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David Friedman

Correct about Hatchell

June will make it four years since I suggested right here on these pages that it was in the best interest of the University of North Carolina to fire Sylvia Hatchell.

This was before we heard anything about accusations of racist threats, insensitive directives and potentially harmful injury suggestions. My recommendation in 2015 was largely related to her professional and personal relationship with Jan Boxill, a former academic advisor to the women's basketball team who was named more than 100 times in the NCAA's notice of allegations.

It was the same thing the university did to Butch Davis because of his professional and personal relationship with John Blake. I later learned the issue with that way of thinking was that Butch Davis was not a beloved Hall of Fame head coach who had guided the university to its program's first national championship before battling and beating cancer because that was the person I was suggesting they might be better off getting rid of.

Needless to say my opinion was not a popular one amongst Tar Heel fans. I hope they understand now why it's best that Hatchell no longer represents the university.

I'm not sure where UNC Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham will go from here but as always, I have a suggestion. I would encourage him and his search committee to take a long look at Elon head coach Charlotte Smith.

Smith became forever etched in my memory the day she hit that huge shot to help UNC win the national championship in 1994.

After she graduated from Carolina, she played a decade of pro ball before switching to coaching full time.

She has played and

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Bertie's Ernest Strawther (left) receives the handoff from Jerome Gaynor during the 800-meter relay at last week's meet at Hertford County High School.

Falcons place high in meets

Members of the Bertie High School track teams posted top finishes during a pair of meets last week.

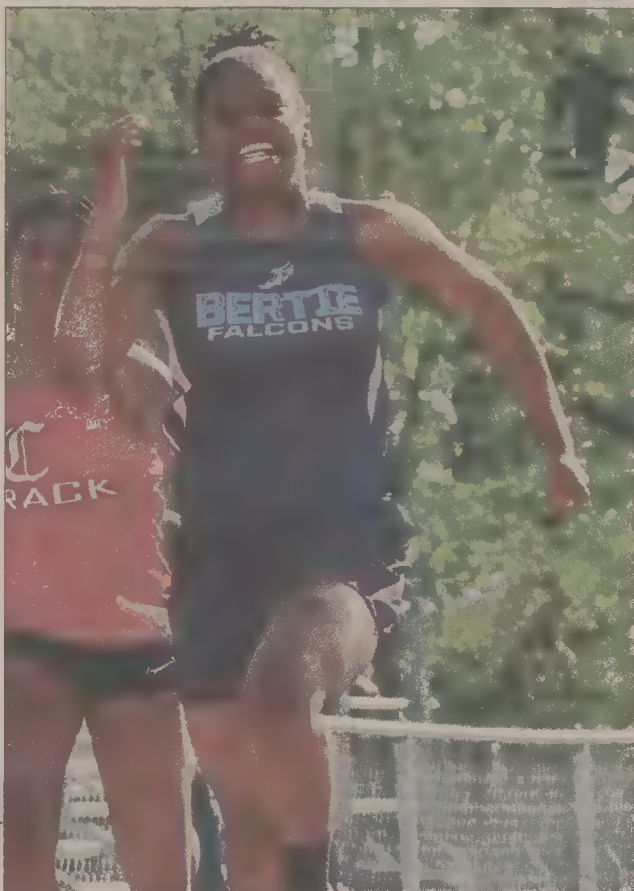
The Falcons competed with five other teams in a nonconference event at South Central on April 18, just one day after they ran at Hertford County in North-eastern 2A Coastal Conference meet.

Results were as follows:

APRIL 18 RESULTS

GIRLS

- 100: Destiny Clark second (12.54)
- 200: Kasiah Freeman fifth (27.04), Anaya Outlaw sixth (27.54)
- 300 hurdles: Dashear Hill third (54.14)
- 400 relay: Bertie first (50.84)
- 800 relay: Bertie sec-



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See **TRACK**, B6 Destiny Clark (left) and KeSean Watson both finished second in their respective 100-yard dashes at Hertford County.



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Bertie High School senior Dashear Hill is about to clear the bar during her winning high jump effort last week at Hertford County.

Bertie Ledger-Advance congratulates this week's Athlete of the Week.

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Athlete of the week

BHS Track
Ernest Strawther



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