

Wolfpack's Shea Wins Top ACC Award

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RALEIGH (UPI) — Julie Shea, North Carolina State University's national champion long distance runner, has been named outstanding athlete of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference for the second year in a row.

Shea, who has won seven national championships, was named Tuesday on 42 of 114 ballots cast by members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association.

North Carolina's outside linebacker Lawrence Taylor,

who won Player of the Year honors in the ACC, was second in the balloting with 32 votes. Basketball Player of the Year Ralph Sampson of Virginia was third with 23 votes.

Also receiving votes from the sportswriters were Al Wood and Steve Streater of North Carolina, Hans Koelman and Larry Nance of Clemson, Frank Johnson of Wake Forest, Gene Banks of Duke and Mary Lou Herman of Georgia Tech.

Shea, a senior at North

Carolina State's School of Design became the third ACC athlete to win the coveted Anthony J. McKelvin Award twice. Previously, North Carolina State basketball star David Thompson and basketball standout Phil Ford of North Carolina twice have won the award.

Shea already had been selected outstanding athlete at North Carolina State and recently was awarded the Broderick Cup as the

outstanding female collegian in the nation.

Wolfpack Coach Tom Jones said Shea has made lasting contributions to the track and field program at the university.

"The thing I cannot stress enough is how much success she has given our entire program," said Jones. "She's had the single most influence on track and field and cross country at N.C. State."

Jones said Shea has enabled the Wolfpack to recruit "top caliber runners" from across the country and called her "a frontier person in women's track and field and distance running."

"We've seen the best distance racers in the country and there's nobody who can take her place," Jones said.

Shea led the Wolfpack to its second consecutive national cross country title this year while retaining the AIAW national title herself. She also won the AIAW 5,000-meter championship for the third consecutive year.

Shea also was named to the United States team in the World Cross Country Championships for the fourth year in a row.