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## B-ball Tar Heel players stay busy over summer

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Timo Makkonen played on the Finnish National team, Matt Doherty played on the South's team in the National Sports Festival and the rest of the UNC basketball team played against the likes of Dudley Bradley, Al Wood and Mitch Kupchak.

The Tar Heels sure didn't take the summer off to get away from basketball.

Almost all of the players including the five highly-touted freshmen recruits spent the summer in either college basketball camps, summer tournaments, or pick-up games with former UNC players who are now in the pros.

Assistant coach Bill Guthridge said that fall practice would begin Oct. 15 but that all of the players would be working out on their own as soon as school starts.

Guthridge also said that the team was healthy, including James Worthy who had a steel pin taken out of his ankle at the beginning of the summer. "James is

doing very well with his ankle," Guthridge said. "He worked in a basketball camp at Campbell College and got along just fine."

"James said that his ankle feels better than it has since high school when he injured it for the first time," team physician Dr. Joseph DeWalt said. "He's been playing on it and says that it feels fine."

DeWalt added that he had examined all the freshmen and that the whole team, including Worthy, Jimmy Black and Sam Perkins was healthy.

Makkonen, who was red-shirted for his freshman year last season, was the third string center for the Finnish National team which participated in the World Games in Rumania this summer. The United States team won the basketball tournament there.

"I'm not sure how much experience Timo got," Guthridge said. "But, it was good for him to go there since he hasn't been home much since he came to this country."

The players who stayed in summer school here usually were involved in pick-

up games every afternoon in Woollen Gym against the pros, including former UNC players who have been playing in Europe like Rich Yonakor and Jeff Wolf.

In the Sports Festival games in Syracuse, N.Y., freshmen recruits Michael Jordan and Buzz Peterson played for the South team along with Doherty. Jordan led the South with 18 points in downing the East 94-93. Jordan and Peterson also played in the McDonalds Classic at the end of last spring.

"The freshmen are all here and are ready to start practice," assistant coach Eddie Fogler said. "They all played a lot this summer and have been given a clean bill of health."

Besides Jordan and Peterson, the other freshmen are Warren Martin, John Brownlee and Rynwood Robinson.

The Tar Heels face a tough schedule including games with Kentucky, Rutgers and Kansas, besides the conference opponents.

## NCAA decides to keep 48-team field

Staff Reports

After deliberating over whether to expand the NCAA basketball tournament field, the NCAA Basketball Committee decided to keep its current 48-team limit. The Committee, which held its annual meeting in June in Cape Cod, Mass., also eliminated the third place game of the Final Four, won by Virginia in 1981.

The NCAA Basketball Rules Committee also made some changes when they met at the national championship in Philadelphia, March 26-31.

There will be a jump ball at the start of the game and at the start of overtime, but at no other times during the game. After the initial jump ball, teams will alternate throwing inbounds passes. "The general feeling behind that ruling was that it's very tough to have a referee throw a perfect toss," said Ed Steitz, editor and national interpreter of basketball rules for the NCAA.

The committee also made moveable rings legal to protect equip-

ment and prevent bent rims on dunks. A player fouled in the act of dunking while the ball is in the cylinder and in contact with his hand may grasp the ring to prevent injury.

In other changes, teams may not cause either backboard to vibrate. Previously, this rule was limited to only the defensive team. Purposefully faking a free throw attempt is now a violation.

The committee also voted to charge all technical fouls on the bench to the head coach. After three technical fouls the coach is ejected from the game.

"The technical foul rule is designed to improve bench decorum because we feel the head coach is responsible for the behavior of everyone on the bench," Steitz said.

The committee also drew up a list of points of emphasis, encouraging officials to clean up post play and call technical fouls and intentional fouls to stop the clock. The committee emphasized the idea that every player is entitled to a vertical plane and that he should not be interfered with in this space.

## Organizational meetings

Organizational meetings set for this week:

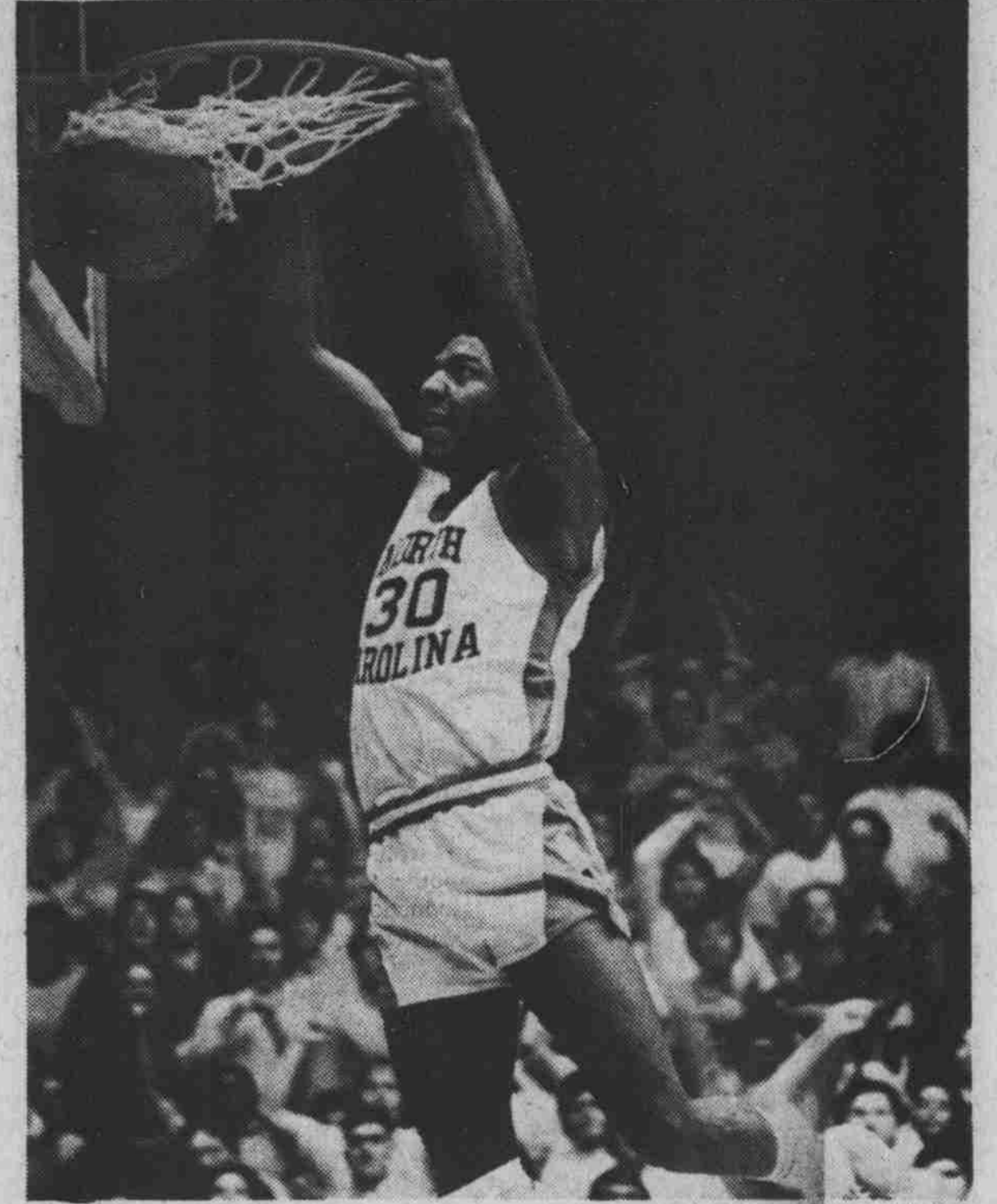
TODAY: • Women's volleyball, 4 p.m., 302 Woollen.

• Women's cross-country, 4:30 p.m., 303 Woollen.

TUESDAY: Field Hockey, 4 p.m., 304 Woollen.

AUG. 31: Women's track, 4:30 p.m., 304 Woollen.

Try-outs for women's golf will be Aug. 29-30 and Sept. 5-6. For further information, call 962-2261.



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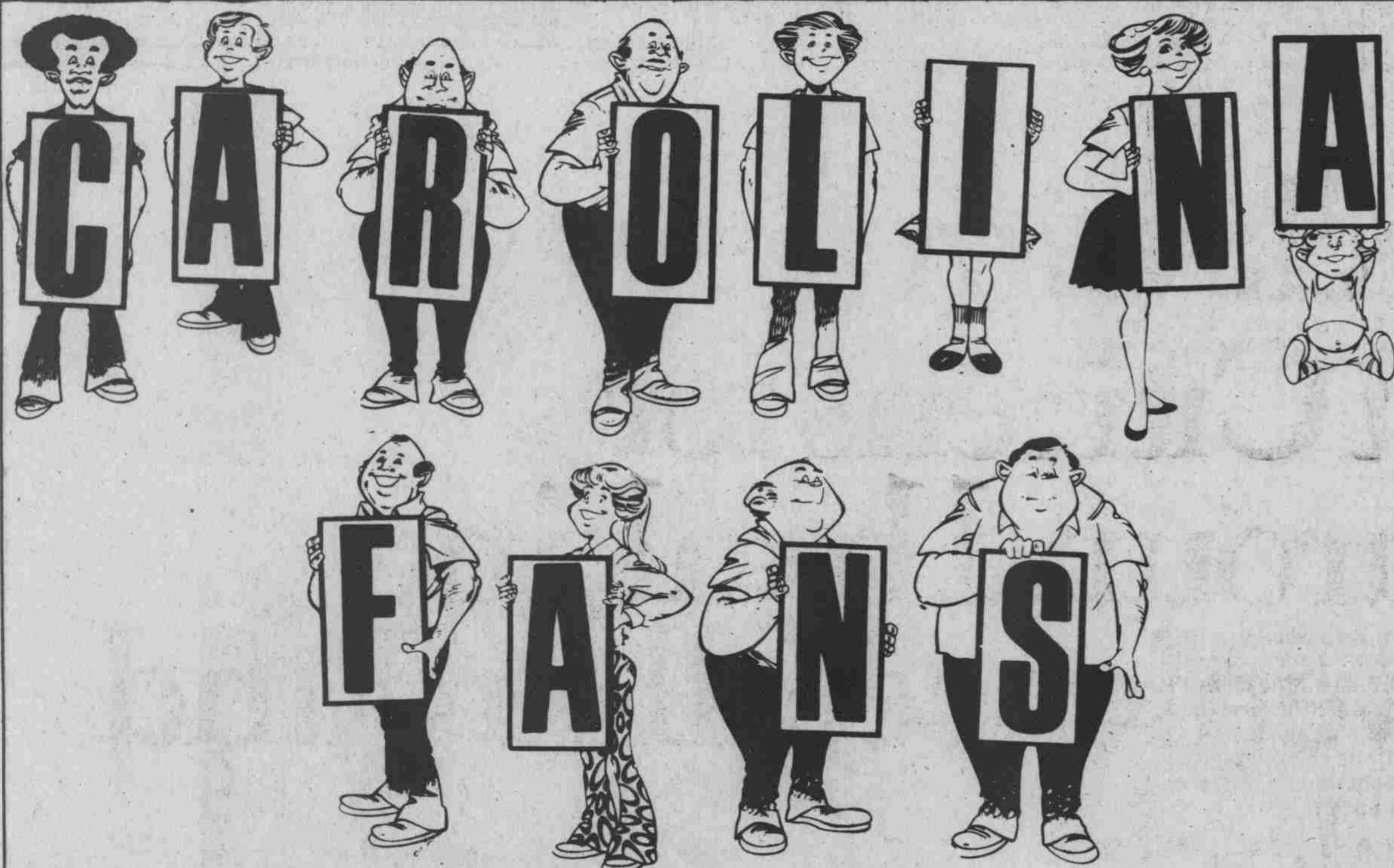
## Still unsigned

Former UNC forward Al Wood is still involved in contract negotiations with the Atlanta Hawks. "There is no impasse; things are progressing pretty well," Bill Needle, director of public relations for the Hawks, said. "We're looking forward to signing him," Needle said. "It could be settled tomorrow, and it might take until the night before camp starts on October 1. It's hard to say for sure how things will come out at this point."

## Writers needed

Anyone interested in writing sports for *The Daily Tar Heel* should attend a meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in room 218 of the Carolina Union. The general introduction will be brief, but there will be time for questions.

Those with experience may bring clippings, especially sports writing. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to try out, call Clifton Barnes or Geoffrey Mock at the DTH offices.



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