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Fencing Awareness Week

Fencers want joust desserts

By JOHN PIETRI
Staff Writer

• First of a two-part series.

The UNC fencing team, although one of the best in the nation, has not received much publicity. In a pilot study in Pittsburgh, 95 percent of those interviewed said they knew nothing about the sport of fencing. According to head coach Ron Miller, "People assume that fencing has a poor image — actually it has no image." So next week — Oct. 18-24 — has officially been declared "Fencing Awareness Week."

"The purpose of this is to provide accurate information to the campus about the sport of fencing and its position here at Carolina; but it will be slightly prejudiced, naturally," Miller said.

"People won't be able to escape it. The team will be wearing fencing T-shirts all week long with the slogan 'Carolina Fencing — The Ultimate Sport.' Every time you step off a street corner you will see the slogan painted somewhere. Signs will be everywhere. Fencers will bring their weapons to class. There will be live demonstrations and films."

Miller is enthusiastic about the first annual Fencing Awareness Week, for his team does lack the needed publicity and support of the school.

"We have always been accused of low visibility, therefore we're going to get everybody in the area to know about it and its tradition in the area. We do exist and people do care about us."

At the end of the week — Oct. 24 and Oct. 25 — the Carolina Challenge will take place at Fetzer Gym, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Spectators will get to

see competitive fencing by some fencers from the U.S. Olympic squad, including Peter Westbrook, the National amateur champion who was also the highest U.S. finisher in the World Championship last year. He finished 29th.

It may be surprising to hear that the top fencer in the United States finished in just 29th place. But not so, according to Miller.

"Fencing is mainly a European sport. We (the United States) are in the upper middle range. We could be higher, but just can't afford to compete with the Europeans."

Italy, which hosted last year's World Championships, spent \$1.5 million on facilities alone. They spent \$500,000 for advertising, and it cost \$1 million to run and televise it nationally.

The world's top fencers come from France, Italy, West Germany, Hungary, Poland and the USSR. The Soviets boast three-fourths of the individual champions in the world, which is not surprising, because it has 6 million fencers compared to only 27,000 active competitors in the United States.

The reason for the popularity of fencing in Europe probably stems from the fact that fencing is directly related to the rapier, which was the chief hand-to-hand combat weapon in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries. Images of French princes fencing from chandeliers and on table tops help to create the feeling that fencing is a romantic sport.

This is also how many people envision d'Artagnan and the Three Musketeers, Cyrano de Bergerac and Romeo. But the rapier really has no modern equivalent. The foil, one of the three modern weapons (along with the sabre and the epee), originally



Fencers spar in Carmichael ... team probing for recognition

developed as a practice weapon for the rapier.

The rapier was the primary weapon that gentlemen used to defend themselves in the age of chivalry.

But the fencers of today do not have to worry much about losing their lives, for they wear suitable protection and the weapons are not as dangerous as the rapier. The foil, the sabre, and the epee all evolved out of the rapier, but are not used to defend one's honor or to protect the chateau anymore.

Crum foresees big changes in NCAA; athletes must "perform academically"

By LINDA ROBERTSON
Sports Editor

January may mark more than just a new year. As UNC football coach Dick Crum sees it, the 1983 NCAA convention may usher in a whole new era in college athletics.

"I tell you, some big changes are coming," Crum said at his press conference Tuesday. "When the chief executives of American universities get fired up, you can be sure something will be done."

Crum said pressure will filter down to high schools if more rigorous academic standards are enforced. Students inadequately prepared for college will find their scholarship opportunities have evaporated if current proposals are passed.

"The 2.0 grade point average rule is going out the window," Crum said. "The common joke is 2.0 in what? It just doesn't mean anything. I think they may require kids to have 11 academic credits in high school."

"If a kid wants to take dry cleaning, he can take dry cleaning, but he won't play on a college team. I've seen transcripts you wouldn't believe. I'm not saying these kids are dumb; they're just not getting good guidance. It's got to be made clear to them that if they are going to an academic institution, they must be able to perform academically."

Parents, whose influence has been lost in the shuffle of big-time recruiting, may soon have more to say about the future of their talented children. Parents will exert pressure on high schools to insure scholarship eligibility for their children, Crum said.

One of the most popular proposals around is the elimination of freshman eligibility. Crum agrees, saying that the social, athletic and academic adjustment to college is too much too soon for the average 17- or 18-year-old.

"I don't think freshmen ought to be eligible unless they prove they can make it academically with at least a 2.75 grade point average," he said. "But again, you have the problem of money. Without freshmen, schools will need more grants to get enough players to make it through the season, and a lot of schools can't make that economic commitment."

Crum also said stiffer penalties would eliminate the current incentives to cheat. Many schools endure the temporary obstacle of probation in the road to domination in certain sports.

"I like Bobby Knight's idea: if you don't graduate athletes, you lose your grants," Crum said.

He said the 30-95 rule, which limits the number of football scholarships awarded each season, has diminished the number of dynasties and increased the number of upsets in college football.

"There is more competitive balance," he said. "When you can only take 30 players, you study each youngster much more carefully than when it was just carte blanche and you could sign 50 or 60."

Crum was also critical of the media, which he said had been rather hypocritical in its moralistic condemnation of collegiate athletics.

"The news media gives a lot of lip service to cheating and academic scandal while they vote for schools on probation on the AP poll. With the UPI poll, the coaches don't vote for those schools," Crum said. "So it's a two-edged sword for the media. They're patting the same guys on the back who are on probation."

"I look forward to some changes, but the NCAA convention is an amazing thing. The freshman red-shirt rule passed four years ago when just about everyone was out of the room. The point is, athletics are secondary to education. Otherwise, at the end of four years, what have you got?"

Spikers edge out Blue Devils

By LINDA NIXON
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Volleyball attack errors and lack of concentration were two factors characteristic of UNC's play against Duke Tuesday night in Durham, but the Tar Heels remain unbeaten in the ACC as they took their third conference win 3-1.

"It was a slow match," said Coach Beth Miller. "We played adequately, but not exceptionally well."

In the first game, Carolina had five attack errors (attempts to spike the ball that end up out of bounds or in the net) that hurt the team's play, but the score remained close. The Tar Heels had 16 spikes in the game, and setter Linda Kantz had 10 assists, en route to defeating Duke in a close 15-12 contest.

Laura Held slammed the ball five times

and served two aces in the second game to give UNC a more decisive win, 15-8.

But in the third game, Carolina lost its mental edge and was beaten soundly, 8-15. "We made a comeback to get those eight points," Miller said. "The team had eight attack errors." She added that the loss was a mental letdown for the team.

"Sometimes we've had fantastic comebacks," Miller said about the team's ability to score when they were in a potential losing situation. "It just depends on our mental attitude."

In the fourth game, the Heels got their concentration back and put the final touch on the match, winning 15-4. Kantz had eight assists, and Donna Meier and Held combined for 11 spikes.

The Tar Heels' next match will be against East Carolina next Tuesday in Greenville.

For the record

In the story titled "Phi Mus, Stacy win IM track races," (DTH, Monday, Oct. 4), the name of the third place team in the fraternity division, Phi Beta Sigma, was misspelled. The DTH regrets the error.

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