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Wolfpack's Shea Voted ACC's Best

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So you figured a basketball player would win the ACC's athlete of the year award? And you had Albert King, Mike Gminski, or Ralph Sampson in mind?

Afraid not.

Julie Shea, N.C. State's All-America middle distance runner, was named the ACC's top athlete for the 1979-80 school year — the first time a woman has won the award.

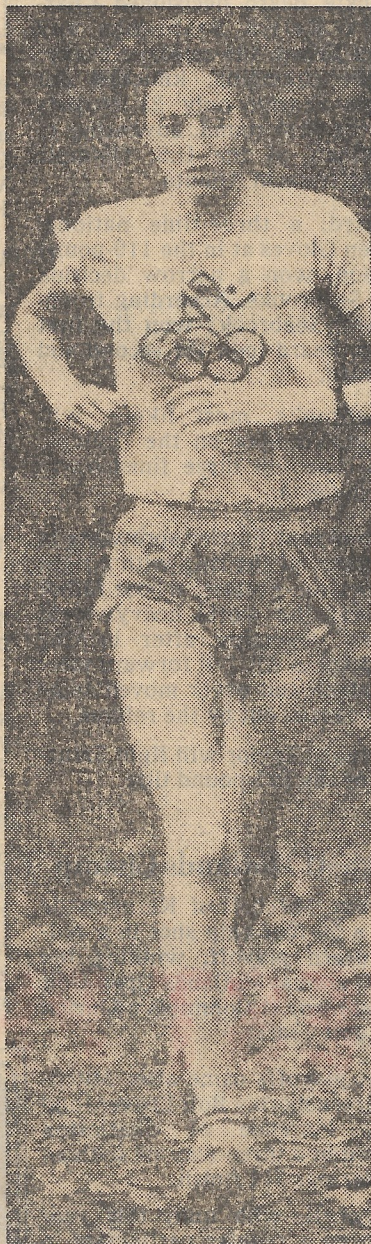
Shea got 45 of 115 votes cast by the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. Maryland's King was second with 26 votes; Duke's Gminski had 15.

It was the second consecutive year a track athlete has won the award, officially known as the Anthony McKevelin Award. Maryland hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah was the 1978-79 recipient.

"I was really surprised," said Shea, of Raleigh. "I figured I didn't have much of a chance against all those basketball players."

Shea, a rising senior, led the Wolfpack women's cross country team to the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national team title last fall and picked up the individual title in the process.

"Over the summer I set some goals for myself. I wanted to win a national



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Julie Shea
... athlete of year

championship, especially in cross country. My freshman year I was third; my sophomore year I was second.

"I usually don't like to talk about my goals," said Shea, "because if I fall short, it's that much more of a disappointment for me."

She doesn't fall short often.

In May, Shea added three national titles in the AIAW track and field championships in Eugene, Ore. She won the 10,000-meter run one day, then swept the 5,000, and 3,000 the next.

Her goals achieved ... so what's next?

The U.S. Olympic track and field trials in Eugene. "I'm really looking forward to the

trials, making the team and getting some rest."

Past Winners

1953-54—Joe Shankle (Duke), track; 1954-55—Dick Hemric (Wake Forest), basketball; 1955-56—Dave Sime (Duke), track; 1956-57—Lennie Rosenbluth (North Carolina), basketball; 1957-58—Dick Christy (N.C. State), football.

1958-59—Lou Pucillo (N.C. State), basketball; 1959-60—Mike McGee (Duke), football; 1960-61—Roman Gabriel (N.C. State), football; 1961-62—Len Chappell (Wake Forest), basketball; 1962-63—Art Heyman (Duke), basketball.

1963-64—Jeff Mullins (Duke), basketball; 1964-65—Brian Piccolo (Wake Forest), football; 1965-66—Danny Talbott (North Carolina), football/baseball; 1966-67—Bobby Bryant (South Carolina), football/baseball; 1967-68—Larry Miller (North Carolina), basketball.

1968-69—Frank Quayle (Virginia), football; 1969-70—Charlie Scott (North Carolina), basketball; 1970-71—Don McCauley (North Carolina), football; 1971-72—Barry Parkhill (Virginia), basketball; 1972-73—David Thompson (N.C. State), basketball.

1973-74—Tony Waldrop (North Carolina), track; 1974-75—David Thompson (N.C. State), basketball; 1975-76—John Lucas (Maryland), basketball; 1976-77—Phil Ford (North Carolina), basketball; 1977-78—Ford; 1978-79—Renaldo Nehemiah (Maryland), track.