UNC clicking in ACC play MySpace, N.C. plan for minor safety

(14-4, 2-1 ACC)

Backcourt

Bench

ISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Erlana Larkins is back in her element.

Always a bruiser in the low post, the senior power forward has stormed through the opening games of North Carolina's ACC schedule.

Maybe it's the glove of padding she's sported on her left hand since suffering a fracture in a win against Liberty. Maybe it's simply talent.

Whatever the reason, Larkins has come out swinging at the start of conference play, averag-ing 18 points and 9.3 rebounds. Compare that to her season averages of 12.6 points and 8.4 boards, and the improvement is dramatic.

When asked about Larkins' improvement in the past couple of games, UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell just smiled like she knew what was

coming all along. "That just shows how tough she is," Hatchell quipped after a win against Virginia Tech.

Larkins' renewed dominance in the post is just part of the Tar Heels' change in play now that the conference season is upon them. Already an elite scoring team, several UNC starters have upped their scoring in conference games.

However, nowhere is the recent improvement more pronounced than in Italee Lucas. The freshman guard struggled at times early in the season and often looked out of sorts in Hatchell's hyper-speed offense. However, against N.C. State last Sunday, Lucas had zero turnovers for the first time this

Cowan said the event's organiz-

ers will pass out cards to students as

they leave, with information includ-

ing facts about the honor system,

THE LOWDOWN ON TONIGHT'S GAME

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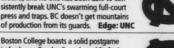
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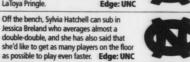
(16-1, 3-0 ACC)

HEAD-TO-HEAD

UNC's guards are some of the fastest around, and no one has been able to consistently break UNC's swarming full-court press and traps. BC doesn't get mountains of production from its guards. Edge: UNC



boston Conege courses a Saint possession in freshmen Carolyn Swords and Stefanie Murphy. But they haven't seen a pair like UNC's low-post veterans Erlana Larkins and LaToya Pringle. Edge: UNC Frontcourt



UNC is playing at home, where they have yet to lose a game this season. To boot, they are facing a young team in the Eagles, much like the Virginia Tech team they tore apart in Blacksburg, Va. Edge: UNC Intangibles



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 87, Boston College 53 COMPILED BY POWELL LATIMER

If Lucas - a highly touted high school recruit high school recruit — can give UNC another reliable option at the point to go along with Cetera DeGraffenreid, the Tar Heels will have truly impressive depth, something that injuries to several key Tar Heels have done their best to prevent this season.

Senior point guard Alex Miller went down with a knee injury Nov. 16 against Coppin State. Then

there was Larkins' hand injury against Liberty on Dec. 30, and shortly thereafter freshmen shooter Rebecca Gray started sitting out games because of a right foot

But those injuries - which have forced UNC to go deeper into its bench — might just end up helping the Tar Heels come March.

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designated driver before going out, calling a cab — or a friend — and taking the P2P or Safe Ride bus do, we're doing our job."

Although the event started as a joke among Honor Court officials, Shores said she thought it would be much more likely to get seniors' guidelines for blood alcohol content levels, phone numbers for a taxi ser-vice and the P2P, and a list of ways attention than mass e-mails that might be deleted before they were even opened.

She said senior class officials might consider partnering with

the Honor Court on similar projects in the future if tonight's event is successful.

"I think it's interesting because obviously people view the honor system as being not in favor of drinking, but it's good because it's showing that it's fine to drink if you're of age and you can do it responsibly and you plan ahead," Cowan said.

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WASTE SITE

to get home without driving.

BAR NIGHT

The public will have the most say in ssing these criteria.

Suggestions include selecting a

The next search discussion will be held Jan. 29 at 5:45 p.m., before the regularly scheduled meeting.

A preliminary decision will be hether the site should be located on land already for sale or if the board will be open to condemning private

March 2007: The Orange County Board of Commissioners

decides to put the waste-transfer station in the Rogers Road com-munity off of Eubanks Road.

August 2007: The Rogers-Eubanks Coalition to End Environmental Racism, created in

onse to the commissioners' sion, holds its first meeting.

The story so far

Alice Gordon said the Eubanks Road

The land is currently a landfill built in 1972. Residents were told it would only be there for 10 to 15

than close the landfill, eliciting the

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Orange County Commissioner the emotional background of the Shuffler seemed mindful of

Resident Neloa Jones appeals to Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County elected officials at an assembly of local governments.

November 2007: The com-

missioners decide to initiate a

new process for identifying and evaluating alternative locations

site originally was proposed because the county already owns the land.

In March, the board of commis-

project with his strongly worded

sioners decided to locate a waste-transfer station at that site rather

commitment to scientific pro-"We will establish ... criteria in

advance of picking the sites," he said. "We don't come back with the sites and then you decide, 'wait, this is more important."

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New measures undertaken to protect minors using the social networking site MySpace have drawn criticism for containing loopholes that could still allow children to be

contacted by online predators.
N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper co-chaired a group of representatives from several states that reached an agreement Monday with the social networking site after two years of discussion.

But both national and N.C. child advocacy groups have concerns about whether this agreement goes far enough.

"This is a first step," said Teri Schroeder, founder and CEO of i-SAFE America, a non-profit that deals with Internet safety educa-

tion. "The jury's still out."

Cooper helped work out a deal with MySpace that would expand the age group whose online profiles are automatically set as "private" from 14- and 15-year-olds to include 16- and 17-year-olds.
It would also allow parents to

submit children's e-mail addresses to prevent them from signing up.

Schroeder said her main critique is that MySpace has no way to verify the age of a child registrant.

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She said her organization met ith MySpace a year ago to discuss ie digital authentication of chil-said she thinks it's a good idea for with MySpace a year ago to discuss the digital authentication of children's IDs at the school level in order to prevent children less than 14 years

old from obtaining MySpace. She added that the networking site has not implemented the plan but that she believes it is the most effective way to protect minors online. "We still stand by that."

Karin Cox, the director of communications for the nonprofit Prevent Child Abuse N.C., said that the new

safety settings are an improvement but that they could be sidestepped. "It's a good thing for some kids," she said. "There isn't one answer to protect all kids."

In a press release Monday, Cooper stated social networking sites have grown rapidly but have only recently recognized the need

MySpace to increase protection of minors' identities. She said it's easy to come into contact with just about anyone on the Web site.

"All it takes is just one MySpace

message and there you go."

She said that while most students transition to the Facebook Web site once they enroll in col-lege, she still uses her MySpace to talk to her friends from home who haven't graduated.

Langley added that ultimately children have to depend on their own judgment.

You can't hide your child from the world forever.

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EDUCATION ence at Indiana University, said he

became interested in the position because of UNC's reputation and research opportunities.

"The School of Education is quickly attaining a reputation for going the right direction," he said. Plucker, director for the Center

of Evaluation & Education Policy at Indiana, will interview Feb. 7.

The selection process began after Tom James, former dean of the school, took a position at Columbia University in April. Reznick said the new dean should be announced before the end of the semester.

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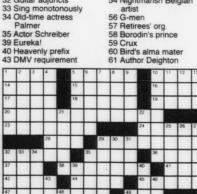
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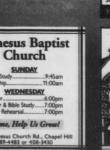
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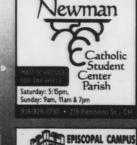
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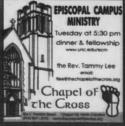
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