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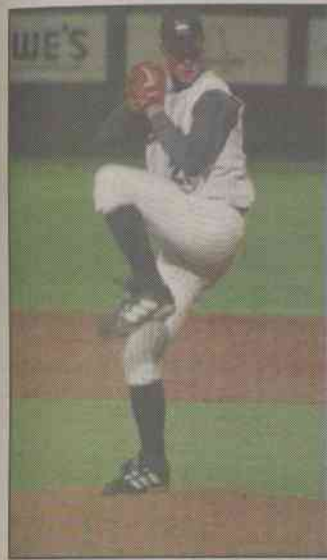


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BASEBALL TEAM EYES CAA TITLE, NCAA TOURNEY

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The UNC Wilmington baseball program is gearing up for the 2003 season with high hopes and untied goals. Coming off a 36-21 record and a second place finish in the Colonial Athletic Association in 2002, the Seahawks now focus on improving on those marks and becoming a national contender.

The Seahawks return to action this year hoping to maintain their dominance in the field which led to a second place finish in fielding percentage last season.

A key returnee to the Seahawks roster is senior all-conference out-

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Bush addresses budget, terror

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President Bush's second State of the Union address to Congress included his plans for and views on terrorism, Medicare, tax reductions and energy independence.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, the first item on Bush's agenda was the need for national economic stimulus and his proposal for income tax reductions. According to Bush's figures, the average family of four with an income of \$40,000 would keep about \$1,000 this tax season.

Bush also called for "spending discipline" in Washington to help the country out of its deficit and regain a budget surplus.

In addition to emphasizing a weak economy, Bush targeted health care reform, energy independence and introduced a \$450 million mentor program that would help "junior-high students and children of prisoners."



Bush addresses important issues concerning the U.S.

Bush encouraged Congress to act now on these problems and to pass his programs for social reform instead of leaving them "for Americans in three, or five, or seven years."

While he called the terrorists' threats from Al Qaeda "no longer a problem in the United States," Bush encouraged Congress to develop a Terrorist Threat Integration Center, combining the efforts of the FBI, CIA, Homeland Security Agency and Department of Defense.

Bush built the administration's case against the Hussein regime in Baghdad. While presenting facts concerning the weapons that Hussein is known to have and has given no evidence of destroying, he noted, "This nation fights reluctantly because we know the cost and we dread the days of mourning that always come."

Bush sent Congress a \$2.23 trillion fiscal 2004 budget Monday which forecasts

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UNCW Aquaculture, with the help of a federal grant, replenishes the flounder and sea bass populations.

UNCW spawns fish population

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A UNCW professor has been working on hatchery technologies that may keep flounder on America's dinner menu.

The Aquaculture program, in collaboration with North Carolina State University, has developed a hatchery program for southern flounder -- an economically important fish that has been declining in numbers for two decades.

"Southern flounder is now the most important flatfish harvested in North Carolina," said Wade Watanabe, the primary researcher of the fish farming research program.

The researchers are also work-

ing on hatcheries for black sea bass, which have been declining in numbers since the 1950s.

The Aquaculture program is able to spawn flounder eggs naturally, without using hormone inductions. This is the first program to do so successfully on a large-scale basis. In the past, hormones were injected into the fish daily or given to the fish in pellet form to get them to spawn.

During a period of four and a half months the group of 24 adult flounder produced an average of 50,000 fertile eggs per day.

While the capture of fish from the world's oceans has reached the limit of sustainable yields, there is

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