

SPORTS LOOK

NCAA Basketball

■ **LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The triumphant UCLA Bruins, bleary-eyed from a night's celebration after winning the school's first NCAA basketball championship in 20 years, arrived home and were met by about 500 fans at Los Angeles International Airport.

Then, it was a quick bus ride to campus and another to Burbank for a five-minute appearance on the "Tonight Show."

The team was to visit Disneyland Wednesday, and a celebration was planned in for the late afternoon at Pauley Pavilion on campus.

The championship was the first for a major Los Angeles area team since the Dodgers won the 1988 World Series. Since then, the area has been hit by riot, fire, earthquake and flood.

NBA

■ **SEATTLE (AP)** — Seattle SuperSonics guard Kendall Gill, who argued with coach George Karl for much of the season over playing time, was granted an indefinite leave from the team because of clinical depression.

A statement issued by Wally Walker, Sonics president, said the diagnosis was confirmed by two doctors.

Gill was acquired by Seattle from Charlotte after the 1992-93 season. This season he has averaged 14.1 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.6 assists in 29.4 minutes a game.

■ **NEW YORK (AP)** — Bernie Bickerstaff, whose Denver Nuggets had a 10-5 March record, was selected NBA coach of the month, and Jason

Kidd of the Dallas Mavericks was rookie of the month. Kidd averaged 16.6 points, 7.6 assists, 4.3 rebounds and 1.4 steals per game in helping Dallas to a 10-6 record.

■ **NEW YORK (AP)** — Patrick Ewing and Derek Harper of the New York Knicks and Rick Mahorn of the New Jersey Nets were fined a total of \$18,500 by the NBA.

Mahorn received the biggest penalty, a \$7,000 fine for starting a fight with Ewing, who was fined \$3,500 for retaliating in the Knicks' 94-85 victory Sunday. Harper was fined \$5,000 for comments made to officials following his ejection.

NHL

■ **ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim acquired forward Mike Sillinger and defenseman Jason York from the Detroit Red Wings for left wing Stu Grimson, defenseman Mark Ferner and a 1996 sixth-round draft choice.

Sillinger, 23, had two goals and six assists in 13 games and York, 24, one goal and two assists in 10 games. Grimson, 29, had one assist and 110 penalty minutes in 31 games and Ferner, 29, one assist in 14 games.

NFL

■ **LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP)** — The Chicago Bears traded defensive end Trace Armstrong to the Miami Dolphins for two picks in this month's NFL draft. Armstrong, 29, played for the Bears for six seasons, accumulating 411 tackles and 42 sacks. He was their first-round draft choice in 1989 out of Florida.

Senior student-athletes reflect on their careers



CHRIS FAKLARIS and SARA HENNINGER
Special to the Gamecock

College athletics has achieved an all-time high in terms of visibility across this country. The men's and women's NCAA Basketball Championship Tournaments were just completed and millions watched the Tennessee-Connecticut women's finals Sunday and the UCLA-Arkansas men's finals Monday. In conjunction with National Student-Athlete Day, which is being observed today across America's college campuses, we thought it would be a good idea to offer our perspective on the student-athlete experience. To us, it's been much more than fun and games.

The experience we have had as student-athletes at USC has provided us with valuable lessons that will remain with us for the rest of our lives.

Being a student-athlete teaches you how to work with a diverse group of people, as you must coexist with your teammates and coaches. Learning how to get along with people in a wide range of situations is a trait that you apply every day. Having a common goal as a mem-

ber of your team allows you to focus on working together as a single unit.

The combination of academics and athletics that a student must balance requires the right kind of time management. You must prioritize your schedule each day and stick to that schedule. With that kind of planning, you will have a much better chance for the end results to be successful.

The student-athlete experience has taught us how to win gracefully and how to handle adversity. We have learned what it takes to work, self-discipline, willpower and the support it takes for you to reach your goals. You're not going to win every match or race you compete in. When you suffer a setback, you've got to be able to regroup and reflect back on what you need to improve upon in order to be successful on your next attempt.

There have been a number of opportunities that have arisen from our participation as student-athletes at Carolina. Besides the obvious of a paid-for education, meals, room and board, there

have been other opportunities afforded us that in turn have allowed us to have a positive impact on those around us. Through our experience in athletics, we have been able to give something back to our community by participating in a variety of community service efforts, including volunteering at a local hospital, participating in a reading program for a local elementary school and conducting free clinics for some of this area's youth.

We have had the opportunity, through competition, to visit other campuses and areas of the country. This has been a valuable learning experience and provided us with many lasting memories.

As student-athletes, we have had the opportunity to develop close friendships with our teammates that will last forever. Although our athletic careers at Carolina are completed, we still can carry with us the unique friendships we have formed through the hours we have spent together practicing and competing.

Finally, through our experience as student-athletes we have had the opportunity to learn much about ourselves and about the kind of people we want to be. The lessons we've learned at Carolina can be used in part as a portion of

the blueprint for the rest of our lives.

This op-ed article was co-authored by Sara Henninger and Chris Faklaris, the 1995 recipients of USC's Outstanding Female and Male Student-Athlete of the Year Awards.

Henninger is a senior member of the women's swimming team. She is a two-time All-American in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke and has been invited to the 1996 Olympic Trials. Henninger is a native of Beavercreek, Ohio, who now lives in Rock Hill, S.C. She has compiled a 3.4 GPA while majoring in psychology and will graduate in May. Her career plans include going to graduate school for a degree in sports psychology and then becoming a swimming coach.

Faklaris is a senior All-American and co-captain on the men's soccer team. He was a member of the Under 20 National Team and leaves next week for a try-out on the 1996 Olympic squad. A finance and marketing major, Faklaris has compiled a 3.4 GPA and will graduate in December. A native of Ackworth, Ga., Chris wants to earn his MBA and pursue a career in corporate business.

Two Clemson football players arrested for \$7 robbery

Associated Press

CLEMSON — Clemson football players Dewayne Morgan and Anthony Perez Arnez Davis have confessed to robbing a student of \$7, the university police chief said.

Morgan, 20, of Griffin, Ga., a starting offensive tackle, and Davis, 21, of Port St. Joe, Fla., a redshirted lineman, were arrested Tuesday and charged with strong-arm robbery, Clemson Police Chief Lonnie Saxon said Wednesday.

If convicted, each man could be sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in prison, Saxon said. No weapon was used in the robbery, Saxon said.

Davis and Morgan were released on \$2,500 bonds, Saxon said. No trial date has been set.

The two players confessed in written statements to robbing the student March 11, Saxon said.

"If it's one penny and a person grabs you and takes your penny, it's strong-arm robbery and a felony punishable by up to 15 years," Saxon said. "It just so hap-

pened that the victim has \$7. What if the person had been carrying \$700?"

The 6-3, 302-pound Morgan started all 11 games this past season as first-string right offensive tackle. The 6-5, 330-pound Davis, a left offensive tackle, was redshirted for the season.

Davis and Morgan have been suspended from the team indefinitely, the athletics department said. Saxon said he had not talked to Coach Tommy West about the two athletes.

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