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## Last year's success leaves men's basketball team hungry for more

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On UNC Wilmington Head Coach Jerry Wainwright's desk a quote reads, "Determination: Some people dream of success, while others wake up and work hard at it." For years, the UNCW men's basketball team dreamed of winning the Colonial Athletic Association Conference Tournament and advancing to the NCAA tournament.

Last year this dream became a reality, as the Seahawks fought past an up and down 18-12 regular season and posted their first CAA championship and trip to the Big Dance. In what was the most exciting time to date for the program, UNCW was catapulted into the national spotlight in the week leading up to the NCAA tournament. There were interviews, TV appearances, and even a wild party thrown at Trask during Selection Sunday, where the Seahawks learned that they would face number one ranked Cincinnati.

The Seahawks were ultimately dominated by a score of 64 to 47; nonetheless, UNCW received their first real taste of success and a name as a mid-conference major.

"There is no question that a NCAA Tournament appearance gives a program credibility. From a program perspective, it enhances recruiting. It was another jumping off point from a program on the



Junior Ed Williams adds to his 28 point total in Monday night's rout over Bowling Green.

rise," Wainwright said. "I was really happy for our city. It was a storybook ending."

### Returnees

This year, the book has a new chapter. Characters who are no longer on this team include departed graduates guard Raymond Perine, forwards Danny Dahl and Victor Ebong and center Oleg Kojenets. The Seahawks return three starters, including an experienced backcourt and Marcus Green, a starting center who came on late in last year's tournament. Green, a senior from Wilmington, has not averaged more than 3.6 points a game in a season, but has always been a significant leader on and off the court.

"We came out of nowhere last year. We want to work harder than last year," the second-year captain said.

One of the players that

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## SGA plans for outdoor commencement in May

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Seniors graduating in May 2001 have voiced their opinions about graduation issues and the class gift and the senior class government is making an effort to change preexisting procedures to accommodate the type of ceremony seniors desire. Changes will include an outdoor commencement and a senior gift that is both a landmark and a philanthropic effort.

Aaron Davis, the senior class president, is leading the way in these efforts and he is getting results. Davis has begun a new tradition at UNCW in the form of a club called "Senior Challenge," which will focus on issues pertaining only to seniors. The club is not

yet official and is in the process of being registered.

The survey that was sent out last month to all seniors through the college email system was an idea spawned from the club's first ad-hoc meetings.

The questions on the survey pertained mainly to graduation and the senior class gift. The survey also had space for students to make comments.

Lorie Smith, a senior environmental science major, liked the fact that she had a voice in these decisions.

"I was definitely glad to see the survey. We at least got to have a say in [the process]," Smith said.

At the last Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, Davis said that the survey was a success. Several ini-

tiatives he had been lobbying for were agreed on by seniors and have been finalized. Seniors will graduate in school colors instead of cap and gowns, and the senior class gift will be the combination of a landmark on campus and a donation of volunteer hours to the campus.

Davis also said that the graduation will be a single ceremony held outside. The only indoor venue available for graduation is Trask Coliseum. If graduation were held there, the ceremony would be split into two, and only two tickets would be allotted per graduate. This caused controversy as many seniors felt that an outdoor ceremony would allow seniors to invite more family and

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