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## Former Montreat skipper New baseball coach named

By Dale McElrath

UNCA is gearing up for the move to the Big South Conference with the addition of three coaching positions to the athletic department staff this week.

Last Thursday, a news conference was held to announce the hiring of Ken Bagwell to lead the new UNCA baseball squad.

Bagwell, 33, has been the head coach of Montreat Anderson College for the past two years.

During his tenure at Montreat, Bagwell turned the Cavalier's program around from a dismal 5-20 in his first season, to a respectable 12-10 this year.

Bagwell hopes he can do the same at UNCA.

"I'm very excited about starting baseball at UNCA," said Bagwell. "I know a lot of the talent in the area and its obvious this area is second to none."

Bagwell graduated

from North Buncombe High School and attended Clemson University, where he led the ACC in hits and doubles during the 1972 season.

He played professionally in the Chicago White Sox system, before becoming an assistant coach at Clemson.

"I know people in Asheville will respond to their first college baseball team," Bagwell said.

The team will begin playing during the 1984-85 season and compete in the Big South. As with other men's sports, the Bulldogs will play a dual NAIA/NCAA schedule next spring before moving to the NCAA the next season.

The other two new coaches aren't additions to the Athletic Department staff, but already existing faculty members taking on new duties.

Bob Daughton, head of

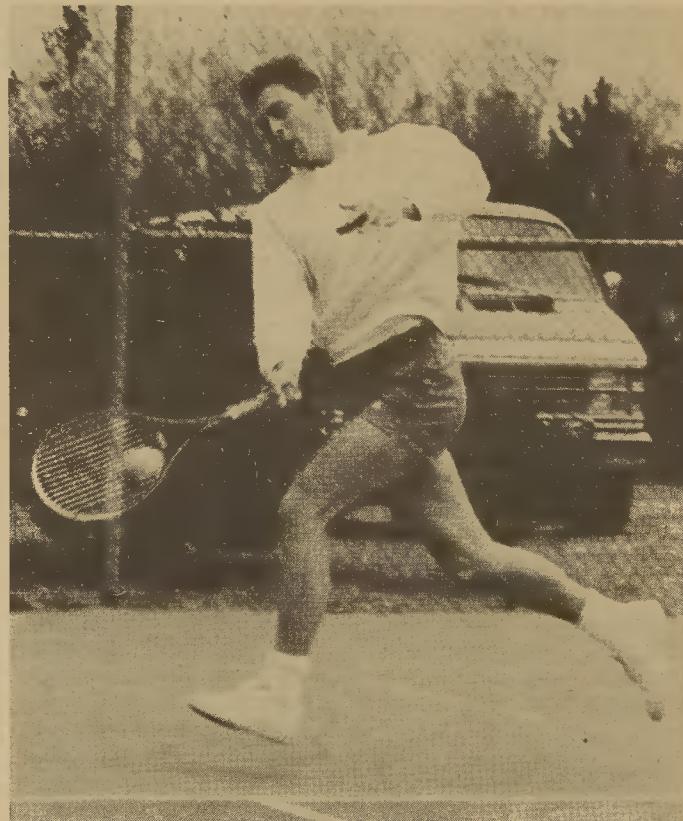
UNCA's Physical Education Department, will be taking the helm of the golf team next year.

Daughton was the head coach of UNCA's linksters from 1965-1978 when the program was discontinued.

Like the baseball program, the golf team will compete under dual NAIA/NCAA status next year, before converting to NCAA in the 1985-86 school year.

"I'm excited about having golf at UNCA again," Daughton said. "Even though it will be like a new program again. We have some great golf-playing schools in the (Big South) Conference and we'll be looking to start filling a team that can fit right in. We're wide open to prospective players."

Bob Hartman, the former head basketball coach at UNCA, will take on the new cross



Forecourt forehand: Neils De Johng chases down this shot during recent match at varsity courts.

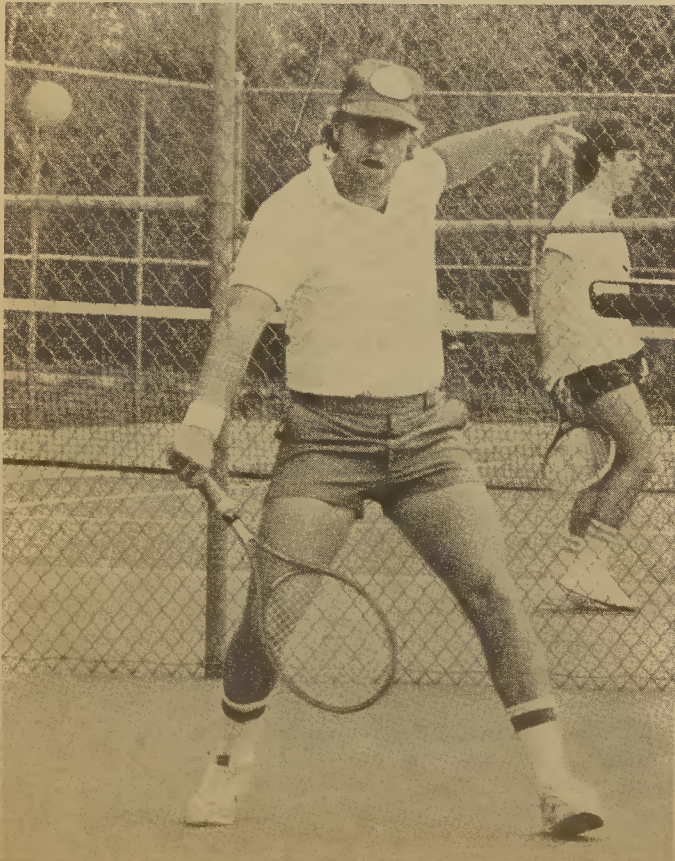
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country program.

The cross country program will begin this fall.

"We're getting something of a late start," said Hartman. "However we'll be looking at milers and other long

distance runners this spring. We're wide open to interested student athletes, and will probably have to look to mainly freshmen and junior college transfers right away."



Maynard eyes backhand: UNCA's Doug Maynard watches his backhand. Photo by David Plunkett

## The Bull Pen

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Well, what's going on in the world of sports this week?

I guess the big news is the beginning of the eternal NBA playoff season.

So, since my brilliant choices for the NCAA title went slightly awry. I've decided to try again with the NBA.

First, the Eastern Division.

This season's addition of Dennis Johnson to the potent attack of the Boston Celtics has made the Celtics the best team in the league.

Boston's starting front line of Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Cedric "Cornbread" Max-

well aren't smooth, flowing players. But if the three make the Celtics ungraceful -- it also makes them unstoppable.

Philadelphia is also very tough, but injuries to key players like Maurice Cheeks and Moses Malone make the 76'ers a long shot to repeat last year's title.

The Milwaukee Bucks also have a chance to take the title, but I don't think Sidney Moncrief and Company really have the "right stuff" this year.

In the West, the Los Angeles Lakers are perennial contenders. If only because of the big guy in the middle.

Jabbar would make playoff contenders of the Indiana Pacers, and

that would almost take a miracle. Jabbar is a winner, but I don't think so in this year's tournament.

Phoenix, Portland and Seattle all are fine teams -- but they aren't really in the same league as the Celtics or the Lakers.

My choice to take the NBA crown....Boston in five.

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The UNCA athletic banquet is scheduled for Fri., April 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meal will cost five dollars per person.

If you're interested, you need to make your reservations by Monday. Call the Athletic Department at 258-6459.

The awards will cover all six sports.