

# DEACON NOTES

## Four Deacs added to school's Hall of Fame

Frank Johnson, one of the most popular basketball players in Demon Deacon sports history and a 1981 All-American, and the late Bill George, the school's first-ever football All-American, highlighted a group of four individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame Jan. 24. Also inducted was former Demon Deacon football player Bob Gaona, an all-Southern Conference performer and standout lineman with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1950s, and Dick Tiddy, former Deacon golfer and current director of instruction for the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy in Orlando, Fla. Official induction ceremonies took place at a banquet on Jan. 24, at Bridger Field House. The inductees, with George represented by members of his family, were presented at the halftime of the Missouri basketball game Jan. 25.

Johnson started four years for coach Carl Tacy, helped the Deacons to two NCAA Tournament appearances and made it to eighth on the team's all-time scoring list with 1,749 points. George was named All-American in 1949 and was a three-time all-ACC conference selection as a defensive lineman. Gaona played both offense and defense for the Deacons from 1950-1952, then joined the Steelers for four seasons. Tiddy helped the Deacons to a Southern Conference golf title in 1950 and two top 10 NCAA finishes.

## Greer optimistic about upcoming season

As the 1998 season approaches, optimism abounds about the Demon Deacon baseball program. With key returning veterans com-

binning with a talented freshman class, head coach George Greer feels that this team can make some noise on the national scene

"We have all of the ingredients to be an outstanding team this year," Greer said, now in his 11th season leading the Deacs. "This may be the deepest and the fastest team that I have coached at Wake Forest. We have speed, solid defense and the ability to hit the ball out of the ballpark, and I think that makes us a dangerous team."

After tying the school record with 37 victories in 1997, Greer and his Demon Deacons look for even more success in 1998 as they set their sights on the top of the ACC and an NCAA Regional berth.

The Deacons have a clear goal this season, and that is to advance to the NCAA Regionals for the first time since 1977.

Greer says he feels that if his players stay healthy and the team plays to its potential, the Deacs will have a good chance of accomplishing their goals.

"We feel pretty good about our ballclub," said Greer. "We have some outstanding players, and we feel that we can get to a regional this year and do well."

## Duncan becomes first Deacon NBA All-Star

San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, '97, was named to the NBA All-Star Team last week.

Duncan becomes the first former Deacon to be named to the NBA All-Star Team. Duncan will be a reserve forward for the West All-Stars.

The 1998 NBA All-Star Game is a part of NBA All-Star Weekend, which will be held February 6-8 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Duncan is also the only player to be playing in both the All-Star Game and the Schick Rookie Game.

# Tennis falls in season opener

By Paul Gaeta  
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The inaugural event at the newly-built Indoor Tennis Center didn't help the upset-minded Demon Deacon men's tennis squad defeat 18th-ranked Middle Tennessee State. The Deacs dropped the Jan. 31 match, 5-2, their first decision of the spring season.

Heading into the match, the Demon Deacons looked poised to dethrone Middle Tennessee State of their national ranking.

The team's strong play at the ACC Indoor Championships at Clemson coupled with the fact that it was their first match at the new tennis center, which has been under construction throughout the past year, led the Demon Deacon players to think that an upset was in the making.

Middle Tennessee State, however, proved just too tough for the Deacs.

"I didn't anticipate the loss," Munoz said. "We were well prepared, but there were a few close matches that could have gone either way, and that determined the final score."

The Deacs started the match on the wrong foot, dropping two of the first three doubles matches to Middle Tennessee State, good for one point overall to the opponents.

"I think the key that would have helped us would be the doubles," Munoz said. "We can't just depend on one doubles team every match." Munoz was referring to his double partnership with Clouston, a team ranked 38th in the nation.

The tandem once again rolled past competition, Middle Tennessee State's Marshall Brown

and Anthony DeLuise, 8-2.

Munoz said, "We just played great. We did our job and finished the match quickly."

That win, however, was the last for the Deacs, as the team of junior Billy Gluck and Johan Hansen were defeated by Matt Walker and Julius Roberts, 8-6.

Senior Jimmy Chou and Lars Kabiersch lost the final doubles match of the day, 8-6.

The two losses hurt the Demon Deacons tremendously, putting them down one point at the very start of the match.

"I think sometimes it's demoralizing to lose those doubles matches," Munoz said. "They are the key, and if we don't win them we are starting off the match on the wrong foot."

The Demon Deacons furthered their gap with their opponent in singles play, matches that have proven quite difficult for the squad to win.

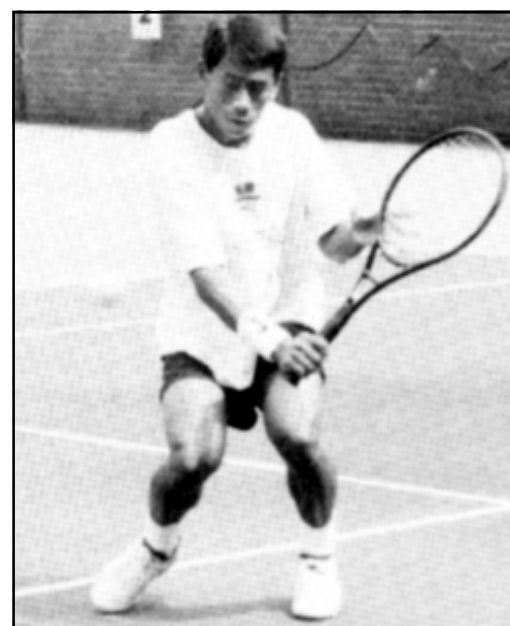
Already down 1-0, the Demon Deacons' top four singles players lost their matches, making it impossible for the Deacs to come back and score the upset.

Middle Tennessee St.'s DeLuise had no problem with Clouston, ranked 90th in the latest Rolex Collegiate National Singles Rankings, beating him handily, 6-2, 6-3.

At third singles, Demon Deacon Gluck was involved in the closest match of the day before State's Julius Roberts eventually outlasted him in a third-set tie-breaker, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6.

The Deacs' Kabiersch, competing at fourth singles, also lost a close three-setter, dropping the match to Marshall Brown, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Sophomore Michael Berger finally got a match under the Demon Deacon's belt at fifth



Courtesy of Sports Information  
Senior Jimmy Chou lost his Jan. 31 match against Middle Tennessee State.

singles when made quick work of Matt Walker, 7-6, 6-2.

Berger was followed up with another Deacon win, this one by Munoz in three sets, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1, over Mark Pellerin.

"The first set, even though I won, I was making several mistakes," said Munoz. "In the second set, I got a little tentative being it was my first singles match for the team and the crowd. But I gathered myself together in the third and was able to win."

# Deacs stumble to ninth straight loss

By Erin Korey  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The women's basketball team seems to have hit a slump, similar to last year. The Deacons have been unable to pull down a victory in their last nine games.

Monday was no different as Duke dominated them, 79-55.

Duke, ranked 14 in the nation, was no match for the frustrated Deacons.

The Blue Devils have only lost

one game this year, and they kept the record going.

With the return of junior Cynthia Kelley, the Deacons came out strong in the first half.

Although Duke took the lead early in the game, the team was able to stay within single digits for most of the half.

Sophomore Alisha Mosley got the momentum going, with 3:05 left in the half, when she took the ball down the court and around Duke's Ericson for the lay-up.

The Deacons had enough drive to hold the Blue Devils within 10 finishing up the half.

The Deacons stayed competitive with the Blue Devils, shooting 42 percent from the line, only slightly less than Duke.

The second half looked all too familiar for the Deacs, as their hopes of a win were crushed by the overpowering Duke team.

The half started off on a positive note for the Deacs as Mosley dropped a three pointer to keep the

Demon Deacons within winning distance.

As Duke took the ball down the floor, Mosley stole the ball and took it back to the basket for an easy jumpshot.

Despite the Deacons' aggressive defense, Duke still drove strong to the basket and scored. They went on a 19-2 run, to secure the win and hand the Deacons another loss.

Freshman Kristen Shaffer, stood out for the second game in a row as lead scorer for the Deacons.

# Swanson keeps low-profile as one of nation's best

*The senior might go unnoticed on campus, but on the track, the All-American is catching the eyes of his opponents*

By David McGlinchey  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Other runners must have wondered why the letters S-W-A-N-S-O-N were painted on the grassy course about 800 meters from the finish of the 1997 NCAA Cross Country Championship. To those who didn't know Demon Deacon senior Nolan Swanson, the artistic efforts of his teammates were probably just confusing.

To Swanson the gesture was very much appreciated.

"I passed my name in the grass and a lot of people were there cheering for me, it gave me a boost at the end of the race," Swanson said.

Swanson treated those who had traveled to watch the national championship in Furman, S.C., to a spectacular performance. His time of 30 minutes and 17 seconds was good enough for 32nd overall and 19th among American runners, earning him All-American honors. Impressive for a 22-year-old who had won his first collegiate race only one year before. Of course, when your first win is at the ACC Championship then you know that good things lie ahead.

Watching Nolan Swanson run is impressive. Once, Swanson was competing in a 3,000 meter indoor track race at Virginia Tech. In the crowded start another racer stepped on his foot with racing spikes, cutting Nolan's ankle and toe and untying his shoelace. He ran through this and led a close

race until the final few laps at which point he decided that the pace was too slow and pulled away, leaving his exhausted opponents behind as he won easily. By the end of the race, his shoe had almost fallen off.

He is clearly one of the top runners in one of the top athletic conferences in the country. How is it then, that an All-American runner who has won the ACC championship can walk around school without being recognized? He might sit next to you in a class and you probably wouldn't know that he is only the fourth Demon Deacon to earn All American men's cross country honors.

"Running is not the most popular sport," Swanson said. "It's always been like this. Plus, we only have one meet at home, people come, but there aren't enough meets for them to get into it."

But isn't it a little annoying to remain anonymous despite his accomplishments?

"I can walk right through the Athletic Center and no one will know me, even though they'll know every guy on the football team," he said.

The team itself doesn't get much recognition, despite producing two All-Americans in two years. "Our only groupies are the women's track team," Swanson said.

Swanson's low profile is not for lack of effort or achievement. He is completely dedicated to succeeding. He has been running cross country since he was a seventh grader in Sherman, N.Y. In high school he and his younger brother, Demon Dea-

con sophomore Patrick Swanson, were the top two runners in their county.

Nolan is the top runner on a formidable Deacon men's cross-country team. When he is not in season, Swanson runs between 90 and 100 miles a week, which includes speed workouts on the track.

To cut fat, Swanson won't eat after 7 p.m. Always in pursuit of large amounts of food, Swanson can often be seen joining his teammates at Vincenzo's restaurant for all-you-can-eat pasta night.

"To be honest," Swanson said, "I go to Vincenzo's partly because of all the pasta and partly because the girl who brings the water is a babe."

Maybe that's why it's hard for Nolan Swanson to be recognized.

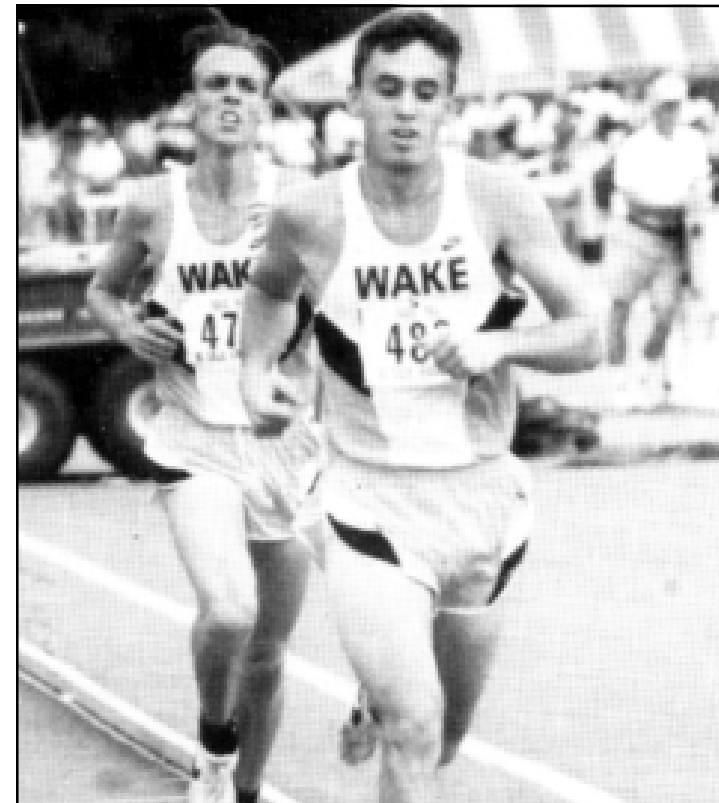
Just when you expect the aloof, superior attitude which we anticipate from elite athletes, he proves this theory wrong.

When he graduates in a year and half, Swanson wants to try running professionally for a while. "There is money out there in road races," says Swanson, "if I get a little better I can make some money."

In his remaining two seasons of outdoor track eligibility and one season of indoor track eligibility Swanson wants three more All-American plaques. He also wants to lead his team to an outdoor track championship.

"A lot of guys on our team put in a lot of work," Swanson said, "and we don't get much recognition."

Maybe they never will get the recognition they deserve. Then again, maybe success is reward enough.



Courtesy of Sports Information  
Senior Nolan Swanson might go unnoticed on campus, but he is still one of the nation's premier runners.

# SCOREBOARD

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
NCSU	9 2	18 3
Clem.	8 3	16 5
Duke	8 3	15 6
UNC	7 3	17 4
UVA	6 4	15 5
Md.	5 5	12 8
FSU	3 8	7 14
GT	2 8	9 11
WFU	0 11	4 17

### Statistics

	Rebounds	Avg. / game
Chasity Melvin, NCSU		9.9

Tracy Reid, UNC	9.3
Latavia Coleman, FSU	8.2
Kenya Williams, GT	8.0
DeMya Walker, UVA	7.7
Emon McMillan, WFU	7.4

### Three-Point Goals Per Game

	Avg. / game
Amy Geren, Clem.	2.4
Heidi Coleman, WFU	2.3
Mimi McKinney, UVA	2.3
Nicole Erickson, Duke	2.1

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Standings

Duke	ACC	Overall
	9 0	20 1

UNC	8 1	22 1
Md.	6 4	13 7
FSU	4 5	15 7
WFU	3 5	11 8
NCSU	3 6	12 8
Clem.	3 6	12 9
GT	2 6	13 8
UVA	2 7	10 12

### Scoring

Antawn Jamison, UNC	22.3
Matt Harpring, GT	22.2
Norman Nolan, UVA	20.9
Curtis Staples, UVA	17.8
Dion Glover, GT	17.7
Greg Buckner, Clem.	17.1
Robert O'Kelley, WFU	16.7
C.C. Harrison, NCSU	16.1
Vince Carter, UNC	15.7
Laron Profit, Md.	15.5

### Rebounds

Antawn Jamison, UNC	9.6
Matt Harpring, GT	9.2
Norman Nolan, UVA	8.6
Loren Woods, WFU	8.5
Michael Maddox, GT	7.0
Harold Jamison, Clem.	6.9
Rodney Elliott, Md.	6.8
Shane Battier, Duke	6.7
Niki Arinze, WFU	6.5
Alvin Jones, GT	6.4
Obinna Ekezie, Md.	6.4

### Blocks

	Avg.
Alvin Jones, GT	4.7
Loren Woods, WFU	2.8
Elton Brand, Duke	1.7
Corey Louis, FSU	1.6
Shane Battier, Duke	1.4

Colin Ducharme, UVA	1.3
Karim Shabazz, FSU	1.3
Makhtar Ndiaye, UNC	1.3
Kris Hunter, UVA	1.2

## THIS WEEK

- Feb. 6  
Women's Tennis at Rolex Invit., Dallas  
Men's Tennis vs. Appalachian State and Richmond, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 7  
Men's Basketball at Clemson, 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8  
Women's Basketball vs. Florida State, 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11  
Men's Basketball vs. Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.