

UNC honors soft-spoken Sutton

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As the North Carolina women's basketball players lined up shoulder-to-shoulder to sing "Hark the Sound" after beating Virginia on Sunday, freshman Ivana Latta made sure she was standing next to senior Candace Sutton.

Despite having to reach up a foot to wrap her arm around Sutton's shoulder and shout over the band, Latta's chatter forced the senior to crack a smile and enjoy her last rendition of the alma mater in Carmichael Auditorium.

"I just told her, 'There's no need to cry — we've still got more of the season to go,'" Latta said. "I was just trying to make her laugh, and it worked."

But Sutton already had failed in fighting back the tears.

With 15 seconds left and the Tar

Heels up by eight points, Coach Sylvia Hatchell substituted for Sutton — who is seventh all-time in the ACC in blocks — to give the crowd of 4,015 its last chance to thank Sutton for her four years.

"It was great when they took me out, just to look around and think, 'This is your last time that you'll be playing in Carmichael,'" said Sutton, who scored a team-high 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Sutton opened the game particularly strong, scoring eight of the team's first 15 points, including four following offensive rebounds.

Hatchell said she has tried to get her soft-spoken senior to play more aggressively and has noticed a change in the last few weeks.

"I told her before, a rubberband's not effective until it's stretched," Hatchell said. "She's

stretched herself wider a couple of different times, and I think she's grown a lot from that."

In her last five games, dating back to the loss to Duke on Feb. 14, Sutton has averaged 11.8 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

Because of her low-key demeanor, many teams overlook her at times, but Latta said the team knows just how valuable Sutton is. "Her leadership is so important to the team," Latta said. "She means a lot to the team, man, she means a lot. I don't think people give her the credit that she deserves."

Sutton learned many of her leadership and teamwork skills from her parents, both of whom were athletes.

Her father, Maurice, played football at Norfolk State, and her mother, Gwen, played basketball at N.C. State.

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"I don't know what I would have done without them," said Sutton as she choked back tears for the second time Sunday. "They're a source of inspiration for me."

Gwen Sutton said she is grateful for the opportunity her daughter has by playing basketball at UNC, because she graduated from State a year before they gave scholarships for women's basketball.

It is from this perspective that Candace Sutton knows just how special it is to be playing for a program like UNC's.

"There are thousands of people out there that wish they had the opportunity to play Division I, especially at a school like Carolina," she said. "I just thank God that I've been blessed with this opportunity."

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dents argued that the state was discriminating against religious people by treating theology majors differently from others.

But Doug Henig, communications director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, said the state was not going to pay for religious-related programs.

"Mr. Davey presented this as an issue of discrimination ... and we and the Supreme Court view that as not really what's going on," he said. "He can certainly practice his religion, and he can certainly become a

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crimination of a religious minority."

Scalia added that there is a disdain for deep religious conviction in U.S. popular culture that if enforced by law, might lead to extreme discrimination against the faithful. "What next? Will we deny priests and nuns their prescription-drug benefits on the ground that taxpayers' freedom of conscience forbids medicating the clergy at public expense?" he wrote.

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THE Daily Crossword

Poitras ends 42-year drought with 3m title

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Senior Eric Poitras became the first North Carolina diver in 42 years to win the ACC championship in three-meter diving as the Tar Heels finished third at the ACC Men's Swimming and Diving Championship.

Poitras edged N.C. State's Vitor Assuncao to become the first UNC diver to win the event since Sandy Patterson in 1962.

Poitras was also named Saturday as the winner of the meet's Most Valuable Diver Award as he won the three-meter event and finished third on the one-meter board.

Virginia easily won the team championship with 848.5 points while Florida State finished second with 537 points. The Tar Heels finished third with 507 points. Clemson was fourth with 436 points followed by Georgia Tech with 392, NC State with 334.5

points, Maryland with 283 points and Duke with 123 points.

Gerraughty wins USA title

BOSTON — Junior Laura Gerraughty won the shot put title at the 2004 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships on Sunday.

She threw for a mark of 62 feet, 9 1/2, breaking her own personal record and the school women's shot put record at North Carolina. She beat the second-place finisher's throw by more than four feet.

Women's lacrosse beats GMU

MCLEAN, Va. — Eleventh-ranked North Carolina scored seven unanswered goals and went on to defeat host George Mason 15-6 in women's lacrosse action Sunday.

UNC freshman midfielder Jess Allen scored three goals.

percentage of support from the state is declining," he said.

But a greater proportion of research money does not affect UNC-CH when it asks for state funds, Wilson said.

"I think the (N.C.) General Assembly understands the difference between state appropriations for operations and funding for research."

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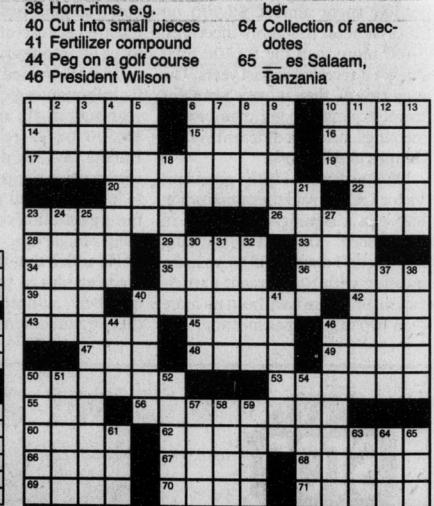
Suggs has decided she wants to pursue a career in the fashion industry. But for now, she's happy where she is.

"I'm keeping my eye out for jobs elsewhere, but I'm in no hurry to leave," she said. "I still like it here."

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