

## Lots of time, effort spent in making up football field

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Special occasions — their anticipated arrival results in furious preparation in homes, dorm rooms and apartments all over America.

Carpets are vacuumed, food is prepared and shelves are dusted in the hopes of favorably impressing the visitors who participate in the festivities surrounding special occasions such as Christmas, Thanksgiving and birthdays.

The UNC Athletic Department knows something of this problem. Special preparations aren't only made to impress, they are absolutely necessary to successfully host the five or six special occasions that take place every fall — the home football games in Kenan Stadium.

Perhaps one of the most elaborate of these preparations is transforming the lush green carpet of bermuda grass within the stadium walls into a football field.

Carolina's Athletic Fields and Facilities crew accomplish this with the aid of a small machine, run by an electric motor, known as an airless sprayer. Two spray guns attached by hoses to the machine spray the blue and white athletic field paint on to the field.

Crew foreman Bobby Gales has been painting the field for years now.

"We usually have three men painting the lines and three painting the end zones, the monogram in the middle of the field and the players' boxes," said Gales. "The two groups don't usually paint on the same days and we usually start painting on Tuesday."

James Stubbs and Rodney Morris paint the end zones, monogram and players' boxes while Lewis Council mixes the paste-like paint with water. Other crewmen paint the lines.

Before painting the field for the opening game of the season though, the cement blocks designating the four corners of each end zone must be located. Using a tape measure, string and nails the various parts of the field are lined off.

Then it's a matter of following the dots — or string — to produce an official football field.

Despite the seeming simplicity of the job, it's not nearly as easy as doing the dot-to-dot pictures in a coloring book.

"It takes a lot of practice to spray a straight line with the spray guns," Gales said. "You have to be careful to make sure the paint machine is working well. The men have done it so many times that it's routine now."

In addition to keeping the lines straight, the three men must make sure they are four inches wide in accordance with ACC specifications. The yardlines must be six inches from the sidelines.

Spraying the monogram at mid-field and the two end zones — one reading "CAROLINA" and the other "TARHEELS" — is also an involved process. University engineers must come and mark off the letters prior to the first home game before the men can fill them in with blue and white paint.

In addition, the blue paint must be twelve inches from any side, goal or endline.

Sometimes paint gets where it's not supposed to be. Gales recalled a time when one of the hoses leading from the spray gun to the airless sprayer broke.

"You just get a hose and wash it off real quick before it dries," said Gales.

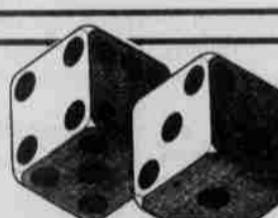
Each coat in the end zone takes approximately one working day to complete. The lines take six hours. Usually, the last coat of the end zones is applied on Thursday with the lines being completed Friday.

The occasional fall rains which bring rejoicing to drought stricken Chapel Hill are a source of trouble for the Athletic Fields and Facilities crew. Normally, the paint takes three or four hours to dry but when cloudy it takes almost all day.

Because of its water base the field can't be painted while it is raining and if showers come before the paint is dry it "messes up the field something terrible," Gales said.

Painting the field before every home football game gets to be costly. Assistant Athletic Director for Business John Swofford said it costs the UNC Athletic Department \$400 for the approximately seven five-gallon buckets of each color needed to get the field ready before each game.

An extra \$300 per game is added late in the season when the Bermuda grass becomes dormant. The grass turns brown when it becomes dormant. But three or four sprayings with green athletic field paint will have it looking fresh and new again in no time.



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## State cross country opens Friday

# Jennings got her wish: a women's track program

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Not wind or rain or even snow will keep UNC cross country and distance runner Carol Jennings from running. And add to that list, the lack of a team with which to run.

When Jennings came to Carolina for her freshman year in the summer of 1975, she packed her tennis shoes and running clothes in the hopes of successfully continuing a running career that began in high school, a career which was highlighted by a second place finish in the North Carolina state high school meet her senior year.

She did just that with accomplishments such as a first place finish in the N.C. Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships last weekend and qualifying for AIAW Cross Country nationals with a time of 18:26 over a three mile course as a sophomore. She was also consistently UNC's top finisher in the 880 and mile during last year's indoor and outdoor track season.

As for her freshman year, well, it wasn't her times which prevented the Fayetteville native from garnering top finishes and times in intercollegiate meets — it was the lack of a collegiate team to run with.

Carolina did not field any women's teams in indoor and outdoor track and cross

country until last year.

Upon discovering in her freshman year that UNC did not have a track program for women, Jennings was quite upset.

"I had written a letter to Mrs. Hogan (women's athletic director) my senior year in high school and she said they didn't have a team but were working on getting one in the near future," Jennings said. "I thought it meant they were getting one that next year."

The prospect of missing at least a year's running looked dismal, so instead of throwing her tennis shoes and running clothes into the far corner of her closet, Jennings set out to continue her training and work for the organization of a varsity women's track program at UNC.

With the determination that helps her to be a successful long distance runner, Jennings began her campaign by organizing a running group for women who were interested in track in the hopes that "if we get enough people they might let us have a team." In addition, she drew up a petition that was signed by over 100 people and then submitted to the athletic department.

"The athletic department kept us thinking there was a good chance we were going to have a team that year," Jennings said. "Finally I talked to Bill Cobey (UNC Athletic Director) in January. He was real nice. He just said they didn't vote the money

for it and we weren't going to have a team that year."

With that bit of information, Jennings took another route. She met David Royle, current Carolina Athletic Association president, who was interested in starting a track club for men and women.

During the long wait, Jennings worked in shape by taking jogging for physical education classes, competing in AAU meets, and running from three to eight miles per day.

"It would get discouraging," Jennings said of her freshman year. "Sometimes we would have meetings for those interested in running and no one would show up. I didn't give up, though, because I thought there was a chance we would get a team."

Jennings said that at times she thought about transferring to another school and probably would have if Carolina had not gotten a women's track program. Most doubts vanished, though, when she returned to school for her sophomore year and heard the news that her hard work had paid off. UNC would have a varsity women's track program.

"I was glad when I heard the news," Jennings said. "Just about all high schools have a women's track program and I thought it was a pretty basic sport. Besides, once you get started in something it's hard to give it up."

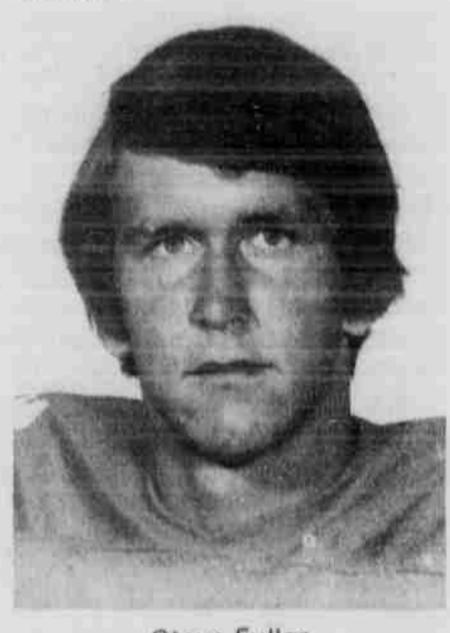
Jennings noted that the response and participation in the three phases of UNC's women's track program — indoor and outdoor track and cross country — has been good. Last year 15 girls were on the three teams and about 25 girls are involved in the program this year.

According to Jennings, the program still has "a long way to go." Uniforms and locker facilities would improve the women's track program, along with more track scholarships.

Now that Jennings has overcome the hurdle of no women's track program, her concern as far as track goes are focused on competition, most specifically the AIAW Cross Country Region II Championships in Raleigh this Friday. The top two teams and the top six individuals will qualify for the nationals.

Jennings said the competition would be tough, with the N.C. State's Julie Shea, who is National Junior Olympic Champion in the mile, competing.

Jennings doesn't plan to end her running career upon graduation from college. She enjoys the hard work distance running requires and plans to run in marathons and road races.



Steve Fuller

## Tar Heels, Clemson wage statistical war

Take a quick look at the key statistical categories, and it's easy to see who the best investments are in the ACC:

Carolina, its defense at times resembling a Merrill-Lynch herd dressed in blue, owns the league's only spotless record and leads the ACC in total defense, rushing defense, scoring defense and scoring offense.

Clemson, which is Carolina's Saturday opponent, also owns a rock-hard defense. The Tigers rate second in total defense, rushing defense, pass defense, scoring defense, scoring and punt returns.

### Men's golf in action

The Carolina men's B golf team will participate in a tournament hosted by Methodist College in Fayetteville this Thursday and Friday in the fall season finale for the Heels.

Freddie Palmer, Mark Helfrich, Phil Bland, Jim Taylor, Matt Sughrue and Jerry Stanislaw will participate for Carolina in the match to be played on the Cypress Lake course.

UNC golf coach Devon Brouse sees the tournament as a fine opportunity for the golfers to gain valuable experience.

"It should be a good tournament," Brouse said. "State, Duke, UNC-Charlotte and Elon will be among the teams represented. It will be a good opportunity for our guys, and it will close out our fall season."

### Correction

The Granville 69ers defeated League B 9-0 in the semifinals of the intramural residence hall tag football playoffs, Wednesday's DTH reported an 18-0 score.



The Tar Heels and Tigers have waged a season-long statistical feud and entering Saturday's showdown in Kenan Stadium, Carolina holds a slight edge in four categories. In scoring, it's UNC first at 21.2 and Clemson second at 20.5 points per game.

Defensively, the Tar Heels are best in total defense at 229.2 yards compared to Clemson's 239.4. They also lead in rushing defense at 138.5 compared to Clemson's 8.5.

The offensive categories have been jumbled around in recent weeks since N.C. State's high units went into a nosedive. The Pack, which has scored only three touchdowns in its last 14 quarters, still leads in total offense at 369 yards per outing with Maryland second at 347.6. Carolina is second in rushing offense. UNC and

Clemson are also 1-2 in average victory margin.

Clemson quarterback Steve Fuller leads the conference in total offense, with Duke's Mike Dunn and Maryland's Larry Dick next. Fuller is averaging 161.4 yards a contest.

State's Ted Brown owns a slim lead over Wake Forest's James MacDougald and UNC's Amos Lawrence in rushing offense. Brown is gaining 95.4 compared to 93.9 and 91.0 for MacDougald and Lawrence, respectively.

Dunn is first in passing, while Brown is the scoring leader.

UNC's Tom Biddle leads kickers in field goals made, with 10.

### Kornegay-Long win

The team of Stephanie Kornegay and Marlene Long combined for a 74 to win the Duke Best-Ball Tournament Tuesday in Durham. A two-man team from Appalachian State finished second.

Janet Haire and Laura Strippel shot an 81 and Brenda Rich and Kathy Koelle shot and eighty-two. The tournament ends the season for most of the state schools participating in the match.



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