# Waldrop begins an indoor trek

The Dally Tar Heel

His motto is "Run for Fun," but with the kind of schedule that Tony Waldrop has lined up, how could it be considered work? Washington, D.C.; New Zealand,

Europe... Tuesday night, Waldrop began his worldwide travel as he attended a Washington banquet, receiving an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Among the other recipients were USC quarterback Pat Haden and honorary recipient Gerald Ford, acknowledging his Michigan grid career.

Forgoing an AAU indoor invitational meet in Maryland, Waldrop will participate in the New Zealand Championships beginning January 20. While there he will run against John Walker, holder of the second fastest 1500 meter time and Ron Dixon, bronze medalist in the 1972 Olympics.

Upon return from New Zealand, Waldrop will begin his American indoor tour, probably running with the Pacific Coast Club.

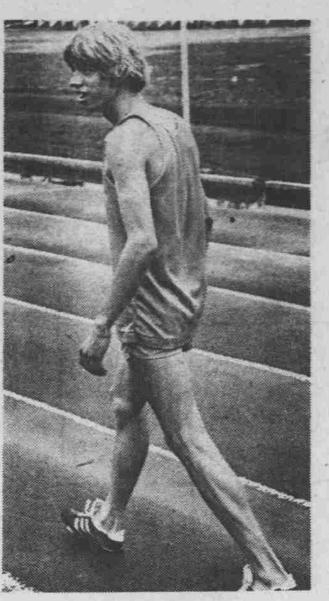
Reports indicate that the best performances from the former UNC star are yet to come. His indoor schedule will be light compared to the record-setting seven subfour minute miles a year ago.

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According to one source, Waldrop will point toward the outdoor season as his peaking period. Allegations flourished last spring that the indoor record-holder had burned himself out by the commencement of the outdoor season.

A major question is Waldrop's academic plans. If he remains in his current graduate status, he will be eligible for both the summer Pan American Games, this year to be held in Mexico City, and the World University Games, set for Yugoslavia in August.

Waldrop, a Morehead Scholar and a perennial Dean's List student, is also a leading candidate for a Rotarian Scholarship to study abroad in 1976. -Grant Vosburgh



**Tony Waldrop** 

Breece is all set for Wolfpack wrestlers

### Important ACC match for wrestlers

## **Grapplers to host State**

North Carolina's wrestlers host archrival N.C. State in one of the biggest matches of the early season tonight in Carmichael Auditorium. The Tar Heels grapple the Wolfpack at 8 p.m., preceded by a junior varsity match between the two schools at 6:30, with Pembroke scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday.

UNC coach Bill Lam is predicting a close battle. "This could turn out to be one of the best wrestling matches ever held in the state," said Lam. "The two teams are very evenly matched. We're extremely young and State will have an experience advantage. However, I think we're probably about equal in talent."

The two teams battled to a 16-16 tie last year. State defeated Pembroke Tuesday night for their second win over the Braves of the season. Carolina's only

competition has come in two pre-season tournaments.

UNC set a new school record of 11-2-I last year in Lam's rookie season as coach. Only two starters from last year's fourth place tournament team were able to retain their positions. At least five freshmen will be in the starting lineup for the Tar Heels tonight. Two of them, Tom Schober at 190-pounds and John Hackemer at heavyweight, face especially difficult tasks against the Wolfpack's Toby Atwood and Tom Higgins.

#### **Key matches**

Carolina's strength probably lies in the opening weights while State has the advantage at 190 and heavyweight. UNC's Scott Conkright at 118 and Steve Breece at 126 should contend for the ACC title at their position.

Some of the key matches will be David Breece against State's Clay Fink at 134. Jeff Reingten against ACC champion Paul McNutt of State at 142, Bucky Gaudreau versus the Wolfpack's Howard Johnson at 167, and Carolina's ACC champion Carl Hoffman against State's Robert Buckholz at 177.

This will be the first of two meetings between Carolina and State. The return match between the two teams in Raleigh Feb. 11 may be televised on a regional basis by WRAL-TV.



Fencing meet

The First Annual Alumni-Varsity Fencing Meet begins tonight at 7 p.m. in Woollen Gymnasium. Head coach Ron Miller expects about 15 returnees will be on hand to battle his squad, which fences the University of Virginia, its next regular season opponent Jan. 19.

### Correction

The Intramural Managers' Meeting is not at 7:15 p.m. in 205 Woollen as stated in Thursday's DTH, but instead the men are meeting at 7:00 in 304 Woollen while the women are meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 207 Woollen. Intramural basketball will resume on Monday, January 13. Schedules for next week's games and assignments for officials can be picked up in the intramural office.

#### by Ray Brinn **Sports Writer**

When Steve Breece, UNC's 126-pound wrestling star defeated Shawn Garell of Oklahoma University in the Oklahoma City Open in December, few realized the win may well have been the debut of UNC's first NCAA wrestling champ in recent years.

The talented junior, who transferred from University of Oklahoma last year and has

had to wait until this semester for league competition, was technically wrestling in the open tournament as an independent. And though he missed the North Carolina Collegiate Tourney in December, he will face many of the entrants in the coming season. Starting his career at the Bartlesville, Okla., YMCA as an eight-year-old 57-pound dynamo Breece became the two-time state high school champion and followed his brother Gary to Oklahoma. Becoming

### Swimmers to host ECU Pirates Saturday

disappointed with some aspects of the Sooner program, Breece quit school. Then Coach Bill Lam entered the picture, persuading the accounting major to travel east.

Breece is impressed with his new campus. An avid backpacker and fishing enthusiast, the ex-Sooner enjoys North Carolina's mountains and warmer weather.

Looking toward the coming season, Breece is confident of success. "We wrestle some good teams-Pitt, Navy, Penn State and Lockhaven State."

'Our easier matches will probably be

as "definitely having a chance to win the national title this year depending on injuries."

Breece agrees, "I like to think of myself as having a good chance at the national title," but there are several wrestlers still around with which to contend, including last year's runner-up from Slippery Rock, Jack Spates. Steve's older brother, Gary, and assistant coach at Carolina, defeated Spates for the national title.

Also for Breece, practice can be challenging. After dropping from his preseason weight of slightly over 140 pounds to 120 for the Oklahoma Open, Breece now tries to stay at 130.

The Norman, Okla. native also agrees with Coach Bill Lam's predictions of national prominence within the next few years. "We might end up in the top 20 after the national tournament this year. All we need is for one or two of the wrestlers to do well."

"Wrestling isn't going to be dominated by one or two teams as much any more," he continued. "The time when Oklahoma can have eight national champions on one team is gone. Everyone is getting a lot better." He pointed to the emphasis given wrestling by

Carolina's varsity swimming and diving team will compete in its first home meet in over a month when they host East Carolina at 2 p.m. Saturday in Bowman Gray Pool.

The Tar Heels are coming off losses to Duke University.

Florida and Florida State over the holidays, and will try to bounce back against the tough, Southern Conference Pirates. Carolina won two home meets before the holiday break, defeating Maryland and rival

within the conference," the grappler said, pointing out that the 1975 edition of Tar Heel wrestling will be ready for a challenging schedule. "Practice has been going well. Our morale is good, and we have a lot of faith in Coach Lam."

The wrestling mentor singled out Breece

To get to the NCAA finals, however, Breece must first win the ACC title, a goal he thinks he will attain. "Some of the lower weight classes in the conference aren't real rough."

the Big Ten, Pacific Eight and the Big Eight. Apart from the national outlook, Breece

must first contend with an improved N.C. State wrestling squad tonight.

The Wolfpack grapplers come into the contest with two wins over Pembroke State, and according to Coach Lam, the match could be very close.



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