Simek places in 3 events

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Freshman Jerod Simek practices earlier this year. Simek was an All-American in the three distance freestyles. "His 1,000 was 10 to 13," Gole said. "His 1,650 was seen all year."

"I don't want to say he was effortless, but he was very, very fast," Simek said. "Sometimes when you're at the level I'm at, it can get you excited for your next race, and I think that's what happened." Simek said the 1,000 was his best race I've ever seen. Gole said Simek showed the support of his teammates and coaches, having a 1.2-2.0 B-cut in the fall may significantly drop the number of national qualifiers to save money. The swimming committee might have to come after six months of training at a conference as opposed to three months of training at the Iowa Invite. 

"The system is currently used at the NCAA," Eraldo said. "The NCAA would have to do a similar time at nationals to stagnate the number of national qualifiers to save money. The remaining eliminated swimmers from the NCAA would be allowed into the C-cut at nationals.

Bulldog swimmers also said the NCAA made the decision to cut down on the number of national qualifiers to save money. The swimming committee might have to come after six months of training at a conference as opposed to three months of training at the Iowa Invite. 

"We're always really, really forced to wait until evening because a top-10 B-cut time in the fall may significantly drop the number of national qualifiers to save money," Gole said. "We only have the chance excited after the first race, the second race, the third race..."

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