Wrestler goes it alone

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Stroll into the wrestling room at Fetzer just before practice sometime. What you will see is a bunch of gray-clad guys grabbing, rolling, sweating. And one with his hair cut a little longer than the rest, calmly pedaling an exercise bike. Apart from the crowd.

Jan Michaels has always been an individual. From the days in Vernon Township, N.J. when he played in the all-state football game with shoulder-length hair,

IN PROFILE: Jan Michaels

to today, when he trains at his own speed and time. Michaels has always been a bit unorthodox, a bit different.

In a sport where the individual comes first and the team follows, Michaels excels. In his senior year of high school, he grabbed three state championships and was named outstanding wrestler. He walked away the Atlantic Coast Conference champion his freshman and sophomore years at UNC, and became an All-American with an eighth-place finish at the nationals.

"I guess I was pretty radical in high school, with my hair and everything," Michaels said. "There were the jocks and the freaks, but I got along with both groups."

And he gets along here. Last year, with C.D. Mock and Bob Monaghan redshirting, Michaels co-captained the team with Dave Cooke, never allowing the team to get down on itself.

Coach Bill Lam sees Michaels as one who leads by example.

"Jan's a different type of wrestler, with a lot of talent, and he just rises to the occasion," Lam said. "Last year, with no seniors, he did an excellent job as captain; he's a leader in his own way, just by

not choking under pressure." Michaels has been less consistent this year than usual, posting a 26-9 record, but he said that he gears himself for the bigger matches, terming himself a tournament wrestler.

And he has always been there when needed. He was there on Jan. 28 against the Wolfpack, when he lost a tough 6-3 decision to Craig Cox. He wrestled with a 103 degree temperature; he had beaten Cox five times previously.

He's been there for the others on the

"Ever since Jan has been here, there's been a closeness in the team," tri-captain C.D. Mock said. "I don't know how to explain it, but Jan is responsible for that

"He's very much independent, and to be as good as he is you've got to be mentally strong. If he doesn't have a good match, he doesn't get down for two weeks. When the guys have trouble getting it going, he gets it going.

"When the going gets tough, Jan will be there," Mock said.

Swimmers lead after first day

UNC amassed 332 points after seven events to open up a big lead in the ACC women's swimming championships at the University of Virginia.

Sue Walsh won the 100-yard backstroke in 55.69 and Barb Harris took first in the 50-yard butterfly (25.44). Cay Andres and Cami Berizzi were second in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, respectively. Janice Dalrymple finished second in the one-meter diving event. UNC also won the 200 free and 400 medley relays.

Lisa Staton will compete in The Athletic Congress National Indoor Championships in Madison Square Garden this weekend. The prestigious TAC meet is the top amateur meet in the nation. Staton is entered in the long jump and 60-yard dash.

Miler Todd McCallister and half-milers Brett Plummer and Mike Kominsky will race in the Illini Classic in Champaign, Ill. Saturday.

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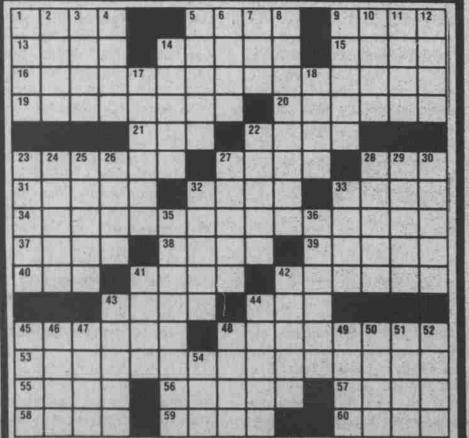
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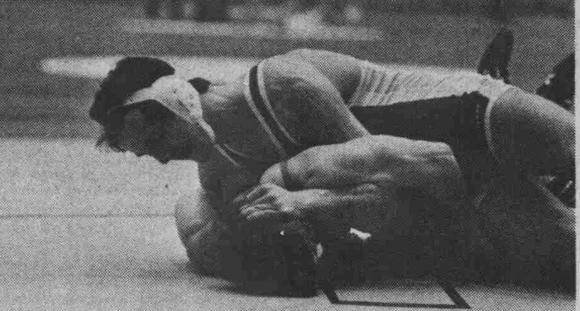
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Baseball wins home opener



Little photo Jan Michaels wraps up opponent in a half-nelson ...two-time ACC champ looks to repeat this weekend

To Michaels, friendship is the most important part of his life. In his own quiet way, he has cultivated a rapport with the rest of the team, and it has proven to be important for both sides.

Recruited by the top schools in the East, he chose Carolina because of the people involved. "The coaches and the guys on the team

are good, level-headed guys," Michaels said. "They're the main reason I enjoy wrestling for Carolina. I'd rather have good friends before a nice campus." Michaels' conversation is laced with

the word "individual." His ambition is to follow his father, a wrestling coach back home, and Uncle Walt - head coach of the New York Jets - into coaching, preferably on a college level.

"I'd like to help someone else out," Michaels said. "But I would handle them as individuals, not as a team. Everyone's different."

But right now he would like to imitate his brother — a two-time ACC wrestling champion at Virginia — and repeat his previous successes at the ACC tournament here in Carmichael this weekend.

He is also looking ahead to the NCAAs, where he would like to finish in the top five in the country.

"I'll just do what I've got to do." He always has. Apart from the crowd.

In distinct contrast to the tough weekend Carolina absorbed in Florida against 11th-ranked Miami, the Tar Heels whipped a young and outmanned Elon College team 11-2 in their Chapel Hill debut behind the fireballing of ace right-hander

Dave Droschak. Droschak, who got shelled in the first of the three games in Florida, gained the control he lacked in that 17-4 loss. With an early lead, he was able to stick to his fastball, which helped him strike out eight batters in eight innings of work. A sore back forced him out after two ninthinning batters.

First-baseman Pete Kumiega gave him that early lead with a three-run home run in the first inning. Kumiega finished twofor-five with four RBIs.

"Getting beat the way I did, I lost some confidence," said Droschak of his first outing which was marked with control problems. "I was a little apprehensive (against Elon) at first, but once I got past the first inning I was rolling. Ahead the way we were, I was able to sneak more fastballs by them."

Droschak had going a one-hit shutout before giving up a run in the eighth.

"We were not as aggressive with the bat as we were in Miami," said Carolina coach Mike Roberts, "but I was generally pleased with the game."

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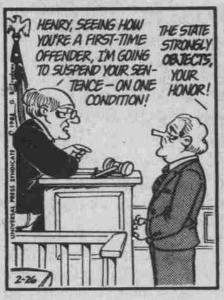


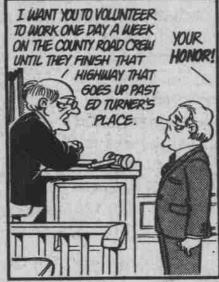




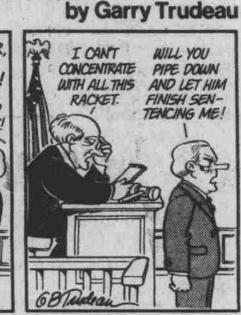












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