



## ACC: Freak Time Over, 'We're Number One!'

Patrick Ewing is gone. Georgetown is losing Goliath. St. Johns is losing Chris Mullen and their seven foot center. Villanova loses its team.

I have some friends who have almost been personally depressed for the past week, because of the Big East's clear claim to domination of the basketball world. But they need not fret. This was a one year event, a freak phenomenon. Ewing's and Mullen's and Pinckney's senior years. So they did well. Congratulate 'em.

Next year the Big East won't be in the games with the ACC teams they beat this year. Georgia Tech has nearly everyone back, plus a healthy Craig Neal, and Tom Hammonds of Crestview, Florida—one of the nation's top recruits. UNC has their top seven or eight players back, plus three of the nation's top twenty recruits. Duke has eight of their top nine and, I think, Danny Ferry, the number one recruit in the nation. (Ferry hadn't signed as I wrote this, but all signs point to him signing with Duke soon.)

Talking top-to-bottom, Virginia, Clemson, Wake Forest, and Maryland will all be better next year. Did I leave anyone out?

What can be said about NCSU? State had a great year, I heard the commentators say. Let me just leave things there until next week, when I do my last column of the season on the enigmatic Wolf-pack.

Are you, like me, "comment-weary?" I guess, with so much basketball on TV these days, it is difficult for the commentators to sound fresh. So, is it my imagination or did they get progressively worse? Billy Packer kept calling wrong defenses, saying Carolina was in a zone when the Heels were playing man to man. Then, one time, he blurted out, "Wolf's in a man to man," as though Wolf didn't know what defense his team was supposed to be playing.

Then again, if we all hadn't witnessed Dean Smith's coaching mastery so many times in the past, we would have wondered what he teaches his players in practice. Ranzino Smith threw a ball out of bounds at a crucial time on a clear 5-on-4, when Villanova had a player lying under the basket at the other end. Then Kenny Smith and Curtis Hunter stood like statues watching a ball while a kid much slower than either of them cruised by, grabbed the ball and scored an easy layup. We are accustomed to seeing Carolina players dive on balls that are already ten feet out of bounds—just to show off hustle. And then in a big game...Just goes to show how bad things can get sometimes. It was a freak time. So bad even The Master ran out of time-outs before the last two minutes, and he could do nothing about his team's lackluster performance.

Georgia Tech gave it their best shot—would've beaten mighty Georgetown, Goliath and all, had Mark Price (the guy who did it all, all year long) been able to put in an easy shot down the stretch. He didn't choke, he just missed—again and again. It was a freak time.

Same with Duke. Despite Mark Alarie being injured and playing at half speed, Duke would have advanced if Johnny Dawkins could have hit one of two free throws at the end of the Duke-Boston College game. He didn't choke, he just missed. It was a freak time.

Bill Raftery said on CBS that, for Villanova to beat Carolina, Dwayne McClain had to get at least 16 points. He didn't predict that. He said it had to happen. What kind of stupid commentary is that? McClain got only 11 points, but Villanova still won. Of course. Villanova might have won even if McClain had not played at all.

One commentator called a coach one of the top tacticians in college basketball and pointed out why—"He doesn't just watch the ball, he watches the offensive execution and defensive rotations!" Wow, whatta coach! I have to admit to turning off the sound during the Final Four and listening to music while watching the games. Let me know if they said anything good.

If they said the Big East dominated college basketball, I don't want to hear that. That's history. The future is the ACC. We came close even in a freak time. And, now we are number one again—just like we always are.



Angela Ballance, an eighth-grader at John Graham Middle School was the champion speller at the Region 3 spelling bee at Smithfield Junior High School. Miss Ballance competed with 23 students from 18 school systems in the region, and correctly spelled "autonomous" for a chance to become regional winner by correctly spelling "bankruptcy." Miss Ballance, shown above with her trophy and medal, is the daughter of State Rep. and Mrs. Frank Ballance of Warrenton. Also competing in the spelling bee was Amie Ridout, a sixth-grader at John Hawkins Elementary School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ridout, Jr. of Warrenton.

(Staff Photo)

## At Norlina Middle School Competition Viewed

The cheerleaders of Norlina Middle School attended the King's Dominion Cheerleading Competition on March 30 in Doswell, Va. Even though they went to observe the competition rather than compete, they learned a lot from the competition.

Those who attended were Dana Edwards, Kendra Henderson, Patricia Hopkins, Sabrina Wyche, Rhonda Mushaw, Gloria Davis, Kerry Hendricks, and Dianne Evans, advisor.

Last Wednesday the Blue Wave girls were victorious in their game against Edward Best. On Monday, April 1, the teams played an away game against Hawley. The next games are away games and are not scheduled until April 15.

Welcome back to Mr. Sterling Cheston after his absence during the last few weeks!

## Choice Is Offered

By ANN KILIAN  
Warren County Schools  
Child Nutrition Director

Warren County's two middle schools, Norlina and John Graham, offer a limited choice program for lunch. Both schools have small enrollments, a fact which limits the amount of labor available for lunch preparation. Each school offers two meat choices and several fruit and vegetable choices each day.

John Graham lunchroom has been located in the converted Mechanics Shop on the lower campus at the school for two years. It was moved when the auditorium and old lunchroom on the basement level were ruled unsafe. Gradually all the regular equipment has been moved and installed. Due to insufficient water connections, there is now no dishwasher. This is the only school in the county to use disposables. Mrs. Dolly Isles, manager, has done a good job of converting the unused building into a productive and attractive kitchen and eating area.

An active YAC (Youth Activity Council) makes a salad bar available once a week at Norlina Middle School. Due to limited help, Mrs. Mae Vaughan, manager, informed the Council that only with their help at lunch time could the salad bar be operated. She and her staff prepare for the salad bar on Wednesdays and student members of the Council rotate in operating the bar. Students look forward to Salad Day.

A-la-carte items are offered for sale at both schools. The profits from these sales help to operate the lunchrooms and are definitely needed due to the size of the schools.

New cafeteria employees from all schools are being trained through a new series of courses made available through the Child Nutrition office. There are six courses being offered under Efficient Quantity Food Production. The series emphasizes selection, storage, handling and preparation of all foods. Sanitation, safety, and the use and care of equipment are presented throughout the series.

Another series of courses will be sponsored through Vance-Granville Community College, beginning this summer. Present and prospective employees will be participating and receive continuing education credits.

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## At John Graham

## Winner Is Welcomed

By EMMY LOU COLEMAN

On Friday, March 29, Angela Ballance, an eighth grade student at John Graham Middle School, participated in the Regional Spelling Bee in Smithfield. Participants in the contest were from the 12 counties in Region Three which include Wake, Johnston, Durham, Granville, Vance, Halifax, Warren, Nash, Wilson, Edgecombe, Northampton, and Franklin counties. Our own Angela won this exciting event! As she returned to school at 1:25 p. m., a big "Congratulations, Angela!" sign and a number of students were waiting in front of the school for her. We congratulate Angela on her win and wish her luck in the state competition.

The candy that John Graham students took orders for during the past three weeks has arrived and students are busy distributing the candy and collecting money. As a special incentive, the homeroom that turns in the most money will receive a "pig-out" party and will have the opportunity to eat all the candy they can. The student who turns in the most money will win a black and white TV.

On Tuesday, April 2, all eighth grade students took an algebra placement test which will be used to help place students in the correct math class next year at the high school.

Mrs. Donna Roope's students and Mrs. Lois Atkinson's students are busy preparing for the Special Olympics which will be held on April 26.

Today at 12:15 p. m., all JGMS students will be bused to Warren County High School to see the North Carolina 400 Show. This is a special presentation on the subject of North Carolina history.

The John Graham softball and baseball teams will play today against Gold Sand. The games will be played after school on the John Graham Middle School field. Come and support the Jackets as they face the Gold Sand Blue Devils!



Mrs. Anna Moss Burchette of the Russell Union area of Warren County caught this 12-pound catfish in a farm pond March 25. The catch was made with a No. 10 hook on a cane pole. Mrs. Burchette is a former nurse at Grace Hospital in Richmond, Va. and a former employee of J. P. Taylor Tobacco Co. of Henderson. (Staff Photo)

## At Warren Academy

## Students, Teachers Awaiting Vacation

Warren Academy students and teachers are looking forward to their long awaited Easter vacation. Students will be dismissed at 12 noon on Thursday, April 4. They will return to school on Wednesday, April 10. Lunch will not be served at school on Thursday.

Grade seven, under the supervision of Mrs. Justyn Jackson, traveled to New Bern on March 29. They toured Tryon Palace and the Croatan National Forest. While at the National Forest, they hiked the Cedar Point Nature Trail. There they saw many in-

teresting and unusual animals. It was an educational and enjoyable experience.

The economics class has been studying the different types of businesses. The class formed their own corporation — Fresh Enterprises. Shares of stock were sold for 50 cent each. Class members bought these, with a limit of four shares each. Fresh Enterprises made and sold pizzas to the student body. The results were great! Each share made a profit of 70 cents. The class had to figure their own rate of return.

## Schedule Of Evening Classes Released For Warren County

The schedule for evening classes in Warren County was announced this week by Mary Hunter, Community Schools director.

Course offerings for the spring include Adult Basic Education and GED prep courses. These courses have already begun, but students may still enroll in them at any time.

Other course offerings include a new fitness class for men, which will be taught at Warren County High School by James Howell. Dancercise and exercise classes will be taught in the gym at Hawkins Elementary School by Laura Smith. Typing and Introduction to Micro-Computers will be taught at Warren County High School.

All courses are open to adults, ages 18 and older.

Course	Day	Time	Beg/End	Location	Sponsor	Cost	Instructor
ABE	T	6:30-9:30	3/12-5/28	Norlina	VGCC	None	Shepherd
GED	TTh	6:30-9:30	3/12-5/30	Norling	VGCC	None	Allen
ABE/GED	T	6:30-9:30	3/12-5/28	S. Warren	VGCC	None	Shearin
ABE/GED	TTh	7-10	3/12-5/30	Hawkins	VGCC	None	Gehrman
Dancercise	T	7-8	4/16-5/21	Hawkins	CSP	\$8.00	Smith
Exercise	Th	7-8	4/18-5/23	Hawkins	CSP	\$8.00	Smith
Fitness For Men	M	7-9	4/15-6/17	WCHS	CSP	\$15.00	Howell
Fitness For Men	W	7-9	4/17-6/19	WCHS	CSP	\$15.00	Howell
Intro To Micro-Computers	M	6-9	4/15-6/10	WCHS	VGCC	\$10.00	Dickens
Typing	M	6-9	4/15-6/10	WCHS	VGCC	\$10.00	Tillery

For further information, contact the Community Schools office, 257-3184.

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Notice is hereby given that the Warren County Board of Equalization and Review will meet Monday, April 22, 1985; Wednesday, April 24, 1985; and Monday, April 29, 1985, in the office of the Tax Supervisor, 114 W. Market Street, Warrenton, N. C. 27589. The hours on each of the above days will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In order to schedule an appointment, write Janice W. Haynes, Tax Supervisor, at the above address, or call (919)257-4158.

In the event of an earlier or later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this paper.

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JANICE W. HAYNES  
Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review

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