

**ALLRIGHT!** - Ragan Harper lets out a whoop after sinking a 25-foot birdie putt on 15th green in Saturday's opening round of the KMCC Member-Guest Golf Tournament.



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### State's Graduation Rate: How Bad Is It?

N.C. State is getting more bad publicity than George Steinbrenner. First, it was the disclosure that Chris Washburn was admitted with an S.A.T. score of only 470—even though students get 400 points just to sign their names. Now, it's reported that only Terry Gannon, of all the well-known basketball players at State over the past 10 years, will graduate. If true, this is incredible. It's appalling. It's inexcusable. It ought to result in some heads rolling—not player heads but administration and athletic officials' heads. If it's not true, State should open its records for public review, and then demand apologies.

USA Today says Duke graduated 78.7 percent of its basketball players in 4 years over the past decade. Duke doesn't red-shirt. Carolina, which does, has graduated 77.5 percent. Wake Forest's percentage is 56.1 ... I wouldn't have believed it, but Ty Cobb is the fourth all-time player in RBI's, trailing only Aaron, Ruth and Gehrig. Cobb's first, of course, in runs scored. Pete Rose is fourth ... **Baby Doll Jacobson**, who played in the majors from 1915-1927, had a career batting average of .311. Just thought you'd like to know.

If some coach resurrected the old single-wing system, could he win with it today? I think maybe he could. A lot of deception, as well as power, can be had in this formation, especially with the buck-lateral series. The late Clarence Stasavich built awesome single-wing teams at Lenoir Rhyne in the 50s. A friend, who saw many of these games, said Coach Stas's boys could conceal the ball as well as a T-quarterback. Of course, if you use the single wing, it helps if you have backs like Charlie Justice of Asheville (and UNC) and Bobby Gage of Anderson (and Clemson), plus linemen like Wade Walker of Gastonia (and Oklahoma), and Lou Sossamon of Gaffney (and South Carolina)—All-Americans all.

If Tyrone Bogues, Wake's little 5-3 waterbug, doesn't get off probation this fall, the Deacons will be a lot less exciting. Charlie Thomas also is doubtful; he's in summer school and hopefully will return ... **Former Clemson left-hander** Jimmy Key got off to a red-hot start with Toronto. Going into July, he had a 2.60 ERA and had 5 wins ... **If the Yankees** don't win the pennant, it won't be Rickey Henderson's fault; he stole 36 bases in his first 37 attempt ... **A baseball strike** this year would be dumb, dumb, dumb, but I expect to see one.

You don't rush for more than 2400 yards unless you're a great back, as Herschel Walker surely is. But he's in the USFL, and the USFL ain't the NFL—not only by a long shot ... **One reason** a college athlete's schooling is so important is that odds of his becoming a pro are 12,000-to-1 ... **It has never made sense to me** to have sportswriters serve as official scorers in baseball. We might as well allow them to call balls and strikes. Why not train professionals, the way we train umpires, to do the job?

(Editor's Note: Paul Cameron can be seen on the 6 pm and 11 pm news on Channel 3.)

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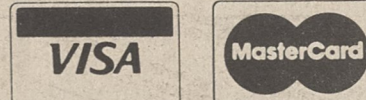
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