News

Duke distribution date on Super Bowl Sunday

BY LAUREN BERRY

Every year thousands of UNC sports fans look forward to two of the biggest games of their respective seasons — when the Tar Heels play Duke University in the Smith

Center and Super Bowl Sunday. Come this January, however, fans might have to decide which event they value more.

Due to a tight schedule of UNC football and basketball games played at home starting in November, students will be lin-ingun to act their Dub ut it. ing up to get their Duke tickets on Super Bowl Sunday. Both events are on Feb. 5.

Justin Johnson, president of the Carolina Athletics Association, said that although choosing the same day as the Super Bowl is an unfortunate coincidence, there is no other available date. "No one wanted to have to dis-

tribute Duke tickets on the same day as the Super Bowl, but there wasn't any other real choice." Johnson said that he does not

Johnson said that he does not believe the turnout for tickets will be any less and that he hopes pub-licizing the distribution will draw as large a crowd as any year. Current plans set the distribu-tion to begin early in the afternoon.

tion to begin early in the afternoon, probably around 1 p.m. The Super Bowl is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. This early starting time, in con-

junction with a quick distribution process, hopefully will allow students to begin their Super Bowl festivities as early as possible, Johnson said.

"We are all going to try and make the process as quick and painless as we can for everyone involved."

Johnson said Sunday that this week he will contact officials in the ticket office to ask about moving the distribution to another Sunday.

Many students say where they decide to spend their time depends on who will be playing in this year's Super Bowl and on the likelihood of getting Duke tickets.

Sophomore Matthew Clark, while not happy to hear of the deci-sion, said he plans on remaining faithful to his Carolina Panthers. "Whether or not I go to distri-

bution depends on who is playing, but if the Panthers are in the Super Bowl, I would only wait an hour for Duke tickets," he said.

For sophomore Carter Love, his location in line is the deciding fac-tor in whether or not he watches the Super Bowl. "If I'm within a thousand of the

winning number, I'm waiting for Duke tickets even if the Panthers are playing," he said.

Although currently a junior, Danielle Drobot said that if this were her senior year, she would be at distribution no matter what.

"You can always watch the Super Bowl, but you do not always get to be a Carolina student."

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Piedmont running near empty BY RICHARD COE

More than one million North Carolinians are feeling the effects of a moderate drought that is severely depriving the Piedmont and surrounding areas of much needed rainfall.

The N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council has elevated the level of conservation of 20 water systems in cities and towns around the state to vol-

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tory restrictions yet.

A lack of rain, as well as hot weather, which induces evaporation, is depleting reservoirs around the state at a slow but concerning pace, officials say. Conditions are prompting the council and local officials to take action.

"It doesn't look good," said Woody Yonts, chairman of the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council. "(We) encourage all users to continue voluntary conservation practices."

With the arrival of October, the driest month of the year, and no substantial rainfall expected until at least the middle of the month, officials in a variety of departments are becoming more concerned.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District, which is responsible for regulation of the reservoirs, balances two tasks - maintaining enough water in its reservoirs to provide for pub-lic use and releasing water from its reservoirs down into streams to maintain water quality.

With the current conditions though, USACE has been making some cutbacks on how much water is released down stream, said Tony Young, environmental engineer for the N.C. Division of Water Resources .

But the moderate drought isn't only affecting the public water

supply. "We're seeing, particularly with pasture land, an increase in the poor or very poor conditions," said Brian Long, spokesman for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

This in turn has an effect on farmers' livestock and crop yields, Long said. "Farmers are concerned that cotton, soybeans, peanuts and sweet potato conditions will continue to decline without needed precipitation," according to the September 25 Crop Weather Report. Urban as well as rural areas are

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becoming nervous about the impli-cations of a drought. In Raleigh, Dale Crisp, direc-tor of the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department, calls their situation "borderline." As of this past week, the number of days of water supply left is dangerously flirting with the number of days left in the year, he said.

If the days of water supply drops below the days left in the calendar year, Raleigh will undergo mandatory water restrictions.

The N.C. Drought Management Council is hopeful though that the arrival of cooler temperatures in the winter will alleviate conditions by decreasing evaporation and cre-

ating some precipitation. "If we don't get normal rainfall (this winter), it could be very dis-

couraging," Yonts said. "With that in mind, we ask everyone to do their very best to use water wisely."

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UNC affiliate receives health care funding

BY ROBBY MARSHALL

RTI International, a world renowned nonprofit organization and affiliate of UNC, was select-ed to receive federal funding for

national health care research. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality chose RTI as one of thirteen recipient research centers as part of the \$15 million new Effective Health Care pro-gram, which aims to help clinicians, patients and consumers choose the best treatments for each set of needs.

UNC and Duke University received independent grants as well, and both institutions have planned to heighten extensive col-laboration with each other and with RTI, said Tim Carey, director of UNC's Sheps Center for Health Services Research.

RTI was incorporated into UNC, along with Duke and N.C. State University, in 1958 and is currently conducting research and developties around the nation. "UNC provides the clinical piece and RTI provides the data analyt-ics piece," said Patrick Gibbons, an

RTI representative. "We make a great team together." RTI is looking to better inform

the public about medical practices and pharmaceuticals and identify medical benefits and risks, according to an RTI press release. They will use anonymous data, including that of Medicare's 42 million ben-eficiaries, for the project.

"This is a joint proposal between the School of Public Health, School of Pharmacy and the Sheps Center for Health Services," said Carey. "It is a really nice example of interdisciplinary work."

Barbara Rimer, dean of the School of Public Health, said in an e-mail that a weak link in the U.S. health care system is the lack of adequate access at all levels to useful information about the effectiveness of health care interventions. She said AHRQ has been a

mined to support and build upon. AHRQ's new Effective Health Care program is based on three components — effectiveness reports, research that fills knowledge gaps and communication to a wide audience.

Officials said the three-part initiative will lead to faster and more strategic development of new information, as well as develop improved standards and methods

mmon to effectiveness research. Suzanne West of the epidemiology department is the principle investigator for UNC in develop-ing the "role to provide the best, information to companies, the public and the government," Carey said.

Officials called the grant the beginning of a new era in access to health care information.

"We have the chance to really serve the public like never before, from senior citizens to the heath of their children," Gibbons said.

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