

## UNCW downs Princeton, 65-42

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The culmination of athletic ability and scholastic achievement soared on Friday, Dec. 21 when UNC Wilmington faced Princeton. The Lady Seahawks entered the game off a disappointing loss to the Camels of Campbell, 63-59. The Lady Tigers of Princeton University, however, entered the game seeking their first win after a heartbreaker to High Point, 61-59 Monday.

UNCW (6-3) set the pace as the Seahawks opened the game with a 6-0 run sparked by Shameka Montgomery who from the tip completed a three-point play.

"I think throwing (the ball) inside set the tone from the beginning," Montgomery said.

Beginning with a press to capitalize on the vulnerable guard play of the Lady Tigers, the Seahawks had Princeton frantically searching for offense. As the shot clock depleted, the Tigers were forced to heave a shot at the basket. Lady Tigers forward Hillary Reser hit a buzzer-beater that sent Trask into silence and catapulted the Tigers to a 5-0 run. However, the Seahawks would not relinquish their press and thus went on a 11-0 run, opening a 23-11 lead on the now exhausted Tigers.

With the momentum on their side, the Seahawks looked to enter the locker

room with a considerable lead and take the game. Unfortunately, forward Lee Culp, a High Point, N.C. native, diminished the Seahawks hopes and sparked Princeton to a 10-0 run making the score 25-21 with just over 3:00 on the clock.

Montgomery ended the run by Princeton (0-8) by dominating the inside game, soaring above the Lady Tigers to convert one of her eight field goals on the night. The Seahawks returned to the locker room at the half with a 31-23 lead over the Lady Tigers, who looked grateful to end the half only down by eight.

The second half began with the Seahawks forcing two turnovers from the Lady Tigers. The Seahawks executed their defense flawlessly. Ann Hancock, first-year coach of the Seahawks, stressed to her team the importance of playing good defense.

"We really did not play our defensive roles against Campbell and we emphasized that in shoot-around today," Hancock said.

The Lady Tigers were desperate for offense while the shot clock was slowly ticking against them. Several times the Lady Tigers hit a shot clock buzzer-beater. The crowd was accustomed to this type of scoring from the Tigers.

However, the Seahawks managed to remain focused and starting freshman Tracy Morgan added two of her 15 points on the night. With the Lady Ti-

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## Club Spearfishing: UNCW Neptunes

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The UNCW Neptunes took their first offshore dive trip on Wed., Nov. 15. The group departed the Bridge Tender docks at 1:30 p.m. and returned at 5 o'clock that afternoon. Clear skies and mild temperatures made for a delightful afternoon in the water.

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The UNCW Neptunes, a campus sports club for underwater enthusiasts of all kinds, is dedicated to promoting the sports of freediving and freedive spearfishing through seminars, teaching, local dives and group trips. Freediving is a relatively inexpensive alternative to SCUBA, while just as rewarding. For



Neptune Michael Pester diving towards the deck of the Ramsey.

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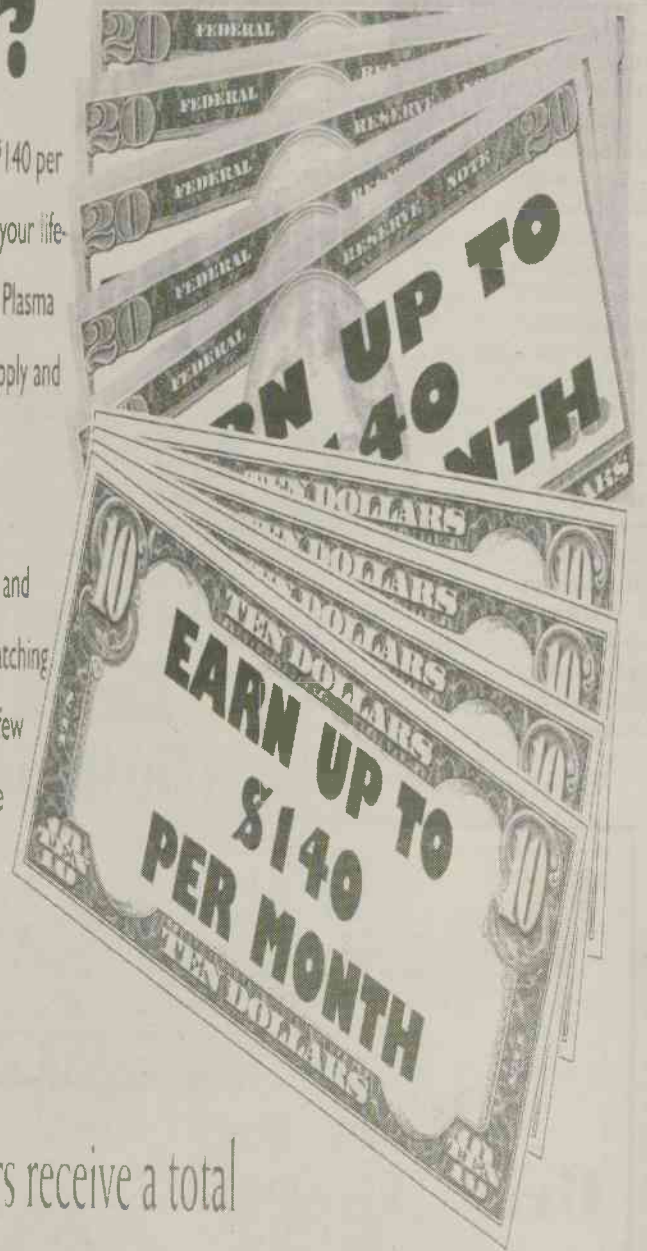
If you are interested in obtaining information on how to join the Neptunes, upcoming events or just basic information about the sport, you can send an e-mail to UNCW\_Neptunes@hotmail.com, or call President Chris Rader at 612-6993 for more information. The Neptunes are looking for new members of all skill levels.

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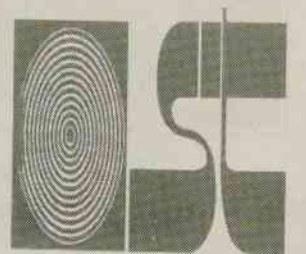


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