

**MCCANTS**

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members is scattered across the surface of the left shoe, including one familiar to Tar Heel fans.

**'Rashad'**

It's the job of a big brother to pave the road for his younger siblings, to test the waters and provide an example to live by. And of course, it's also his job to pick on his little sister. Rashanda's older brother, Rashad, did all this for her. Rashad, who led the ACC in scoring one year and helped UNC win a national championship in another, has always been a role model for Rashanda — ever since the days when he made her stand out on the court and rebound shots for him. But it was only a matter of time before her competitive nature emerged. "I'd catch the balls for him and throw them back, but eventually I got bored and I said, 'Let's play.' Of course, he was bigger and stronger than me, but I went at him." While her game evolved, Rashad made a name for himself at UNC and eventually reached the NBA, drafted by the Minnesota Timberwolves in 2005. As has always been the case,

the little sister has similar aspirations with dreams of the WNBA. "They've always been very competitive when it came to each other," James says. "She's a great admirer of Rashad, and she's emulated him in many ways."

**'Be kind to yourself'**

Like most raw freshmen who come into college with an excess of talent and a lack of discipline, Rashanda faced some struggles — especially as she was trying to establish a reputation other than that of Rashad's little sister. And at times, she'd beat herself up over it. But she found solace in UNC assistant coach Charlotte Smith, who taught her the saying that is now written above her toes. With a quick glance down, Rashanda is reminded to stay positive. Rashanda represents a personality paradox. She calls herself both quiet and outgoing. She is an introvert who gets along great with teammates. She is described as being quiet, but teammate Erlana Larkins teases her for "spazzing out." Even her father can't place it, saying she is not a wild child, but she isn't as quiet as people would think. "Her speech — it's something

funny about her," Larkins quips with a smile. "She can never get her words together, always messing up." North Carolina head coach Sylvia Hatchell agreed. "She sort of, in her own quiet way, does some things that make people laugh," Hatchell says. "She's extremely low maintenance, just a good kid that wants to win and works hard. But sometimes she'll say something like — what?" Still, all attest to the fact that even though Rashanda can be a little hard on herself, she has no problem being kind to others. "She'll give you the shirt off her back if she has to," James says. "That's how sweet and loving she can be."

**'Drive, attack, focus, fingertips'**

These reminders, splayed at all angles on Rashanda's right high top, are strictly basketball-related. As indecisive as Rashanda is regarding her personality, she seems equally noncommittal as to her specialty on the court. She's listed as a guard but doesn't hesitate to drive inside or block shots. She's always been one of the taller players, but she developed a perimeter game and shoots the three. This versatility has translated into

a big year. Aside from leading the Tar Heels in scoring with 15.9 points per game, she's among the top four Tar Heels in assists, rebounds, steals, blocks, minutes, 3-pointers made and free throws made. Larkins, a senior, says she knew all along Rashanda was capable of putting up astronomical numbers. "It's about time," Larkins says. "I've seen Rashanda when we've taken five girls to Woollen (Gym) and we've run the boys, and she's just so aggressive. We were just waiting to see when she was just going to break out."

**'One team, one dream'**

Rashanda's favorite shoeism sums up this year's mission in all caps. Everything — the history, the attitude, the inspiration — is building toward one purpose, and it will give meaning to Rashanda's emergence. As the Tar Heels' top scoring threat and lockdown perimeter defender, Rashanda will be even more crucial as UNC looks to make a run at a third-straight Final Four and accomplishing her dream — joining her brother in the ranks of North Carolina national champions.

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**NOURISH**

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ing poker chips with the Hold 'Em For Hunger logo on them.

"I have 20,000 of these chips in my apartment, and it breaks my heart every time I look at them," Boone said. Nourish uses the tournament money to fund international summer service projects implemented by its members.

This year's service workers planned to construct a community center in Mexico, implement a water system in a remote area of Peru and start a microfinance initiative and build greenhouses in Honduras.

"We need to raise about \$10,000 so the projects can be run as is," Boone said. "And we're projecting that we can probably raise about \$13,000 over the next weeks."

The event was expected to double in size from last year, from 510 players and about \$12,500 in revenue to more than 1,000 players and \$25,000 in revenue expected this year.

"We had over \$13,000 in prizes to give out, including a full European vacation from STA Travel," Boone said.

Boone stressed that because the organization projected the tournament to grow so much, coordinators sought legal advice, assuring them that they would be within the law. But Crisp said they had not consulted with the University Counsel or the Office of the Dean of Students.

"The University's interest is in maintaining legality," Crisp said. "So if the organization was able to get something done that would allow the event to go on legally, I don't believe the University would be against it."

But the organizers of Hold 'Em For Hunger have pledged to seek a governor's exception for the charitable project.

"I can promise you this: We're going to fight as hard as we can to get this money raised, then get the tournament back," Boone said.

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**CRIME**

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■ About 91 percent of violent crimes do not involve a firearm. Two-thirds involve no weapon. Carter said the best prevention of street crime is flagging people who commit crimes before their criminal activity escalates in severity.

Both men arrested in Carson's death were on probation.

But Carter said the only way to prevent all crimes against students would be an unacceptable lockdown of college towns.

"Short of fixing society's ills, I don't know if there's anything that can be done to prevent crime."

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**DUKE**

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than 30 robberies and Mahato's murder in January, Duke police increased their patrols near campus with private security forces and met with local landlords to discuss ways to improve security.

But Brown said there is always room to improve.

"We need to have some kind of helpful tips for students living off campus," she said. "Sometimes a lot of things can be avoided if people are better informed."

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