

Wolf keeps his cool among cast of 5,000

Joe Wolf was surrounded. Surrounded by about 5,000 Carolina-Blue clad or painted people, including the three girls who each had one word of "I Love Joe" on their T-shirts, the three body-painted guys who were grudgingly pulled from the picture, the Anthony Perkins and Ed Bartles and Frank Jaymes full-size mock-ups, the guys hanging out of the South Building windows (yes, you were in the picture), the baseball team members who had "I" stenciled on their chests in blue, and one very harried but very efficient Sports Illustrated photographer named Manny Millan.

So how did Wolf keep smiling through a photography session in 90-degree heat? "Girls kept pinching my butt," he joked. "At least I hope they were girls."

These are just jokes, friends, just jokes. And there were lots of them in and around the steps of South Building at 3 p.m. Thursday on the steps. If you weren't there in your oversized hat of Rameses, maybe that was you in the Carolina Blue toga or the Carolina Blue bathrobe or the Carolina Blue boxers.

It wasn't a nasty, last-day-of-drinking crowd. More like one that even in the midst of what still seems like summer is ready for basketball. And to get their picture in a national magazine. The steps were already full by 2 p.m. By 2:45 p.m., Millan was clicking away from a ladder and trying to keep a semblance of order.

"Please, put your hands down in front," Millan pleaded to a number of students who insisted on putting "No. 1" signs directly in front of Wolf's face. "I need to see Joe!"

It was all part of the Sports Illustrated college basketball preview issue, which hits the stands in late

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November. "We're hoping it will be a double-page spread," said Millan, who pacified the masses by taking a number of shots after the fact, when there were still a number of people hanging around and hoping. The picture is not for the cover of SI, but instead for an article on Wolf centered on the theme of Big Man on Campus. If you were out there and between the two large hedges that border the South Building stairs, you stand a decent shot at being able to use a magnifying glass and find what might be your face come November.

Wolf, who for those of you who couldn't see was standing on a small crate, said he thought maybe 100 or 200 people would show up. "This was crazy," he said. "It was so hot. And I know there were 5,000 people around who were hotter than I was, because there was a breeze up there."

As a rather unneeded incentive, SI had decided to draw five names of people to have a picture taken with Wolf and then made into a mock SI cover. One of the winners was freshman Rhonda Willis, who squealed happily as the photographer told her to put her arms around Joe and smile.

"Oh, it was so great!" she said. "But I don't even know him. I mean, I've got a boyfriend."

Wolf made it through three jersey changes like a champ, grinning as people yelled "Joe! Joe! Joe!" He will be interviewed by Austin Murphy of Sports Illustrated today for the feature.

Sports

Women's soccer headlines weekend

By JILL SHAW
Staff Writer

While North Carolina's football team prepares to battle Georgia Tech this Saturday, several of UNC's other squads are similarly preparing for their opponents.

UNC's top-ranked women's soccer team will confront Mercer at 2 p.m. Sunday on the familiar turf of Fetzer Field. The Tar Heels are 8-0-1 and have been ranked first in the country by the ISAA National Women's Soccer Poll since Sept. 8.

For the past two weeks the vote for No. 1 has been a unanimous decision, while the team has beaten four top ten opponents during this time with their strong offense.

Players to watch this weekend are three-time All-America forward April Heinrichs, forward Bettina Bernardi and midfielder Marcia McDermott. Heinrichs, a senior who has scored at least one goal in the eight games in which she has played, has led UNC in scoring in each of the past three seasons.

In other Fetzer Field action, the men's unranked soccer team will face Furman Saturday at 4 p.m., trying to improve its 7-4 record.

The top-ranked UNC field hockey team will host two games on Astro-turf Field this weekend. The Tar Heels will defend their new status Friday at 7 p.m. against Appalachian State and Sunday at 1 p.m. against William and Mary.

Led by forwards Claire Dougherty and Julie Blaisse, and midfielder Lori Bruney, the team promises some exciting play. UNC will also face Virginia at home Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

Among the teams on the road this weekend will be UNC's volleyball squad. At the William and Mary Tournament in Williamsburg the spikers will oppose James Madison at 6 p.m. on Friday. Saturday, the team will take on Drexel in the morning and conclude its participation in the tournament later that

afternoon against William and Mary.

UNC's team has battled to an 8-6 record and is led by senior hitters Dawn Wood and Jill Berkebile.

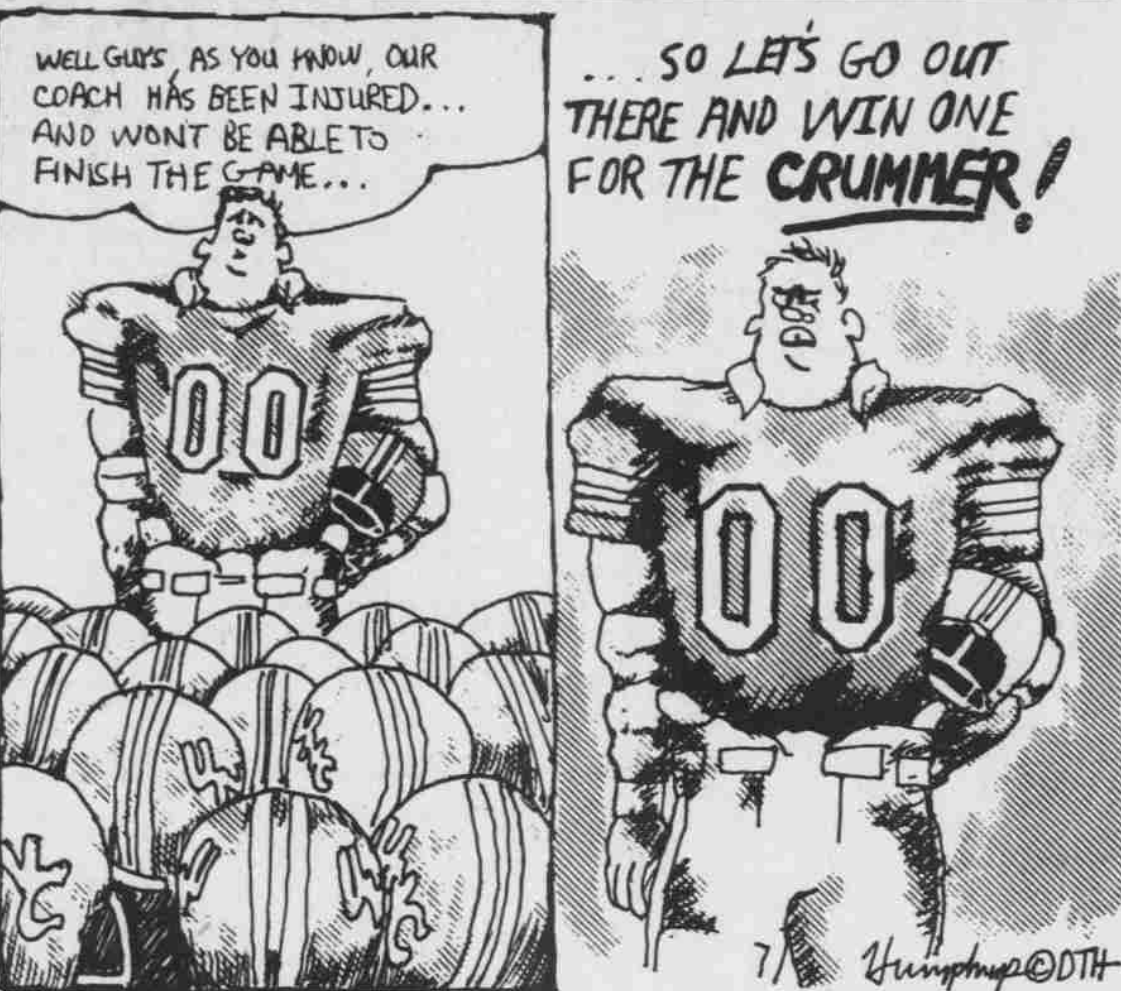
North Carolina women's tennis team, which has only competed in tournaments so far this year, will also be at William and Mary this Saturday. On Sunday, the Tar Heels will travel to Richmond for their second match of the weekend.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams will be at the Wake Forest Invitational at Winston Salem on Saturday. Both teams have competed twice already and won.

Look for Reggie Harris and Jim Farmer to do well in the men's 8000 meter run, while Vicki Verinder and Karol Chambers are expected to excel in the women's 5000 meter competition.

Resting this weekend are the men's and women's golf teams whose next tournaments are the Oct. 17 John Ryan Memorial Golf Tournament and the Oct 10 Duke Fall Invitational.

Cartoon by Humphreys



Pep rally slated for frat court

From staff reports

It's not your usual pep rally tonight, as members of each of the UNC sports teams playing at home this weekend, plus the "Usuals" band will provide entertainment for a pep rally scheduled at 8 p.m. at Frat Court.

The pep rally festivities begin at 3 p.m. as the band and cheerleaders march through campus. Then at 8 p.m. the actual rally starts. Speakers from the field hockey, men's and women's soccer and football teams will talk briefly, as will a UNC assistant football coach. The UNC band will entertain, as will the Usuals.

"We're trying to bring back the pep rally tradition to UNC," said Yvette Moxin, one of the rally's

organizers. "We're very excited about this."

The pep rally is sponsored by the Carolina Athletic Association and six fraternities — Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Alpha and Beta Theta Pi.

Sports info: Help!

From staff reports

The UNC sports information department is looking for part-time student assistants to begin work in the spring semester. A sports journalism background is helpful, but not necessary. For further information, contact Assistant Sports Information Director Dave Lohse at the Smith Center.



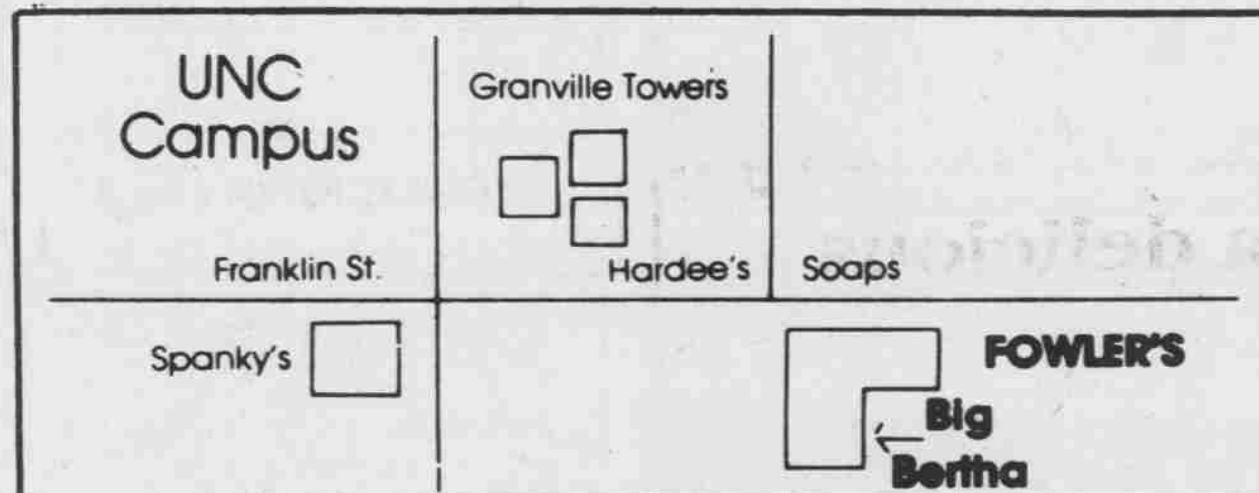
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