for students

are at the University of Maryland and

At the 14,500-seat Cole Field House in Maryland, 4,000 students take over

lower level seating. Out of 19,700 seats

at the Entertainment and Sports Arena

in Raleigh, 2,250 students sit in the pre-

Some visitors to the Smith Center say

the atmosphere in UNC's renowned athletic facility just does not compare to

Reno Wilson, head trainer for the

Clemson basketball team for 17 years,

has seen and felt the emotion of every

ACC stadium during a basketball game

He said older people just did not

N.C. State University.

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ferred seats.



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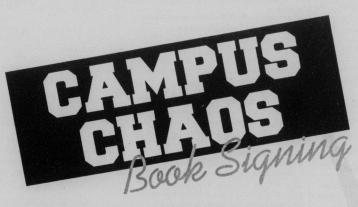
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