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Cheating not likely to desist

When the moderator on Thursday asked a distinguished panel at Elon University how well intercollegiate athletic reform is really working, the answer seemed obvious.

After all, in the past year, scandal has consumed NCAA athletics programs — from academic fraud at Georgia to an ineligible athlete at St. Bonaventure to an attempted coverup of a murder at Baylor.

Yet for the most part, the panel — including NCAA President Myles Brand — surprisingly said that reform efforts are going well. "I am optimistic," Brand said. "I think we're heading in the right direction."

N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow also has taken a seat on Brand's bandwagon.

"I definitely think we're on the right track right now," she said. "The presidents (of universities) are starting to take action where action is needed."

Granted, one can see the origin of these perspectives. After all, as Brand and Yow said, the affected schools have done an admirable job of disciplining those involved.

Georgia basketball coach Jim Harrick and his son both resigned following news of academic fraud.

St. Bonaventure's basketball coach, athletic director and president all lost their jobs after word leaked that center Jamil Terrell, a supposed junior-college transfer, merely earned a welding certificate prior to enrolling at the university.

And Baylor coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton also resigned their positions after the Patrick Dennehy horror story broke, and now it appears that the school's president likely will be forced out.

The NCAA is likewise committed to handing down harsh sanctions.

"(We'll) warn first, (next) take away scholarships, and then we'll pull out the two-by-four and talk about postseason play," Brand said with a smirk.

Valiant lip service indeed. However, Brand and Yow missed the point.

The NCAA and each respective school can hand out all the punishments they want. But if true reform is making its way down the ladder, why do new reports of violations at major schools find their way into the news weekly?

In order for reform to actually occur, administrators and coaches must change their mind-sets and put student-athlete welfare and academics ahead of the business of college sports.

Unfortunately, as evidenced by all the recent scandals, that seems quite impossible. Everyone wants to win, and cheating to get there seems to be an inevitable reality in many cases.

Compounded by the financial rewards of cheating, the situation becomes futile. Panelist and ESPN college basketball analyst Len Elmore knows that any genuine reform effort would have to come from the schools, not the NCAA leadership.

"If all of (the schools) aligned, I think there would be some movement there," Elmore said. "Individually, it's not going to work."

But if anything shows that universities and conferences still have dollar signs at the top of their list, the ACC expansion saga does.

Adding trips to Boston College, Syracuse and Miami could not have been justified from the perspective of either student-athlete welfare or academics.

But that is the way collegiate athletics works. Winning means money. Being in a dominant conference means money.

And nothing that the NCAA can do is going to change that, even if it keeps convincing itself it's making progress.

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Chalupny hat trick paces UNC

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The name of sophomore Lori Chalupny inadvertently was left out of pre-game introductions before Sunday's game at Fetzer Field.

But once play began, there was no missing the dynamic midfielder.

Paced by Chalupny's first career hat trick, the No. 1 North Carolina women's soccer team soundly defeated No. 13 Nebraska, 6-0.

The Tar Heels (4-0) outshot the Cornhuskers (2-2) by a margin of 28-2 in the game.

"I thought it was a great win," said forward Lindsay Tarpley. "We had a lot of variety in our attack and we scored some great goals."

The win completed a weekend sweep for the Tar Heels, who beat No. 24 Kentucky on Friday, 4-0.

Chalupny scored more goals in the Carolina Nike Classic (4) than she did last season (3). Her breakout performance, though, was far from unexpected.

"She's taken this team over," said UNC coach Anson Dorrance. "Her energy out there is unbelievable, and her performance is as well."

Chalupny set the tone for Sunday's victory only 16 minutes into the game. She stole the ball

from a defender at the top of the goal box and ripped a left-footed shot into the corner of the net.

She struck again three minutes later.

Junior Mary McDowell took a cross

from Tarpley and headed the ball to the feet

of Chalupny.

Nebraska 0 From 15 yards

UNC 6 out, Chalupny

rifled the ball into the top corner.

"She's a great player," Tarpley said. "She can score, she can assist; she's a complete player."

Freshman Libby Guess scored her first career goal on a textbook header with 3:24 left in the half.

Senior Alyssa Ramsey scored just 10 minutes into the second half, and Chalupny completed her hat trick with a low line drive into the corner of the net 16 minutes later.

Tarpley, who earned three assists in the game, capped the scoring with 15:45 left with her fifth goal of the season.

Chalupny scored the game-winner Friday. McDowell, Tarpley and Anne Morrell also scored for UNC.

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DTH/GREG LOGAN

Sophomore midfielder Lori Chalupny scored four goals in two games, including three in Sunday's win.

Maxwell gets chance on 'D'

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For most freshmen, fitting in is a yearlong struggle.

But for freshman defender Jessica Maxwell, all it took was a weekend.

Adding more weight to her shoulders, this weekend she had to replace a World Cup-bound defender on the No. 1-ranked North Carolina women's soccer team.

With the Tar Heels steam-rolling their opponents in the Nike Carolina Classic, Maxwell and the defense had the chance to gel into their respective roles.

More impressively, the defense held all its opponents this weekend to a meager five shots with Maxwell playing in the place of U.S. World Cup team member Catherine Reddick.

Reddick will miss the first month of the season, busying herself with the U.S. National Team. Replacing her will be Maxwell and sophomore Kendall Fletcher, who was benched with a knee injury.

"It's hard to replace a Catherine Reddick," said senior Carmen Watley. "We're all kind of slipping

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ORANGEMEN STUN UNC

BY THE NUMBERS

295 All-purpose yards for 'Cuse wide receiver Johnnie Morant.

36 Career TD passes for QB Darian Durant, a school record.

112 Penalty yardage for Syracuse; UNC had 55.

47 Points scored by UNC, the most by a losing team in ACC history.

17 UNC's lead with 4:58 left in the third quarter.

8 Consecutive UNC losses in Kenan Stadium, a new record.



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Syracuse running back Damien Rhodes (1) fights off UNC safety Dexter Reid in the Orangemen's 49-47 triple-overtime win. Syracuse overcame a 17-point third-quarter deficit to tie the game on a field goal.

Matured Anderson keys 'Cuse win

BY BEN COUCH
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After leading Syracuse to a 49-47 triple-overtime victory against North Carolina on Saturday, Syracuse quarterback R.J. Anderson deflected attention away from his three-touchdown, 288-yard performance and redirected it toward the win column instead.

"I don't care to check the stat box," he said. "I just want to see the win. (No one can) say anything about the win. I won this game."

Anderson sounded like a man who had been knocked down and returned stronger.

After a strong sophomore campaign,

when he led the Orangemen to 10 wins, Anderson seemed to be the foundation for Syracuse to build on.

But when the Orangemen stumbled to a 1-6 record in the games he started in 2002, Anderson found himself as Coach Paul Pasqualoni's official clipboard holder.

The benching sparked Anderson to improve, and he earned his starting spot back with strong play during the spring.

"I think it was a long process," said offensive coordinator George DeLeone. "It was a summer where he worked his tail off throwing the ball and lifting, running and losing weight, which helped his mobility.

"And that all added up to the type of

performance that we saw today."

Anderson turned in an impressive performance completing 20 of 33 passes to seven different receivers without throwing an interception.

In the fourth quarter, trailing 34-24, Syracuse faced a third-and-two at the North Carolina 31.

Anderson dropped back to pass and was forced to vacate the pocket by UNC's pass rush. After running into the back of a teammate and facing a sack, he broke a tackle and looked downfield.

Spotting running back Damien Rhodes

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BY JAMIE AGIN
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North Carolina coach John Bunting often wears an object that signifies the impact a single play can have on a game, even a season.

It's his Super Bowl ring.

He won it in 2000 as linebackers coach of the St. Louis Rams when Mike Jones stopped sprawling, stretching Tennessee receiver Kevin Dyson on the 1-yard line to end the game.

And if Bunting ever needed another reminder of how important one play can be,

he's got one.

Syracuse freshman Kelvin Smith stuffed UNC tailback Jacque Lewis less than a yard from the goal line in the third overtime to seal a record-breaking 49-47 Syracuse win Saturday.

The loss was UNC's eighth straight at Kenan Stadium, setting a new school record.

The Tar Heels (0-2) showed the same defensive weaknesses they exhibited in last week's drubbing against Florida State.

"The outcome of the game was not different," Bunting said. "The way some things happened was not so different."

Syracuse running back Walter Reyes burned the UNC defense for a career-high 191 yards and three scores, including two in overtime.

"It's very simple: force, fill, pursue," Bunting said of the run defense. "One guy forces the play, the other guy fills the running lane, all the other players pursue. It's not complicated. We're not able to do it."

And the Tar Heel defense was unable to support an offensive effort that was a complete turnaround from a week ago.

UNC held a 17-point lead late in the third quarter, at which point the Tar Heels collapsed.

The Orangemen (1-0) scored on both their final drives, with Collin Barber's 37-yard field goal tying the game at 34 with 27 seconds left to play.

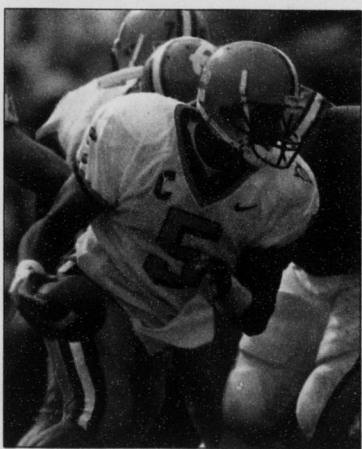
"The offense definitely bailed us out today," said Syracuse defensive tackle Louis Gachelin. "The offense did a great job, came out and punched them in the mouth."

In overtime, Syracuse scored on its first drive with a five-yard run from Reyes, and UNC countered with a cutback from quarterback Darian Durant to tie the score at 42.

The game looked over when Kellen Pruitt intercepted Durant on the next series, but Barber missed a 37-yard kick wide left.

But in the third overtime, Syracuse scored on

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

'Cuse QB R.J. Anderson has won the respect of his coaches and teammates with his work ethic.