

SPORTS

Swimmers to splash into action

The UNC men and women's swimming teams are set to open their seasons this week while many of the rest of us are preparing for finals.

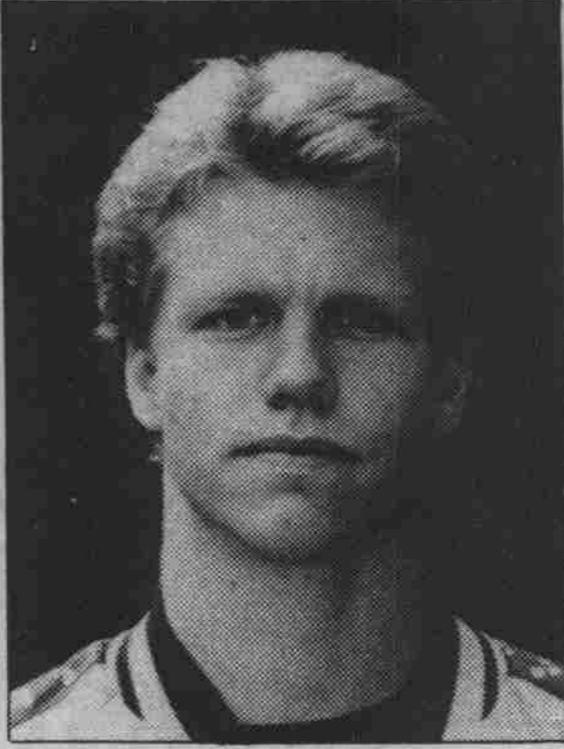
The women's team will be gunning for its sixth consecutive ACC title this spring after winning the closest ACC meet ever last year over Virginia and Clemson. It opens at N.C. State at 7 tonight. The team will also be looking to extend a string of high national finishes. Last season's 12th-place final ranking was the first time in 10 years UNC had finished out of the top 10.

UNC is led by a pair of All-Americans, senior captains Polly Winde and Sarah Durstein. Winde is a three-time All-American and Durstein a two-timer. The team also returns four one-time All-America selections in Jeanne Gerhart, Martha McCann, Melanie Buddemeyer and Susan O'Brien. Freshmen Patty Schultz and Kim Beattie will also aid the team in its quest for a sixth consecutive title.

On the men's side, UNC will hope to improve from last season's third-place finish. Senior co-captains Chris



Polly Winde



Chris Stevenson

Stevenson and Randy Hyre will anchor the team, which will feature a trio of newcomers and one senior in the spring freestyle. Senior Dirk Marshall is back from a shoulder injury and will be helped out in the sprints by newcomers

Larry Bloch, Daryll Johnston and Marc Croggon. The distance freestyle group is led by upperclassmen Danny Hamilton, Danny Flack and Clay Wellborn. The men also open at N.C. State, at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Will someone defrost the Frig?

By SCOTT FOWLER
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Can we talk for a minute about the William Perry craze? I mean, here is a man who cannot see his own feet when standing, flosses his teeth with a rope and usually talks with the coherence of a drunk Mel Tillis.

And he's a sports idol, simply because he fell forward a couple of times at fullback and snared a three-yard pass that Stevie Wonder could have caught. I remember that it was only last year when Perry would hold court after Clemson games in the locker room. While most players preferred to get dressed before being interviewed, Perry often did his interviews in the suit which he was born in, facing microphones and bright lights with no sign of embarrassment. He's just a natural kind of guy, I guess.

More accolades pour in for the UNC field hockey team: two players were just named All-Americans. Louise Hines, a senior forward, made the team for the second time, while sophomore midfielder Judith Jonckheer is a first-timer. Hines led the team with 17 goals, while Jonckheer led the team in total points with 15 goals and eight assists and was the ACC tourney MVP. UNC also had four players on the All-South team — sophomore sweeper Lori Bruney, senior goalkeeper Jan Miles, Jonckheer and Hines. Beth Logan, a senior midfielder who was also recently inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, was honorable mention on the team.

Michael Jordan's new commercial with Santa is super if you haven't seen it yet, as he repeatedly faces the man in the bright red suit with a myriad of dunks. Santa and Jordan both wear Air Jordans, and at the end Jordan and Santa walk away as Michael winks. I guess Santa is the one winking now, since he'll be the only one flying in December.

Here's the way I would cast a madcap, comic version of Scrooge as performed by the UNC basketball team — Warren Martin as Tiny Tim, Ranzino Smith as Bob Cratchit, Rich Yonakor as the Ghost of Christmas Past, James Daye as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Michael Norwood as the Ghost of Christmas Future, Steve Hale as Scrooge and Brad Daugherty as the woman Scrooge loved but left

the far sideline

because of his obsession with money.

The Dallas Cowboys, picked by coach Tom Landry to finish fourth in their NFC East division, are quietly rocking along at 9-4 at the top of the heap. Look for this to be the Cowboys' or a rebounding San Francisco's year in the NFC — the Bears won't be going to the Super Bowl. They've peaked too early, and although their defense is impeccable, the offense will make enough mistakes in the throwing game in one of the playoff games to lose.

Does anyone much care about the NBA games that are being played now, except for maybe the Celtics, Lakers and 76ers? We've found out rather quickly that Patrick Ewing is no miracle worker, so the Knicks aren't much fun. The NBA season is so long, I can't get excited about it unless I'm watching Michael J or watching the semis or finals, which I guess will be scheduled in July or so this year. If they don't watch out, the NBA is going to let itself in for a continual season, 12 months a year, with exhibitions beginning the day after the championship game.

Check out some of the favorite movies of this year's UNC basketball team as reported in that venerable publication, *Carolina Basketball 85-86*. Ranzino, Nightmare On Elm Street. Joe Wolf, Never Cry Wolf. That's very cute, Joe. For Brad, The Evil That Men Do, Dirty Harry. Kevin Maden, Rambo II and the Friday the 13th movies. Michael Norwood, Apocalypse Now. Steve Bucknall, Once Upon A Time In America. Dave Popson, Rocky III. James Daye, Commando.

On the less bloodier side, we have Jeff Lebo, On Golden Pond. Steve Hale, The Big Chill. Kenny Smith, A Soldier's Story. Guards do seem to have a bit different outlook on life, don't they? Tune in to the next far sideline for more selected favorites, this time from the tube.

football picks of the week

The cream, so they say, will rise to the top.

And "Low-Key" Lee Roberts has steadily risen to the top of the picks of the week pennant race. That's what they all say about this year's apparent champion (there are just a few bowl games to go before Lee puts the lock on this): he's smooth, he's homogenized, he's grade A. Alright, maybe they haven't really been saying that, but Roberts has forged his way to a three-game lead in this prognosticating battle of pride in a way that's gotta be

considered impressive. He smugly predicted this week at his press conference that he'll be eating caviar and sipping down some bubbly come Jan. 2. Only time will tell.

In second place as we enter the final chapter of this sordid conflict is Scott "Scoots" Fowler, the early-season leader but now just another casualty in the heartless world of football betting. Scott is determined to win this thing and will do anything in his power to do so. He was caught last week bugging his opponents' apartments, but he

screwed up the wiring and ended up broadcasting his bedroom antics to half of Orange County. So it goes...

Tim "the Mother" Crothers is the guy who wins the congeniality award; i.e., he's a nice guy, but he ain't gonna take a walk with the crown. You've really got to respect Tim for his earnest effort this season, but in the end, the lions got to him. He's four games back and fading fast, as he was seen this week asking dogs in the Pit what they thought of Joe Paterno's squad. It'll be over soon, Tim...

Bowl	Teams	Lee Roberts	Tim Crothers	Scott Fowler
		74-42-4	70-46-4	71-45-4
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California Bowl	Fresno St. vs. Bowling Green	FSU	BG	BG
Cherry Bowl	Maryland vs. Syracuse	Md.	Md.	Syr.
Independence Bowl	Minnesota vs. Clemson	Clem.	Clem.	Minn.
Holiday Bowl	Arkansas vs. Arizona St.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
Liberty Bowl	Louisiana St. vs. Baylor	LSU	LSU	Baylor
Florida Citrus Bowl	Brigham Young vs. Ohio State	OSU	OSU	BYU
Sun Bowl	Georgia vs. Arizona	Ga.	Ga.	Ariz.
Aloha Bowl	Alabama vs. Southern Cal	Ala.	Ala.	USC
Freedom Bowl	Washington vs. Colorado	Wash.	Wash.	Wash.
Gator Bowl	Florida St. vs. Oklahoma St.	FSU	OSU	FSU
Bluebonnet Bowl	Air Force vs. Texas	UT	AF	UT
All-American Bowl	Georgia Tech vs. Michigan St.	GT	GT	MSU
Peach Bowl	Army vs. Illinois	Ill.	Army	Ill.
Cotton Bowl	Auburn vs. Texas A&M	A&M	Aub.	A&M
Fiesta Bowl	Michigan vs. Nebraska	Mich.	Neb.	Neb.
Orange Bowl	Penn State vs. Oklahoma	PSU	OU	PSU
Rose Bowl	UCLA vs. Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	UCLA
Sugar Bowl	Miami (Fla.) vs. Tennessee	Tenn.	Mia.	Tenn.

Sports staff meeting

Yo, sports geeks. As Neil Young once said, tonight's the night. Of course, Neil wasn't talking about the sports desk meeting tonight at 7:00 in the sports office, but I am. So be there, or be killed.

There are many important items on this evening's agenda, such as selecting the mascot for our frog-throwing team and deciding whose potato salad we're going to use for the banquet.

A death in the family is not an acceptable excuse for missing this festival.



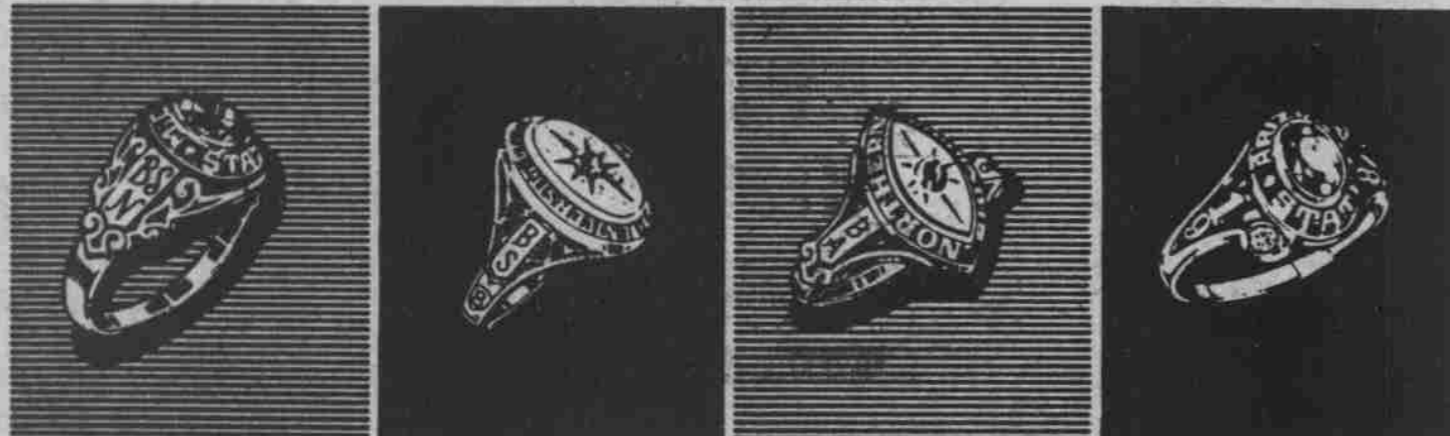
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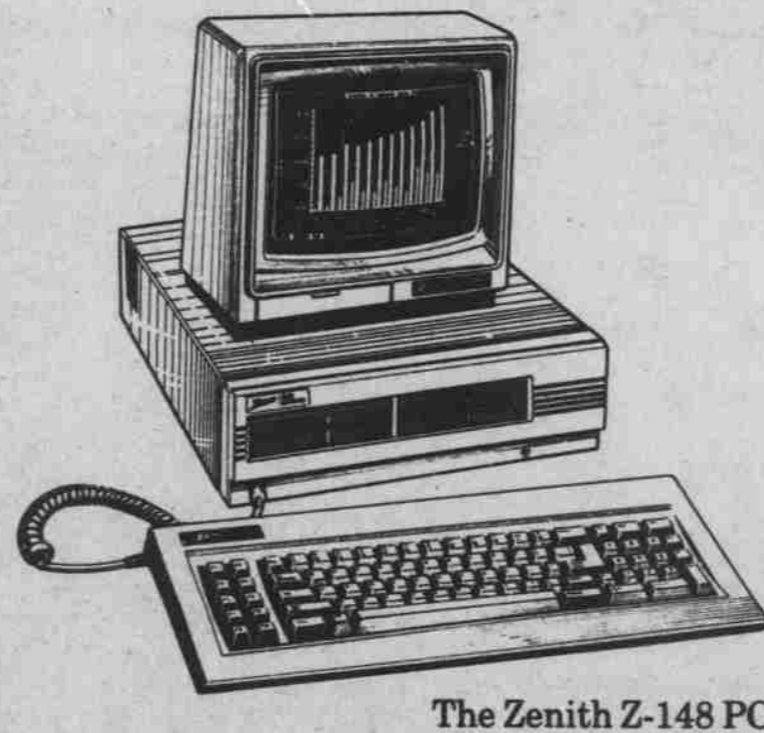
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