

UNCW student plans to study and surf in Barbados

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UNC Wilmington's International Programs is helping send sophomore Mitch Eakins on his search for surf and personal experience. Eakins plans to spend his summer in Costa Rica and upcoming fall semester in Barbados.

For his third consecutive summer, Eakins will visit world-famous surf spots in Costa Rica such as Tamarindo, Playa Hermosa and Witcher Rock. Costa Rica caters to surfers by providing a meager \$2 bus ride, which takes local and traveling surfers to many of Costa Rica's famous surf spots. Hundreds of surfers travel to Costa Rica to surf each summer. Eakins suggests, "You've got to go there for a while to really get absorbed by the culture."

Soon after his trip to Costa Rica.

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"The conference isn't that strong in field events, overall," assistant coach Bruce Kritzer said. "So we were able to really dominate them."

On the track, freshman Brian Burns finished fourth in the 400 hurdles, while sophomore Brian Blake contributed a fifth place finish in the 110 hurdles.

Sophomore Andrew Clayton placed second in the decathlon with 5,098 points.

After holding second place after the first day of events, UNCW's women's team fell to fourth, but finished with 19 points behind second place George Mason with 109 points. William and Mary was the runaway winner with 186 points.

"We could have easily placed second," Ankrum said. "Especially if we would have had Victoria Smith (who got injured earlier in the season). She could have won the 100, 200, long jump and triple jump. That's 40 more points right there."

Freshman Tiffanie Huerta-Reyes scored UNCW's only points in the sprints with a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter dash.

Sophomore Michelle Guidici paced the women, placing first in the hammer throw, and also scoring points in the discus throw and shot put.

Like the UNCW's men's team, the Lady Seahawks also picked up a good number of their points in the throwing events.

Angela Bonner and Shamika Montgomery placed sixth and seventh in the shot put for the Seahawks, respectively, while senior Lakesha Hatcher placed sixth in the hammer throw. Sophomore Anne Cerrano picked up sixth place in the javelin throw.

Charlene Davis and Eisha Troupe finished third and sixth, respectively, in the 100 hurdles, while Erin Delo, Betsy Bulkeley and Tina Fuchs finished 2-3-5 in the 400 hurdles.

Eakins will head off to the island of Barbados through UNCW's international programs.

On August 22 Eakins and senior Ace Cofer will go to Bridgetown, Barbados to attend the University of West Indies for the 2001 fall semester. The island of Barbados is also a world famous surfing location.

"The whole island has good surf," Eakins said. "You can get almost anywhere on the island in about an hour. Soup Bowls is about forty minutes from camp. That's probably the best surf spot."

Currently, two UNCW students/surfers, Carl Wallen and Josh Hunter, attend the University of West Indies through the university's international program.

When asked about the application process Eakins said, "I went into the international programs office the first

Lisa Maliska and Erin Johnson gave UNCW the one-two punch in the pole vault, and the Seahawks had a strong showing in the heptathlon, placing three competitors in the top five. Troupe, a junior, paced UNCW's heptathletes with a second-place finish, while Daphne Watkins and Maliska finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Redshirt junior Mary Gill finished sixth in the 10,000-meter run, while freshman Tamika Newsome picked up a point for her eighth-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

The Lady Seahawks' only IC4A qualifier was the 400-meter relay team, which placed second behind Virginia Commonwealth.

"Almost everybody ran a seasonal best," Kritzer said. "That's all you can ask for."

Both the men's and women's track teams will run at the Carolina Classic and Penn Relays before some of the athletes head off to the IC4A/ECAC Championships.

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Chisholm's 100-meter record stands at 10.60, but it is far from etched in stone. He has two more years at UNCW and will likely break his record more than once.

In addition to his role as a scorer on the track and field team, Chisholm also takes on the role of a leader. On a team filled with underclassmen, Chisholm stepped up early in the season to help the newcomers adjust.

"He brings life to the team just by example," said Shawn Sampson, a freshman walk-on. "At one point I was ready to quit, but he was the person that said to just keep at it, just keep trying."

In two years when Chisholm leaves as possibly the most decorated athlete of the UNCW men's track program has ever graduated, he will continue the daily runs, drills, sprints and weights.

His goal: The 2004 Olympics.

"I've been getting better and better ever since I started," Chisholm said. "I mapped it out. I'll continue with it for the next four or five years. I should be at Olympic standards."

day of school spring semester and applied. And pretty much, at least every other day for a couple weeks I was in there bothering the people in the office, hassling them because I didn't quite have the grades to go. So I knew that if I wanted to go I had to be very persistent.

"Everything I had to do I did fast and had everything turned in as quick as possible."

Clearly grades and persistence are determining factors for applying for such programs, but Eakins also said, "The International Programs Office is very helpful. They want you to go to these places, they're very willing to work with you to get you where you want to go."

Eakins is a film studies major and plans to take his digital camera to document aspects about the culture as well as surfing footage. "Hopefully, I will

be able to bring that footage back and maybe apply it to some of my film classes at UNC Wilmington."

When asked about Barbados, Eakins said, "Surfing is just one reason for going. Their culture is so much different from America's. I want to go down there to just learn things both inside and outside school. I want to come back here to be a more well-rounded person, cause that's what traveling does to you."

The experiences that lie ahead in Eakins' Costa Rica and Barbados are sure to be remarkable. Eakins and other people who have participated in the international programs can provide encouragement for other UNC Wilmington students to take advantage of the opportunities that such organizations have to offer.

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