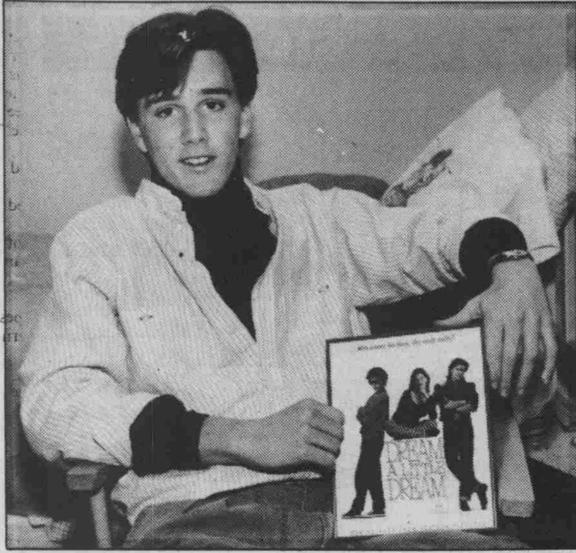


# Catch a rising star: UNC student follows path to success



UNC freshman John Ward can be seen in 'Dream a Little Dream'

By PAM EMERSON  
Staff Writer

"Dream a Little Dream," says the star on the door of John Ward's room in Teague Residence Hall, and the story behind the star almost reads like a dream.

A freshman broadcast journalism major, Ward plays Derek in the recently released movie, "Dream A Little Dream." The movie, a sort of love story/fantasy, stars Corey Haim, Corey Feldman and Meredith Salinger.

Ward landed the part after four auditions despite limited acting experience. He compared the situation to how a high school basketball player might feel if suddenly placed in the NBA.

"They knew what they were doing, and here I was, a rookie out of nowhere," he said. "But they were really happy to take me in and didn't resent me for not having experience."

Ward's first scene was one of the most climactic in the movie, and he said it was intimidating to start out working with established actors like Feldman and Haim.

After finding out in January 1987

that he had the part, Ward was allowed to take a leave of absence from New Hanover High School in Wilmington to begin filming Feb. 1.

For the next two and a half months, Ward worked 12-hour days six days a week. The schedule was simple to remember, he said: He either worked from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. or vice versa, depending on whether day or night scenes were being filmed.

Sunday was "turnaround day," when the actors adjusted to switching from one schedule to the other.

Because the movie was filmed on location rather than in a studio, each actor was housed in a Winnebago, complete with a TV, bed, table, shower, refrigerator and stereo system. Ward said the living arrangements were a definite plus. "What I wanted, I had."

He quickly made friends with his co-workers and still keeps in touch with them. "It was similar to living in a dorm," he said. "You know these people because you live with them."

Ward said he felt sorry for some of the young actors, who have not attended public school since their

elementary years and thus have no concept of what's going on.

"But they're all just like us once you get to know them," he said.

Ward did not land a part in a major motion picture by sitting around and waiting for things to happen. He said it all started when the movie "Firestarter" began filming in Wilmington in 1982.

His little sister Jennifer was cast as a photo double for actress Drew Barrymore, then 8 years old.

Because there are strict rules about how long someone younger than 16 can spend in front of a camera, doubles are often used when the actor or actress does not have lines.

"After a week, they (Jennifer and Drew) became the best of friends," Ward said. "Drew moved in the next week, and then her mom bought the house next door. I had a new sister."

After filming was completed, Drew and her mother returned to California, but the two families remained close. In the summer of 1984, Drew and her mother returned for the filming of "Catseye."

Ward said Drew's mother took him under her wing. "It was sort of

like Yoda and Luke Skywalker. I just learned more and more."

In the meantime, he had become a movie reviewer for local television station WJKA, a job he held for five years. Ward estimated having seen more than 2,000 movies, learning as he watched.

Beginning in 1984, he spent several weeks each summer in Los Angeles. "I went to premieres and hung out with Drew and the Hollywood crowd. I was a high school kid like anyone else except that I went to L.A. every summer," he said.

Director Marc Rocco contacted Ward's agent in late 1987 about a small part in "Dream A Little Dream." Ward said, "They flew me out for auditions, liked the way I matched up and gave me a bigger part."

Ward isn't quite used to the sudden attention he has received lately. He said a group of screaming adolescent girls ran up to him after attending the movie's premiere in his hometown.

"Then . . . I went to see it in Chapel Hill and the same thing happened, but this time they were big girls, which made it even worse."

## Sports

### UNC captures ACC tourney, Smith's first since 1981-82

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ATLANTA — Seven years had passed since Dean Smith last grabbed the scissors and helped cut down the nets, but he didn't look one bit rusty doing the delightful deed after last Sunday's ACC Tournament final.

Though coach Smith did some major snipping, senior co-captains Jeff Lebo and Steve Bucknall were the ones parading around The Omni floor with the two netlacers after UNC's hard-fought 77-74 victory over Duke.

It was only fitting, as Lebo's renewed outside marksmanship helped the fourth-seeded Tar Heels race out to an early 12-point lead and, after second-seeded Duke fought back to go ahead 59-57, Bucknall turned a pair of crucial three-point plays that put UNC over the top.

"When we got here Thursday, we got together, had meetings and decided we had to have a focus," Bucknall said. "That focus was to win the tournament. We've been here lots of times where we came close but we ended up watching other guys cutting down the nets. I had to get a net because this is my last year."

Junior forward J. R. Reid, who scored 48 points in three tournament games, including a 14-point, nine-rebound showing in the final, received the Everett Case Award as tourney MVP. Defensively, Reid and Kevin Madden took turns escorting Duke's All-America Danny Ferry through his nightmarish final. Ferry made just six of 20 attempts, missing all seven of his three-point tries, to finish with 14 points.

"Most jump shooters don't like to bang and be banged in the paint," Reid said of Ferry. "That's what I was trying to do, and it worked,

because we did a good job shutting him down."

Despite his sub-par effort, Ferry nevertheless almost saved the day for the Blue Devils. His 70-foot heave at the buzzer was on line but inches long, hitting the back iron and bounding away.

"Ferry was close on that three-pointer," Smith said. "An old man would have had a heart attack. I don't know if we could have recovered for overtime."

Indeed, more and more it became apparent Sunday's game would be a war of attrition. Things started off in that vein when Reid inadvertently gave Ferry a six-inch scratch along his left cheek. Before the issue was settled, four players (three from UNC) fouled out, King Rice and Duke's Phil Henderson nearly started a rumble at midcourt and a handful of minor skirmishes broke out as well.

"This game came down to who had the most heart in the last five minutes," Bucknall said. "People said we couldn't win in the clutch. Well, that was a clutch situation, and we did it."

After trailing from the opening tip-off, Duke finally caught the Tar Heels at 52 when freshman Christian Laettner, who had 15 points, hit two free throws with 10:54 to play. Ties at 55 and 57 ensued before John Smith made two foul shots at the 5:44 mark to give the Blue Devils their final lead of the day, 59-57.

At that point, the momentum was squarely in Duke's corner. A repeat of last year's final, when the Durhamites seemed to want the title more than UNC, appeared in the offing.

However, Bucknall, who had been scoreless with seven turnovers to that point, would have none of it. "Everybody came back in the locker room

and cried after that loss last year," he said. "That was one of the hardest losses I've ever had. That's what I kept thinking about today as it got near the end."

On UNC's very next trip downcourt, Bucknall drove the left side of the lane, scored over 6-foot-11 Alaa Abdelnaby and drew the foul. The free throw put the Tar Heels back in front 60-59 with 5:28 to go.

The teams traded points before Bucknall came through again. "I knew the guy who was on me couldn't keep me from penetrating," he said.

Sure enough, Bucknall beat Henderson on the left-hand dribble, drew the foul while sticking in a short bank shot and added the free throw to put UNC back up, 69-66, with 1:46 left.

The Blue Devils pulled within 71-69, but Rice, the goat in the regular-season finale, hit four free throws in the final 29 seconds, and Bucknall made two more to give UNC a 77-71 bulge with 10 ticks left. A Laettner three-pointer with three seconds remaining gave Duke one last gasp, and Rice cooperated by missing a front-end opportunity. But Ferry's heave didn't fall and UNC finally had its elusive ACC tournament title.

"We have been looking forward to this moment for a long time," said Lebo, a first-team all-tournament selection. "It's exciting for us but also for coach Smith, because he gets tired of hearing he can't win a (big) game. That's ridiculous."

### Wyland finishes 2nd in nation

From staff reports

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — UNC's Doug Wyland lost a hard-fought battle in the championship match at 118 pounds at the 1989 NCAA Division I wrestling tournament on Saturday.

A junior transfer from the University of Michigan, Wyland was the ACC champion at 118 but was defeated in a tight match, 10-8, by unbeaten and defending NCAA champ Jack Cuvo of East Stroudsburg State University.

To get to the final match, the Pittsburgh, Pa. native, Wyland defeated Lauren Baum of Liberty on a technical fall, 18-3, and Adam Derengowski of Rider with a pin in 1:25 in the first two rounds.

In the quarterfinal round, Wyland went into overtime with Oklahoma's Chris Bolin and out-pointed him 5-1 in the extra period.

On the final step toward the final, Wyland easily downed Jack Griffin of Northwestern 9-5.

With the second-place finish, Wyland ended the season with a 37-2 record and earned All-America status for the first time in his career. Joining Wyland on the All-America list is senior Enzo Catullo, who despite losing both his matches in the consolation round Saturday, placed sixth in the nationals. All-America honors are granted to the top eight at each weight class.

Spring gridiron workouts begin

After several delays, North Carolina's football squad will begin spring practice today.

Spring break and inclement weather pushed back second-year coach Mack Brown's previous

starting date of February 25.

During the vacation time, Brown hired East Carolina assistant Donnie Thompson to coach the outside linebackers. Thompson replaced the resigned Les Herrin, who will now assist Danny Ford at Clemson.

Brown knows that improvement on last season's 1-10 mark must start now and is positive about the preseason workouts.

"Our kids have done a great job in our off-season conditioning program and they will continue to work there," Brown said. "The most important thing we have to do is get our players to have a better self-image of themselves. Our top priority in our off-season program was to get stronger and faster. Our top priority coming out of the spring is to be a more confident football team."

## Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations, officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus

Calendar. Please use the same form.

### Monday

4:00 p.m. Field Hockey Club holds scrimmage until 5:30 p.m. at Ehringhaus field. Anyone interested invited to play.

### Items of Interest

Sophomores and juniors in Col-

lege of Arts and Science department applying for Summer 1989 Academic Credit Internships must have petition and transcript submitted to Robin Joseph, 211 Hanes Hall by noon on March 31, 1989. Senior Class of 1989 is now accepting original entries from seniors for the Senior Class Poem. The deadline is March 20; applications are available at the Senior Class Office, Suite B, Student Union.

Campus Y is accepting applications for chairperson positions through March 23. Applications are

available in the Campus Y office. Student Government — Executive Branch is accepting applications, which are available in Suite C, the Union Desk and during the day in the Pit until March 23. Fine Arts Festival 1989 — Flashback: the '60s will present "Then and Now: 1960s-1980s," an exhibit of works by regional artists. Contemporary art will be on display at the Horace Williams House, Franklin Street, and the 1960s exhibition will be in the Carolina Union Gallery. The exhibits will be on display until April 2.

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