SBAC appropriates funds across the board

By Chris Manley

Old Gold and Black Reporter

Funding recommendations for next year's student organizations and clubs were recently released by the Student Budget Advisory Committee. The SBAC, governed by the Student Budget Advisory Committee, has the responsibility of approving more than $499 dollars. This year the SBAC appropriated $40,372 of the university's money, setting aside about 0.50% limit.

Once again, large publication and production groups, including the Old Gold and Black, the Student and WAKE TV, received most of the funding. WAKE Radio, 88.7 FM and the Emergency Response Team also received significant amounts of university money.

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**Legal ramifications of changing genes**

By Bill Miggad
Old Gold and Black Reporter

In keeping with the events of the Year of Science and Technology, the university hosted a symposium. It explores the topics of genetic science and its effect on the legal community. The event was run by the students and professors from the School of Law. The effect that genetic studies have on the legal system is a shaping force in the field of both law.

"We have seen some difficult choices in the industry," said one professor. "We have to make difficult choices to ensure that our society has the best options.

"The law is constantly in a state of flux, and it's difficult to keep up with the changes."

**ROTC Rangers place tenth in 29 rangers challenge**

By Lauren McIntosh
Old Gold and Black Reporter

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**Irish Festival seeks student volunteers**

The Irish Festival is seeking students for the week of St. Patrick's Day. During the celebrations include an Irish film series, poetry readings, a potluck, and musical groups.

"For information on how to get involved, please contact Sarah Schrader at Ext. 3418 or e-mail sschrader@ogb.wfu.edu.

**Say cheese!**

Senior Jennifer Bishop checks in with photographer Veve Crouch to make sure that her photo is selected for the evening. "It's truly a campuswide event. We want to include all students regardless of whether they are with us or not," she said.

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**RACE**

African-American Association brought the formal back to campus. The band, Snack Bar refreshes people with things to do.

"It will meet from 8 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, in Room 160."

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"The only thing is that it seems a little unfair that each year our organization has expanded, but the funding has not increased proportionally," said Bishop.

Twelve groups have also requested decision packages letters used for one-time financial variations. Appeals to the SBAC's fund allocation are available to any organizations that are not satisfied with the decision. Following appeal hearings, which Eyler says, "the SBAC will review it annually," the decision will be reviewed one last time and then made final.

The SBAC is currently promoting a new fund that is now available just this year. They have initiated a Special Events Fund containing $30,000, and named for the purpose of providing money to all chartered organizations for immediate use during the second year of the current student budget. "We see this fund as being very useful. We hope it will encourage the opportunities that are difficult to plan ahead for, such as bringing a speaker to campus," Eyler said.

This fund will cover non-budgeted expenses, and can be used for any variety of purposes, ranging from fixing a broken copier machine to attending a conference in another city. "We hope this will allow for an added opportunity for our organizations. Our goal is it for all of the money to be used," Eyler said.

Two hearings for organizations interested in the Special Events Fund will be held Nov. 18 and 19. Two more will be held in the spring. A complete list of the money allocated is available in the SG office, located in Benson 104.

WAKE WATCH
If you have a question about something on campus, send a note to news@ogb.wfu.edu.

Q: What are the number of December graduates in 1998? - L.B.
A: According to Dot Suggs, the Registrar, there were 65 December graduates.

Q: What is the highest number of points scored by W&L in a football game in recent years? - A.C.
A: According to ACC football statistics from the 1989 Guide, the most points scored was 88, in a 66-21 victory over Virginia in 1973.

Q: What is the estimated cost of a year at Wake Forest? - D.E.
A: The estimates provided by the Office of Student Financial Aid for 1999-2000 are $27,620 for room and board, $3700 for books and $21,420 for tuition for your students entering in the 1999-2000 academic year. The complete estimated cost of one year at Wake Forest is $52,200.

Q: How can I become a director for the Levins? - D.E.
A: Students interested in becoming director for the Levins can contact Circle Hartgrove in the Chaplin's office.

We're looking for really snotty people
If you have a stuffy nose, we need you! And if you have a cough, sore throat, or runny nose, we want you too. Because if we're coming down with a cold, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical study to evaluate a potential treatment for the common cold.

To qualify, you can call our researchers as soon as your symptoms appear.

If you do qualify, we will compensate you for your time and travel costs. You'll also receive medical evaluations and investigative medications.

CALL 1-877-STUFFY-1
Debate team brings recognition to campus

By Elisabeth Turnbull

The debate team has consistently finished in the top ten in its first year at Florida State University, with its first national tournament taking place in November. The team has participated in numerous tournaments throughout the country, and their success has contributed to the university's reputation for excellence in debate.

The team's success is attributed to the commitment and hard work of its members, who have dedicated themselves to improving their skills and knowledge in the field. The team's leaders have also played an important role in guiding and supporting the team's growth.

The future looks bright for the debate team, as they continue to compete in national tournaments and represent Florida State University with pride and honor. Their achievements serve as a testament to their dedication and commitment to excellence in debate.
Y2K

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and the various academic depart-
ments," Henderson said.

The Year 2000 Task Team is con-
sisting mainly of personnel from Information Systems, tech-
support, operations and facilities management. They provided the
how-to aspect of the plan," Henderson said.

The Contingency Planning Task Team consisted of "what if" scen-
arios for the possible Y2K com-
puter problems and developed back-up plans to be implemented
dynamically. The committee draws
from the entire university as well
from external businesses, as well as
the university's office of Public
Affairs, the Lincoln University's
Police and the facul-
ty and staff.

The group has examined and defi-
designed the circumstances that
would cause the university to
"go down," and it developed an
overall strategy to implement the strategy
for each facility. Currently, they are
testing and releasing the imple-
mentation of these plans and will
continue to do so until Jan. 1, 2000.

The task force is also enacting that no matter what happens, stu-
dent records will be preserved, faculty and staff will be paid, and
other key services, such as dining,
will be maintained. In addition, they have done extensive testing on
the ThinkPads and standard
software loads and, according to Henderson, "the faculty and staff
are Y2K compliant.

The university has designated the priority of each of its systems.
It has determined those systems
that are "critical to uninterrupted operations of the university and
maintenance of teaching and re-
search missions," according to
Henderson.

These systems, including stu-
dents records, financial and fac-
ulty resource software, and other
similar systems, are new Y2K
compliant to be the best of the
university's ability.

According to Henderson, "If
we have done as thorough a job
form calls of any assistance to the staff or student schedules. The
lines, one a local line and one a
2008 number, will begin
posting Y2K related messages on Jan. 1. Numbers will be distributed
to faculty and students in a mailing to parents and will also be posted
in the special Y2K section of the
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University files for extension on 1999 tax forms

By Sandy Salzstein

The IRS Form 990 is an annual return for organizations exempt from income tax, such as churches, universities, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations. Colleges and universities. According to Marci Matthies, the manager of financial accounting, Form 990 essentially outlines with the university and shows how they broke even.

She said that the form details each thing as "how much we spend for health care, students, employees, life insurance, retirement, and any other expenses that are not related to tuition." According to the form, it is a tax return for the top ten highest paid employees who work for the university, "compensation of the five highest paid employees other than officers and trustees," and "compensation of the five highest paid independent contractors for professional services." The university also said on June 30, and that the university undergoes a very detailed audit process of all of their finances. This audit is to be released by Nov. 15, because the university has used both extensions to get the form completed. Cox said that the university simply has to be able to have the information needed in the form using the very latest and most complete data received from the audit.

According to Matthies, another reason for the deadline extensions is that most other universities take advantage of both extensions. The university does the same as a comparative measure to these other universities. The university wants the data from the form to be released at the same time as most other universities, so that all other comparable campuses can be made. Cox said that the form is available to the general public, and that usually the Chronicle on Higher Education publishes an annual report on the findings from major universities Form 990.

In compliance with the IRS, the completed version of Form 990 from the past three years are available on the university with www.adm.university.org/FAS/Reports.

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**Chemist's work rewarded**

Old Gold and Gold Staff Report

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation awarded Robert Evans, an associate professor of chemistry, a Camille and Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award. The $60,000 award is given by the foundation to recognize young professors for their outstanding research and teaching.

Senior Kevin Woods, however, it is also a "tough situation," Sugden said.

"It is governed by strict rules in the student handbook specify.

"I want an open atmosphere at this office. If a student has a question about where can I go or what do I do, it's a part of our job to get students in here and ask us and we will find out," Sugden said.

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Prevention of WFDD exodus was possible

A nd then there was one. Only one, really, on the list of the news staff of WFDD. The year. Sophomore Emily Taggart.

Three of the top news reporters at the oldest, and among the most well-respected, public radio station in the nation, the WFDD, have left their posts at the public radio station in the wake of the controversy involving its director.

Taggart is a senior at the university and is planning to leave later this year, but that the recent controversy spooked her depart.

The university acted more appropriately in regards to the Boyette issue, perhaps Johnson, Brown and Janssen could have done something to salvage the station's news department.

Boyette, who has been the university's vice president for University Advancement, and station manager Linda Woods has no journalism experience.

The university's actions were only party to blame, but it's hard to look anywhere else when it's so glaringly the wrong.

It took courage for the employees who resigned to leave a station that they believed in, or to believe in Brown and his way of working. And, it was key in establishing the reputation of the news department, yet those that chose to remain remain in positions of power. Those who remain will have to find new people to take the place of the valuable people who left.

Best of luck.

Lett ers to the Editor

Even the barber shop violates biblical law

I am outraged that right here on the campus of the university, practice clearly in violation of biblical commands are being tolerated at one of its institutions. Yes, I am talking about the university barber shop.

Leviticus 19:27 states, "You shall not ascend upon your neighbor'sFemale and played for the second straight year.

The season was also hard-fought — and that's an understatement — all three years when the Deacons struggled to a .500 record.

For the second year a member of the news staff of WFDD has left. Jenny Blackford and Theresa Felder

Letters welcome. Three years when the Deacons struggled to a .500 record.

The season after, it was 8-11. Last year, the record was 12. The season after, it was 8-11. This year, their record was 11-9. This year, their record was 11-9. Last year, the record was 8-11.

The Deacons' women's basketball team went into the finals and played against the second-seeded team in the nation.

Most of the U.S. women's team that won the world Cup this summer against China is made up of women who remain will have to find new people to take the place of the valuable people who left.

Best of luck.

Eric Carlson

Associate professor of philosophy

Lilting Banshees present fabulous show

For one, I submit a letter to the Old Gold and Black to solicit a university institution rather than to berate. For the avid readers of the Old Gold and Black who I know must be read of my rhetorical crusades across the pages of this publication, I'll keep this short. I can see no reason for the university. It seems to Benson 518. We welcome letters.

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Negligent administration needs refocus

One student's experience shows the problems with redtape.

In May of 1997, I graduated not with memories of fun times and deep personal growth but rather deep frustration and resentment toward an administrative which I believed and still believe to be concerned with the needs of the students at least.

My verbal appeal had little in common with the issues mentioned above, but I went there to talk about how much these frustrations and irritations I experienced every day. I had failed as a fellow student of physical assault and was not the first person who I previously had tried to contact but was not met with an adequate response. I had not even a sense of being listened to, which is clearly a necessity for the administration to address. I again spoke to the Judicial Council—only to re-stimulate my own individual frustration that I had not been previously experienced with these sort of things. This led me to ask some questions about my personal life including

1. Whether I had the ability to make any advice, it would be to keep making your voice heard until the administration is forced to listen to you. While this may not be successful in bringing the changes that you seek, it would still make administration aware that the community is concerned and that these concerns are valid. If anything, do it for yourselves.

2. Another sound that has been forgotten among the few and dullelling fans is key running. Ryans or racist in any once again important to this light...

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In light of the recent events I would like to draw attention to the fact that in the political system, we are not responsible for the way in which we treat and armament policies of North Korea and other countries. The answer is yes to both.

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Misteps of George W. Bush, Gore cost poll points

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Now check it out at the Japer where the same...enjoy the drink, or the meal.

Seeking a land called promised

Human creations are only transitory.

When you're young I spoke like a child, and I saw with a child's eyes. Every eye was so small-bespectacled, and every voice was small and high-sounding. As I grew, I became aware of the way people looked at me with pity. But when I was young I never considered the possibility of any other way of thinking. I never thought about the future. I never thought about what would happen when I was old. I never thought about what would happen when I was dead.

The consulate really were fake, and we prayed for the real mountains and the real sea. And when the streets changed their voices to join us. We began to build.

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Women's soccer stopped short of ACC crown

By Jordan Webber Old Gold and Black Thursday, November 11, 1999

It was a crazy, up-and-down week for the Demon Deacon women's soccer team. But once they've cleaned the dust from this weekend's NCAA tournament game, they can't help but think about their future. The team advanced to the ACC finals, but there's no time to celebrate just yet. They've got to prepare for the upcoming game against North Carolina.

They are a physical team, and we can't afford to take them lightly. We need to focus on our game and not get distracted by anything else. We need to keep our heads up, play our game, and come out on top.

With mismatches in their lineup, they fought hard in their ACC tournament game against North Carolina. They were up on the board with just under a minute left in the second half, but the Tar Heels were able to pull ahead. They only scored once more, but it was enough to secure their victory.

The Deacons were not able to continue their offensive play and eventually gave up the goal. They were left with a tough loss, but they're looking forward to the game against North Carolina.

The next step is to work on our defense and improve our offensive play. We need to get back to our roots and start playing the way we know we can.

For more from the ACC Tournament, see PressBox, page 86.

Field hockey downed by No. 1 Terrapins

By Daniel Ogle Old Gold and Black Thursday, November 11, 1999

The Terps were the team to beat this year, dominating the ACC with their powerful offense. But the Deacs were able to pull off an upset against the Terrapins, taking home a much-needed win.

The game started out slow, with neither team able to get on the board. But in the second half, the Deacs finally scored, and the crowd erupted in cheers. They were able to hold the Terrapins scoreless for the rest of the game, winning 2-1 in double overtime.

The Terps were clearly outmatched, and the Deacs were able to take advantage of their weaknesses. They were able to control the game and keep the Terrapins from scoring.

The Deacs were able to take home the win, but they know they still have work to do. They need to keep their momentum going and prepare for the upcoming game against Virginia.

For more on the Deacs, see PressBox, page 86.

Football's 19-3 win keeps bowl hopes alive

By Sean Hare Sports Editor

The Demon Deacons football team won a crucial game against North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC, to keep their bowl hopes alive. With a win, the Deacons not only advanced to the ACC championship, but also gained a confidence boost.

The Deacons started the game well, putting up 10 points before the half. They continued to build on their lead in the second half, scoring 9 more points and holding the Tar Heels scoreless.

Playing in front of a packed Cameron Indoor Stadium, the Deacons were able to put together a strong offensive performance. They were able to dominate the game and keep the Tar Heels from scoring.

The Deacons are now 5-4 in the ACC and 7-5 overall. With a win, they're on the right track to make it to a bowl game. For more updates, see PressBox, page 86.
Men's soccer suffers only loss of season

By Steve Lents
Old Gold and Black

The Tigers suffered a 2-0 loss in their last match of the season against Georgia Tech on Nov. 7 in Clemson, S.C. The Tigers had scored 22 goals in their previous 14 matches to finish the season and the ACC regular season in fourth place. The Tigers were undefeated in the ACC regular season en route to their national championship.

The Demons defeated the University of Richmond 1-0 in a sudden-death penalty shootout that brought them to within a point of the ACC regular season title. The Demons were undefeated in the ACC regular season en route to their national championship.

The Demons finished the regular season as the team that had scored the most goals in the ACC regular season en route to their national championship.

Junior Niki Arinze showed fans and the Five-Star Hawks what an offensive force she can be for the Demons this season as Arinze scored a quick 2-0 goal off one of the Demons' five goals in the game.

Volleyball concludes homestand with win

By Vanessa St. Germain
Old Gold and Black Reporter

In their last home game of the season, the Demon Deacons defeated the University of Florida 3-1, 25-19, 25-20, 25-17.

Sharon Harwood of Old Gold and Black wrote: "The team played well and showed an improvement from their recent losses. They showed great energy and teamwork throughout the entire game."

Former basketball assistant coach dies in car accident

Sgyng Cox, a former assistant basketball coach for the Deacs, died in an accident on Nov. 4.

Cox played under Head Coach Sean Craig at Charleston and has been an assistant coach at Charleston under Craig for the last two years.

Deacon Notes

Averill earns ACC Coach of the Year Honors

Deacon field hockey Coach Carma Averill was named ACC Field Hockey Coach of the Year.

Averill is in her 15th season as head coach of the Deacs and led the team to its first ever championship game in school history.

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Basketball team downs 5-Star Hawks

By Paul Gatta
Senior Reporter

It wasn't pretty. And it certainly wasn't impressive.

However, the Deacs played a solid team ball and still managed to get past the Hawks in a 69-58 victory over the Five-Star Hawks in front of a crowd of 3,700 at the Old Gold and Black Stadium.

Junior Greg Odom scored 19 points and played well in the second half, leading the Deacs to their first ACC Tournament victory since 1997.

Throughout the game, the Deacs showed a lot of heart and desire to win.

"We played hard and we did everything we could to win," said Odom.

Women's soccer to host second-round NCAA game

The Demon Deacon women's soccer team will host an NCAA Tournament second-round game either at home or in their next game as the team moved on to the next round of the tournament after defeating Wake Forest 3-0 in their first round match.

The Deacs received a first-round bye and will now play either North Carolina in the third round or the winner of the Wake Forest-Maryland game.

Wendy Folden said: "Our team has played well in their last two games and I'm confident that they will do well in the second round of the tournament."
Tennis trio falls in tourney

Incidental Contact sets record at tournament

By Sean Blais
Sports Editor

In only their fifth year of fall football competition, the Deacon field hockey team was a major regional tournament, securing an automatic trip to the National Field Hockey Championships in New Orleans.

Incidental Contact is composed of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff. The team was not only undefeated in the tournament but set a National Intramural and Recreational Sports Record recently when it shaved every game it played. It was the first time since 1994 that a Deacon squad had gone through a tournament without being scored on by an opponent.

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Deacons face Devils with bowl hopes in jeopardy

By Sean Hae
Sport Editor

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However, Duke will be no easy task, and the Demon offense will be forced to play better than it has in recent weeks.

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Duke began the season 0-4, but has come on in the last few weeks, including a victory over Virginia and a close loss to Georgia Tech 38-31.

Despite Duke's recent offensive progress, the Demon defense should be able to handle it. The Demon defense has played strong all season long and has played extremely well in the past few games. The Demon defense ranks second in the ACC and 11th in the nation in total defense, 21st in the nation in rushing defense and ninth in the nation in passing defense.

Deacon running game, which ranks 31st in the nation needs to take advantage of a weak Duke rushing defense which is eighth in the ACC and giving up 191.9 yards per game. The Devil passing defense is giving up 129.4 yards per game and 27.2 points per game.

"You can get away with limit the effectiveness of their passing game," Caldwell said. "You can't let the defensive backs cover Flowers and Montgomery... We've got to keep the offensive backcover Flowers and Mont­

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The men's soccer team has probably been the biggest highlight in a season full of highlights for Demon Deacon teams. The team has a very good chance this weekend to win a championship in the toughest soccer conference in America. The home-field advantage will definitely play a key role.

And then there is the fanfare. Soccer fans can be a passionate bunch. If you have a chance to go to the tournament, do so, especially the Deacs' game tonight against N.C. State. The Terps are one of the strongest teams in the country. The Blue Devils have yet to lose a game, entering this weekend with a 13-0-2 record.

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Deacons primed for tourney run

Strong defense and goalkeeping give Deacons hopes for winning its first ACC title since 1989.

By Steve Lever
Old Gold and Black Reporter

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Overall Record: 7-6-3
ACC Record: 4-1-1
National Ranking: 9th
Tournament Season: 1st
Results Last Year: Lost in 1st round, 2-0 to Duke

Head Coach: Gerald Price
Record at State: 39-18-11
Assist Leader: Shaker Amin (6)

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**Wake Forest**

Overall Record: 11-1-5
ACC Record: 3-4-1
National Ranking: 10th
Tournament Season: 3rd
Results Last Year: Lost in 1st round, 1-0 to Duke

Head Coach: Jay Vidovich
Record at Wake Forest: 54-41-9
Leading Scorer: Ben Stafford (7)
Assist Leader: Jamaal Saleh (8)

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**Virginia**

Overall Record: 10-7-1
ACC Record: 3-4-1
National Ranking: 18th
Tournament Season: 7th
Results Last Year: Lost in second round, 3-2 (OT) in Die-Die-Mo

Head Coach: George Gelnovash
Record at Virginia: 63-18-10
Leading Scorer: Ryan Gibbs (7)
Assist Leader: Ryan Trout (7)

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**Maryland**

Overall Record: 14-4-0
ACC Record: 4-3-0
National Ranking: 16th
Tournament Season: 2nd
Results Last Year: Lost to Clemson, 2-0 in first round

Head Coach: Salta Chowaniec
Record: 48-16-5
Tournament: Taylor Wheaton (6)

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**North Carolina**

Overall Record: 11-5-1
ACC Record: 4-2-1
National Ranking: 2nd
Tournament Season: 2nd
Results Last Year: Lost to Maryland, 1-0 in first round

Head Coach: Etienne Dolovich
Record at UNC: 119-83-13
Leading Scorer: Chris Carrino (12)
Assist Leader: Not Yamashita (9)

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**Clemson**

Overall Record: 9-2-2
ACC Record: 2-2-2
National Ranking: 3rd
Tournament Season: 4th
Results Last Year: Defeated Duke, 1-0 in final round

Head Coach: Todd Blossom
Record: 10-9-1
Leading Scorer: Irae Smalls (7)
Assist Leader: Irae Smalls (7)

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**Duke**

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ACC Record: 4-5-2
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Results Last Year: Lost in Round 4 to Clemson

Head Coach: John Rennie
Record at Duke: 50-35-26
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**By Ben Sadler**

With the ACC men's soccer team meeting beginning tonight, the All-ACC teams and other ACC honors were announced Nov. 10. The top seed in the tournament, Duke, earned the ACC with the most honors. Duke had five players named to the All-ACC teams along with two ofrecalling honors -- Coach of the Year John Rennie and Player of the Year Ali Curtis. The Terps also had five honorees, with senior Chad Evans earning ACC All-Tourney honors and freshmen David Kavanagh-Mullins and Sean Conner named to the ACC's honorable mention team.

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**By Sports Editor**

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**Arcadia** finishes run this weekend

By Kelly Mordick KIT

Tom Stoppard's **Arcadia**, which deals with sex, art, education, literature, language and determinism, is a complex work that is quite a contrast to the plays that Stoppard is known for. It would be error to assume that **Arcadia** is a detailed professional performance meant to appeal to college students who are readers, scholars, historians and students to consider. An additional factor of great importance is that the action takes place from scene to scene between the characters and not at all in a single venue. The connection is that Stoppard's genius lies in his ability to offer something for everyone.

The premise is not free of flaws, but the production is rather successful. **Arcadia** is a story that is difficult to follow and difficult to understand. It is a tale about a collection of historical events. The play opens on Nov. 6 and a second performance will be held on Nov. 17. The cast will be highly agitated. There are not many films that can stand the test of time, but **Arcadia** is a work that has been washed over by Hollywood-type production. The audience's laugh pattern clearly indicates whether viewers have previously seen the play, but the positive response is tremendous. The film is not only musical, as it is not only moving, but it is also moving in the most positive way. Today, **Arcadia** is regarded as the leading example of vintage American music, and it remains as one of the most active ensembles in the world.

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**As the second Secretariat of the year, the Pergamum Ragtime Orchestra will perform in front of a projection of classic Charles Chaplin film *No. 26.* Today, **Arcadia** is regarded as the leading example of vintage American music, and it remains as one of the most active ensembles in the world.**
**Calendar**

**ON CAMPUS**

**Lectures**

Niko Gavrilov. The African American poet and novelist will present a lecture. When: 7 p.m. Nov. 13 Where: High Auditorium Info: Free

Mary Dalton. The sitting president of the nation's oldest women's college will discuss her career in academia. When: 5 p.m. Nov. 13 Where: Pugh Auditorium Info: Free

**Exhibits**

Oleg Voinov. Drawings on Black Paper. The Russian artist who is one of the leading figurative in the "art brut" movement of our country. When: Through Nov. 14 Where: Scotts 308 Free. Ext. 5757

**Concerts**

Anne Karolina. The mezzo-soprano will present a lecture. When: 10 a.m. Nov. 14 Where: High Auditorium Info: Free

**OFF CAMPUS**

**Concerts**

Cat's Cradle, Nov. 11-18, Kryke Nov. 12 Where: Downtown, Any Riga, 16 Jazz Ensemble Project, Nov. 16 Dart Art Orchestra, Nov. 17-20 Where: student centers 810 for students, Ext. 5025 for tickets

**Lectures**

The & Shakespeare. A social will be held to discuss Shakespeare's view on the nature of the lie. When: 9 p.m. Nov. 15 Where: Scotts 308 Free. Ext. 5025

**Music**

Alfreda Sharpe. A concert will be held to support the arts. When: 6 p.m. Nov. 16 Where: High Auditorium Info: Free

**Events**

Japanese students will present a traditional dance. When: 7 p.m. Nov. 16 Where: Scotts 308 Free. Ext. 5025

**Exhibits**

Collegium Musicum Conduct, Stewart Court and Brian Delmonico will present a concert. When: 2 p.m. Nov. 16 Where: High Auditorium Info: Free

**Concerts**

Jazz Ensemble Concert, Band director Kevin Bowen will conduct the ensemble. When: Nov. 18-20 Where: student centers 810 for students, Ext. 5025 for tickets

**Concerts**

Fasching. The 19th-century Bavarian dance to celebrate the end of the Germanic calendar year. When: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29 Where: High Auditorium Info: Free

**Exhibits**

Shelling Out: Buying and Selling Theodore Brown. The exhibit explores the monetary systems and currencies of current and past cultures.

**Concerts**

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**Director develops keener eye with Catholic mockery 'Dogma'**

By Jo Crandall

Prediction Editor

Say what you will about Hollywood in the 1990s—that it's commercially inclined, that special effects overpower plot lines, that it's too commercial, that special effects are killing filmmaking as we know it. But there's also an industry and an audience that admit that it has made popular and more accessible dross that的具体, but often brilliant cinema.

The decade has brought a new generation of writing-directing teams such as Quentin Tarantino, Paul Thomas Anderson and the Coen brothers, has made popular more appealing experimental methods of filmmaking. And in case you had any doubts, it is now safe to add Kevin Smith to the list. Smith, an indie-flick hero who is his 1994 Clerks—a $25,000 film—this time it's possible for a film to make over $70 million.

But there's more promise. Perhaps the biggest promise is Beguiled. After seeing Smith's film, one is left with the sense that Smith is finally beginning to make films he cares about. Smith is finally beginning to make films that he cares about. Smith is finally beginning to make films that he cares about. Smith is finally beginning to make films that he cares about. Smith is finally beginning to make films that he cares about. Smith is finally beginning to make films that he cares about. Smith is finally beginning to make films that he cares about. Smith is finally beginning to make films that he cares about.

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Free online service teaches dance

By Chuck Case
Coordinate Producer

The incoming flood of the Internet and social dance has foun
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y with the launch of the dance Web site

...co.com. The service offers...subscribers instruction in
...free dance classes, with more advanced steps coming soon.

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...Swing will soon be joined by the Big Hop, Lindy Hop and Cha
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dance classes as well.

Bustamante was founded by Je
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...mutes and...motion that is now.

The dancers seen on the Web site are...sensational dancer David
...Wend and...Kostro.

Insider

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Winona Ryder and her usual...in...Facebook.

At Pacino gives a riveting performance in The Insider, a film about the tobacco industry.

What makes the movie riveting is its directing and writing. Michael Mann, raiding off the success of his masterpieces Heat and The Insider, has added to his list of...the intensity behind journalism to its fullest.

Despite the lack of favorable elements in the world's world-renowned dancers David
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Wednesday, January 26th at 7 p.m.

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"Where the Heart Is"

by Billie Letts

The life and friends of Wander Nix, a 14-year-old from TN who lives in a Sidi in Arkansas tells us the
story of...and...inner turmoil.

February
Thursday, February 24th at 7 p.m.

Polo Lounge

"Divine Secrets of the Y.A-Ya Sisterhood"

by Rebecca Wells

This book is a sequel to her 1992 novel The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood.

March
Tuesday, March 28th at 7 p.m.

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"The Notebook: A Novel"

by Nicholas Sparks

This is a fictional story of a man and a woman that revolve around a single time honored

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Jay Stephens’ office is a scattered menagerie of computer equipment, music memorabilia, and boxes of sound. There is a Britney Spears poster on one wall, a well-worn Grateful Dead t-shirt on another, and a door covered with stickers from bands such as Third Eye Blind and 2 Become 1.

It used to be common that a few minutes might never pass in this office without Stephens either taking a call on his headset telephone or selling tickets to passersby for upcoming concerts. In the last three minutes, two fresh-faced girls purchase tickets for an upcoming show by San Francisco band Third Eye Blind. Stephens has just returned from a trip to the controversial and controversial summer music festival Lollapalooza.

Nonetheless, Stephens is accustomed to the hectic atmosphere of his office and the music industry, and neither the clutter nor the distraction seems to bother him. Away from his current task, preparing an offer sheet that would secure a deal for a good band but may not get it, he says: “I’ll do that great, and they’re worth coming out and spending that money anyway.’ And we’re one of the top 20 places in the United States to play, so we’ll do it. Go, we do no problems getting bands.”

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Depth, experience lead men

By Paul Gaeta
Senior Reporter

Head Coach Dave Odom has been incensed the past several months, and the Demon Deacon basketball coach has reason to be.

For the past two years, his teams have finished in fourth place in the ACC, arguably the toughest conference in America, but the NCAA Selection Committee has refused to let the Deacons into the 64-team tournament.

Yes, the Deacons also finished each of those seasons with double-digit losses, but who can blame them? Their conference is so strong from top to bottom, that it is virtually impossible not to lose five or six conference games.

Odom doesn't fault the ACC for its typical competitiveness, but he believes something is missing in ACC.

"Looking back over the last two years, the freshman and sophomores we have been playing with are now sophomores and juniors," Odom said. "They are hopefully a year wiser, and I know a year better."

The Deacons lost only one player from last season's team when guard Ron Long, Amonett graduated. They have only one freshman, 6-foot-6 Josh Howard of Winston-Salem, and one transfer, Tate Decker, a 6-foot-10 forward/center who played at Missouri.

The other 11 players on this year's Deacon team have all been part of Odom's system for at least a year.

"I would call it positive experience," he said. "Sometimes you can have experience that won't be good. Ours is. We have had good experience. This team has laid a very solid foundation."

The Deacons return 94 percent of its offense, (1,942 of 2,066 points).

The main ingredients

Leading the way for the third straight year will be senior point guard Robert O'Kelley. The 6-foot-1 native of Memphis was a second-team All-ACC choice last year after finishing third in the league in points per game with 17.5. He is a pre-season choice for the Wooden Award, given annually to the best college player in the nation.

Once again, O'Kelley will man the point for the Deacs, but his backup, sophomore Broderick Hicks, should see more playing time at the position. Hicks played 16.1 minutes per game his rookie year.

Howard and sophomore Niki Arinze, who was redshirted last year after sustaining a shoulder injury, will be important additions on the wings. Arinze finished sixth in the ACC in rebounding (2.5 rpg) two years ago.

"Another area that you look at and say has been a problem for us the last year is lack of a defensive stopper on the wings and a strong rebounder on the wings," Odom said. "This league has been a wing league the last two years and those guys have given us trouble. We never had that, and now we do."

Sophomores Ervin Murray and Craig Dawson will share time at off-guard. Dawson, who was hampered by a stress fracture in his left leg last season, had off-season surgery to correct it and should be back to full form.

Inside, the Deacons boast one of the most talented and deepest groups in the league.

"I feel as comfortable with our post men as I have ever been with any group we had," Odom said.

Their leader, in the paint is junior Rafael Vidaurreta. A probable starter, Vidaurreta is a rebounding force, finishing fifth in the ACC with 7.6 rebounds per game while also grabbing 77 offensive rebounds.

Sophomore Darius Songaila is the opposite probable starter. He had a terrific freshman campaign highlighted by his spot on the All-ACC Freshman team. Songaila's minutes were often diminished because of foul trouble, but a year of experience and maturity should help that.

Junior Josh Shoemaker, Decker and sophomore Antwan Scott will all see adequate playing time coming off the bench.

The season ahead

Of course, there is the always competitive ACC schedule. The league is as even as ever this year. Although most pick North Carolina to finish on top, early on no one is really sure how to predict things.

"None of the teams are going to run away and hide like Duke did last year," Odom said. "We have some very, very good teams that are certainly of national quality. This league is going to be good and balanced."

Outside the ACC, the Demon Deacons face some difficult non-conference foes. Temple heads that list. The Owls, a top 10 team in most pre-season rankings, travel to Winston-Salem Dec. 4. One week later, the Deacs face Georgia at the Scott's Rite Classic in Atlanta.

The Demon Deacons will also travel to Honolulu for the Rainbow Classic Dec. 28-30. Teams there will include Oregon, Gonzaga, Villanova and Ohio University.

The return of junior Niki Arinze to the Deacons will help solidify the wing position, which suffered from his absence last season.

Wake Forest

Head Coach: Dave Odom
Career Record: 17-149

Record at Wake Forest: 199-107

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Players to Watch:

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Sophomore Antwan Scott adds depth and offense to the Deacon frontcourt.

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Deacs to rely on talented youth

Late-season surge in ACC Tournament provides inspiration for upcoming year.

By Vanessa St. Gerard
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Combine an anxious team that includes an arsenal of outside shooters, an astounding 6-foot-5 newcomer, a '98 ACC All-Freshman team member, a '98 ACC First-Team All-Tournament member and an enthusiastic head coach, and you have only a portion of this season's women's basketball team.

Mix in the remainder of the team's extremely talented players, and you have a Demon Deacon team more than eager and ready to show how its experience and hard work have paid off.

After ending the 1998-99 season with a very impressive finish in the ACC Tournament, Head Coach Charlene Curtis anticipates a bigger and better season for the team as she prepares for her third season as head coach.

The team made significant steps in its journey towards success last year, which showed in its stunning last-season run that promised only good things to come.

"I am genuinely excited in anticipation of this season," Curtis said. "We will be a better team this year than we were last year. We can really build off our performance in the last few games of last season, specifically the ACC Tournament.

The Deacs surprised Maryland in the first round of the tournament and almost pulled off a shocking upset against Virginia before falling, 71-67.

The Deacons add three new players to the squad, making up for the trio of senior starters that graduated last year. Freshman Joanna Bjorklund brings size and experience to the lineup.

A 6-foot-6 center from Swedesboro, N.J., Bjorklund is the tallest female player to ever don a Deacon uniform. The team hopes to see Bjorklund contribute not only defensively but also offensively, as she has the ability to shoot the long-range three.

"Tiffani is the quickest player on our team," Curtis said. "She's very athletic and will make things happen on the court."

Along with her defensive quickness and rebounding skills, Listenbee brings both size and speed to the Deacons.

"Tiffani is the quickest player on our team," Curtis said. "Heather Miller of Bassett, Va., is an added scoring bonus for the Deacs."

She's the quickest player on the team, and was second in scoring. After ending the 1998-99 season leading the Deacons in rebounds and steals last season, giving underclassmen a significant amount of playing time, lack of experience will not be factor for the Demon Deacons.

Since Curtis regularly used her entire bench in games last season, giving underclassmen a significant amount of playing time, lack of experience will not be factor for the Demon Deacons. "The way our talent is distributed, we have players that can cover all parts of the court," Curtis said.

Lone senior Alisha Mosely will take on the leadership role, as will Kirkpatrick and junior Katie Kirkpatrick.

"Expectations for the team's success are really high. We hope to dominate our non-conference schedule and really improve our ACC record," Curtis said.

"Our early season goal is to start off with the same confidence and intensity that we ended with at the ACC Tournament," Curtis said.

Junior Olivia Dardy will most likely be a leader on the court, asserting herself as a dominating presence in the frontcourt last season leading the Deacons in rebounds and steals.

"Our team's exceptional outside shooters. Last season, the Deacs led the ACC and ranked 19th in the nation in three-pointers per game, and shattered the school record for three-pointers made and attempted in a season."

"The team has had valuable improvements in many areas," Whiteside said. "However, the biggest improvement has been the indubitable belief that we are capable of not only competing, but also winning. This winning attitude has sparked something inside of all of us that reaches far beyond talent alone."
Guard position troubling UNC

North Carolina is the preseason favorite to win the ACC.

By Sean Blue
Sports Editor

The ACC championship appears to be anyone's for the taking this season. Graduation and defections from Duke and Maryland last season evened out the teams and have created one of the most competitive looking basketball seasons in ACC history.

UNC, however, seems to have a slight advantage over all the other teams and is the preseason favorite to have a slight advancement this season in the ACC. Guthridge said the team in North Carolina's annual intrasquad preseason scrimmage. He scored 32 points and added 13 rebounds, five assists and three steals, turning the ball over only twice. Forte was also three of six from beyond the arc.

Cota has led the ACC in assists the last three seasons, and Newby was a possible starter at the guard position for a record fourth consecutive time. Senior Ed Cota is hoping to lead the ACC in assists for a record fourth consecutive time.

Cota and senior Terrance Newby have been suspended indefinitely after the UNC police issued warrants for their arrest. Cota and Newby are being investigated for their involvement in a fight Nov. 1. The warrants issued were for three counts of assault, including serious injury and two counts of simple assault.

According to Guthridge, Cota and Newby said they were there and tried to break up the fight but said they were not involved physically. Head Coach Bill Guthridge said the team had no choice but to suspend the players indefinitely and form all team activities until the situation is resolved.

"The situation apparently was a carryover from the Franklin Street Halloween celebration," Guthridge said. "Our players are instructed to walk away from any altercation. I believe their version of the story, but we have to let the judicial process run its course."

Cota has led the ACC in assists the last three seasons, and Newby was a possible starter at the second guard spot with Cota. With those suspensions, the guard spot has become a major question mark for the Tar Heels. Cota was the only clear-cut starter at the position.

Sophomore Ronald Curry showed signs of greatness last season but was injured this season, and his availability to the team is unknown. Without Cota, Newby and Curry, the Tar Heels will have to look to freshmen Joseph Forte, Jonathan Holmes and Jason Capel to carry them to glory.

Cota's status, however, seems separated, Guthridge said. "I think we are one of the teams that can win it," Guthridge said. "We're getting back to competitiveness and play to its full potential." Guthridge is not buying into the early season reliance on a freshman team because none of them have ever played that defense. I think they're enjoying it, but we're certainly having to establish habits."

Brendan Haywood and A.J. Price, the ACC's leading returning starters, have had no choice but to step forward and help out. Haywood and Price scored 32 points and 13 rebounds, five assists and three steals, turning the ball over only twice.

North Carolina also returns a more experienced and beefed up lineup than in recent seasons. Cota and Newby have created one of the teams that can win the ACC crown.
Duke to rely on young stars

The Blue Devils look to return to the Promised Land with newcomers.

By Paul Gaeta
Senior Reporter

March Madness and its aftermath brought literal meaning to the life of Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski last season. It all started on a warm March night in St. Petersburg, Fla. Sixty-four teams were picked for the NCAA Tournament earlier that month. That night, the two teams left standing battled it out for the last college basketball title of the century. For the Blue Devils, it was a position they were expected to be in. They were the best team in the country. They were the best team of the decade. Some argued they were the best college team ever.

But that night, Duke, the Goliath of college hoops, was stunned, and Connecticut, a team with only two losses in the regular season, was the victor.

Forget about all that "best team ever" talk. The Blue Devils couldn't even win the national championship. However, that was only the beginning; the spiral had just started heading south.

Initially, there was "the always next year" mentality for Krzyzewski and his staff. After all, the bulk of his team was returning. But one by one, they started to abandon ship. First was Elton Brand. The NCAA Player of the Year opted for the NBA.

Coach K expected that. But not the others -- point guard William Avery joined Brand in the land of millions. Freshman Corey Maggette, a non-starter, joined them too. A disgruntled Chris Burgess, Brand's expected replacement, transferred to Utah. Even assistant coach Quinn Snyder left, taking the head coaching position at Missouri.

Yet, whereas most coaches across the country would have pressed the panic button, Coach K just relaxed. "Out with the old, in with the new," he must have been saying to himself as the faces of Carlos Boozer, Casey Sanders, Jason Williams, Mike Dunleavy Jr. and Nick Horvath danced in his head.

Those five, along with Andre Buckner, form the top freshman class in the nation and will keep the Duke program in the top echelon of college basketball for years to come.

"Mike foresaw some things and took care of business," Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins said. "That is what you have to do. Had Mike not had the best recruiting class in the country, he would have had some problems."

Coach K will still have an uphill battle playing in a division with an experienced team, but he is still going into the season with that winning attitude that helped his team reach the NCAA Tournament 15 of the past 16 years.

"I'd be less than doing my best if I didn't go into every game thinking we could win and try to get that thought across to my team," he said. "Whether I have 10 seniors or six freshmen, that's going to be my coaching style. We have a lot of work to do, and the chance to lose is greater, but still your thoughts that you can win should be the same. I would never downgrade my team."

Dunleavy, a 6-foot-7 guard/forward whose father coaches the Portland Trail Blazers, is already getting rave reviews in preseason practice.

"Coming in he wasn't the most talked about, but he will be one of the most talked about," lone senior Chris Carrarrel said. "He knows how to play. He can shoot it deep and drive. He's better than I expected."

The Blue Devils' top recruit, 6-foot-2 Jason Williams, should start at point guard. The McDonald's National Prep Player of the Year is Duke's first penetrating point since Bobby Hurley.

"He has the biggest opportunity," Coach K said. "You need somebody to handle the ball and he's the best guy on our team to do that."

Another rookie who could see action in the starting lineup is 6-foot-9 center Carlos Boozer. The Juneau, Alaska, native followed fellow McDonald's All-American and Alaskan native Trajan Langdon, '99, down the cross-country path to Durham. The road, however, hasn't been too smooth early on. Boozer broke a bone in his left foot in August and is slowly getting back into action.

How much success the Blue Devils do experience weighs heavily on the play and leadership of senior Shane Battier and Carrarrel. Battier, last year's National Defensive Player of the Year, holds the Duke record for charges taken with 65. The 6-foot-8 forward, however, must step up his offensive play since last year's top scorers, first-round NBA picks Brand and Langdon, are gone.

"With the guys leaving last year, I knew Shane was going to have to have a huge year," Coach K said. "He's has to put up more numbers now, and he can. We just have to provide him a system where he can do it.

Battier averaged 9.1 points per game last year. Carrarrel, a 6-foot-6 forward from St. Louis who averaged 9.9 points per game the last year, will need to help offensively and defensively, also.

"I definitely want to score more," he said. "But I don't want to go out and score 25 a night. That's not my game. I don't want to try and get a triple double every night. Scoring a lot is a little overrated. You can score 30 and give up 40. I'd rather be a great all-around player."

Battier and Carrarrel are both preseason nominees for the Wooden Award, given to the nation's top player.

Junior and probable starter Nate James, sophomore Matt Christensen and 6-foot-11 center Sanders will give the Blue Devils some added depth.

With so many freshmen and no proven scorer, the Blue Devils head into 1999-00 season with a lot of uncertainty, quite a change from the preseason outlook of last year's team.

One thing, however, is certain. Regardless of whom it has, Duke's program will have very high expectations.

"I am already aware of the fact that whatever I say, the expectations of what we do will be high," Coach K said. "I'm not going to fight that. We could have lost all our players and someone would pick us to win the league. That is just the way it is. You make the best out of the way it is."

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Senior Chris Carrarrel looks to lead Duke to back-to-back ACC titles and possibly even contend for a national title despite the lack of experience on the team.

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Morris, Terps challenge ACC

Player of the Year candidate Morris will lead a young Maryland team.

By Jared Klose
Sports Editor

Will the Maryland Terrapins be able to pick up this season where they left off last year after compiling a team-record 28 victories and playing themselves into a Sweet 16 appearance? The prospect is highly doubtful. Will the Terps still be a force in the ACC? The answer is probably yes.

Most basketball fans around the country realize this and veteran Head Coach Gary Williams probably recognizes the disparity better than anyone else.

"We won't be as explosive as we were last year. We won't rack up a bunch of points real quick like we did last year. Offensively we're not as good a pressing team as we were. We're as good a half-court team, but our youth prevents us from pressing much," he said.

This does not mean that he's ready to give up on the season either.

"We're trying to get good. Last year at this time we were good. This year we got new people. We have people that played some last year that have to take over major roles. We have to see where we are. That's the biggest difference," Williams said.

Williams' attempt to down-play the impact of the departure of several players from the program is not as convincing. "We have a lack of age in our program, not a lack of experience. It's the fact that we only have one senior," he said.

The coach was willing to concede that the group may be the youngest he's ever had at Maryland, but he is also putting significant stock in his new players and his seven returning lettermen.

"We not only lost Steve Francis, but we also lost Terrell Stoker and LaRon Profit, so we lost all our guards that started last year," Williams said. "We have Juan Dixon back, who played substantial minutes and has proven he can score at the ACC level."

They also have a new freshman. Steve Blake is a point guard who will probably play quite a bit for them this year. Also joining the Terps is a shooter from Long Island named Drew Nichols.

Maryland will also gain the services of Danny Miller, who, at 6-foot-8, can play a number of positions, including wing. Williams has said that he won't hesitate to use Miller.

But as much as this year's squad will miss the likes of former starters Francis, Stokes, Profit and Obina Ekezie, Williams will still have a lot to work with in junior forward Terrence Morris. The Frederick, Md., native was named the pre-season ACC Player of the Year. He was also an honorable mention All-American according to the Associated Press as a sophomore, and he will clearly have to carry much of the scoring load for the Terps.

"Terrence is very important to us this year," Williams said. "He was very important to us last year, but this year his role is really different in that teams will point at him. For us to be successful, Terrence has to be able to play both inside and outside for us. Last year by the end of the year he was as good a three-point shooter as we had. We still want to take advantage of that," Williams said.

Maryland will have to use Morris to score inside, since they will not be able to run the ball as easily without Profit, Francis and Stokes. Morris is also a very good defensive player inside and has proven himself to be an exceptional shot blocker.

"He gives you a 6-9 guy that can run the court. There's not many guys that can run like that," Williams said of Morris.

Maryland will also have to get a consistent performance from sophomore Lonny Baxter who started 10 of the final 11 games of the 1998-99 season.

He stepped into his starting role earlier than Williams was planning when Ekezie went down with an injury near the end of the season.

The 6-foot-8 center from Silver Spring, Md., led the team last year in field-goal percentage with a .599 mark. Baxter earned All-ACC team freshman honors and averaged 10.4 points per game in the team's five post season contests.

Sophomores Danny Miller and Dixon will also be called on if the Terps are to extend their school-record streak of seven NCAA Tournament appearances.

Miller was one of two freshmen to play in all 34 games for the Terps last year. According to Williams, he is an athlete who can play a couple of positions on the wings, pass well and be a pure scorer.

Dixon, who was most recognized for his marksmanship behind the arc last season, became the first freshman to lead the team in free-throw percentage (.830). The 6-foot-3 Baltimore resident knocked down 36 three's during last year's campaign, which ranks him second all time for freshman in that category. The guard scored a career-high 18 points against the Deacons.

Junior Mike Mardesich will also be an important figure in the lineup. The 7-foot center played in all of the team's games last season and will need to be a presence on the boards for the Terps.

The Terps are clearly not as talented as they were last year so for them to come together Williams will have to do his job well.

"Like our team, we're a young team, but we want to learn. Practices are exciting for me because there is nothing laid in stone about who is going to play or what the rotation will be. That's always good from a coaching stand point. I'm enjoying it," Williams said.

It will be an uphill battle though.

"There's five or six teams in the ACC that have honest shots to be good basketball teams. We're going to have to earn it this year. Last year, we were given that. We were real good. This year I don't think anybody is saying that. We have to earn our way to the top echelon of teams."
N.C. State welcomes new home with deeper, experienced team

N.C. State may be the sleeper team of the ACC this season.

By Pete Bromaghim
Old Gold and Black Reporter

As it moves into its new home, the N.C. State Wolfpack is hoping to continue Head Coach Herb Sendek's winning ways. Injuries and inexperience plagued the Pack nearly all of last season, but it toughed out 19 wins to earn an NIT bid. Sendek has reason to be excited, as he brings in a highly touted recruiting class to add to eight returning lettermen, including all five starters, putting N.C. State in the hunt for the ACC title. The brand-new 19,722-seat Entertainment and Sports Arena should be packed each game for what is one of the deepest teams in the league. Sendek is now hoping to see the dividends from his youth movement of previous years. The coach has improved his win total each of the past three seasons, and now the next step for the Pack is the NCAA Tournament.

Senior captain Justin Gainey will man the point and hold much of the Wolfpack's fate in his hands. The High Point native earned All-ACC honorable mention in 1999. He will likely be flanked by Anthony Grundy, a sophomore who shared the Pack's "Most Improved Player" award with Gainey in 1999, as well as ACC Tournament honors.

Scoring from the guard position will be bolstered by the return of sophomore Archie Miller, who received a medical redshirt after undergoing foot surgery last season. Second in the ACC in three-point shooting as a freshman, he started off hot last year, going 7-for-9 from outside the arc in his first two games before his operation.

Junior forwards Damon Thornton and Kenny Inge return to provide interior scoring and rebounding. Thornton was another of State's casualties last year, as he was sidelined for half of the season with a strained ligament. He finished strong however, and led the team in blocked shots (33) and field goal percentage (.601 percent) for the year. Last year's 28-point, seven-dunk performance over Georgia Tech was not a fluke - Inge may be the most complete and most exciting player on the Wolfpack roster.

At center, the Pack brings back two solid players with unique skills. Junior Ron Kelley showed off a number of post moves and averaged 11.2 points per game, while being small for a big man at 6-foot-8. Kelley got the starting nod most of the season, but Sendek has a solid backup in 6-foot-11 junior Cornelius Williams, who can give the Wolfpack a bit more size inside.

Sendek was able to share the number-one rated prospect in the country by some publications, Damien Wilkins. The kid with the famous last name is just that - he is the son of NBA veteran Gerald Wilkins. His numbers speak for themselves, as Damien averaged 22.1 points and 12.1 rebounds his senior season.

Freshman guard Clifford Crawford will also be asked to step in and provide some excitement. The Winston-Salem native led Parkland High to the state 3-A championship last year after quarterbacking the football team in the fall.

Sendek's final recruit, Marshall Williams, a 6-foot-4 guard, was Wisconsin's Mr. Basketball and was rated as high as 28th in the nation as a recruit.

N.C. State should provide its share of thrills in the tight ACC this year, and the Pack may prove to be the biggest sleeper in the conference. The tradition of Wolfpack basketball will undoubtedly continue with this year's mix of veteran leadership and freshman flair.

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Photos courtesy of N.C. State

Archie Miller hopes to help N.C. State improve upon last season's fifth-place finish after missing last season with a foot injury.

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Cavs on par with ACC, at last

Jason Rogers and Travis Watson will need to showplace their talent.

Tripp Mickle
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Expectations are high in Charlottesville, Va., as the 1999-2000 season approaches and with good reason. Despite the Cavaliers' last-place ACC finish during the 1998-1999 season, the team's hopes and aspirations have come full circle.

Last year at this time, the team was facing a season of bleak opportunities. They had a new head coach and a weak roster, and no one gave them a chance. Now, as this season kicks off, the atmosphere has reversed.

"Last year the expectations for our team were very low. In fact there were expectations," Head Coach Pete Gillen said. "I think people assumed the worst and approached the season with trepidation."

The differences this year are simple. The job Gillen has done with this program since his arrival is tremendous. He has brought to the team a new uptempo style that features pressing and running.

Returning players

The team itself is returning nine players and four starters from a team that finished 13-16 overall and 4-12 in the ACC, despite having just six scholarship players. There were no seniors on the roster, and gone were both second team All-ACC Norman Nolan and third-team All-ACC Curtis Staples.

Though the team didn't have a winning season, it didn't have the feel of a losing team.

"Last year was a tremendously exciting one," Gillen said. "We knew coming in it was going to be a difficult and challenging situation, and it certainly was a challenge. They maximized what they had from a talent and energy standpoint."

In addition to the returning players who performed surprisingly well last year, Gillen has added a phenomenal class of new players.

"I think we have an outstanding group of recruits coming in," Gillen said. "I don't think you can really measure recruits until two or three years down the road, but we're very excited about this group. We think these players are the real deal, but I don't want to put the cart before the horse and proclaim too much too soon until they've actually played here and shown what they can do."

"I believe it will be a lot different this year, but I like expectations," Gillen said. "If you have expectations that mean you usually have good talent and you have numbers. I don't mind that at all. I'd rather have higher expectations and the talent that goes along with those expectations, than the opposite."

Keys to success

The key to the team's success may be in both its and Gillen's ability to blend new talent with the solid group of returning players. That challenge is most difficult in the backcourt, where a variety of players are expected to compete for starting positions and playing time.

Virginia will once again feature the miracle worker, 5-foot-11 Donald Hand at point guard. Hand led the team in scoring with an average of 17.1 points a game, in assists, in three-point field goals and minutes played last season. His free-throw percentage of 86.2 percent led the ACC and his 57 steals in a season were the most ever at UVa.

"Donald had a tremendous year," Gillen said. "He improved a lot and had a terrific freshman season. I thought he showed he could compete with the top point guards in the ACC. We're hoping now that he can continue to step up."

Supporting Hand this season is a great cast of returning players. Besides him at guard is 6-foot-2 junior Chezley Watson. Watson averaged 8.3 points last season and was second in assists only to Hand, but his most valuable asset is his defense, which earned him the team's best defensive player award.

"Chezley provides a lot of the intangibles that don't always show up in the box score," Gillen said. "He's a very valuable player for us, and we need him to continue to get better and improve."

Also in the backcourt are juniors Josh Friel and Keith Friel. Friel was a fan favorite for his hustle and hard play. He joined the team as a walk-on but played 20.8 minutes a game in 17 games. Friel is a 6-foot-4 shooting guard transfer from Notre Dame who sat out last season, but led the Irish in three-point field goals while there.

The Cavaliers' frontcourt is also looking stronger this season, as both starting forwards return from a year ago return. Senior Willie Dersch started at the small forward position last season and averaged 10.2 points a game.

Beside Dersch at power forward was 6-foot-7 sophomore Chris Williams. Despite playing against bigger players, Williams averaged 10.8 points a game and led the team in rebounding. He was the ACC Rookie of the Year last year and a third-team All-ACC selection.

"He was one of the top freshmen in the country last year," Gillen said. "We were anxious to have him continue his development."

Other freshman, however, are what have coach Gillen more excited. Coming in is Jason Rogers and Travis Watson. Rogers is a 6-foot-10, 216-pound forward from Oak Hill Academy.

The challenge for Gillen and the team will be blending this incoming group of freshmen with the returning players from last year. However, if he can find a way to meet those challenges Virginia could become a force to be reckoned with in the ACC.
Tech's hopes rest with twin towers

By Jordan Webster
Old Gold and Black Reporter

It has been widely noted that this year's edition of the Atlantic Coast Conference is wide open. As many as five or six of the nine teams look like contenders, and the Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech will definitely be counted among them.

Fiery Head Coach Bobby Cremins returns for his 19th season at the helm of Georgia Tech, and this year Cremins will return all five starters from a squad that won 15 contests. Leading the way for Cremins' crew will be his twin towers in the middle, 7-foot senior Jason Collier and 6-foot 1 junior Alvin Jones. The two post players will be the focus of the Georgia Tech team, with the offense revolving around Collier's superb all-around game and Jones' excellent shot-blocking ability spurring the defense.

Complementing the pair of men in the middle will be the other three starters from last year's squad — senior guard/forward Jason Floyd, junior forward Jon Babul and sophomore guard Tony Akins. Also added to the mix will be transfer Shawn Fein from Division II Stonehill College in Massachusetts and promising freshman Clarence Moore, who was Louisiana Player of the Year in his division and an honorable mention All-American by USA Today.

Collier made a good impression in his first year of eligibility in Atlanta after transferring from Indiana. The 6-foot 11 native of Springfield, Ohio, was a second-team All-ACC selection, and most likely would have claimed a spot on the first team if it weren't for the conference-champion Duke, which monopolized last year's postseason honors. Collier finished his first year in the ACC as its fifth-leading scorer, averaging 17.2 points per game. Collier possesses the typical inside game that would be expected of a person of his stature. But what makes him so difficult to defend is his unusual ability to hit the outside shot, which is evidenced by the fact that he connected on 36 percent of his three-point attempts during last year's campaign.

On the other hand, Jones is known more for his prowess on the defensive end. The lanky Jones, who has a standing reach of 9-foot-2, is Georgia Tech's all-time leader in blocked shots and one of the leading shot-blockers in the nation. And he's only entering his junior year. Last year, Jones averaged almost 3.5 blocks per game, and he has averaged 3.9 blocks a game for his career. Besides that, Jones contributed a solid 12.7 points per game on the offensive end.

With Collier and Jones manning the post, Cremins expects even bigger things from his frontcourt tandem this season. "We're very proud of our inside game," Cremins said. "We want them to be a really big factor for our team this year."

However, possibly the biggest asset that Cremins has this season will be experience. After losing stalwart point guard Dion Glover to injury early last season, Akins and fellow guards T.J. Vines and Darryl LaBarrie were forced into action. Although at times they did suffer last year because of the inexperience in the backcourt, this year's squad will likely reap the benefits. "I'm hoping that the maturity of our team will help us a lot," Cremins said. "We came very close to pulling off a minor miracle (last year). We were predicted to finish last and we tied for fifth. We just needed some experience, and hopefully that will make a major difference on our team."

Cremins has particularly noticed an improvement in Akins, who performed admirably last season despite his inexperience. Akins started every game last season, averaging just over 11 points per game. Akins also demonstrated that he was capable of distributing the ball as he recorded five assists per game. But Akins will have to do a better job of protecting the ball this season, as he had just 10 fewer turnovers than assists last season.

"I notice he's stronger," Cremins said. "He played against some great point guards last year, and at times he lost his confidence. I never questioned his talent. He's just got to get over that mental hump."

Which is exactly what Cremins will be trying to do with the Georgia Tech program: get them over the hump. The Yellow Jackets have failed to receive a NCAA tournament bid since 1996, and Cremins desperately wants to be invited to the big dance. "I have been bruised," Cremins said, when asked about his recent inability to get his team into the tournament. "Anytime you don't get into the NCAA Tournament, you are going to get a lot of criticism. That is part of the territory."

"But I am totally committed to this program. My goal is to get Georgia Tech basketball back. If I didn't see that was possible, I wouldn't be there."

With the talent in the ACC as evenly distributed as ever, Cremins should have an excellent shot at attaining that goal.

Junior Alvin Jones' shot blocking and post-up prowess are keys to Yellow Jacket success.

"We're very proud of our inside game. We want them to be a really big factor for our team this year."
FSU depends on experience

Ron Hale will be relied on to lead the Seminoles this season.

By Will Barber
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Despite having inferior talent to most teams in the ACC and a very tough schedule, the Florida State Seminoles will work hard to improve on their disappointing 13-17 record from last season.

Third-year Head Coach Steve Robinson would like his team to return to the form it exhibited two years ago, when it went 17-13 and won a first-round NCAA tournament game before being ousted by Bryce Drew and Valparaiso in the second round.

Robinson’s coaching philosophy is based on organization, pride and hard work. He makes sure that no time is wasted in practice, and he intends to build a strong foundation that will last for many years to come.

“We have an interesting mix,” Robinson said. “We have some returning players, the most since I’ve been at Florida State. Ron Hale, Damous Anderson, Justin Mott, Adrian Crawford, and Delvon Arrington. They give us experience that we haven’t had before.”

Robinson said that the Seminoles have a little more depth.

Frontcourt

Leading the Seminoles this year will be 6-foot-8 senior forward Ron Hale. Hale earned third team all-conference last year and was an outside shot for the ACC.

Robinson expects the versatile Hale to play a bigger role for the Seminoles this season.

“His biggest challenge is trying to be consistent,” Robinson said. “You have to expect excellence from yourself when you step out there on the court and not just to play the game. I think he has great instincts and standards as far as what he is expecting out of his game. I think Ron has the ability to make other players around him better. You watch him in practice and you see that he has a better feel for the game.”

The other starting forward will be 6-foot-6 senior Damous Anderson, who transferred to FSU in December 1998 from Atlanta Metro College. Anderson played 23 games and started the last 10, averaging 11.9 and 5.3 rebounds per game. Florida State’s forwards are a bit undersized, but they should create some match-up problems.

Backcourt

Robinson is very happy with his perimeter players, however. “The most experienced area for us is the perimeter,” Robinson said. “Our perimeter players bring a lot of experience to our ball club. We have a variety of guys that can score in a variety of ways.”

The guards who figure to play the biggest role will be 5-foot-11 Arrington and 6-foot-5 junior Adrian Crawford. Arrington will be starting for the second straight year at point guard, and Crawford, last year’s sixth-man, will probably replace last year’s graduate Terrell Baker at starting shooting guard.

Crawford led FSU last year with 64 three-pointers and made 39.9 percent from beyond the arc.

“Last year we started the year with a point guard playing his first collegiate game in Delvon Arrington,” Robinson said. “I think him and 6-foot-10, 280-pound freshman Nigel Dixon.

Anderson, a transfer from BYU and a top 75 prospect out of high school, should provide the most immediate backup help and may even challenge for the starting job. Dixon has a tremendous upside, but he needs to get a little more chiseled before he sees any significant action.

The sixth-man this year should be 6-foot-6 senior forward Oliver Simmons, a former transfer from Kentucky.

Simmons started the first 15 games of last season at power forward, but his job was stolen late in the season by Anderson. Simmons is slow and doesn’t pose much of an offensive threat, but he is a smart player with some talent.

Two sophomores who could see a fair amount of playing time off the bench this season are 6-foot-3 shooting guard Emanuel Mathis and 6-foot-5 forward Antwaun Dixon.

Mathis hit 44.3 percent of his three-pointers last year, and is a solid offensive threat, but he is a little more chiseled before he sees any significant action.

Overall

The Seminoles have an experienced team this season, but they appear to be short on talent. Many critics feel that unless Robinson has somehow dramatically improved the quality of the players on his team in the off-season, Florida State should not pose much of a threat and should end up near the bottom of the ACC.

Robinson is not daunted by the critics, however. “One of the things that I’ve talked to our team about is that the ACC trophy doesn’t have anybody’s name on it,” Robinson said. “Everybody has an opportunity to get their name on the trophy by the end of the season. I think the league has a chance to be a very balanced league, it’s gonna be tough always. You have great teams and great players and great coaches in this league and that’s what makes it tough and exciting and such a challenging league.”

Ron Hale stepped up as a freshman floor general last season and finished third in the ACC in assists.
Tigers face tough road ahead

With four players lost to graduation, Clemson will have a challenging year.

By Sean Blue
Sports Editor

What Clemson lacks in experience it more than makes up for with enthusiasm and heart.

Clemson lost four players who accounted for 44 points per game and 21 rebounds. Starters Terrell McIntyre, Harold Jamison and Tom Wideman and key reserve Tony Christie are all gone and have left a definite void in experience.

Clemson has only one senior, Andrius Jurkunas, and two juniors, Adam AllenSpach and junior college transfer Arturas Javtokas. Clemson also has five freshmen on its roster this year. Not many people are expecting much from the Tigers, a team that finished seventh in the ACC last season and whose highest returning scorer averaged only 7.6 points per game.

Now critics wonder whether Clemson can continue to build upon what it started as the 1998-99 season came to a close.

Clemson has a high-quality center in AllenSpach. AllenSpach got some much-needed experience last year, averaging 15.1 minutes per game. Despite playing for less than half of each game, AllenSpach grabbed 12.4 rebounds and averaged 4.8 points per game.

Jurkunas will also return to the Tiger frontcourt this season but will have a different role than he has had in previous seasons. With the departure of Jamison and Wideman, Jurkunas will be expected to play more in the paint and down low instead of the high post he excelled at last season. Jurkunas and AllenSpach are the two most experienced players on the team and should give opponents some problems underneath the basket.

The duo will also be expected to be leaders, especially for the six newcomers to the team.

"Fortunately, both Andrius and Adam offer outstanding leadership by example, academically and personally," Head Coach Larry Shyatt said. "Both have outstanding balance in their lives off and on the court."

The only other Tiger with experience in the frontcourt will be sophomore forward Chucky Gilmore. Gilmore averaged only 5.7 minutes per game last season. He is now accustomed to ACC play and ready to be a major contributor for the Tigers. Gilmore made the most out of his limited time last season, scoring 29 points and grabbing 46 rebounds.

"Chucky has been working hard and with the graduation of Wideman and Jamison, there is an opportunity for quality minutes this year," Shyatt said. "He can and will be a productive power player for us the next three seasons."

Javtokas, a center/forward, will also be asked to contribute for the Tigers. Javtokas transferred to Clemson from Western Nebraska University, where he averaged 15 points and nine rebounds per game last year.

Javtokas will be helped by another center/forward, freshman Ray Henderson. Henderson averaged 16 points and 15 rebounds per game as a high school senior last season. Javtokas and Henderson will be expected to give Clemson a big inside presence with their ability to play the four and five positions. Shyatt said Javtokas and Henderson will be asked to do more than just screen and play defense in the paint.

He also expects the two newcomers to add more versatility down low and balance to the Tiger frontcourt.

Although Clemson looks to have a lot of potential, the backcourt is all potential and a lot of questions marks.

The Tigers return only two players to their backcourt from last season's squad, and both are sophomores. Sophomore Will Soloman will be looked to as the leader in the backcourt and will control the ball for the Tigers.

After Jurkunas, Soloman returns the most minutes from last season, averaging 19.3 minutes per game as a freshman. Soloman hit more than 30 percent of his three-point attempts and averaged 6.3 points per game. Soloman contributed more as a defensive player and playmaker than as an offensive weapon, grabbing 50 rebounds, blocking 17 shots and stealing the ball 32 times.

Soloman was second on the team in blocks and steals last season.

With the departure of Terrell McIntyre and Tony Christie, Soloman will be asked to run the point this season and to offer the Tigers more of a scoring presence from the outside.

Will enjoyed some quality minutes last year, and right now he would be considered our lead guard," Shyatt said. "He has the versatility to play both guard positions, and he certainly will be a big asset to the other young guards.

The other returnee to the backcourt is sophomore Dustin Broderick.

"Dustin has the competitive ness that we need," Shyatt said. "He shows the fire on the defensive end of the court. We are going to have to find a stopper on the perimeter, a charge guy. Hopefully, he can be that guy."

Joining Soloman and Broderick in the backcourt will be freshmen Ed Scott and Pasha Bains.

Scott is expected to be a major contributor for the Tigers this season, but he is suffering from a broken foot and will not rejoin the team until after the season begins. Scott was competing for a starting position with the Tigers before the injury.

Bains averaged 38 points and eight rebounds per game in high school and transferred to Clemson in January from Wyoming. Bains did get to practice with the team last season after a shoulder injury healed.

Shyatt recognizes that his team is young and lacks experience, but he feels that may be a good thing.

Shyatt said players have nothing to lose and their inexperience may give them confidence. Shyatt said he enjoys the underdog status that is being placed on his team.

"Americans love an underdog, and hopefully we will be able to take the persons of cornered rats during the season, and keep in mind that improvement with this type of club and taking steps forward are important," Shyatt said. "We can't control the prediction, but we can control the actual outcome, which is something we hope to do in a positive fashion."

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1999-2000 Clemson Roster

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O’Kelley leads Deacs once again

The team’s top scorer the past two years believes the Deacs are ready to take it to the next level.

By Paul Gaeta
Senior Reporter

Robert O’Kelley is a man on a mission.
The junior point guard has been the on-court leader for the Demon Deacons the past two years. In his freshman campaign, he was named “ACC Rookie of the Year” after finishing eighth in the conference in scoring with 17.4 points per game.

But every March, those individual honors didn’t really matter to the Memphis native. As 64 other teams battled it out in the NCAA Tournament, O’Kelley and the Deacs had to settle for playing in a tournament that most basketball fans don’t really care about – the NIT.

He followed his successful start with an even better sophomore year, ranking third in the league in scoring with 17.5 points per game. Last season, he was named “ACC Rookie of the Year” after finishing third in the league in scoring with 17.4 points per game.

“Right now I’m just thinking about Wake Forest and winning and being successful,” he said. “I’ve been disappointed the last two years, and that gives me motivation. I’m ready to excel from that.”

“We were right there. We could have gotten in, and that makes it more disappointing. That is definitely in the back of our minds. That is why we are working so hard right now. We’re experienced, we’re very confident, and we’re ready to move on.”

In O’Kelley, the Deacs return one of the most consistent offensive forces in the ACC. He finished last season second in three-pointers per game (2.7 pg) and seventh in three-point percentage (37.6 percent). A starter in all 31 games, he reached double figures in points in 26 games, including 15 points against visiting Alabama in the first-round of the NIT that helped him eclipse the 1,000 point mark as a Deacon. He currently has 1,041 total points, 38th on the Deacon all-time scoring list.

“It would say he has been and is the most consistent basketball player returning in our league,” Head Coach Dave Odom said. “I would debate with anybody on that.”

And that consistency is one of the individual accolades O’Kelley is most proud of.

“As a player you have to do it night in and night out,” he said. “Consistency is something I judge myself on. I want to come out every night and help this team in the best way I can. You always want to be consistent.”

Both O’Kelley and Odom, however, know that the Deacons offensive star still needs to improve his total game, and with only two seniors on the team, it must start with his leadership.

“My role is to be a leader on this team,” O’Kelley said. “I think I was a leader last year but didn’t step into the task like I should have. This year I am ready to do that.”

Odom hopes O’Kelley will also step up his defensive play and cut down on turnovers, characteristics any good point guard needs to have.

“The thing that I hope is the biggest difference with Robert is that his assist-to-turnover ratio improves,” Odom said. “And I would hope his defense improves dramatically.”

O’Kelley had 79 turnovers compared to only 63 assists last year.

Already, basketball experts across the nation are expecting O’Kelley to be even better this season. Writers at Operation Basketball, the preseason ACC media convention held in Greensboro Oct. 24, selected O’Kelley for first-team All-ACC honors.

He has also been selected as one of 25 preseason finalists for the Wooden Award, given annually to the nation’s top player.

But those individual honors are all second-rate for O’Kelley. His biggest goal is making it to the tournament that has eluded his Demon Deacon team for the past two years.

“I just want to win,” he said. “That is what I’m looking to. Every game is going to be huge because it’s so even in the ACC this year. I feel we are a team in the upper echelon. There’s no doubt about it. We are experienced and talented, and that gives us a bit of an advantage. We’re going to take that and run with it.”

Photos by Chris Carlstrom/Old Gold and Black

O’Kelley will see the majority of his playing time at point guard. Sophomore Broderick Hicks will come off the bench to play the point, too.
Junior will anchor team

Vidaurreta's combination of talent and leadership unifies the Deacs.

By Daniel Ogle
Old Gold and Black Reporter

While junior marksman Robert O'Kelley seems to receive all the headlines for the Demon Deacon basketball squad, many outside observers believe junior forward Rafael Vidaurreta is the glue that holds the team together.

The 6-foot-9, 255-pound junior from Zaragoza, Spain, lead the Deacons in rebounding last season and provides coach Dave Odom with the confidence that he has someone who can neutralize the opposition's big men.

"I take it really personally. When I'm guarding a guy it's real personal to me. When he scores, it makes me really mad, and I get upset. That's what makes me improve every day," Vidaurreta said.

Last year versus top-ranked Duke, Vidaurreta held Blue Devil star and future No. 1 overall draft pick Elton Brand to eight points, his lowest point total of the season.

Vidaurreta takes great pride in performances such as this because he knows that his role on the team is to provide interior defense.

"When we are playing a team like Duke with a great post player, I really take it personally. It feels good. If [Brand] had only scored seven it would have made me feel better. You never do something too well," he said.

Vidaurreta averaged 4.5 points and 5.8 rebounds as a freshman, but he had a dramatic improvement in 1999 when he averaged 7.8 points and 7.3 rebounds.

He averaged almost a double-double in points and rebounds in ACC contests.

Vidaurreta believes that hard work and knowing his role were the keys to his improvement.

"I practiced really hard and assumed a role. Some people don't know their role on the team, and they try to do some other things that they can't do. I just do the things that I do well," he said.

Although Vidaurreta is proud of his improvement from his freshman season to his sophomore year, he knows there is still room for improvement in his game.

"I have to be able to create a play inside ... because all my points pretty much come from free throws or rebounds, and I need to make a play and score a little bit more from the post," Vidaurreta said.

While Vidaurreta knows that he has improved much as a player since arriving two years ago, the things that pleases him the most is the improvement the team has made.

"I think we should definitely do better than last year. We have more talent and we're obviously a year older," Vidaurreta said.

In the past two years he has logged a lot of minutes and may have been fatigued at the end of the game, but now with the presence of five solid players Vidaurreta will be able to get an adequate amount of rest during each contest.

While the talent and skill of players like sophomore Darius Songaila, sophomore Antwan Scott, juniors Josh Shoemaker and newcomer Tate Decker means Vidaurreta will probably lose some minutes, he believes the team will be better as a result.

"We've got five post guys. It's a good feeling. Some people might say are you scared that you might not play enough, and that's obvious. New addition Tate Decker is gonna get some time, and he deserves some time. He'll play well for us, and it's a good thing he's here," Vidaurreta said.

If the Deacons are to succeed in the always competitive ACC, Vidaurreta will need to continue to be the physical player and excellent defender that he has been in his first two seasons as a Deacon.

If he does continue to do that, Vidaurreta and his Demon Deacon teammates should make their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since the Tim Duncan era ended.

Rafael Vidaurreta

Hometown: Zaragoza, Spain
Year: Junior
Height/Weight: 6-9/255
Position: Forward
Games/Times Started: 31/25
Rebounds per game: 7.3
Points per game: 7.8

Rafael Vidaurreta is a powerful post player who gives the Deacons a strong inside presence with key rebounds and aggressive defense.

Vidaurreta will be asked to increase his defensive play this season if the Deacs want to compete for the ACC title.
Arinze hyped for big return

Big things expected from the sophomore who missed last season with a shoulder injury.

By Jared Klose
Sports Editor

He's back. Just one glimpse of sophomore Niki Arinze's movement on the court gives most people an appreciation of his overarching athleticism and the maturity with which he carries himself.

As he flashed around the court in Reynolds Gym during the Black and Gold scrimmage Nov. 2, Arinze appeared to have regained the ability that he displayed during the 1997-98 season because of a shoulder injury. But that talent was stripped from him early on during the 1998-99 campaign, when the 6-foot-5 forward from Nashville was forced to sit out all but five games for the Demon Deacons last season because of a shoulder injury. But

Arinze's time off the court has only served to fuel his competitive fires and groom him further as a student of the game.

As the Deacs contend for the conference title this season, the play of this multifaceted player is expected to be a factor in determining the eventual outcome.

Arinze knows this and welcomes the personal challenge and the opportunity to provide for the Deacons what they were missing last winter. He thinks he has prepared himself properly to fill that crucial role.

"Even though I was hurt, I think I came back stronger than I was before because of my rehab," Arinze said. "I think that just getting older also helps, but I also learned a lot in my time away. I saw things while I was sitting out that we needed to improve on as a team. Our perimeter defense was a problem area, as was our play on the wings and it's something I can step in and try to resolve for us."

Arinze was not this optimistic about his situation when the injury first took place though.

After dislocating his left shoulder in preseason practice and missing the first two 1998-99 outings, Arinze started in four games before re-injuring himself at VMF Nov. 30.

"It was a huge blow for me to have come back and then to re-injure it, because I knew I'd have to sit out for the rest of the season," he said.

But what seemed tragic at the time may prove to solidify the core of the balanced Deacon bench.

"I've got a lot of talent and I think mostly I add depth to our already deep team. I can get out on the break and run the floor."

But even here, Arinze exhibits his modesty, knowing full well that he will be a cornerstone on this year's team if he can pick up where he left off after a freshman year in which he saw action in all 30 games for the Demon Deacons, starting 24.

He led the team in rebounding seven times that year and his 76 offensive boards were the most by any Deacon and the sixth-highest league total. Arinze was also named "ACC Rookie of the Week" for his season-defining game against Maryland.

He recorded a double-double that night and then some, scoring 16 points, grabbing 16 rebounds, swiping the ball three times and blocking one shot for good measure in a homecoming game that highlighted his versatility.

Clearly though, Arinze is not unaware of his capabilities on the floor. He accurately sums up his approach on the hardwood. "I'm just trying to come in here and be a leader and a weapon."

Perhaps weapon is the word to describe him best.

His imposing 230-pound, 6-foot frame (which outweighs all but three roster players) bolsters his speed and quickness around the hoop and the break, and his lanky arms enable him to crash the boards with the big men, fill up passing lanes and take the ball to the rim without fear.

As Head Coach Dave Odom has said, Arinze occupies what many consider to be the premier position in college basketball today. Arinze agrees. "I think it's true. The small forward these days is getting taller and now they're up in the 6-foot-7, 6-foot-8, 6-foot-9 range, and they usually bring versatility by being able to shoot, run and even post up occasionally."

Along with these physical attributes, Arinze can also be a model for the younger players to follow in other respects.

"I just try to come out here and give 100 percent," Arinze says in a classic sporting cliché. But he is sincere about that. Arinze is a leader and he recognizes what needs to happen for the program to succeed.

"I think I can give a lot of things the team needs. I think I can fulfill a leadership role. Odom stresses a certain type of leadership. Last year we didn't really have a person to lift us up. The juniors need to fill that role for us this year. The sophomores didn't get as much court time last season, but they'll have to step up some too."

Hopefully, this will be the season in which Arinze is able to step up and deliver what we know he is capable of and contribute to the team to the extent he desires. If those things happen, it will most likely be a very successful year for the Demon Deacons.
Dawson takes dead aim

A healthy Dawson is primed to become one of the ACC's best shooters.

By Sean Blue
Sports Editor

Sophomore Craig Dawson had a stellar rookie season for the Demon Deacons last year. However, what makes Dawson's performance the more spectacular is the fact that he played the entire season with a stress fracture in his left leg.

The sharp-shooting product of Kinston, had an immediate impact on the Deacons last year and will most likely start at the two spot this season.

Despite the stress fracture, Dawson averaged 22.9 minutes per game and started 12 games, including the last 11 of the season. Dawson contributed an 8.1 points per game average along with 40 assists, eight steals and 75 rebounds over the course of the season.

Dawson also led the team and was sixth in the ACC with a 38.6 three-point percentage and was the only Deacon with 10 or more assists than turnovers. Dawson scored in double figures 11 times during the season.

Dawson's performance last season earned him Rookie of the Week honors on two separate occasions.

Dawson underwent surgery in the off-season to help his stress fracture in his leg and is ready to be a major contributor for the Deacs this season.

With one season under his belt and the leg injury taken care of, Dawson will now become one of the Deacons' biggest scoring threats and provide an alternative outside shooting threat when junior Robert O'Kelley gets double teamed and isolated from the ball.

Dawson not only provides an offensive presence for the Deacs but also possesses quickness and size that allows him to match up defensively with anyone from the one through three spots.

Although he plays shooting guard, Dawson is 6-foot-3 and weighs 205 pounds. His size combined with his quickness makes him a defensive threat when matched up with smaller shooting guards.

Last season Dawson was forced to play a lot at the small forward position because of an injury to junior Niki Arinze, but Arinze is back this season and freshman Josh Howard will be Arinze's back-up. Freeing up Dawson to concentrate fully on the guard position.

Dawson said that he spent the off-season working on his ball-handling skills since he knew he would be playing more guard this season and also using his size effectively down low.

Dawson feels that the area of his game that needs the most improvement is his rebounding. The fact that Dawson's worst aspect is his rebounding speaks volumes about his skills.

Dawson averaged 2.4 rebounds per game last season while playing the three spot.

With the return of junior Niki Arinze and the addition of freshman Josh Howard, Dawson will be able to move from the three spot to the two spot, which will allow him to use his quickness on defense and long-range shot more often.

Dawson said.

Dawson feels that an ACC championship is a possibility for the Deacons, but he also recognizes that it will not be easy. "I think (the ACC) probably is the most competitive league in the country as far as being wide-open," Dawson said. "Night in and night out we're going to have to bring our A-game, and we can't slack off against anybody because any team can beat any other team in this league on any given night."
Songaila ready to shine

The forward started last year as an unknown and finished as one of the best rookies.

By Tripp Mickle
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Last year, he was an unknown addition to the Deacon team: a mere freshman entering the premiere basketball conference in the country.

Outside of the high accolades he received and knowing that he was from Marijampole, Lithuania, little was known of incoming Darius Songaila.

However, by the time the 1998-1999 season had ended he was more than well known. "I think the coaches that recruited me knew what to expect," Songaila said. "I don't know about the players. I just went onto the court and earned respect by doing my best."

He became one of the premier freshmen in the country last season, earning a spot on the ACC’s All-Freshmen team and third-team Freshman All-America by Basketball News.

During the season, he started 24 times as a rookie, leading the Deacs in field goal percentage, free throw percentage, steals and blocked shots.

He was second on the team in scoring and rebounding.

Songaila, the fifth and final recruit to commit to Odom, came into an especially strong program that turned sour when 7-foot-1 Loren Woods left the team.

There were some big shoes to fill here and Songaila filled them in a big way.

Actually, I had a problem and not just coaches, but all sorts of people have told me to stay out of foul trouble. ... We’ve been working on it in the off-season and I think they’ve helped a lot, so I think I’ll be better this year." Darius Songaila

Forward

He played exceptionally well all season, scoring in double digits in 22 contests and leading the team in scoring in nine games.

He was so impressive that he was named ACC "Rookie of the Week" twice during the season.

But what does all this mean for this season?

It means he will be even better.

Add experience, more talent and higher aspirations to a player who is already one of the best in the league and the product is worth more than just a little excitement.

"Now I know what to expect," Songaila said. "The other teams know me and I know them. It’s going to be easier for me to get into a routine."

He has also been working to improve his range outside the paint. He spent a lot of time working on 15-foot jumpers and other shots that would bring more diversity to his game.

Most importantly, Songaila has been working on his foul problem, perhaps his greatest downfall as a freshman.

It’s a problem so great that it earned him his first school-record with 116 personal fouls in one season.

It hurt both him and the team, as it diminished his playing time all season.

Fouling out of eight games and having four fouls in 14 others, didn’t help anybody—him or the team.

That’s why personal fouls deservedly became an off-season focus.

"Actually, I had a problem and not just coaches, but all sorts of people have told me to stay out of foul trouble," Songaila said. "We’ve been working on it in the off-season and I think they’ve helped a lot, so I think I’ll be better this year."

With the personal foul situation worked out, Songaila looks to be deadly this year.

He has also been working on the inside and behind the free-throw line and that’s going to be effective this year.

His gifts on the inside and behind the free-throw line will make him a force to be reckoned with in the ACC.

Last year, he finished the final 14 games of the season making 64 of 70 free-throws from behind the line and at one point he made 23 straight.

Expectations are high for Songaila this season, but his are simple: to get better.

"I just want to get better," Songaila said. "I don’t make somebody believe I’m good. It’s going to be easier for me since I’m not a freshman anymore, but basically I just want to get better."
Maturity, experience give Hicks a second-year boost

The sophomore from Houston will help Robert O'Kelley at point guard.

By Jessica Reigle
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Broderick Hicks, one of the Deacs' most talented young players, is ready to start the season, hoping to see more playing time than ever before while sharing the point guard position with teammate Robert O'Kelley.

Hicks, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Houston, expects to have a successful season and play harder than ever before.

Hicks brings strength and depth to the Deacon lineup, with a productive first season already under his belt.

Hicks ended the 1998-99 season averaging 4.8 points per game along with a 39.6 field goal percentage and had several phenomenal games in which he was a driving force for the Deacs.

One such game was against FSU, when Hicks scored 15 points in the final 8:09. He also hit two free throws, to help the Deacs win the game after coming back from a 19-point deficit.

Hicks further contributed a season-high 20 points in the Deacs' game against Mercer, and followed that with six double-figure scoring outings on the season.

With a strong 32.3 three-point percentage from the past season, Hicks should prove to be a threat from beyond the arc.

His dedicated play and obvious talent earned Hicks seven starts at point guard last season, and he came off the bench in the last 18 games of the season, showing strong play in each outing.

His main job this season will be to play alongside O'Kelley, allowing O'Kelley to take a rest from the point guard position or allowing him to stay on the floor at the off guard position.

"We've played next to each other before, and our games are very different," he said.

Hicks is confident that this year's squad is a very deep and diverse team.

"We can play the most people at varied positions without losing anything," Hicks said.

He also is impressed with the leadership provided by many of his teammates.

"For the most part, we've played together for a year, so we know each other well and have been through a whole season already. We know what to expect from each other," Hicks said.

The addition of freshman Josh Howard, whom Hicks describes as a "very athletic player" will definitely add to the Deacons' strength this season.

According to Hicks, the main goal for this year's team will be to play in the NCAA Tournament.

Although the Deacs have recently proven themselves to be an extremely strong team in the regular ACC season, by finishing fourth two years in a row, they have not fulfilled the prevailing goal of making the NCAA Tournament.

This could very well be the season for this goal to be achieved, according to Hicks, who is confident that the team will draw on its experience together to make it to the next level.

The guards, especially, are currently working on their rebounding skills, which will help to add to the Deacs' overall performance. Hicks recorded a total of 59 rebounds last season.

Hicks' personal goals for his second season include maintaining consistency at both ends of the floor and continuing the quality of play that he demonstrated last season.

In addition, the coaching staff is confident in Hicks' ability to become a leader, expecting him to assume a greater court leader mentality throughout the upcoming season.

He wants to continue to focus on "knowing what it takes to run a team."

He also wants to make sure that the Deacons soundly defeat the ACC's top-ranked teams, because it is when they are playing these powerful teams that their talent and team unity are evident.

"I want to beat Maryland, especially, because it is such a great feeling to defeat these top-ranked teams," Hicks said.

In addition to the specific goals of reaching the NCAA tournament and defeating top-ranked teams, Hicks is eager to make this season as productive as possible. "I want to have a good year and play as hard as possible," he said.

Sophomore Broderick Hicks is one reason why the Demon Deacons are one of the deepest teams in the ACC. Hicks, along with Robert O'Kelley, is the point for the team.
Newcomers give Deacs depth

Freshman Josh Howard and transfer Tate Decker are welcomed additions to the team.

By Daniel Ogle
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Though the Demon Deacon basketball team has nine players who have played a significant role over the last two seasons, it may very well be the presence of two newcomers that could possibly put the team over the top.

The two newcomers are freshman Josh Howard from Winston-Salem and junior Tate Decker.

Decker transferred from Missouri last season.

The 6-foot-10 Decker provides the Deacons not just with an additional body inside, but also a great ability to score from the post.

Aside from Decker's ability on offense, he believes the main thing he brings to the table for the Deacons is experience.

“I definitely bring experience, because I am definitely one of the oldest guys on the team,” Decker said.

On a team that has so many solid players, Decker is not worried about the depth curtailing the minutes he will see on the court, but instead views the depth as a positive.

“One thing it does is it makes everybody work hard because you are competing for those spots to play. Everybody wants to play, but obviously there are only five spots on the floor for five guys to play. Everybody can play, and everybody is going to be looked upon to help us out in some way.”

Tate Decker
Center

Howard ready to get defensive

Joining Decker as the other newcomer is Howard, who hails from Winston-Salem.

Howard, on the other hand, brings the Demon Deacons an athletic type of player they have not had at the small forward position in a long time. Howard takes great pride in his defense and makes rebounding a priority in his game.

“Everybody wants to play, but obviously there are only five spots on the floor for five guys to play. Everybody can play, and everybody is going to be looked upon to help us out in some way,” Decker said.

Decker gives the Demon Deacons a big man who has an abundance of offensive skill and post moves, which provides Odom another big man he can count on this season.

Decker’s abundance of post moves combined with his ability to score from the perimeter draws many comparisons to Georgia Tech senior forward Jason Collier.

“Every time we play,” Howard said. “I met up with him at the Nike All-American camp, and I played in a couple games against him in high school. The only difference between him and I is he is left-handed and I am right-handed. Our games are very similar,”

Decker said.

Josh Howard

Hometown: Winston-Salem
Year: Freshman
Height/Weight: 6’6”/215
Position: Forward
Former School: Hargrave
Rebounds per game: 10.1
Points per game: 19.9

Newcomers look to NCAA’s

He believes strongly that the team will make it back to the NCAA Tournament. But above all else he believes that he can play at this level.

He is also dead set on proving everyone who thought he couldn’t wrong.

“I just want to show everyone that I can play,” he said.

Decker and Howard come from totally different places and bring totally different skills to the table.

But if the two newcomers can mesh the skill that they bring with the talent and depth that is presently on this experienced team, the Demon Deacons could go to heights unseen at this university in quite some time.

Head Coach Dave Odom calls Winston-Salem native Howard the most underrated freshman in the ACC.

Photography by Chris Carlstrom/Old Gold and Black

Missouri transfer Tate Decker is a 6-foot-10 center who gives the Deacons interior depth. He also has the ability to shoot well from the perimeter.
Seniors looked to for leadership

By Sharif Torres
Old Gold and Black Reporter

This season the Demon Deacons are in a good situation to win the ACC championship. Seniors Jim Fitzpatrick and Tim Fuller are ready to provide leadership and contribute on and off the court.

Fitzpatrick is the kind of player that every coach loves to have: a sensible, knowledgeable and unselfish player of the game. For two years he has contributed to the men's basketball team and was instrumental in early season wins against Illinois and Virginia Tech last season.

He has had quite a career in college basketball. First, he started off as a scholarship player at Campbell University, then transferred to Wake Forest to play under Head Coach Dave Odom. That he has made the jump from a walk-on to a scholarship player is a testament to the fact that Fitzpatrick is a hard worker.

Fitzpatrick remembers his early days on the team well. He came into the university with reservations because Campbell walk-ons weren't treated very well. Even though he still had to work hard to establish himself, the reaction he received from the Deacons was far better than he expected.

"The guys were great," Fitzpatrick said. "You still had to show them that you could play and I did that. I think these guys respect me as a player just like I respect them."

Right now, Fitzpatrick feels good about the team's upcoming season.

"We're playing as a team now," Fitzpatrick said. "Last season it was a feeling-out process to get to know one another's playing styles. We're a tight-knit group. I think with this unity we could finish third in the ACC."

Fitzpatrick said that he is prepared to make the sacrifices to win, and if that means taking a lesser role on the court then he is ready to do that. "I mean we have guys like O'Kelley and Hicks playing the guard position so I don't know how many minutes I may get on the court, but I'm trying to look at the bigger picture," Fitzpatrick said. "I just want to win games, if that means that I don't get to play that much then so be it."

This attitude comes from being a senior and a leader on and off the court. Fitzpatrick tries to lead by example, playing hard in practice and making sacrifices for the well-being of the team, something that is rare in college basketball these days.

Most college players want to go to the next level of competition, the pros, but Fitzpatrick hopes that his college career ends in a coaching opportunity. "I may go over to Europe and play professionally just for the experience," Fitzpatrick said. "But I really want to coach. I know a lot about the game and love basketball."

Fuller, also a walk-on, is in London for the fall semester, and there is no word yet on whether he will be playing in the upcoming season. Last season he saw minutes in 11 games and contributed to wins over Mercer, Coastal Carolina and Alabama.

Fuller is the workhorse of the team, ready to do the dirty work on the floor that needs to be done and always ready to play. If Fuller decides not to play this season, his presence and enthusiasm will be missed.

But for now, Fitzpatrick is ready to provide leadership through this season and help boost the Demon Deacons to the next level.
Deacs will be feeling the madness in March

By Paul Gaffe Senior Reporter

Here’s an A-Z guide to why the Demon Deacons will be dancing come March. ACC teams are as even as ever this season. In the past two years, Duke and North Carolina dominated the conference, meaning four losses were more than likely for the other seven teams. With no team heads above the rest this year, the Deacs’ should be able to get at least one or two more conference wins they didn’t get over the past two years.

Broderick Hick’s’ improved play at the point will give Robert O’Kelley more time at the two and more of a chance to do what he does best—shoot the ball.

Craig Dawson’s stress fracture in his left leg hampered him all last year. With off-season surgery fixing the problem, Dawson will be back to full speed, a huge asset for the Deacs.

Depth is one of the Deacons’ biggest positives, with at least 10 players expected to see adequate playing time this season. Experience. A year older. A year wiser. A year better. Enough said.

Foul trouble killed Darius Songaila last year. This should no longer be a problem. With a year of experience and maturity under his belt, he’ll be able to be more of a threat for more time during each game.

Point guard play, led by O’Kelley and Dawson, is among the best in the league. Honolulu is the site of the Rainbow Classic in December. The Deacs are the best team on paper in the tournament, and if they can pull out the championship, that is a huge feather in their cap.

Inspiration from not making the tournament the past two years should motivate these veterans to finally get there.


Killer interior defense from Vidaurreta, Songaila and Shoemaker will force opponents to the often unpredictable perimeter.

Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum is a dominating home-court advantage … you can read into my sarcasm whichever way you want.

Missouri transfer Tate Decker, a 6-10 forward/center, gives the Deacs much-needed interior depth and height in a league where names like Haywood and Battier loom large. The more capable guys Odom can put in the paint, the better off the Deacs will be.

Niki Arizine is back after last year’s injury. What does that mean for the team? See J.

Overall, the Deacs return 94 percent of their scoring from last year (1,942 of 2,066 points).

Perimeter shooting from O’Kelley and Dawson is among the deadliest from any starting backcourt in the ACC.

Quitters never win, you say. Well, the Deacons trailed in the second half in nine of their 17 wins.

Robert O’Kelley, a preseason All-ACC selection, is back. Enough said.

Strong non-conference scheduling (Temple, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Georgia) will help the Deacs when the NCAA selection committee looks at their resume and Ratings Percentage Index.

Temple, who should be a top-10 team when it travels to Winston-Salem Dec. 4, can be beat by the Deacs. The Owls’ match-up zone is tough but doesn’t defend the long-range shot well. If the Deacs can get hot behind the arc, that will be a huge, huge non-conference win.

Under the boards, the Deacs were out-rebounded in 17 of their 31 games last year. With Songaila and Howard in the mix, that should improve, which should help. The Deacons were 12-2 when they won the battle on the boards last season.

Victory is synonymous with the Demon Deacon program. They’ve reached the postseason the past nine years, and unless the unforeseeable happens, they should make it again.

With a lot of early hype surrounding the Deacons, most major polls still don’t have them ranked. This will prevent the Deacs from getting over-confident in early-season games they have struggled with in the past.

Xavier’s 87-76 victory over the Deacs ended their some-what disappointing season. The sting of the second-round loss will forever be implanted in the players’ memory. They do not want to return to that tournament again.

Youth can no longer be an excuse as it often was the last two years. The bulk of the Deacs have the majority and experience to raise it to the next level.

Xaronzaga, Spain, is the proud home of Rafael Vidaurreta. Thank god. Without Rafael, the Deacs lack one of, if not the, best post defenders in the league.

It is no wonder that Elton Brand scored a season-low eight points against him last season.

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Stretch

Chris Carlstrom/Old Gold and Black

Sophomore Josh Shoemaker will be the top reserve to see minutes in the frontcourt for the Deacons this season.