SPORTS

Club officials don't mind fans' ribbing

By BOB YOUNG

"You know what you can do with that whistle, don't ya?"
"Why don't you find a real job?"

"Hey ref, you're missing a good game here."

These are just a few of the comments that sports officials must listen to during every contest they officiate. Nevertheless, the members of the Carolina Officials Association keep taking the vocal abuse in stride.

"I started officiating the intramural games at UNC because I wanted to stay close to the games that I played while I was in high school," association president Lee Kluttz said.

"To become an intramural official at UNC, you have to attend the teaching seminars that they hold before the beginning of each season," he said. "But to be a member of our club, you don't have to be registered with the Intramural Office. Anybody interested in furthering their skills as an official or expanding their knowledge of sports is certainly welcome."

The purpose of the club is to provide classroom and field experience for potential officials, but the club is also very much a service organization.

"We're sponsoring tournaments in several sports this year,"
Kluttz said. "Our handball tournament is coming up soon, but

our biggest events are the 24-hour softball marathon in the spring and the campus basketball tournament usually run by Delta Upsilon."

One official, Steve Knox, has a two-fold reason for being an official.

"First of all, the hours you work are flexible and the extra money is nice," Knox said. "Secondly, officiating is a good way to keep in shape on your free time."

"As an athletic administration major, I wanted to see the sports from as many angles as possible," Chip Smith said. "I played intramural sports, I coached some and now I officiate at them. Each aspect has shown me different problems that can

arise. The money is also helpful."

Kluttz added: "People don't realize what a problem it is to have to ref against people your age and sometimes older. As far as I know, no negative reactions like strained friendships or lowered grades from professors have occurred, but the pressure still is a very real problem."

The Carolina Officials Association meets every other Friday at 1 p.m. in the IM office.

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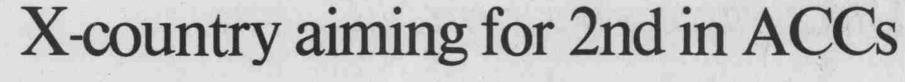
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By GLENN PETERSON Staff Writer

North Carolina's women's cross country team is now ranked ninth in the nation, but there is still a possibility that the team may wind up fourth in the ACC Championship race on Saturday in Charlottesville, Va.

Four schools from the ACC are ranked in the Top 20. N.C. State is third, Clemson is seventh, UNC is ninth and Virginia is 14th. The Tar Heels beat Virginia by one point in an earlier race and lost to N.C. State by 14 points at the state meet earlier this year.

"Our goal in the ACC race is to do better than we have ever done before," coach Don Lockerbie said. "We have never done better than fourth, and we should be favored to beat Virginia and come in third. We want to at least beat Virginia."

The team will need a good effort from all of its members in order to reach its goal, according to Lockerbie. "We will need another championship caliber race from Joan (Nesbit) if we are to do well," Lockerbie said. "The numbers two, three and four girls are the key to the race. They need to finish within 20 seconds of one another."

Thus the pressure to make North Carolina third best in the conference rests on Holly Murray, Madlyn Morreale and

Karol Dorsett.

Lockerbie said that Fall Break came at the perfect time for his runners because it enabled them to better prepare for this

"Unlike other coaches, I sent my girls home for the break," Lockerbie said. "Our team looks more fresh and lively coming off the break."

Clemson is the biggest question mark coming into the race. The Tigers have not raced an ACC team yet, but they have beaten the No. 4 team in the country, Tennessee.

"I think Clemson is better than State,"
Lockerbie said. "I hope that Clemson
and State battle each other so hard that
we could sneak up to finish second."

The UNC men's cross country team, also running in the ACCs in Charlot-tesville, is not expected to do as well as

the women. Lockerbie said popular speculation had the Tar Heels finishing sixth, but said he disagrees.

"I know we are a better team than sixth, though," Lockerbie said. "I think we'll do better because we're geared more for the ACC race than the other schools. We start off low key, and rise to the occasion."

Clemson, ranked 18th in the country, is the favorite, Lockerbie said. Wake Forest, N.C. State and Virginia should have a close battle for second, and Maryland is favored to finish behind them, in front of North Carolina.

Lockerbie thinks that since this race is at 10,000 meters (6.2 miles) it may help the Tar Heels.

"The extra mile will help us since we are used to that distance," he said.

"We are going to have to count heavily on our four upperclassmen (Jack Morgan, David Herion, Tom Bobrowski and Dick Larson) if we are going to finish in the top four. This has been the most competitive year in the ACC since I've

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TOP 10	
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1. Connecticut	13-0-1
2. Old Dominion	11-1
3. Iowa	16-1-2
4. New Hampshire	12-2-1
5. Massachusetts	11-2-1
6. San Jose State	12-1
7. Temple	9-3-1
8. Penn State	10-2-4
9. Northwestern	15-3
10. NORTH CAROLINA	11-1-3

UNC to host fencing tournament

The North Carolina fencing team will host the Carolina Challenge fencing tournament this weekend. The tournament, scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday

in Fetzer Gym, is the first major allweapon event of this season and is thelargest UNC-sponsored tournament.

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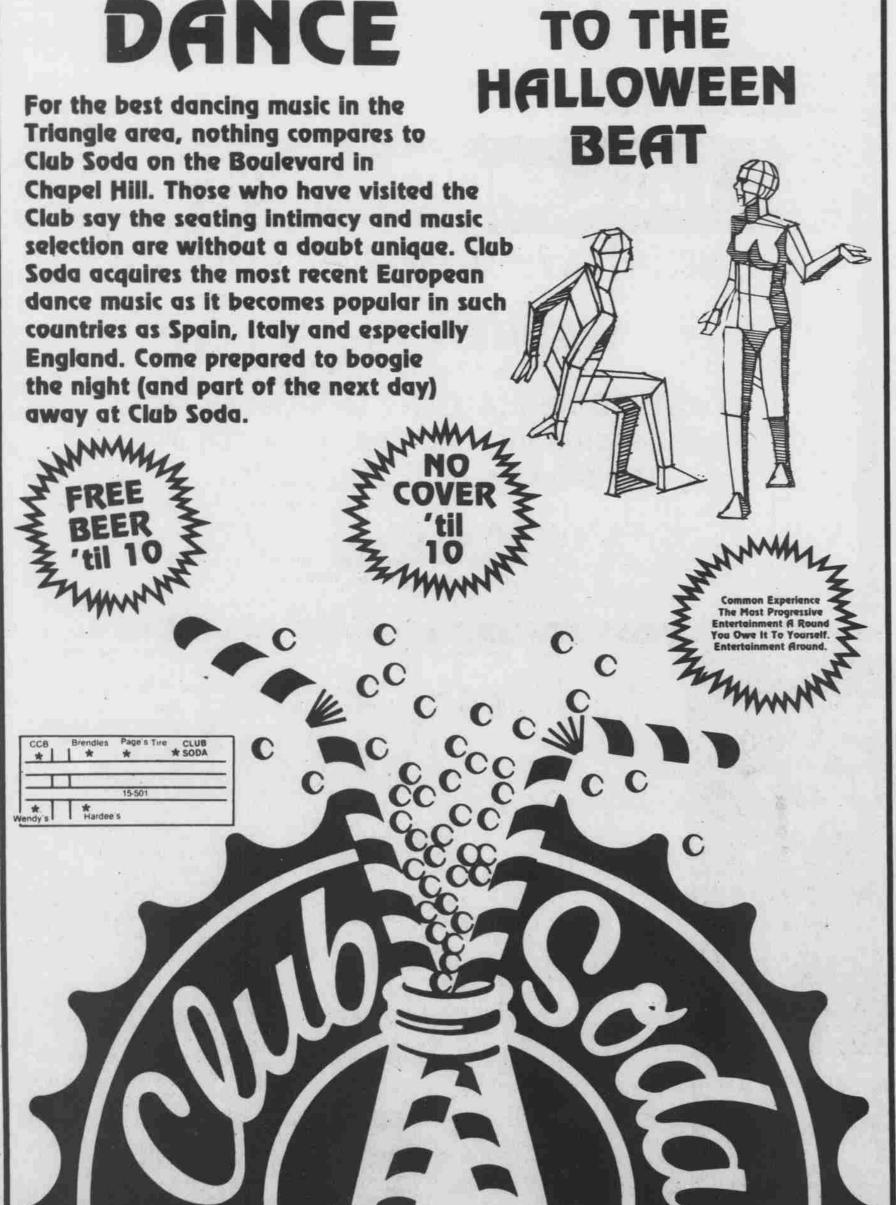
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