

# Show Touts Women's Athletics

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A new documentary by WUNC-TV highlights the strides of celebrity female athletes, many of whom are UNC graduates.

The program, "Watch Me Play," will air at 10 p.m. May 15 and will include interviews with World Cup champion soccer players Mia Hamm, Carla Overbeck and Cindy Parlow, WNBA players Tracy Reid and Charlotte Smith and 2000 Olympic track hopeful Marion Jones.

"It's about the state of women's athletics - how far women's sports have come, how far they have to go," said Paula Edelson, the documentary's program producer.

She said the interviewees shared a unique perspective of women's athletics.

"This is the first generation of women who grew up with Title IX."

Congress passed the Title IX Education Amendments in 1972, stating that no person could be excluded or discriminated against by any educational activity or program receiving federal finances because of his or her sex.

Edelson said this legislation marked a breakthrough in women's athletics but more progress was needed.

"There's a notion that women athletes have to be qualified," she said.

"They're not just athletes. We need to remove gender expectations. But I'm hopeful that the gap is closing."

UNC women's soccer Coach Anson Dorrance, who coached Hamm, Overbeck and Parlow, said he had noticed large changes in the University's treatment of women's athletics.

"Back when I was a student here in the '70s, women didn't compete in college sports," Dorrance said.

"Now women's sports are more visible. I've seen a metamorphosis in women's athletics."

He said these changes had provided new opportunities for outstanding female athletes. "What's happening is we have a women's pro league on the horizon."

"Our kids here are ecstatic," Dorrance said. "I've actually seen a higher intensity in players who have the potential to make it to this league."

Due to the attention surrounding this past summer's World Cup, Dorrance

said the next step was for women's college athletics to see if they could earn revenue like men's athletics.

"The World Cup this summer proved that people will watch women's soccer," he said. "Women's soccer is in a position to carry its own weight."

ACC Assistant Commissioner Bernadette McGlade agreed that women's sports had the potential to gain more funds.

"Especially with women's basketball, if colleges would take a more business approach, they could bring in more money," she said.

UNC women's basketball player LaShonda Allen noticed other gender differences in the sport. "The (men) get their props a little better than we do," she said. "They get more fans. They get a few more privileges."

But she said women's basketball had come a long way from when she was young. "There are role models today," she said. "When I grew up, I didn't have any, except for the few games that were on TV."

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# Batting Center Idea Hits Home

With the help of the town, a local entrepreneur plans to build a batting cage and field most costs involved.

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The clink of metal bats will be heard soon in Chapel Hill and not just from UNC's Boshamer Stadium.

The Chapel Hill Town Council and Frank Noelle, a local entrepreneur, approved plans to fund a seven-station batting cage at Homestead Park this week, with construction slated to begin in early June.

Noelle, the owner of Ryan's World Skate Park and the future batting cage facility, located in Homestead Park, said the plan would soon become a reality.

"The whole town is excited about it," he said. "I think it should be up and ready by the end of August."

Noelle said the batting cage would be under a tent and would operate year-round. Pitches would be delivered in three speeds, and both baseball and soft-

ball machines would be offered.

Noelle asked the town for an initial investment in the park. He said he would agree to uphold a given "performance standard" to pay back the town with a percentage of his total revenue each month.

"It will save the taxpayers thousands and thousands of dollars," he said. "The town will be able to recoup all its money and more."

The town agreed to pay \$255,157 up front, and Noelle donated \$40,000 out-of-pocket. He said the rate of return would make the project a sound investment.

"It is the greatest concept in the world," he said.

Noelle said this idea of joint venture in business was attracting town governments from up and down the East Coast because it would be more cost-efficient.

"I already set (a batting center) up outside of Pittsburgh," he said. "I've gotten calls from Virginia and Georgia too."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Pat Evans said the joint venture was "a new paradigm of government service" that would be inexpensive to taxpayers

and beneficial to the area's youth.

"(Noelle) probably knows how to run recreational facilities for kids better than we do," she said. "So it makes sense for the town to work with him."

Bill Webster of the Chapel Hill Planning Department said the contracting firm hired for the project was R & G Construction Co., located in Charlotte.

He said the final bid was \$13,823 less than the original bid, after contractors cut down on expenses.

"R & G could build the batting cage the cheapest, and they seem very efficient," he said. "So they got the job."

Noelle said he wanted to find a way that residents could enjoy the day without spending a fortune.

He said the standard price for hitting a round of 30 pitches would be two dollars, but he would offer discount rates for both University students and large groups.

"It's all about keeping kids happy and saving money," he said. "University students need a break from all these high prices."

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Seniors will be able to apply for interim housing but will be moved to another building when construction starts. Bresciani said the effects of the move would be limited. Bresciani and Hicks

both said the changes in Carmichael's schedule were only because of changes in the renovation plan. "The plans were not withdrawn because of the senior displacement issue at all," Hicks said.

However, some students clung to the hopes that their views had made a difference. Lisa Jackson, a senior Carmichael resident from Asheville,

said she was glad she would not have to move home before graduation.

"A lot of seniors complained to different people, and I hope what they said made a difference - I'm just so glad (the administration) changed it."

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Prospective volunteers can select their top two choices by visiting the Project UNC Web site at [www.unc.edu/cps](http://www.unc.edu/cps).

Helping Youth by Providing Enrichment, a subcommittee of Campus Y, will sponsor a cookout to extend edu-

cational and social services to disadvantaged children and their families.

Fay said other service options included creating paths for sports fields at the YMCA, painting the pool house at the Durham Parks and Recreation center and offering religious services at the Inter-Faith Council, Carnivore Preservation Trust and Carol Woods Retirement Community.

Fay said the committee had been ask-

ing for the participation of organizations across the community since October.

"With over 600 people registered, this could be the most all-inclusive campuswide event ever," said Fay, who served on Heinke's Human Relations Committee. "We'll see how it goes and just pray it doesn't rain."

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Stevens would not confirm or deny any candidate's name Thursday.

The results of Broad's decision will be announced today at the full BOG meeting at the Carolina Inn. A press confer-

ence with the new chancellor - be it Moeser or another candidate - is expected to follow at 11:30 a.m.

Moeser has been touted as an extraordinary fund-raiser and a champion of diversity, two qualities which were key to UNC's search.

"He is an incredibly receptive, incredibly open leader," said Nancy

Rapaport, dean of UNL's College of Law. "Your school is really lucky. His enthusiasm is part of his appeal."

"In every way, he is more than good - he works with people's strengths while encouraging us to grow."

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## THE Daily Crossword

By Roger Jurgovan

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