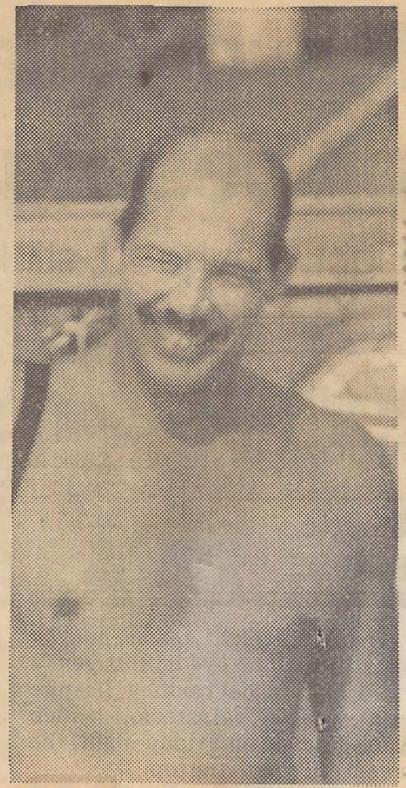


ring more than just fitness

ngle," he said. "It
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 participation has led
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 smith, Jackson said,
 re "15 to 20 people
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 ths ago." The mas-
 club in Fort Smith
 its first meet during
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 F Conway is 42 and
 he National Associ-
 collegiate Athletics
 21 years ago when
 ns forced him from
 de it back to the na-

tional championships, the masters
 short course meet in Milwaukee,
 Wis. For him, it was the culmina-
 tion of years of work. And,
 in doing so, he has eclipsed per-
 sonal marks set as a collegian at
 the University of Delaware.
 "I'm faster now than I was in
 college," Field said. "When I
 started swimming again I wanted
 to break all the records I set in col-
 lege and I have done that in all but
 one event.
 "I wanted to establish a goal I
 can achieve *** a realistic goal, one
 that is achievable but not without a
 price."
 Field said masters swimming
 provides "exciting competition"
 against people he swam against in
 college and high school.
 He mentioned an opponent of his
 in college. The two would battle
 back and forth in several events
 and seldom would one man win the
 same event consecutively. That
 battle is continuing today, but on

the masters level.
 "A lot of people get in the swim-
 ming for the fitness," he said. "It's
 surprising, but a lot of them stay in
 for the competition."
 Hlavacek said the club stresses
 having fun while competing and
 the club's philosophy seems to in-
 dicate that: "Age, deceit, cunning
 and treachery can defeat youth
 and skill." And the club motto goes
 right along with that: "Still crazy
 after all these years."
 "We have people who only be-
 gan competing this year and still
 others who were All-Americans or
 national quality swimmers when
 they were younger," Hlavacek
 said.
 "Most of the people here are in it
 for the fitness but will accept a lit-
 tle friendly competition. I like to
 compete against the guys, it adds a
 little friendly fire."
 Maybe members of the Arkansas
 Masters Swim Club are "still crazy
 after all these years."



RICK FIELD

Masters swimmers win several events in two recent meets

Masters swimmers from Conway
 won events in their age groups in two
 recent meets.
 At a masters meet in Fayetteville,
 Marvin Schwartz, 35, won the 200-yard
 freestyle in a state record time of
 2:03.2. He also won the 100 butterfly
 in 1:03.2. John Kane, 30, won the 100 in-
 dividual medley in 1:01.2 and the 50-
 yard breaststroke in 31.2. Don
 Cameron, 53, won both the 50 (27.2) and
 100 freestyle (1:01.2). Rick Field, 42,
 took the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.8.
 At a zone championship meet in
 Austin, Texas, Field set zone and state
 records in winning the 50-yard
 breaststroke (30.8), the 100-yard
 breaststroke (1:07.1) and the 200-yard
 breaststroke (2:28.8).



Sports briefs

Three from state win swim medals

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE
 MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Three Ar-
 kansas swimmers won a total of 12
 medals at the United States Mas-
 ters Swimming National Short
 Course Championships, Thursday
 through Saturday.
 Ida Hlavacek, 42, of Mountain
 Home won five medals; LaVerne

200-yard medley and broke a
 three-year-old state record in the
 process at the Arkansas Masters
 Winter Classic Championships in
 Little Rock.
 Marvin Schwartz, Rick Field,
 John Bumpers and Don Cameron
 won the event in 1:52.3. The meet
 was open to swimmers 25 years
 and older.
 Schwartz also won the 500-yard
 freestyle in record time while
 Bumpers established two state
 masters marks in the 100 but-
 terfly and the 100 freestyle. Field
 broke his state records in the 50-
 and 100-yard breaststroke.
 Cameron set age group records in
 the 50 breaststroke and 100
 freestyle. John Cain of Conwa
 won the overall 100-yard in-
 dividual medley title while Do
 Neal placed in all freestyl
 events.
 The team's meet
 Saturday, Memphis.
 Anyone interested in learning
 more about masters swimming
 should call Field at 329-6836.



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