

DEACON NOTES

Volleyball head coach announces recruits

Volleyball Head Coach Mary Buczek announced on Feb. 4 that Margaret Davidson of Huntsville, Ala.; Trina Maso de Moya of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Amber Rieg of Ellicott City, Md., have signed national letters of intent to join the Demon Deacon volleyball program. "I feel this class will add athleticism and depth to our team and have a major impact on our program," Buczek said.

"Margaret will train in the middle for us while Trina plays middle and outside, but we look for her to primarily play the outside. Amber will help us on defense and is a good passer," said the third-year coach. Davidson will play middle blocker for the Deacons. In 1997, she was named to the *Birmingham Post Herald* all-state team for the second consecutive season.

Maso de Moya was a Florida all-state selection her junior and senior seasons. In 1995, she was a member of the Florida 5A volleyball state championship team. Rieg was named to the All-Howard County first team in 1996 and 1997 by the *Baltimore Sun* and the *Howard County Times*.

Gaskell and Parrish earn academic honors

Two Deacon football players have been tapped to the All-ACC Academic Team.

Center Chris Gaskell, who started all 11 games and snapped all but four plays this past season, was named to the offensive side, while safety junior DaLawn Parrish, who

amassed 51 tackles in the 1997 season, earned a spot on the defensive side for the second time.

Gaskell earned his bachelor's degree in sociology in the spring of 1997, and is now enrolled in a graduate program in education.

He posted a 3.5 grade point average this past fall and will finish up his master's work this summer.

Parrish, a history major, currently has a 3.11 grade point average. He was named to the All-ACC Academic Team as a true freshman in 1995.

Deacons thump State, get thumped by Tigers

The Deacons went 1-1 during their last two away games, finding success in Raleigh against N.C. State 68-62, but watched it slip away during a loss to Clemson 71-46.

The Deacons continued their recent domination of the Wolfpack as freshman Robert O'Kelley scored 19 points to lead the team to victory Feb. 4.

After missing seven of 11 free throws in the first half, the Deacons sank 19 of 23 in the second half.

Senior Tony Rutland sank four free throws and added a dunk in the final 28.1 seconds to top off the win.

The Deacs did not fare as well during their next game, a Feb. 7 contest at Littlejohn Coliseum in Clemson, S.C.

Head coach Dave Odom started five freshmen for the second straight game, and the inexperience came through with five turnovers and just two baskets during a nine-minute 18-5 run by the Tigers.

O'Kelley once again led the Deacs with 12 points, but it was his lowest total since he scored 11 against Utah on Dec. 6.

Deacons remain in ACC cellar

Dardy paces Lady Deacons while team still looks for its first conference victory

By Erin Korey
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The women's basketball team went up against the second worst team in the ACC, Florida State, on Feb. 8 in the Coliseum Annex but still walked away with its 12th loss in a row and its

13th loss overall in the ACC. After coming off a heartbreaking loss to Maryland, the Deacons were unable to pull down the win against the Seminoles, losing 63-56.

The Deacs lost the opening tip and went downhill from there. The Seminoles dominated them on defense, overpowered them under the boards, and despite low shooting percentages by both teams, led at the half, 21-19.

Junior Heidi Coleman got the team going when she got the ball in the corner from junior Cynthia Kelley and scored from behind the arc.

For the most part, however, the Deacons struggled to stay within a comfortable distance of Florida State.

They finally got close in the final minutes of the opening half. With less than a minute left, Coleman brought the team within two points with a three-pointer to send the Deacs into the locker room with some hope for a victory.

The second half didn't look promising for the Deacs. Bad passing and an ineffective offense plagued the team.

The Deacons were unable to capitalize on turnovers and fouls,



Carlton Ward/Old Gold and Black
Junior Cynthia Kelley attempts a jumper against Maryland.

only shooting 60 percent from the line.

Freshman Alisha Mosley brought the team to within one by making a foul shot with eight minutes left, but the team could not gain the momentum to surpass the Seminoles.

In her first year as coach, Head Coach Charlene Curtis has been trying to overcome these obstacles. "When you don't win, you tend to panic because you don't know how to do it. We haven't been able to turn the corner or get that break in some close games," Curtis said.

A standout for the team in the dreary loss was freshman Olivia Dardy.

She has been consistent with her game under the boards and her perimeter shooting.

She led the team in rebounds, with 12 boards, and scoring, with 13 points.

Mosely sinks buzzer-beating three-point basket to send contest to overtime

By Erin Korey
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The women's basketball team had its most suspenseful game yet this season, as it forced Maryland on Feb. 4 in Joel Coliseum into overtime. However, the team struggled in the extra period,

adding a heartbreaking loss to its record, 56-52.

Sophomore Alisha Mosley followed the legend of Maryland's Laron Profit, who dropped a three-pointer as time expired last year against the Deacon men's team, as she also dropped a three as time wound down. The shot tied the game at 50, forcing Maryland into overtime.

Mosley and junior Heidi Coleman both finished the game with three baskets from behind the arc, and the duo were the only two Deacs in double figures.

The Deacons battled hard throughout the overtime, playing an aggressive defense and keeping the Terapins from getting off their shot.

But the win just wasn't in the Deacons' fortune, as they put up shots from all over the court with no avail.

Although the Deacons trailed for a majority of the first half, Mosley previewed her game-tying shot with a three-pointer with five minutes left in the half, giving the Deacons the lead for the first time in the game.

The rush of adrenaline helped Mosley back down the court as she dished off to freshman Jyanae

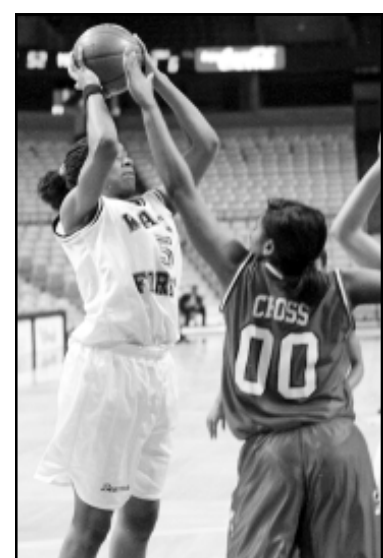
Whiteside, who made a second basket from long range.

The Deacons went into the second half with momentum on their side. Coleman started off the scoring with a three pointer to increase their advantage. The Deacons took their biggest lead when Coleman made another three-pointer, bringing the lead up to 16.

The luck of the Deacons soon ran out as Maryland went on a 10-0 run with 14 minutes left in the game. The Deacs' lead gradually diminished as they found their blowout turning into a too-close-for comfort game.

With 1:22 left in the game, the Terps took over the lead with a basket and then hoped to clinch it with two foul shots. Their plan was foiled with Mosley's bomb.

Freshman Olivia Dardy assisted the team's effort with 11 rebounds.



Carlton Ward/Old Gold and Black
Emon McMillian, a junior, pulls up in front of a Terp defender.

Deacon baseball loaded with depth, strength in '98

By Jeremy Noel
Contributing Reporter

The 1998 baseball season opens this weekend, Feb. 13-15, in Wilmington with games versus UNC-Wilmington and Radford.

The Demon Deacons are looking forward to what could be one of their best seasons in recent memory.

The Deacons will be looking to improve on last season's success, which included a school-record-tying 37 victories.

That effort will be led by a corps of key returnees who will be joined by an extremely talented freshman class that promises to make an immediate impact.

This year, the Deacons have their sights set on the top of the Atlantic Coast Conference and an NCAA Regional berth.

Head Coach George Greer feels that this team has everything necessary to reach those lofty goals this season, if they have a number of key ingredients present on their team.

When asked about his team's ability, Greer said: "We have all the tools necessary to be an outstanding team this year. We have power, speed, defense, and an experienced and deep pitching staff."

Perhaps the last of these will be the biggest key to how far the Deacons can go this season.

The pitching staff of this year's squad is extremely deep and talented.

They are led by sophomore right-handers Mike MacDougal and Jeremy Ward and junior lefty John Hendricks.

MacDougal earned freshman all-America honors last season as he recorded six wins for the Deacs. He is a potential first round draft pick and all-American candidate this season.

Ward was a USA Baseball National Team invitee during the fall and a summer-league All American. Like MacDougal, his fastball has been clocked in the 90s.

He led the Deacons with six saves last season, but he will be used in the starting rotation this year.

Hendricks will be the third member of the weekend rotation and will look to improve on a successful 1997.

He recorded eight wins last season and finished second in the ACC with a 3.26 earned run average.

Sophomore Eric Schmitt, who posted a 5-0 record last year, will see time as a weekend starter and relief pitcher.

Greer said: "We have four pitchers who would have been number one pitchers at any other time that I've been here at Wake Forest. The next group of pitchers — Matt Briggs, Will Rikard and Stephen Sullivan — all have experience and have pitched in college summer ball as well. We will look

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to use Scott Siemon out of the bullpen also."

The Demon Deacon battery will be completed by junior catcher Andrew Riepe, who returns for his third season as the starting backstop.

Last season, Riepe was solid at the plate where he hit .335 with six home runs and in the field, as he threw out 20 of 57 potential base stealers.

Senior Steven Granese will take the No. 2 spot, and freshman Corey Slavik will compete for playing time.

Both will be relied upon to give Riepe rest over the course of the year.

Sophomore Joe Belton and freshman Jason Mersey will also add depth at this position for the Deacs.

"In order for us to have a good season, Steven Granese needs to be healthy and we will look for Corey Slavik to emerge as a third catcher," Greer said.

Backing up the pitching staff will be a

deep infield that is anchored by junior first baseman Jon Palmieri, who is fully healthy after a hamstring injury last year and will look to return to the form that earned him freshman all-America honors in 1996.

Despite the injury, Palmieri batted .314 with five homers and 48 runs batted in along with team-highs of 21 doubles and 4 triples last year.

Opposite Palmieri at third base will be freshman Scott Siemon, who had a strong fall practice and emerged as the starter at the hot corner.

Siemon was drafted by the Chicago White Sox out of high school and combines an outstanding glove, strong arm and a dangerous bat.

Both positions in the middle of the infield are wide open.

At shortstop, junior Josh Otten started 29 games last year and will likely be the starter on opening day.

Freshman Chase Voshell is an outstanding shortstop prospect who was drafted in the fourth round by the Arizona Diamondbacks out of high school and will compete for the starting role with Otten.

At second base, senior Sunny Chiou, who started 32 games last year, will be the opening day starter.

There will be a great deal of competition for playing time at second as sophomore Chris Turner, who started 28 games at short-

stop last year and freshman Jason Aquil'ante will look to crack the lineup in 1998.

The Deacon outfield will have two new faces this year.

Junior right fielder Ben Danosky who started 50 games last year and batted .318 with eight home runs and 48 RBI, will reclaim his starting spot in the upcoming 1998 season.

He will be joined by newcomer Scott Daeley, a junior transfer from Cypress Junior College, who claimed the center field starting job with a strong fall camp.

Daeley has shown great speed as evidenced by his school record 42 stolen bases at Cypress last year, and will likely take be in the leadoff position in the lineup. In left field will be sophomore Ricky Mendez, who started seven games last season and saw action in 13 others.

Senior Will Rikard and freshman Carlos Brackley will both provide depth to the outfield and should each see time at the designated hitter spot as well along with freshman Danny Borrell.

The Demon Deacons have high expectations heading into the 1998 campaign, and if the offense, led by Palmieri, Riepe and Danosky, along with the pitching staff, led by MacDougal, Ward and Hendricks, as anticipated, Hooks Stadium will be the sight of some great baseball action this spring.

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Standings

| | ACC | Overall |
|-------|------|---------|
| Duke | 11 1 | 22 2 |
| UNC | 10 1 | 24 1 |
| Md. | 7 4 | 14 7 |
| FSU | 5 7 | 16 9 |
| WFU | 4 6 | 12 9 |
| Clem. | 4 7 | 13 10 |
| GT | 3 7 | 14 9 |
| NCSU | 3 8 | 12 10 |
| UVA | 2 8 | 12 10 |

Statistics

Individual Scoring

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Antawn Jamison, UNC | 23.2 |
| Matt Harpring, GT | 22.1 |
| Norman Nolan, UVA | 21.1 |
| Dion Glover, GT | 18.3 |
| Curtis Staples, UVA | 17.8 |

Robert O'Kelley, WFU 16.6

Free Throw Percentage

| | Pctg. |
|------------------------|-------|
| Trajan Langdon, Duke | .913 |
| Shammond Williams, UNC | .895 |
| Robert O'Kelley, WFU | .866 |
| Matt Harpring, GT | .817 |
| Ed Cota, UNC | .816 |
| Terrell Baker, FSU | .811 |
| Tony Rutland, WFU | .800 |

Three-point Goals Per Game

| | Avg. |
|------------------------|------|
| Curtis Staples, UVA | 4.2 |
| Robert O'Kelley, WFU | 2.4 |
| Shammond Williams, UNC | 2.3 |

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Standings

| | ACC | Overall |
|------|-----|---------|
| NCSU | 9 3 | 18 4 |

UNC 9 3 19 4

Duke 9 3 16 6

Clem. 9 4 18 6

UVA 8 4 17 5

Md. 6 6 13 9

FSU 4 9 8 15

GT 2 10 9 13

WFU 0 13 4 19

THIS WEEK

Feb. 13
Indoor Track at Virginia Tech., all day
Baseball at UNC-Wilmington, 3 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.

Feb. 14
Women's Tennis at South Carolina, TBA
Baseball at Radford, 11 a.m.
Men's Basketball at Duke, 4 p.m.

Feb. 15
Women's Tennis at Furman
Baseball at UNC-Wilmington, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Clemson, 12:30 p.m.



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Deacon daze

The Demon Deacon shows his school spirit at a men's basketball game. The Deacs lost by one, 77-76, last night against Georgia Tech.