

# Through it all, they still have the Fever for UNC sports

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"Dismember them! Dismember them! Tear off their arms and legs!"  
Fervor ran high in the Carolina Fever section as the mikeman led the group like a skilled spiritual leader against the heinous fiends from N.C. State. Members raised their fists and chanted, "Hit 'em again, hit 'em again, harder, harder." Sitting in a block beside the band at the 30-yard line, these die-hard fans stood throughout the entire game, displaying cheering prowess unmatched by any other section of the stands.

But this militant vigor is only one side of the fans sitting in this sea of Carolina blue. These Tar Heel faithful also seek to promote spirit in more subdued ways. Peppering with confetti commemorating a UNC touchdown, they started a wave and passed a hapless

ram mascot over their heads.  
Carolina Fever President Kirk Bryson said simply, "We're there to evoke spirit." Fever's goal since its creation in 1986 has been to raise spirit at sporting events. This requires hard work out of the bleachers for the 370 members.

The organization has initiated a Blue Blitz campaign in which members construct a balloon tunnel for the football team to run through before the game. Members also help organize and oversee pep rallies in the Pit and hand out fliers encouraging fans to wear blue to athletic events.

For Homecoming, members will sell special T-shirts and will man the Friday Night Extravaganza on Franklin Street.

In addition to helping with these activities, Fever members pay \$12 for a "Carolina Fever 1992" T-shirt. They also must attend non-revenue sports to assure themselves a seat in the Fever section during revenue-sports events.

The big payoff is a hallowed seat for the Duke basketball game.

Carolina Athletic Association President Tracy Kirinich cites Fever's support for non-revenue teams as instrumental to their success. "The women's volleyball team and women's soccer team have expressed that Fever is part of the team when they're there," she said. "They see the support that is behind them."

In addition to football and basketball games, most Fever members attempt to watch at least one non-revenue game per week. Some attend as many as three. Members realize the value of their



A force 370 members strong, Carolina Fever screams, yells and waves to back UNC teams

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enthusiasm at non-revenue athletic events. Freshman Kelly Goldsmith said: "They need the support just as much as other teams do. Having Fever at the game boosts their morale."

Some faithful even seek to extend the geographic impact of the group by attending away games.

Most students associate Carolina Fever with the clever jibes they hurl at the opposition. The group had an explanation for the cause of the Wolfpack victory. "I've got a rope. Oh, yeah! I've got a tree. Oh, yeah! So let's hang. Oh, yeah! That referee!"

Through thick and thin, Fever mem-

bers remain loyal fans, as was apparent in the final seconds against State.

"We still love you," they chanted in unison, to laud the hard-fought effort.

The mikeman himself, senior Eric Bailey, especially praised Fever for their spirit. "Once they're in it, everybody's in it."

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Good luck to those taking the GRE Saturday. Congratulations to those who completed the LSAT last weekend.

## Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY  
NOON: The Black Faculty/Staff Caucus will hold its General Body meeting in 212 Peabody.  
12:30 p.m. Ph.D. Public Policy Analysis Curriculum will welcome Professor John S. Reed, Department of Sociology and Director, Institute for Research in Social Science, to speak on "What IRSS Does and Can Do for You" in 301 New East.  
7:30 p.m. UNC Alliance of Pagans will hold its first official introductory meeting in the Union Auditorium.

ITEMS OF INTEREST  
Truman Scholarship: Juniors interested in a career in public service should see Dean Scott, 306 Steele, about this scholarship that covers as much as \$30,000 for senior year and graduate school.  
Youth United has applications available at the Campus Y, the BCC and the Union Desk.  
ALGE is organizing a carpool to Washington, D.C., to view the AIDS Quilt. Information: B-GLAD 962-4401.  
Carolina Union Social Committee has applications at the Union Desk for a Pizza Pig-Out (due Oct. 12) or the UNC Dating Game (due Oct. 19).

## Correction

In the Oct. 5 article "Panel OKs free-standing BCC," Edith Wiggins, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, should have been listed as an adviser to the BCC working group. The DTH regrets the error.

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