

# Divers hoping to get into SAC this season

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The North Carolina diving team hopes to finish in the top four in the ACC this coming season if they remain healthy and if the Student Activities Center is completed on time, according to UNC diving coach Barry Thomas.

"As long as I can keep everybody healthy, I believe that we can definitely finish in the top six in the conference and we have the ability to be in the top four," he added.

"We had a really good recruiting year," Thomas said. "I lost one guy from the team last year and I replaced him with two really good men divers."

Senior diver, Garth Gasse from Lewiston, N.Y., agreed with Thomas about UNC's ability to have a good finish in the conference, due in part to a strong freshman class.

"This year should be the best year ever with the caliber of the new divers," Gasse said.

Ann Wentz, sophomore from Hillside, N.J., said that this year's team looks better than last year, and that she is looking forward to the season which begins Nov. 17.

Diving is only two events in a swim

meet. Scores of the two events, low board and high board, are combined with the swim team's scores for the total team score, Wentz said.

There are some disadvantages that the swimming and the diving teams need to overcome, Wentz said. One of them is not being able to practice together.

Thomas said that one thing that people don't realize is that except for track and field, swimming and diving are the only other sports where both the men and women practice together.

The men and women divers practice together as do the men and women swimmers, but the two teams aren't able to practice as much as they would like due to space and time conflicts with the physical education classes.

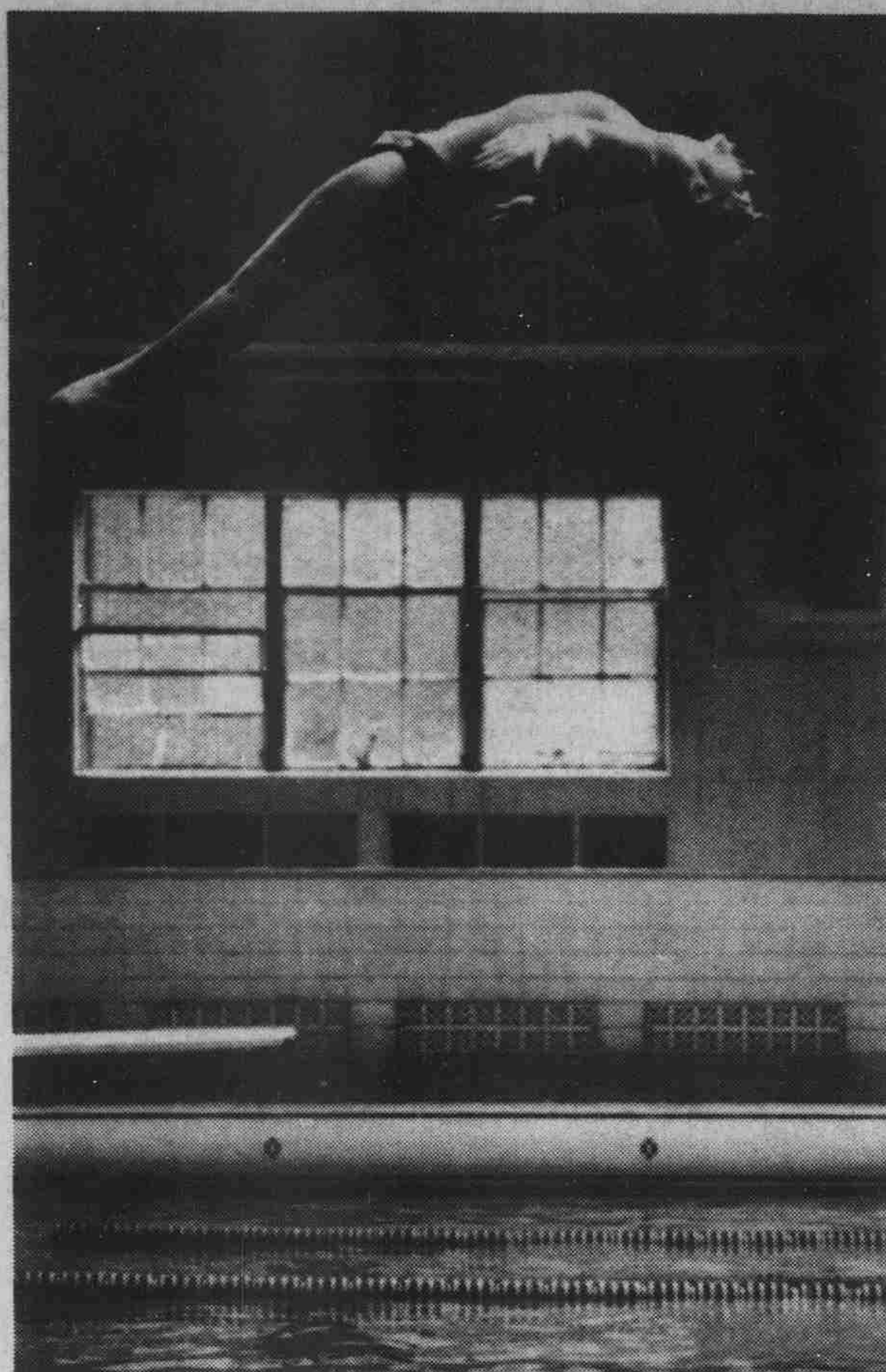
Wentz said that once the teams are able to move into the new pool at the SAC they will not only be able to practice together but will also be able to practice when they want to.

Another disadvantage is Bowman Gray pool's relatively shallow depth of 10 feet, Wentz said. She said that because the pool is not that deep that it is hard to rip in the water.

Ripping is a process in which a diver, on impact of the water, spreads his arms apart to make the dive cleaner with less of a splash, Wentz said.

At the indoor pool, said Wentz, it is difficult to do that. Wentz said that once divers enter the water they try not to hit the bottom and they are not able to rip as much as they would if the pool was deeper.

"Depth makes a big difference when you're diving," said Andy Hunter, a freshman from Stamford, Conn. "You would be surprised how much of a difference two or four feet makes."



Andy Hunter soars from the low board

DTH/Larry Childress

# Tar Heel Invitational to be run this weekend

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It took about 90 minutes. That's all.

That's all the time that was needed, from the starting gun of the women's race at 11 a.m. until the last man crossed the finish line at about 12:30, to make the first Tar Heel Cross Country Invitational in 1984 one of the best meets in the nation.

Eventual collegiate champion Ed Eystone of Brigham Young mastered the Finley Golf Course layout to win the men's race and NCAA competitors Virginia and Clemson finished neck-and-neck in the team scoring. The women's race featured N.C. State frosh phenom Janet Smith and a Wolfpack team that finished in the nation's top five.

The 1985 edition of the race may lack those credentials, but the competition should be just as intense.

"Depending on what this hurricane does to us this weekend, we may see both course records (Eystone's and Smith's) fall," said UNC coach Dennis Craddock. "But if it gets all wet and sloppy, the course will run pretty tough."

The Invitational will be run Saturday at Finley Golf Course, the women's race starts at 11 a.m. and the men's at 11:45. There are no admission charges.

Another difference between last year's meet and this one is that North Carolina has a chance to win both team titles. The women finished

fourth and the men fifth in 1984. The Wolfpack, whose teams are the ACC's best, is not competing. BYU has good teams in both divisions, but is without its best runners from last year.

"In the men's race, BYU has a traditionally strong program and should do well," Craddock said. "Georgia Tech has been building a strong program. They beat us at the ACC's last year and may surprise some people. But I think we have as good a shot as they do to win."

"I think Clemson and BYU will be the teams to beat in the women's race. Both programs are traditionally in the top 10."

Craddock is looking for good performances from his fourth and fifth runners to be the key.

"We depend on our steady performers to do well and hope that the others can be there when it counts," he said.

Craddock's steady list includes George Nicholas, Jim Farmer, Bill Will, Holly Murray, Karol Chambers and Christine Nicholas. But other key individuals will be Mike Currinder, Reggie Harris, Mike McGowan, Vicki Verinder and Jeanne Matta.

"We have more depth with the men than we do with the women," Craddock said. "So the men can look at any two of three or four people to come in strong at positions four and five. But the women have only a couple of people with that potential."

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