

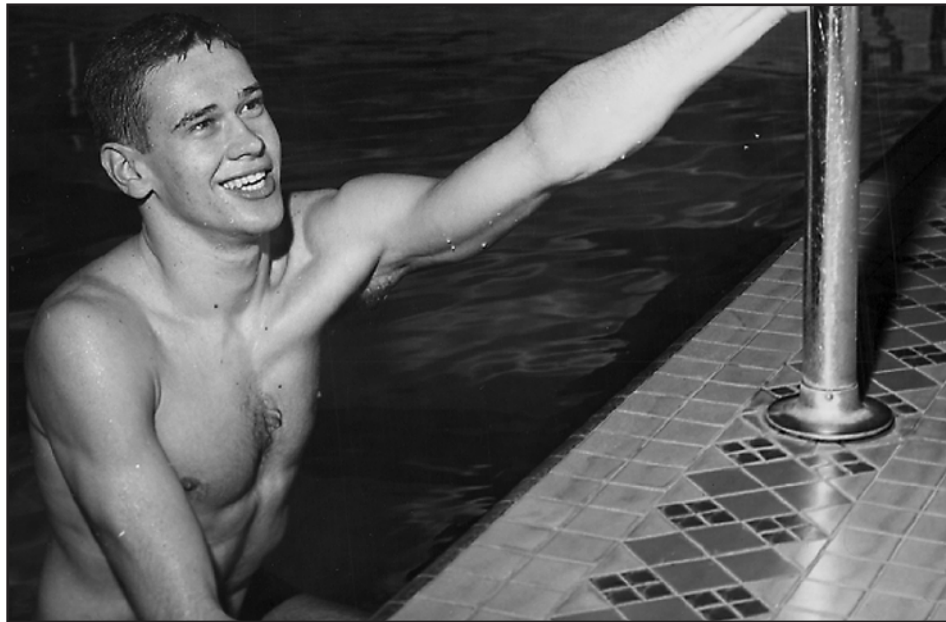
CAROLINA SWIMMING & DIVING: HISTORY & TRADITION

The University of North Carolina's proud swimming and diving heritage predates America's entry into World War II. On January 23, 1939, Tar Heel swimmers and divers participated in the school's first varsity intercollegiate swimming meet against the University of Virginia at historic Bowman Gray Pool on the UNC campus.

Since 1939, Carolina's men's teams have posted a cumulative dual-meet record of 512-174-1, a winning percentage of .746. Carolina teams have captured 14 Southern Conference team championships and 17 Atlantic Coast Conference team titles, while posting a 60-3 (.952) Southern Conference dual-meet mark and a 236-59-1 (.799) record in ACC dual meets. On 28 occasions, UNC men's teams have finished amongst the Top 25 teams at the NCAA Championships. Carolina swimmers have also won four individual NCAA championships in the history of the program.

Although Carolina had women's swimming teams in the early 1970s competing in AIAW competitions as part of the UNC physical education department, the women's swimming and diving program was not elevated to varsity status and taken under the aegis of the intercollegiate athletic program until the 1974-75 school year. In 31 years, Carolina teams have compiled a 262-52-1 dual-meet record, a winning percentage of .833. Carolina has won 15 ACC championships and never finished lower than third in the league championships, taking first place on 15 occasions, second place on 11 occasions and one time in third place.

UNC's record in ACC dual meets is a gaudy 122-18, a winning percentage of .871.



Charlie Krepp is the only men's swimmer in University of North Carolina history to win multiple individual NCAA championships. A gifted backstroker, Krepp used the advantage of competing in his home pool when Bowman Gray Pool served as the host facility for the 1957 NCAA Championships. He won titles in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke titles under the aegis of head coach Ralph Casey.

Twenty-seven of UNC's 31 women's teams have finished the season ranked in the national Top 25, including 13 straight years from 1976-88 and nine of the last 10 years. The only times Carolina has missed finishing in the Top 25 were in 1975, 1989, 1994 and 2005. Carolina women's swimmers have also won 15 individual national collegiate championships and produced one national championship relay team.

Roots of the Program Under Dick

Jamerson

While these records demonstrate decades of excellence, one of the program's most important years was 1938. That year marked the completion of historic Bowman Gray Pool and the arrival of Carolina's first varsity coach. Without those events the Tar Heel swimming program would not exist as we know it today.

The pool was completed on March 25, 1938, but the first meet was not held until almost a year later. The pool was a gift to the University from Mrs. Bowman Gray, Sr., in memory of her two sons, Bowman Gray, Jr., and Gordon Gray.

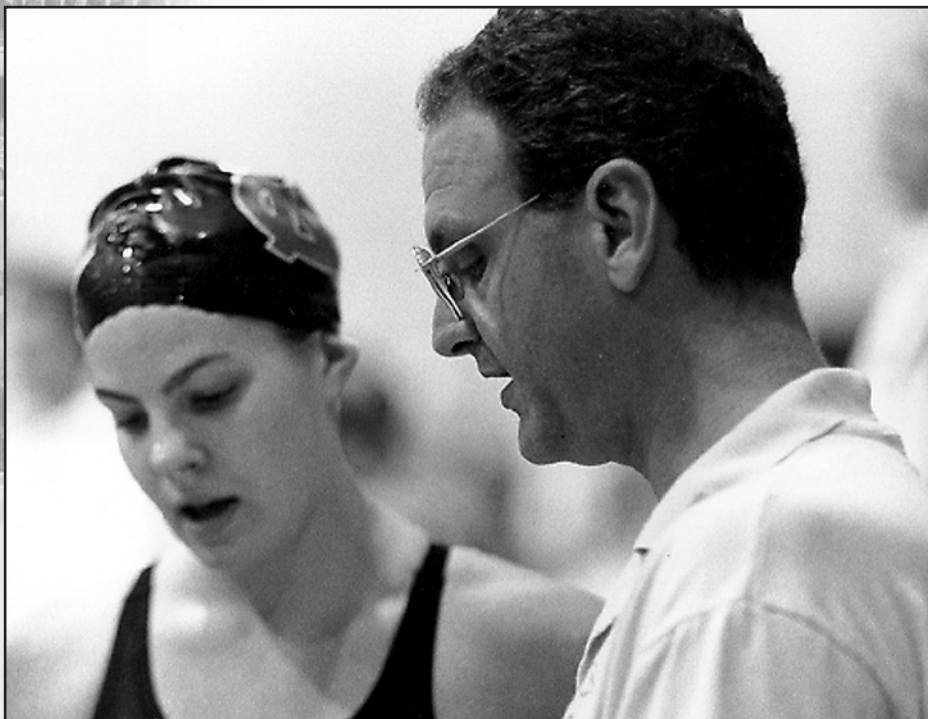
Bowman Gray Pool served as home to the Carolina swimming and diving program until the fall of 1986 when the Tar Heels moved into their current home, the Maurice J. Koury Natatorium, which is part of the Dean E. Smith Center complex on the UNC campus.

Richard E. Jamerson came to UNC in 1938 from Oberlin College in Ohio to take over the helm of the fledgling Tar Heel team. Dr. Jamerson, one of the top coaches in 1930s collegiate swimming, served as head coach of the Tar Heel program for 11 years. Five of his squads went undefeated and 10 of his teams won Southern Conference championships.

The annual awards given to Carolina's most valuable, most outstanding and most improved swimmers bear Jamerson's name, as does the timing system at the Maurice J. Koury Natatorium.

Ralph Casey Continues the Tradition

Jamerson turned over the coaching reins to his long-time assistant coach, Ralph Casey, on a full-time basis in 1952. Casey had served as interim head coach in 1949 and as co-head coach with his brother, Willis Casey, in 1946. Willis Casey also coached the 1945



Tar Heel head coach Frank Comfort confers with Kari Haag, one of the most gifted swimmers in Atlantic Coast Conference history. Haag was named the ACC Swimmer of the Year in both 1995 and 1996. She finished second in the 200-yard freestyle at the NCAA Championships in 1995, the best individual finish at the meet since Sue Walsh's championship performances 11 years earlier.

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Tar Heel team by himself in Jamerson's absence.

Ralph Casey guided the Tar Heels to additional championships during his tenure from 1949 to 1957. Two of Casey's teams won Southern Conference titles and another two teams won Atlantic Coast Conference crowns after UNC became a charter member of the new league in 1953-54. Under his direction, the 1955 squad finished fifth in the nation, the 1953 team tied for fifth nationally, the 1957 squad was sixth at the NCAA Championships and the 1949 team took ninth place.

In both 1949 and 1957, bookends of Casey's tenure, UNC hosted the NCAA Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships at Bowman Gray Pool. The 1949 championships marked the first time a national championship meet of any kind on the collegiate level had been held in the South. However a visit to Bowman Gray Pool today would lead one to believe that it would have been difficult to host an NCAA Championship in that tiny facility. Somehow UNC pulled it off.

Pat Earey took over as UNC's head coach in 1958 and continued the remarkable swimming success in Chapel Hill. His teams won 71.1 percent of their dual meets, and they

captured five ACC championships before he retired in 1974.

Women's Swimming Added to Program

With the addition of women's swimming as a varsity sport in 1974-75, the program had split head coaches for the only time in its history as Paul Doty, who was then Carolina's head men's lacrosse coach, coached the men for one season and Maxine Forrest coached the women for one year.

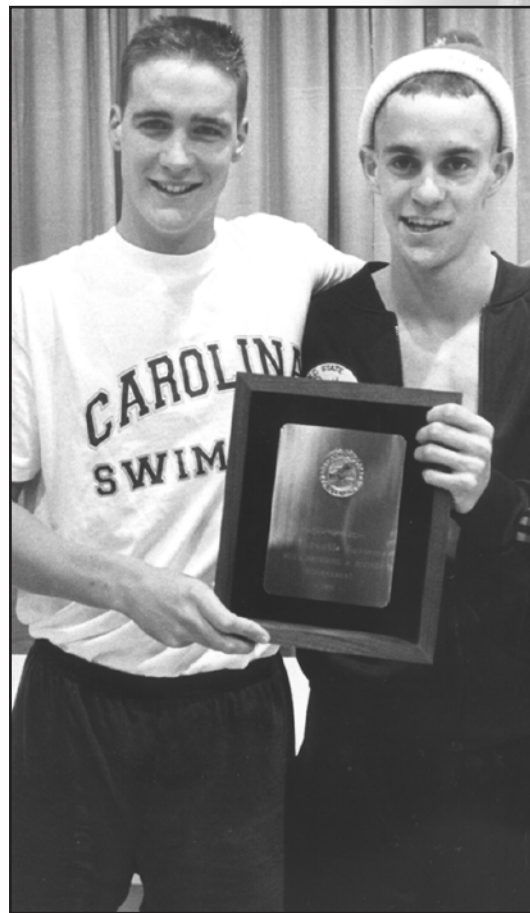
Jim Wood was then brought in to coach both teams in 1976 and 1977 and, after a successful two-year coaching run, he returned to club coaching in New Jersey.

The program's current head coach, Frank Comfort, was hired away from NCAA Division III national power Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Md., to take command of both the men's and women's teams during the summer of 1977. Comfort arrived in Chapel Hill after having just led the Blue Jays to an NCAA Division III championship in 1977 after attaining runnerup finishes in 1975 and 1976.

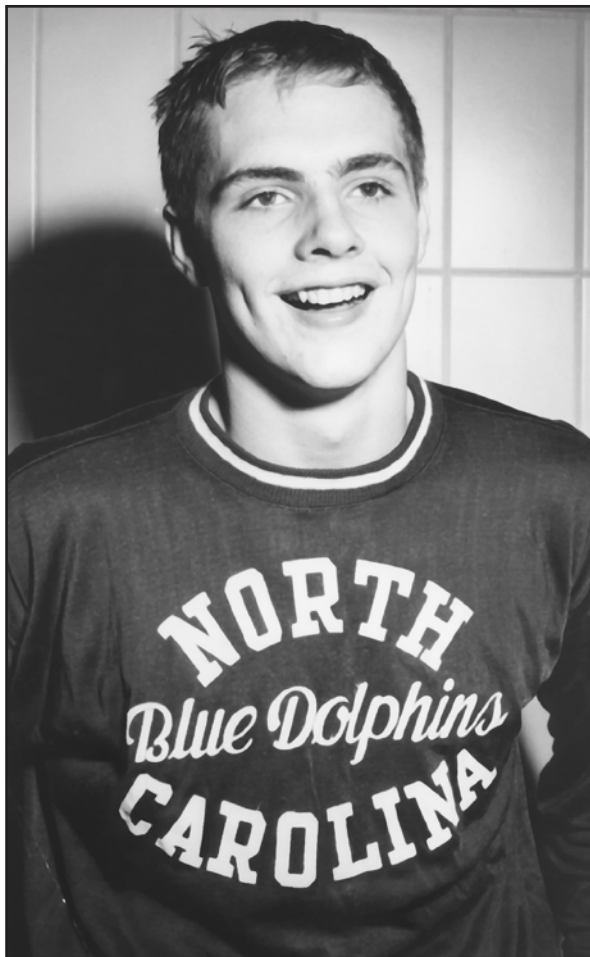
He has helped continue and improve upon Carolina's swimming success. His men's teams have won 71.8 percent of their dual meets and the women's teams have won 83.0 percent of their dual meets under his tutelage. His 1983 men's squad captured the school's first ACC title in the sport in 19 years and the 1988 and 1989 teams won back-to-back league crowns for the first time since 1963 and 1964. With six titles in a row, the 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 men's teams became the first UNC teams since 1956-59 to capture as many as four ACC crowns in a row. The men have also made decided progress on the national level. The 1993 team finished 14th, the best Tar Heel national finish since 1967, and the 1996 team had an outstanding 15th-place standing in the championships.

The women have finished in the Top 25 in the nation in 25 of the 28 seasons of Comfort's tenure and won 15 of the 27 ACC championships since that meet's inception in 1979. On 11 of the other 12 occasions, the Tar Heels have been conference runnerups, an amazing string of consistency.

Comfort's swimmers also do extremely well in the classroom. The 2004-05 school year was the 18th year in a row that Carolina's swimming and diving contingent placed at least 21



Two of the most gifted swimmers in ACC history shared the Most Valuable Swimmer Award at the 1991 ACC Championships in Koury Natatorium – David Monasterio of North Carolina (left) and David Fox of NC State (right). Monasterio was a member of the 1992 Puerto Rican Olympic Team and Fox, who later served as an assistant coach at Carolina for three years, was a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team.



Jimmy Thomas is still considered by some to be the premier swimmer in Southern history. His exploits in the pool at Carolina in the late 1940s and early 1950s made him one of seven swimmers to win the Patterson Medal as UNC's top senior athlete.



Denny Hammond was the first Tar Heel men's swimmer to win the Patterson Medal as the outstanding senior athlete. While at Carolina he established a national intercollegiate record in the 100-yard backstroke.

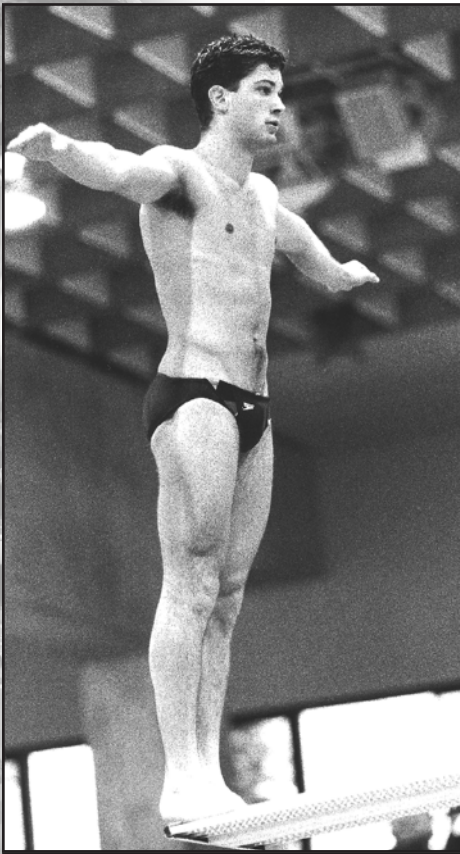
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members on the ACC Academic Honor Roll. Beginning with the 1987-88 school year and continuing through last year, UNC swimming has placed 21, 21, 22, 23, 24, 23, 24, 25, 25, 27, 33, 30, 38, 43, 37, 35, 23 and 34 individuals on the ACC Honor Roll over the past 18 school years. That is a continuous record of academic excellence in which the student-athletes can truly take pride.

Carolina's swimming success since the program's inception cannot be credited only to the outstanding coaches who have directed Carolina swimming fortunes. The program has also been distinguished by a long string of outstanding swimmers and divers.

A Who's Who of Great Talent

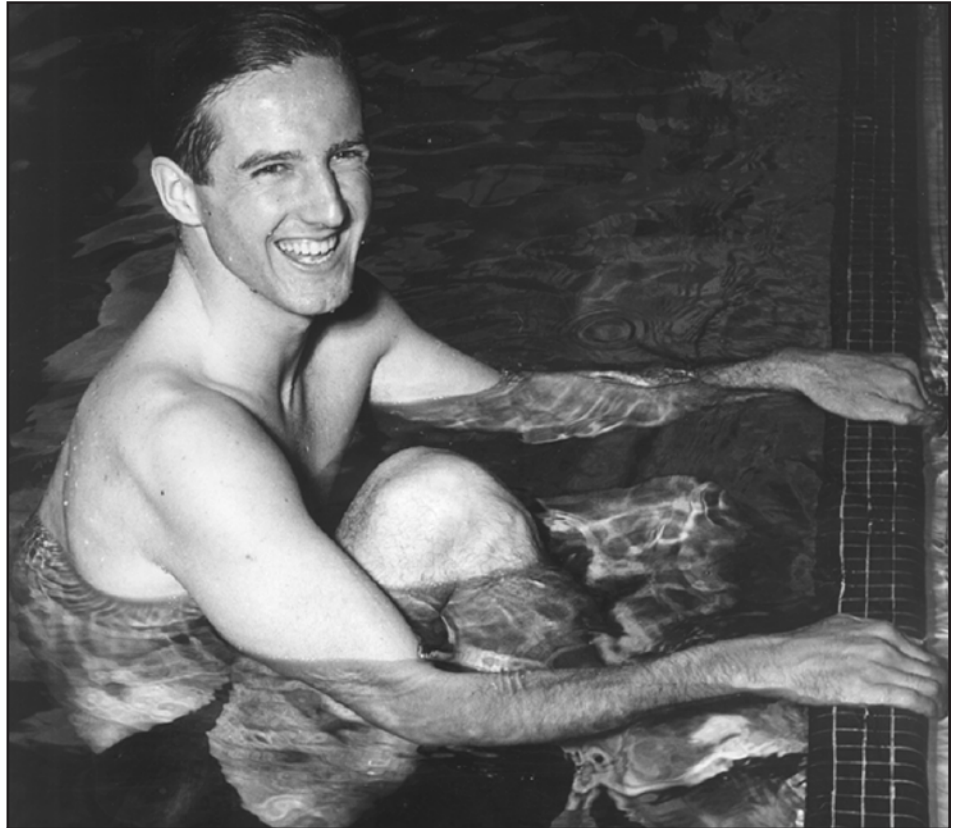
Seven Tar Heel swimmers have been honored as recipients of the Patterson Medal as the school's outstanding senior athlete, an amazing number for the sport given Carolina's rich athletic heritage in so many



When Joe Craft won the Atlantic Coast Conference title in one-meter diving in 1994 he became the first UNC men's diver to win an individual ACC diving title since Sandy Patterson won three-meter diving in 1962.

other sports, particularly men's basketball. Among those seven are three outstanding women who have won the school's highest athletic award.

Jamerson's early teams were full of stars. They included Denny Hammond of Atlanta, Ga., who in 1942 established a national intercollegiate backstroke record; George Whitner of Jacksonville, Fla., who established a national freshman breaststroke mark in 1942;



Norm Sper is one of only two Carolina men's performers in history to be named a first team All-America four times. Sper competed from 1947-1950 and was joined in the elite status as four-year first-team All-America by backstroker Eric Ericson (1981-84).

and Buddy Crone of Goldsboro, N.C., who was the head varsity cheerleader at Carolina and the winner of the national junior Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) diving title.

Several Tar Heels in the early era won the Southern Conference's Most Valuable Swimmer recognition, including Fleming Stone in 1940, Denny Hammond in 1943, Dick Twining in 1948, Jimmy Thomas in 1949, 1950 and 1951 and Donnie Evans, who was the co-winner with Thomas in 1951.

Another one of the outstanding student-athletes in early Carolina swimming and diving history was Norm Sper (1947-50), who both swam on the team and was an outstanding diver, while also serving as Carolina's head cheerleader during the Charlie Justice football era on campus. He is one of only two men in the program's illustrious history to be named a first-team All-America during each of his four years in school, the other being Eric Ericson (1981-84). In 1949, Sper won the National AAU men's platform diving championship in Los Angeles, Calif.

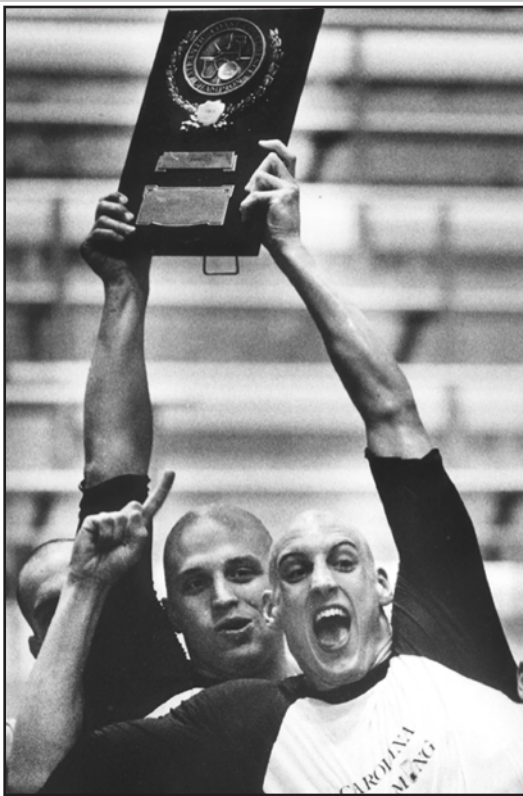
Sper's tremendous diving feat was equaled in 1950 by one of the greatest of all Carolina athletes, Sara Wakefield. A native of Charlotte, N.C., who grew up in Palm Beach, Fla., Wakefield, then 22, won the 1950 women's one-meter AAU national diving championship in her hometown with a score of 133.90. The win came during Wakefield's senior year at Carolina. Don Draper served as Wakefield's diving coach at UNC.

Wakefield, while at Carolina, also won the Southeastern AAU championship in 1950 at Atlanta, and the Florida state meet and national junior championships in 1949.

The Greatest Swimming in Southern History

Jimmy Thomas, the Patterson Medal recipient in 1951, was an amazingly versatile swimmer who won two AAU national individual medley championships and one AAU national backstroke crown during his career. He established 10 American records, four NCAA standards and seven Southern Conference marks while a swimmer at UNC. In 1950, Thomas, considered by many to be the top swimmer in Southern history, became the first swimmer in NCAA annals to be named an All-America in four different individual events in the same year. He completed his career having never lost in conference competition in the 220- and 440-yard freestyle events. At the 1949 NCAA Championships in Bowman Gray Pool, Thomas was the meet's high scorer, with his best finish being a second place in the 150-yard backstroke.

Buddy Baarcke, who was a contemporary of Thomas, set a world record in the 100-yard butterfly in 1954. He was the first swimmer in history to go under one minute in the 100-yard distance of three different strokes — the butterfly, the backstroke and the freestyle — and he won gold and bronze medals at the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City, Mexico.



Carolina captains Mark Welker and Tim Sutton hold aloft the championship trophy that the Tar Heel men's swimming team captured in 1983 at the ACC Championships. That victory was significant because it was the first of Coach Frank Comfort's 10 ACC men's championships and it marked the first time since 1964 that the Tar Heels had captured the crown.

Other top men's swimmers have included 1955 NCAA 200-yard butterfly champion Phil Drake; Charlie Krepp, who won NCAA titles in the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes while swimming in the 1957 NCAA Championships at Carolina's own Bowman Gray Pool; Harrison Merrill, the 1965 Patterson Medal recipient who was a three-time All-America and the winner of seven individual ACC titles; and 1966 NCAA 100-yard butterfly titlist Phil Riker, who was also a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team.

Olympic Gold Medalist Thompson Mann

Arguably the finest men's swimmer in Carolina history was Thompson Mann. A three-time All-America, Mann was a 1964 Olympic Games gold medalist as the leadoff swimmer on the United States' victorious 4x100-meter medley relay squad. He set a world record at the Tokyo Olympic Games in the 100-meter backstroke during that race and was the first person to ever eclipse one minute at that distance, clocking a time of 59.80 seconds.

Of more recent vintage, outstanding men's swimmers at Carolina have included Ken Ireland, a backstroke who was the Most Valuable Swimmer at the 1979 ACC Championships and a first-team All-America in both 1979 and 1980; Eric Ericson who, like Norm Sper, was a four-time first-team All-America, as well as the 1984 ACC Championships MVP and winner of seven

ACC individual titles during his career; Chris Stevenson, a versatile swimmer who competed in the 1984 Olympic Games for Greece and was the Most Valuable Swimmer at the 1986 ACC Championships; the incredibly gifted John Davis, who twice was the ACC Championships MVP and once the ACC Swimmer-of-the-Year, and who also set the ACC record for career individual men's championships with 11; David Monasterio, who was the ACC Swimmer-of-the-Year in 1991, a two-time first-team All-America, a three-time medalist swimming for Puerto Rico in the 1991 Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba and a member of the 1992 Puerto Rican Olympic Team; James Hamrick, who was a first-team All-America both his junior and senior years and a Chapel Hill native and son of a former Carolina swimming team captain and ACC champion, Harvey Hamrick; and, Yann deFabrique, who swam for France in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics, placing as high as 14th in the 400-meter freestyle in 1992, and then went on to win three medals for the French in the 1993 World University Games in Buffalo, N.Y. and two medals for France at the 1995 World University Games in Fukuoka, Japan.

Two 1997 alumni, Steve Bonack and Jeff Weiss, added their names to the list of great swimmers at Carolina. Both were All-America breaststrokers at UNC. Trevor Runberg, '98, was a gifted UNC swimmer for four years, being named ACC Co-Swimmer of the Year in 1996 and earning a spot on the U.S. World Championships Team in 1996. In 1999, the top senior swimmers included Tucker Shade, a three-time ACC champion in the 100-yard

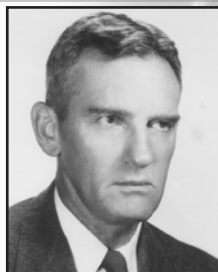
butterfly and a four-time All-America selection, and Ted Brisson, the former ACC record holder in the 100-yard backstroke and two-time Verizon Academic All-America selection. More recently, Carolina has produced Sean Quinn, two-time ACC champion and three-time All-America in the breaststroke, and Yuri Suguiyama, 2003 and 2004 All-America and back-to-back ACC champion in the 200-yard freestyle.

Talented Women Since the Inception

Obviously, there have also been many talented women's swimmers at

Carolina. In 1976, Ann Marshall, the first female swimmer to receive an athletic scholarship at UNC, captured AIAW national championships in the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard freestyle. Marshall, a 1972 Olympian as a 14-year-old prodigy, was followed to campus by Bonny Brown, who in 1980 became the first female recipient of the Patterson Medal as UNC's outstanding senior student-athlete. Brown had been a gold medalist at the 1975 Pan American Games in Mexico City and, a year later, she established the American record in the 100-meter freestyle. In 1977, she won the AIAW national championship in the 100-yard individual medley, and later that summer she was a gold medalist at the World University Games.

Hot on the heels of Brown came the incomparable Sue Walsh. North Carolina's outstanding swimming figure of all time, Walsh won 10 national collegiate individual championships and was on one AIAW national champion relay squad. She was named the Most Valuable Swimmer at the ACC Championships three times and was an American record holder in the 50- and 100-

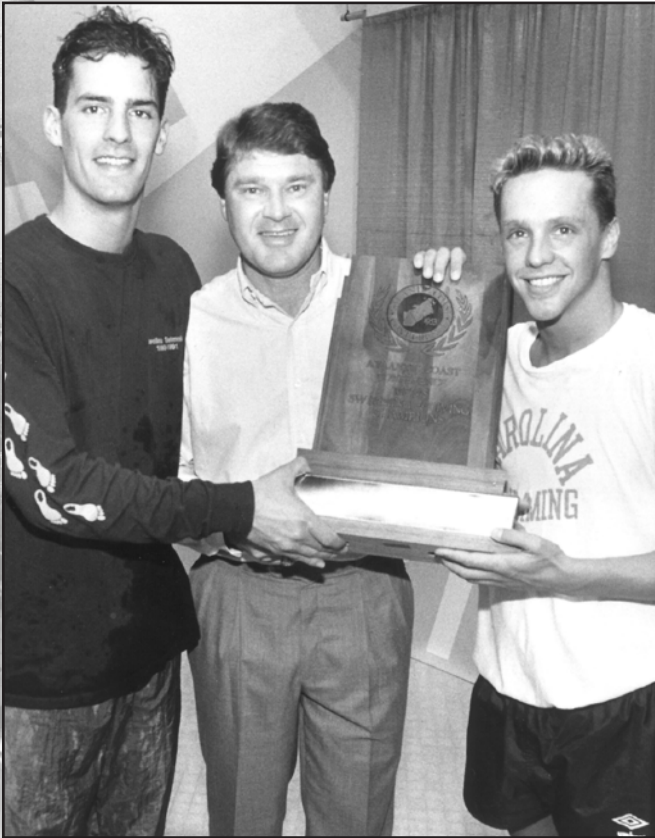


Richard Jamerson (above) was hired in 1938 as the first head swimming coach in Carolina history. Pat Earey (below) was the head coach of the Tar Heel team for 17 years from 1957-74.



In 2002, Katie Hathaway was the first Tar Heel swimmer to win the Patterson Medal as Carolina's outstanding senior athlete since Sue Walsh won the award in 1984. Hathaway earned All-America honors 24 times in her four years at UNC, 11 times as an individual and 13 times on relays.

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Tar Heel senior captains John Davis and Marc Ferguson accept the 1991 Atlantic Coast Conference championship trophy from then UNC Director of Athletics John Swofford.

yard backstrokes and the 100-meter backstroke. Walsh won the Patterson Medal in 1984 and, in 1983, she was named the North Carolina Athlete-of-the-Year by the **Greensboro News & Record**.

Walsh was joined on the United States' 1982 World Swimming Championships and 1983 Pan American Games teams by Tar Heel teammate Polly Winde, an individual medleyist and breaststroker extraordinaire, who also had a standout Carolina career. Winde finished second in the 400-yard individual medley at the 1984 NAAs and is now married to former Tar Heel baseball star B.J. Surhoff, a major league baseball standout for the past two decades. Winde has been inducted into the Maryland Swimming Hall of Fame, which also includes former UNC swimmer Wendy Weinberg, '80, and Tar Heel head coach Frank Comfort.

Other outstanding swimmers of the 1980s included Barb Harris, the 1982 NCAA champion in the 50-yard butterfly, and Amy Pless and Cami Berizzi, who combined with Walsh and Harris to win the AIAW national championship in the 200-yard medley relay in 1981.

The ACC MVPs

Several Tar Heel women have been named the Most Valuable Swimmer at the ACC Championships, including Cindy Shirey in 1979, Gayle Hegel in 1980, Sue Walsh in 1981, 1983 and 1984, Susan O'Brien in 1985 and 1988, Melissa Douse in 1992, Kari Haag in 1995, Chrissy Miller in 1996 and 1998 and Richelle Fox in 1997.

Another top swimmer for Carolina was Melanie Buddemeyer, a two-time first-team All-America. Buddemeyer is one of only a handful of women's swimmers in ACC history to sweep an individual event all four years of her eligibility. Buddemeyer accomplished the feat in two events, winning Atlantic Coast Conference titles in both the 100- and 200-yard butterfly in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1989. Also duplicating the feat were Walsh in the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes (1981-84), Polly Winde in the 400-yard individual medley (1983-86) and most recently Christy Watkins in the 50-yard freestyle from 2000-03.

A complete list of the great Carolina swimmers would also have to include Sarah Perroni, who graduated from UNC in 1993. A three-time first-team All-America, Perroni finished fourth in the 50-yard freestyle at the 1993 NCAA Championships, won a pair of medals at the 1993

World University Games and participated on the American Team at the 1993 Pan Pacific Championships in Kobe, Japan. She also swam in the Short Course World Championships in December of 1993 in Mallorca, Spain and was a member of the U.S. Swimming Resident National Team training in Colorado Springs, Colo. for two years.

Another great Tar Heel sprinter was Jessi Perquet from 2001-04, winner of multiple individual and relay ACC championships and the 2003 NCAA co-champion in the 200-yard freestyle. Perquet was the ACC Swimmer of the Year in 2003 as well.

Another tremendous freestyler was Kari Haag, who graduated from Carolina in 1996. Haag was the ACC Swimmer of the Year in both 1995 and 1996 and she came extremely close to winning UNC's first national title in 11 years in 1995 when she finished second at NAAs in the 200-yard freestyle. Haag is married to Brad Woodall, a former star pitcher for the Tar Heel baseball team who spent several years in the major leagues with teams like the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs and Milwaukee Brewers.

Richelle Fox was the 1997 and 1998 ACC Women's Swimmer of the Year. She had six top six finishes at the 1997 and 1998 NCAA meets, including a pair of second-place finishes in the 100-yard butterfly. Fox was named to the United States squad for the 1999 Pan Pacific Championships. She was joined on that team which competed in Sydney, Australia by Haag and by Molly

Freedman, later a standout butterfly at UNC.

International Teams

UNC swimmers have also been fixtures in international and Olympic-related competitions. That has especially been true over the past three decades. Starting with Brown's appearance in the 1977 World University Games, other Tar Heels invited to that biennial competition have been Harris and Hegel in 1979; Walsh in 1981 at Bucharest, Romania; Ericson and Walsh in 1983 at Edmonton, Canada; Buddemeyer in 1985 at Kobe, Japan; Buddemeyer and O'Brien in 1987 at Zagreb, Yugoslavia; Perroni, Hamrick, deFabrique and individual medley standout Carrie Szulc in 1993 at Buffalo, N.Y.; deFabrique, Haag and Trevor Runberg in 1995 at Fukuoka, Japan; and Jessi Perquet and Jessi Brosch in Daegu, South Korea in 2003. Perquet won two silver medals at the 2003 World University Games. Haag won a gold medal at the 1995 World University Games as a member of the U.S.'s 800-meter freestyle relay squad, while deFabrique won three medals at the 1993 World University Games and two more medals at the 1995 World University Games. Buddemeyer and O'Brien also swam together at Brisbane, Australia in August 1987 at the Pan Pacific Games.

Also in August 1987, UNC had a participant in the Pan American Games in Indianapolis in the person of Tony Monasterio, representing his native Puerto Rico. Tony was followed to the same competition four years later by his younger brother David, who swam splendidly in the 1991 event at Havana, Cuba. Sean Quinn represented the U.S. at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic where he won the silver medal in the 200-meter breaststroke.

Carolina Olympians of the past 30 years have included Ann Marshall in 1972, Wendy Weinberg and Janis Hape in 1976, Sue Walsh in 1980, Chris Stevenson in 1984, David Monasterio and Yann deFabrique in 1992 and deFabrique in 1996. deFabrique also competed for France in the 1994 World Championships in Rome, while Trevor Runberg swam for the American team at the 1998 World Championships.



Maxine Forrest was the first head women's swimming and diving coach in University of North Carolina history, coaching the team during the 1974-75 season.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: CAROLINA SWIMMING & DIVING

University of North Carolina swimmers have accounted for 19 individual national collegiate championships on the NCAA and AIAW and one relay title on the AIAW level during the program's storied 67-year history of the men's and women's swimming and diving programs from 1938-39 through 2004-05.

Men's swimmers have been responsible for four of those titles and the women have won 15 individual titles and one relay crown.

The first championship came in 1955 under the tutelage of veteran head coach Ralph Casey when Phil Drake captured the 200-yard NCAA butterfly crown in 2:13.70. Nearly 50 years after his feat Drake was chosen as one of the ACC Top 50 swimmers of all-time.

Two years later, in 1957, Charlie Krepp, while swimming in the NCAA Championships in his home facility at UNC's Bowman Gray Pool, won both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke titles in 58.10 and 2:07.80, respectively. Krepp was coached to those championships by Casey, then in his final year as UNC head coach.

In 1966, Phil Riker won Carolina's fourth men's NCAA individual championship, capturing the 100-yard butterfly in a time of 51.19. Riker, who had been a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team, was coached by the late Pat Earey. Like Drake both

Krepp and Riker were honored on the ACC Top 50 Team in 2002-03.

Carolina's first women's championships came under the aegis of the now-defunct Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW), which ran women's athletics on the collegiate level from the early 1970s until the NCAA took over sponsorship of women's championships in 1981.

Coach Jim Wood helped produce swimmers who won three national championships in his two years at the helm of the program. In 1976, Ann Marshall won AIAW national titles in the 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke. Historical records do not have times listed for either of those victories but Marshall was a celebrated swimmer who had been on the 1972 U.S. Olympic Team before enrolling at Carolina in 1975.

A year after Marshall's victory, Bonny Brown won the AIAW title in the 100-yard individual medley in 1977. Again no time is listed in historical records. Both of those swimmers, Marshall and Brown, won their national titles as freshmen.



Jessi Perruquet was the most recent Tar Heel to claim an NCAA championship. The talented freestyler shared the 2003 NCAA title in the 200-yard freestyle.



Sue Walsh won 10 individual national championships in backstroke events from 1981-84. She won the 50- and 100-yard backstrokes at the AIAW meet in 1981 and then went on to win the 50-, 100- and 200-yard backstrokes at the 1982 and 1983 NCAA meets and the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes at the 1984 NCAA Championships.

The remainder of the UNC titles have been produced during Frank Comfort's tenure as head coach.

In 1981, another talented Carolina freshman burst on to the scene in the person of Sue Walsh, a native of Hamburg, N.Y. Walsh won a total of 10 individual titles and was on one national championship relay unit during her tenure at UNC. In 1981, the last season of AIAW governance of the sport, Walsh won titles in the 50-yard backstroke (25.97) and the 100-yard backstroke (55.60).

That same year, Carolina's 200-yard medley relay team won the national title with a 1:42.63 clocking, then an American record in the event. That relay team consisted of Sue Walsh swimming the backstroke, freshman Amy Pless the breaststroke, freshman Cami Berizzi the butterfly and junior Barb Harris the freestyle.

A year later in 1982, the NCAA sponsored its first women's swimming and diving championship meet. Barb Harris excelled again, winning the 50-yard NCAA Championships butterfly crown in 24.82 seconds.

That same year saw the start of Sue Walsh's incredible dominance

of NCAA backstroke races. In fact, she never lost a backstroke race in her three years of NCAA competition. As a sophomore in 1982, she won the 50-yard backstroke in 25.64, the 100-yard backstroke in 54.81 and the 200-yard backstroke in 1:59.47. A year later, she repeated in all three events with times of 25.85 in the 50-yard backstroke, 55.62 in the 100-yard backstroke and 1:59.05 in the 200-yard backstroke. Prior to the beginning of the 1983-84 season, the 50-yard backstroke was eliminated as an NCAA event, but Walsh still captured titles in the 100-yard backstroke in 55.32 and the 200-yard backstroke in 1:59.84. They were both thrillingly close races as she won the 200-yard backstroke by one one-hundredth of a second and the 100-yard backstroke by one-tenth of a second. Nevertheless, the twin titles capped a brilliant collegiate swimming career in style.

Carolina's most recent NCAA champion was Jessi Perruquet, a brilliant freestyler from Danville, Pa., who like Marshall, Brown, Walsh, Pless, Berizzi and Harris was named in 2002-03 to the ACC Top 50 Team.

Perruquet tied for the NCAA title in the 200-yard freestyle during her junior season of 2003. Competing at Auburn University, Perruquet tied the host school's Heather Kemp for the crown, both with times of 1:45.01, Perruquet's career best.

CAROLINA SWIMMING & DIVING: PATTERSON MEDAL WINNERS

The Patterson Medal, established in 1924, is the highest athletic award given at the University of North Carolina. It is given annually to the Carolina senior athlete who has demonstrated general excellence throughout his or her career in a myriad of areas. The selection is based on athletic accomplishments, sportsmanship, morale, leadership and general conduct and is made by a committee of athletic officials, faculty members and student representatives.

The award was first given in 1924 by university benefactor Dr. Joseph Flanner Patterson in memory of his brother, John Durant Patterson. It has since been continued by the Patterson family. Since the University of North Carolina started a swimming and diving program in 1938, seven Tar Heel swimmers have won the award, including three women.

The first swimmer to win the award was Denny Hammond in 1944. A native of Atlanta, Ga., Hammond established a national intercollegiate backstroke record during the course of his career at Carolina. He swam on teams which won the Southern Conference team championships in 1942, 1943 and 1944. The 1942 squad also tied for 12th nationally at the NCAA meet. In 1942, Hammond was a first-team All-America in the 150-yard backstroke

and on the 300-yard medley relay team and on 400-yard freestyle relay team. He also earned first-team All-America honors in 1944 as a member of the 300-yard medley relay. Hammond won Southern Conference individual championships in the 150-yard backstroke in both 1942 and 1943 and in the 220-yard freestyle in 1943.

Carolina swimmers won back-to-back Patterson Medals in 1951 and 1952. In 1951, Jimmy Thomas was the winner of the award. An amazingly versatile swimmer, Thomas won two Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) national swimming titles in the individual medley and one in the backstroke during his UNC career. While a Tar Heel, he established 10 American records, four NCAA marks and seven Southern Conference standards. Considered to be the top swimmer in Southern history, Thomas became the first person to be named a first-team All-America in four different individual events at the NCAA Championships in 1951. Thomas completed his career at Carolina having never lost in conference competition in either the 220- or 440-yard freestyle events.

A year later, in 1952, Cecil Milton, was named the winner of the Patterson Medal. Milton was an accomplished athlete at Carolina in both swimming, where he lettered three years and on the tennis squad, playing one year for legendary head coach John Kenfield. Milton won Southern Conference titles in both the 220- and 440-yard freestyles in 1950.

The 1965 recipient of the Patterson Medal was Harrison Merrill, one of the most popular athletes at Carolina in the 1960s and also one of its most accomplished. Merrill was the winner of seven individual ACC titles in his career and was a three-time All-America at UNC, winning honors in 1963, 1964 and 1965. Merrill was an outstanding freestyler who specialized at the 100- and 200-yard distances.

In 1980, Bonny Brown became the first woman athlete to ever capture UNC's most prestigious athletic award. In 1975, Brown won a gold medal for the United States at the Pan American Games. A year later, the Murphy, N.C., native set the American record in the 100-meter freestyle. At Carolina, she won the AIAW national title in 1977 in the 100-yard individual medley.

Just four years later in 1984, the most decorated swimmer in UNC history, Sue Walsh, captured the Patterson Medal. A member of the 1978 U.S. World Championships team and the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team, she won 10 national championships (four in the 100-yard backstroke, three in 200-yard backstroke and three in the 50-yard backstroke). At the 1980-81 ACC Championships, Walsh won the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard backstrokes, 50-yard freestyle and was a member of the 200-yard and 800-yard freestyle relay championship teams. Walsh was an All-America in the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard backstrokes, 50-yard freestyle and on 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard and 800-yard free style relays. That 200-yard medley relay unit won the national title.

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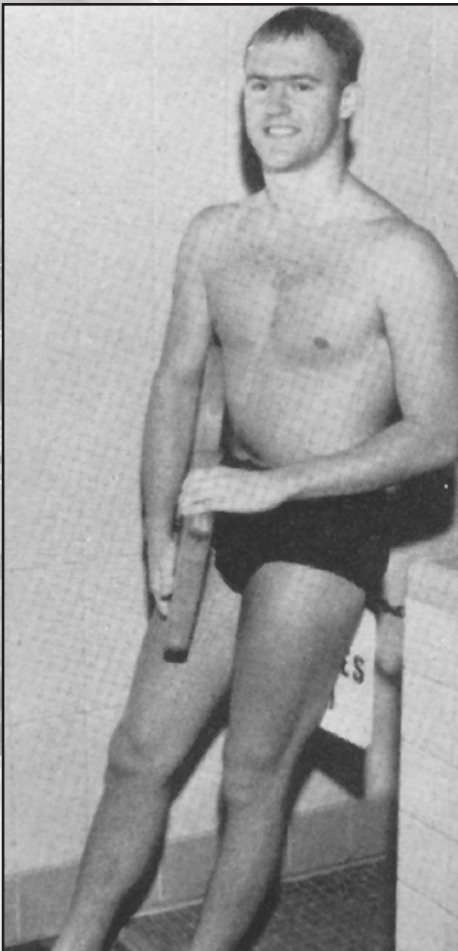
ley and as part of the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard free relay.

Her junior season in 1982-83 was no different as Walsh won six ACC championships in individual events and relays while being named All-America in the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard backstrokes, the 100-yard individual medley and on the 200-yard medley relay and 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays teams.

She captured six ACC titles in 1984 as well as the ACC Championships most valuable swimmer award for the second year in a row. That season Walsh was an All-America in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstrokes, on the 400-yard medley relay team and on the 200-, 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay units. She was a 27-time All-America winner in her collegiate career while winning an amazing 23 individual and relay ACC titles as well. She held the school record at UNC for the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke and was the American record holder in the 50-yard backstroke and 100-yard backstroke. Walsh was a two-time Verizon first-team Academic All-America and she was inducted into the Verizon Academic America Hall of Fame in 2002.

Katie Hathaway, a swimming letter winner from 1999 through 2002 and a native of Matthews, N.C. is the most recent Carolina swimmer to win the Patterson Medal. Hathaway won the award in 2002, becoming the first swimmer to win the honor since Walsh a total of 18 years earlier. Hathaway was a six-time first-team All-America in the 400-yard individual medley and 100- and 200-yard breast strokes and an 11-time honorable mention in the 200-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard individual medley and as members of 200-yard freestyle relay, 200-yard medley relay, 400-yard freestyle relay, 400-yard medley relay and 800-yard free relay teams from 1999 through 2002.

Hathaway won 10 ACC championships on relay teams and in the breaststroke events while a member of the Tar Heels and she led UNC to a trio of ACC team championships.



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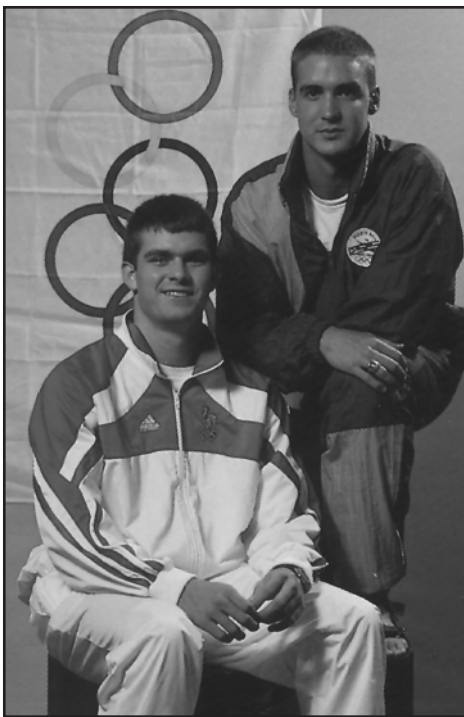


In 1980, Bonny Brown became the first woman in Carolina athletic history to be awarded the Patterson Medal as the University of North Carolina's outstanding senior athlete.

OLYMPIANS: CAROLINA SWIMMING & DIVING

University of North Carolina athletics and the quadrennial Games of the Summer Olympiad have always been inextricably linked in so many different sports with multiple Tar Heel representatives each four years. That has especially been true in the sport of swimming. Several former Tar Heel swimmers have either participated in the Olympic Games or have been chosen as coaches, beginning with the Melbourne Summer Olympic Games in Australia in 1956.

That first association between the two entities came in 1956 when Stan Tinkham, who had an outstanding swimming career as a Tar Heel before graduating from UNC in 1952, was chosen to coach the U.S. Olympic women's swimming team at the Games held in Melbourne,



Yann deFabrique and David Monasterio represented France and Puerto Rico, respectively, at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. deFabrique also swam for France at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

Australia. That American women's team came home from Down Under with one gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

In the 1964 Games at Tokyo, Japan, UNC was represented by a pair of outstanding male swimmers, the incomparable Thompson Mann, and rising American star Phil Riker. Mann captured a gold medal in Tokyo, swimming the leadoff leg on the United States' victorious 400-meter medley relay team. In swimming that leadoff leg, Mann became the first person ever to swim the 100-meter backstroke in less than a minute, clocking a 59.80 split. Meanwhile, Riker swam the 200-meter butterfly for the American squad in Tokyo in 1964, two years shy of capturing the NCAA title in the 100-yard butterfly.

Ann Marshall, who graduated from Carolina in 1980, was the first women's Carolina swimmer to make an Olympic Team. As a 14-year-old from Florida, Marshall made the U.S. team for the 1972 Games in Munich, Germany. She was the fourth-place finisher in the 200-meter

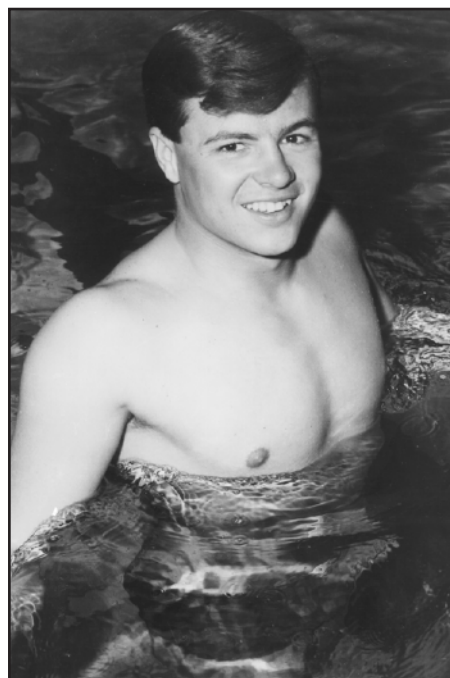
freestyle at those Games, just missing a bronze medal.

Two Tar Heel greats were members of the United States women's team at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada. Both made the Olympic Team after graduating from high school that spring and before enrolling for their freshman year in college that fall. Janis Hape, UNC Class of 1980, swam in the 200-meter breaststroke that July. Meanwhile, Wendy Weinberg, also Class of '80, won a bronze medal in the 800-meter freestyle. Weinberg, a Baltimore, Md. native who at that time swam for current Tar Heel Head Coach Frank Comfort at the Homewood Aquatic Club, was one of two Americans to medal in that event. The famed Shirley Babashoff took the silver medal.

In 1980, the summer before she enrolled at UNC, Sue Walsh earned a spot on the United States Olympic Team which was to compete in the Games of the XXII Olympiad at Moscow in what was then the Soviet Union. She was slated to swim the 100-meter backstroke and was a candidate to swim the leadoff leg on the 4x100-meter medley relay. However, U.S. President Jimmy Carter, in response to the Soviet government's invasion of Afghanistan in the early months of 1980, joined with leaders in many other democratic countries to organize a boycott of the Games by Western nations.

In 1984, at the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Calif., UNC rising junior Chris Stevenson represented Greece in the swimming competition. Stevenson was born in Greece and his mother was a Greek citizen, thus he qualified for the team. Stevenson's best finish at the University of Southern California's McDonald's Pool was in the 100-meter butterfly, where he took 13th. He also finished 18th in the 200-meter butterfly, 20th in the 100-meter backstroke and 23rd in the 200-meter backstroke.

The Tar Heel program was honored to have



Phil Riker competed for the U.S. Olympic Team in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, swimming the 200-meter butterfly.



Thompson Mann set a world record in the 100-meter backstroke while swimming for the United States in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

two swimmers participate in Summer Games held in July and August of 1992 in Barcelona, Spain. David Monasterio, UNC Class of 1993, swam for his native Puerto Rico, while Yann deFabrique, Class of 1995, who had dual citizenship in both the U.S. and France, qualified for the French team.

Monasterio swam the 400-meter individual medley, the 200-meter butterfly and was a member of the 400-meter medley, 400-meter freestyle and 800-meter freestyle relays for the Puerto Rican squad. deFabrique participated in two events at Barcelona. In the 400-meter freestyle, he qualified for the consolation finals and finished 14th in a school long course record time of 3:54.37. He also combined with Christophe Bordeau, Lionel Poirot and Franck Horter to finish 10th in the 800-meter freestyle relay with a clocking of 7:26.22.

deFabrique again made the French team for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. deFabrique swam on the French 800-meter freestyle relay team which finished in eighth place, capturing a spot in the finals. deFabrique led off the relay with a 1:50.76 split. In the 400-meter freestyle, deFabrique finished seventh in the consolation Final of the event with a clocking of 3:56.46. deFabrique also swam in the 1500-meter freestyle, recording a time of 15:40.49.

CAROLINA SWIMMING & DIVING: ACC TOP 50 HONOREES

Eleven University of North Carolina men's swimmers and 22 Tar Heel women's swimmers headlined the list of the 50 greatest Atlantic Coast Conference men's and women's swimmers and divers of all time, announced in September of 2002 by the ACC.

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the ACC recognized the all-time greatest athletes in conference history in each sport. Teams were announced throughout the months of August and September in 2002.

"I'm very proud of the large number of UNC student-athletes named to the team," said Frank Comfort, the head coach at North Carolina since 1977, and the head coach of six of the 11 men's swimmers and all of the 22 women's swimmers on the list. "This is an amazingly representative list and brings great honor to the history of swimming at North Carolina. I want to thank the ACC for organizing the teams and the celebration of the 50th year of the Atlantic Coast Conference."

With 33 of the top 100 swimmers in conference history, UNC's total stood at the top of the list among ACC schools.

UNC's 279 ACC Top 50 selections in all sports were honored at a banquet in Chapel Hill, N.C. on September 27, 2002 followed by recognition at halftime of the UNC-Georgia Tech football on September 28. The ACC honored ACC Top 50 selections from all schools at an event in Greensboro, N.C. in March 2003 in conjunction with the ACC basketball tournament. At that time, North Carolina's Sue Walsh was recognized as one of the 50 greatest women's athletes in ACC history regardless of sport.

Following is the complete list of Tar Heel honorees for men's and women's swimming and diving:

John Davis (1988-91, Weston, Conn.) was a first-team All-America in the 200 free and as a member of the 800 free relay and honorable mention as a member of the 400 free relay in 1988. Davis was an honorable mention All-America in the 200 free relay and the 800 free relay in 1990 and 1991. He was the Most Valuable Swimmer at the ACC Championships and the ACC Co-Swimmer-

of-the-Year in 1990. The 11 ACC individual championships won by Davis are the most in ACC men's swimming history.

Yann deFabrique (1992-95, Boynton Beach, Fla.) was a first-team All-America in the 200 free and on the 800 free relay and an honorable mention in the 500 free, 200 fly and on the 400 free relay in 1993. He was an honorable mention All-America in the 200 and 500 free and 200 fly in 1994 and on the 800 free relay in 1995.

Phil Drake (1953-55, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) was a first-team All-America in the 200 fly and on the 300 medley relay team in 1955. He won the ACC championship in the 200 fly in 1955. Drake also won the NCAA crown in the 200 fly in 1955, bringing UNC its first national championship in swimming.

Eric Ericson (1981-84, Wilmington, Del.) was a first-team All-America in the 100 back in 1981 and 1982 and the 100 and 200 back in 1983 and 1984. He is one of only two UNC men's swimmers in history to be a first-team All-America four years in a row. He won the ACC championship in the 100 back in 1981; the 100 and 200 back and on the 400 medley relay team in 1982, 1983 and 1984; and on the 400 free relay team in 1983.

Kenny Ireland (1978-81, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) was a first-team All-America in the 100 back in 1980 and in the 200 back in 1979 and 1980. Ireland won the ACC championship in the 100 and 200 back in 1979 and 1980; the 500 free and on the 400 free relay and the 800 free relay in 1980; and in the 200 back and on the 400 medley relay and 800 free relay units in 1981.

Charlie Krepp (1955-57, Baltimore, Md.) was a first-team All-America in the 100 and 200 back and on the 300 medley relay team in 1955; the 100 and 200 back and 200 IM in 1956; and the 100 and 200 back and on 400 medley relay team in 1957. Krepp won the NCAA title in both the 100 and 200 back in 1957.

Thompson Mann (1962-64, Chesapeake, Va.) was a first-team All-America in the 100 and 200 back in 1962 and 1964, 100 back in 1963 and on the 400 medley and 400 free relays units in 1964. He won ACC championships in the 100 and 200 back and on the 400 medley relay team in 1962; in the 100 back, 200 IM and on the 400 free relay in 1963; and in the 100 and 200 back, 200 IM and on the 400 medley relay in 1964.

Harrison Merrill (1963-65,

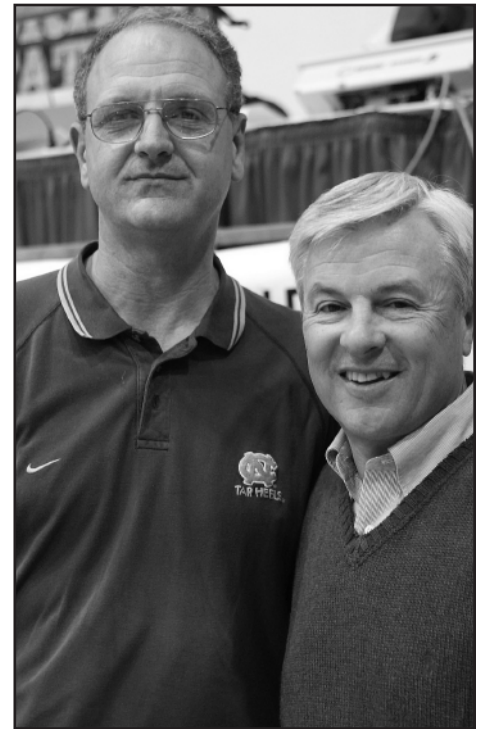


Men's swimmers honored at the ACC Top 50 banquet at UNC's Friday Center on September 27, 2002 included Trevor Runberg, Charlie Krepp, Phil Drake, Eric Ericson and Kenny Ireland.

Atlanta, Ga.) was a first-team All-America in the 200 free in 1963, in the 100 and 200 free and on the 400 free relay team in 1964 and on the 400 free relay unit in 1965. Merrill won ACC championships in the 100 and 200 free and the 400 IM in both 1963 and 1964, on the 400 free relay team in 1963 and in the 500 free and on the 400 free relay squad in 1965.

David Monasterio (1990-93, Ponce, Puerto Rico) was a first-team All-America in the 200 free and the 200 fly in 1991 and on the 800 free relay team in 1993. He was an honorable mention All-America as a member of the 800 free relay team in 1990, 1991 and 1992, in the 500 free and the 200 fly in 1992 and in the 500 free in 1993. He was Swimmer-of-the-Year in the ACC in 1991.

Phil Riker (1966-68, Paterson, N.J.) won the NCAA championship in the 100 fly in



North Carolina head coach Frank Comfort welcomed ACC Top 50 honoree and 1966 NCAA 100-yard butterfly champion Phil Riker to Koury Natatorium for the 2003 ACC Championships.



Erika Acuff, Jessi Perruquet, Katie Hathaway and Christy Watkins were amongst the 22 UNC women's swimmers honored as members of the ACC Top 50 Team.

1966. Riker was a six-time first-team All-America in the 100 and 200 fly and on 400 medley relay and 800-freestyle relay teams from 1965 to 1967. He won the ACC championship in the 100 and 200 fly in 1966, 1967 and 1968 and on the 400 medley relay team in 1968.

Trevor Runberg (1995-98, Chapel Hill, N.C.) was a first-team All-America in the 500 free in 1996 and an honorable mention choice on the 800 free relay team in 1995, on the 400-medley relay and 800 free relay squads in 1996 and on the 800 free relay team in 1997. Runberg was named the Co-Swimmer-of-the-Year in the ACC in 1996.

Erika Acuff (1997-2001, Gladwyne, Pa.) was a first-team All-America in the 400 IM in 1997, 1999 and 2001 seasons and in the 200 IM in 1998 and 2001. She was an honorable mention All-America in the 400 IM in 1998. Acuff swam on 11 relay teams which won honorable mention All-America honors. She was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 1997. Acuff captured ACC championships in both the 200 & 400 IM in 1997 and 1999, in the 200 IM in 1998 and 2001 and in the 200 breast in 1997. She was a member of eight relay teams which won ACC championships.

Cami Berizzi (1981-84, Riverside, Conn.) was a member of the AIAW national championship 200 medley relay team in 1981. She was a first-team All-America in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard backstrokes in 1981 and 1982; in the 50 and 100 fly and on the 200 medley relay team and on the 400-medley relay in 1981; and on the 400 med-

squads from 1977-1980.

Melanie Buddemeyer (1985-89, Penn Hills, Pa.) was a six-time first-team All-America in the 100 and 200 butterfly and on 200 medley relay and 400 medley relays between 1985 and 1989. She was a 10-time honorable mention All-America in the 100 and 200 fly, 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay, 400 free relay and 800 free relay between 1985 and 1989. Buddemeyer won all eight ACC titles in the two butterfly events during her four years at UNC.

Melissa Douse (1989-92, Great Falls, Va.) was a four-time first-team All-America on the 200 free relay and 400 free relay units and a five-time honorable mention All-America in the 50 and 100 free, on the 200 free relay, the 400 free relay and the 800 free relay from 1989 to 1992. She was the 1992 Most Valuable Swimmer at the ACC Championships and the ACC Swimmer-of-the-Year.

Lauren Dupree (1977-80, Jacksonville, Fla.) was a 16-time first-team All-America in the 200, 500 and 1650 free, 100 and 200 fly, 400 free relay and 800 free relay squads from 1977 to 1980. She also won an ACC championship as a member of the 800 free relay in 1979.

Richelle Fox (1997-98, Scotia, N.Y.) was a six-time first-team All-America in the 50 and 100 free and 100 fly and six-time honorable mention on the 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay, 400 free relay and 800 free relay teams from 1997 and 1998. She was named the ACC's Swimmer-of-the-Year in 1997 and 1998.

Kari Haag (1993-96, Windsor, Wis.) was a six-time first-team All-America in the 50, 100 and 200 free and on the 400 free relay and a four-time honorable mention in the 50 free and on the 200 free relay and 800 free relays from 1993-96. Haag was the 1995 Most Valuable Swimmer at the ACC Championships and the ACC's Swimmer-of-the-Year in 1995 and 1996.

Janis Hape (1977-80, Mission Viejo, Calif.) was a four-time first-team All-America in the 200 breast and on 200 medley relay and 400 medley relay teams from 1977 through 1980. She was a U.S. Olympian in 1976.

Barb Harris (1979-82, Lincoln, Neb.) was a member of the AIAW national championship 200 medley relay team in 1981 and



United States Olympian Janis Hape was chosen as the main speaker for the UNC ACC Top 50 banquet on September 27, 2002.

she won the NCAA championship in the 50 fly in 1982. Harris was a 26-time first-team All-America in the 50 and 100 fly, 100 free and on 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay, 200 free relay, 400 free relay and 800 free relay teams from 1979 to 1982.

Katie Hathaway (1999-2002, Matthews, N.C.) was a six-time first-team All-America in the 400 IM and the 100 and 200 breast and an 11-time honorable mention in the 200 breast, 200 IM and on 200 free relay, 200-medley relay, 400 free relay, 400 medley relay and 800 free relay teams from 1999 to 2002. Hathaway became the first Tar Heel swimmer in 18 years to win the Patterson Medal as the outstanding senior athlete when she did so in 2002.

Gayle Hegel (1980-83, Turnersville, N.J.) was a 23-time first-team All-America in the 100 and 200 breast, 100, 200 and 400 IM and on 400 medley relay, 400 free relay and 800 free relay teams from 1980-83. She won 13 ACC titles in those events and the 50 breast as well as 200 medley relay teams. Hegel was the Most Valuable Swimmer at the 1980 ACC Championships.

Ann Marshall (1976-79, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) was an 18-time first-team All-America in the 100, 200 and 500 free, 50 and 200 back and on 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 400 medley relay, 400 free relay and 800 free relays from 1976-79. Marshall was on two ACC title-winning relays in 1979. Marshall was a member of the 1972 U.S. Olympic Team when she was only 14 years old.

Chrissy Miller (1985-88, Phoenixville, Pa.) was a first-team All-America in the 500 free in 1998 and she was an eight-time honorable mention in the 200 fly, 400 IM, 500 free and on the 800 free relay team from 1995-98. Miller was the 1995 ACC Rookie-of-the-Year and was twice named the Most Valuable Swimmer at the ACC Championships in 1996 and again in 1998.

Susan O'Brien (1985-88, Bethesda, Md.) won first-team All-America honors in the 100 and 200 backstrokes during each of her four years at Carolina. She won ACC titles in the 100 and 200 backstroke and 100 free in 1985. In 1987, she again won ACC titles in the 100 and 200 backstrokes. As a



A collection of Tar Heel greats gathered at the ACC Top 50 banquet in Chapel Hill in 2002. Pictured here are baseball star B.J. Surhoff, Tar Heel swimming legend Polly Winde Surhoff, Leesie Guthridge and former Carolina basketball coach Bill Guthridge.

ley relay, 400 free relay and 800 free relay squads in 1982.

Bonny Brown (1977-80, Murphy, N.C.) won the AIAW national title in the 100 individual medley in 1977. She was a 25-time first-team All-America in such events as the 50, 100 and 200 free, 100 and 200 IM and on 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 400 free relay, 400 medley relay and 800 free relay

CAROLINA SWIMMING & DIVING: ACC TOP 50 HONOREES



At the September 28, 2002 football game against Georgia Tech, UNC swimmers honored as members of the ACC Top 50 team included Susan O'Brien, Chrissy Miller, Leslie Ramsey, Jessi Perruquet, Melanie Buddemeyer, Katie Hathaway, Amy Pless, Cami Berizzi and Erika Acuff.

senior. O'Brien gained ACC titles in the 100 and 200 backstrokes and the 200 IM.

Sarah Perroni (1990-93, Bristol, R.I.) was named 1990 All-ACC and won ACC titles in the 50 and 100 freestyles and on the 400 medley relay and the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. That year she also did well at the NCAA Championships, getting All-America nods in the 100 freestyle and on two relay teams. In 1991, she won ACC titles in the 50 free and on the 400 medley relay and the 200 and 400 freestyle relay. Perroni returned for her senior season in 1993 and was named All-ACC for the third time in her career while capturing ACC titles in the 50 and 100 freestyles and on three relay squads. Perroni closed out her career with All-America status in the 50 free in 1993.

Jessi Perruquet (2001-04, Danville, Pa.) established herself quickly as one of the top swimmers in the ACC and was named to the ACC Top 50 Team after only two seasons at Carolina. Perruquet won the co-championship in the 200 free at the 2003 NCAA



Tar Heel NCAA champions Charlie Krepp and Phil Drake show off their ACC 50 medallions given to them at the 2003 ACC Championships.

Championships and finished her career as UNC's record holder in the 200 free. She was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 2001 and Swimmer of the Year 2003.

Amy Pless (1981-84, Asheville, N.C.) was an outstanding swimmer for UNC in the

early 1980s. She swam on UNC teams which finished third in the nation in 1981 and 1982, sixth in 1983 and fifth in 1984. She won ACC championships in the 50 breast and 100 IM in 1981, in the 100 IM in 1982, in the 50 breast in 1983 and in the 200 IM in 1984. Pless swam the breaststroke leg on Carolina's national champion 200 medley relay in 1981. She also swam on eight ACC championship relays in her career. Pless won first-team All-America all four years at Carolina and swam on four ACC championship teams.

Leslie Ramsey (1992-95, Yorktown, Va.) was named the ACC Swimmer of the Year in 1995. She swam on four ACC championship teams at Carolina and was the captain of the 1995 team. She won ACC titles in the 200-yard butterfly in both 1992 and 1994. She also swam on the ACC 800 free relay championship team in 1995. Ramsey earned first-team All-America honors in 1994 and honorable mention All-America honors in 1992 and 1995.

Sue Walsh (1981-84, Hamburg, N.Y.) was the greatest swimmer swimmer in the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference. A member of the 1978 U.S. World Swimming Championships team and 1980 U.S. Olympic Team, she won 10 national championships in individual events (four in the 100 back, three in the 200 back and three in the 50 back). At the 1981 ACC Championships, Walsh won the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard backstrokes and the 50-yard freestyle. She was an All-America in seven events that year. As a freshman she swam on a 200 medley relay that won the national title. She captured five ACC titles in 1982 and was an All-America in the five individual events and on two relays. Her junior season in 1983 was no different as Walsh won six ACC championships and was named the ACC Championships' most valuable swimmer while being named All-America in four individual events and on three relay teams. She captured six ACC titles in 1984 as well as the ACC Championships' most valuable swimmer award for the second year in a row. That season she was an All-America in two individual events and on four relays. She was a 27-time All-America honoree in her collegiate career while winning an amazing 23 ACC titles in individual and relay events. She held the all-time record at UNC for the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke and was American record holder in 50-yard backstroke, the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-meter backstroke. Walsh was two-time Verizon first-team Academic All-America and inducted into Verizon Academic America Hall of Fame in 2002.



Sue Walsh addresses the ACC Top 50 Awards gala held in Greensboro, N.C., in March 2003. Walsh was one of only three women's swimmers named to the ACC Top 50 list of women's athletes regardless of sport.

Christy Watkins (2000-03, Winter Springs, Fla.) became the ACC record holder in the 100-yard backstroke as a freshman. In 2000, she broke Sue Walsh's record in that event which had stood for 17 years. Watkins is one of the few ACC swimmers in history to win an event four straight years at the league championship meet. She did so in the 50-yard freestyle from 2000-03. Watkins also won three successive ACC titles in the 100 back from 2000-02.

Polly Winde's (1983-86, Ellicott City, Md.) freshman season included ACC titles in the 200-yard and 400-yard IMs and the 200-yard breaststroke while meriting All-America honors in four individual events. She continued her swimming success in her sophomore year with ACC titles in the 200-yard breaststroke and 400-yard IM while claiming All-America honors in three individual events. Winde won ACC titles in the 200-yard and 400-yard IMs and on both medley relays in 1985. That year she was named All-America in the 400-yard IM and on a trio of relay teams. In 1986 she won the 200-yard and 400-yard IM titles at the ACC Championships. Winde captured the 400 IM title at four successive ACC meets. Her international career included winning a silver medal in the 400-meter individual medley at the 1983 Pan American Games.