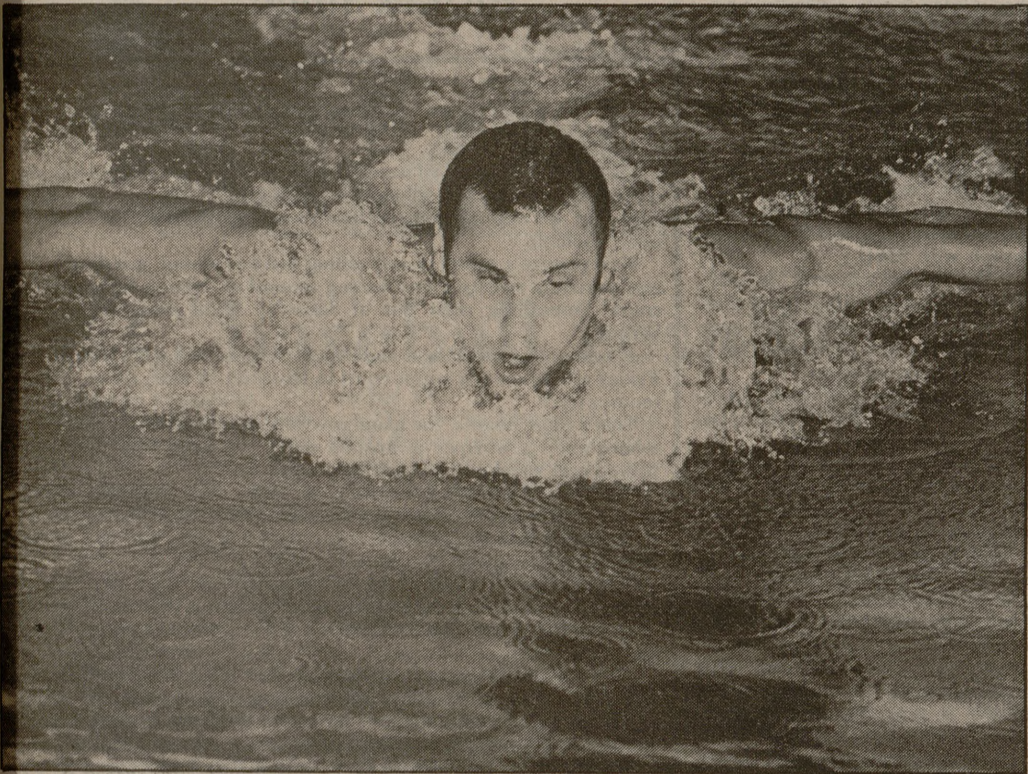


Sports



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Ed Kahill, senior swimmer for the Texas A&M swim team, will be competing in the NCAA championships this week in Austin in the 100-yard butterfly. Kahill is the only Aggie to qualify for the meet. This is his second year in a row to qualify.

Kahill qualifies for NCAA swimming championships

By RITCHIE PRIDDY
Sports Editor
After sixteen long years of training Ed Kahill's chance at the big time is finally coming about. Kahill, lone Aggie qualifier for the 1981 NCAA swimming championships in Austin, will have his opportunity at stardom Friday when he will compete in the 100-yard butterfly.

it," said swim coach Mel Nash. "I've been swimming well enough," Kahill said. "I'm ready now to go out and do it."

Kahill, a senior Wildlife and Fisheries major from Bryan, qualified for the national meet earlier this semester by beating the qualifying time of 49:51. Kahill swam the 100-yard event in 49:27. The record time is 48:00, set by Scott Spann of the University of Texas. Spann, by the way, will be competing along with about 35 others in the event, including Olympic gold medalist Par Arvidson, of Sweden. Arvidson will be competing for the University of California-Berkeley. Spann's teammate, Hunter Richmond, another top competitor, will also compete. Tough competition is nothing new to Kahill as he has already beaten some of the top competitors.

"I can beat those guys," he said. "I beat Hunter in a dual meet earlier this year."

Although Kahill qualified for the meet last year he was ill and, consequently, couldn't compete at full speed.

"I'm healthy now and ready to go. I've really been competitive this year," he said.

Kahill has consistently been ranked in the top 15 throughout the year. In a recent national poll he was rated as the 13th best swimmer in the event. The top 12 swimmers are considered All-Americans.

All-American honors are just one of his goals, though. Another is to make the 1984 Olympic team.

After his collegiate eligibility is completed Kahill plans to take a year off for studies and then work hard to make the Olympic team.

"Ed stands a good shot at the (NCAA) title. He's been improving every year he's been here. He can do it. It's just a matter of him getting out there and doing

Mackovic named Dallas QB coach

United Press International
DALLAS — Wake Forest coach John Mackovic, who directed the Deacons to their first national ranking and enlivened their offense, Tuesday was named quarterback coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Mackovic compiled a 14-20 record in his three seasons at Wake Forest and his 1979 team, basically the same that had gone 1-10 the year before, went 8-4 and to the Tangerine Bowl. The Deacons were 5-6 last season.

After the 1979 season Mackovic, 37, was named coach of the year by The Sporting News, the Walter Camp Football Foundation, and the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1979.

Mackovic will fill the Cowboys job that opened when Dan Reeves left to become head coach of the Denver Broncos. Cowboy coach Tom Landry also announced Mike Ditka, who coached tight ends and special teams for the Cowboys last year, also will coach wide receivers in 1981.

"I didn't think we would be able to add a coach at this late date," Landry said. "But we're very fortunate to be able to obtain a man of the caliber of John Mackovic. We feel he'll be a great asset because of his extensive background in working with quarterbacks and with offenses in general. He did a great job of turning around the program at Wake Forest. He's always coached quarterbacks and he's always been a great believer in a strong passing game."

In the past two seasons, his teams broke virtually every club offensive record, both team and individual, as well as a number of Atlantic Coast offensive marks.

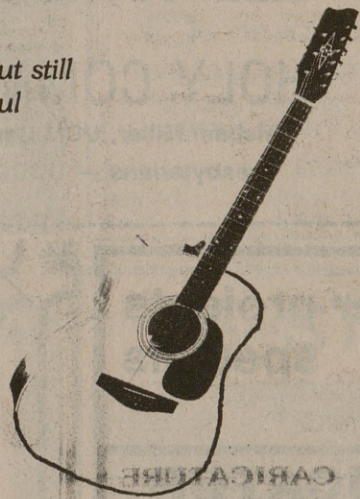
Mackovic, a 1965 graduate of Wake Forest and quarterback for the Deacons in 1964, served as an assistant at Miami of Ohio, the U.S. Military Academy, San Jose State, Arizona and Purdue before becoming the Deacons' head coach.

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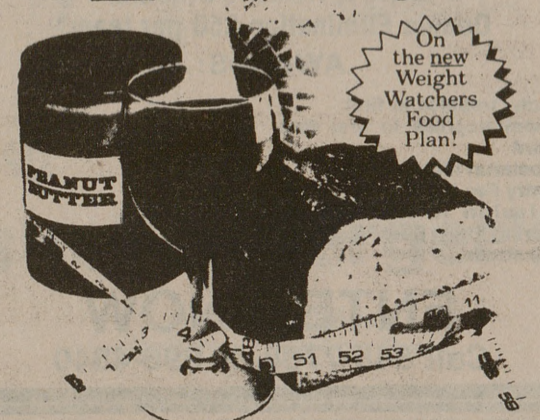


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