

Sports

Tennis teams wait on weather to start season

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The men's tennis team has yet to play a full match this season because of the unpleasant weather Asheville has been experiencing over the past few weeks. The women's team has only been able to complete a couple of matches, which were at the beginning of the season.

On March 9, both teams had matches scheduled. The men were paired up with the University of North Carolina - Charlotte, and the women were to play the University of Illinois - Chicago. The men were able to complete one game before the matches were canceled because of the rain.

The rain and snow have been a big problem for both matches and prac-

tices. According to head coach Rebecca Offenbacher, the team has been very limited in what they can and can not do because of weather disturbances.

While most schools are well underway with their seasons, the Bulldogs have really yet to begin. Both teams are scheduled to play this weekend. On Friday, the teams will face Winthrop University and on Saturday, and both teams will play the University of North Carolina - Greensboro.

"Hopefully we can get some matches in this weekend," Offenbacher said.

If the weather forecast for this week holds true, the teams will once again have to deal with rain and possibly snow. This could greatly affect the team going into the start of conference play on Friday.

"Everyone else has already played about eight matches, so the delays are really hurting us. We haven't been able to get on the court that much. Times are tough," Rob Flink said.

Without the proper preparation, the actual games will become that much harder. The women's team is formed around a nucleus of young players and this missed experience could hurt them going into conference play.

"We haven't had much time to practice, so that's where the rain is affecting us. We've only practiced two or three times in the last week," Jennifer Smith said.

Hopefully the weather will hold off this week and the teams can get some practice done in preparation for the conference opener this Friday.

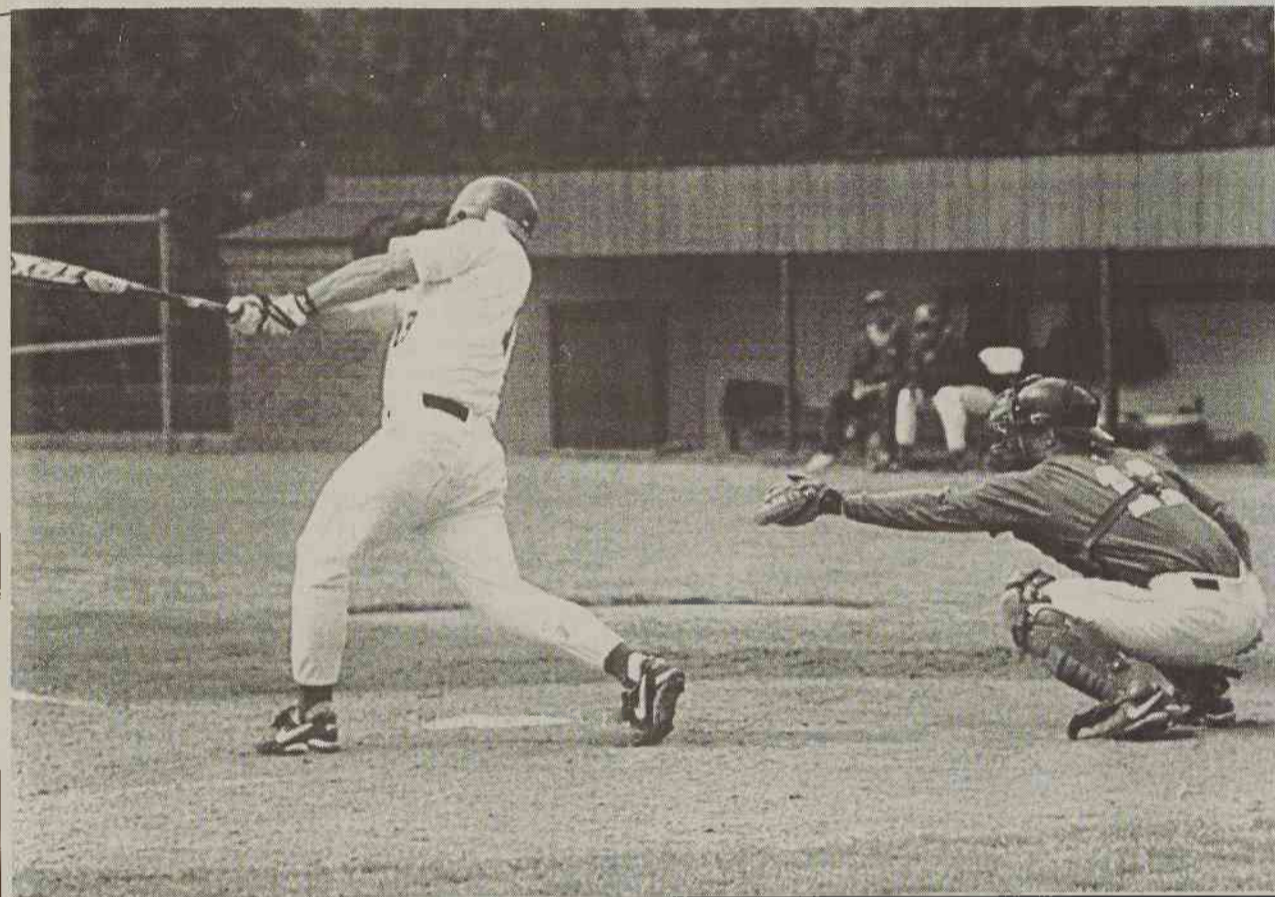


Photo by Jennifer Thurston

A UNCA player connects in Saturday's game against NC A&T. UNCA won the first game of the doubleheader, 17-6 and lost the second game, 8-5.



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Easy out... UNCA's second baseman Ron Trabosh tosses the ball to first baseman Scott Pastushok for the last out of the inning. The Trabosh-Pastushok duo are starters for the UNCA baseball team.

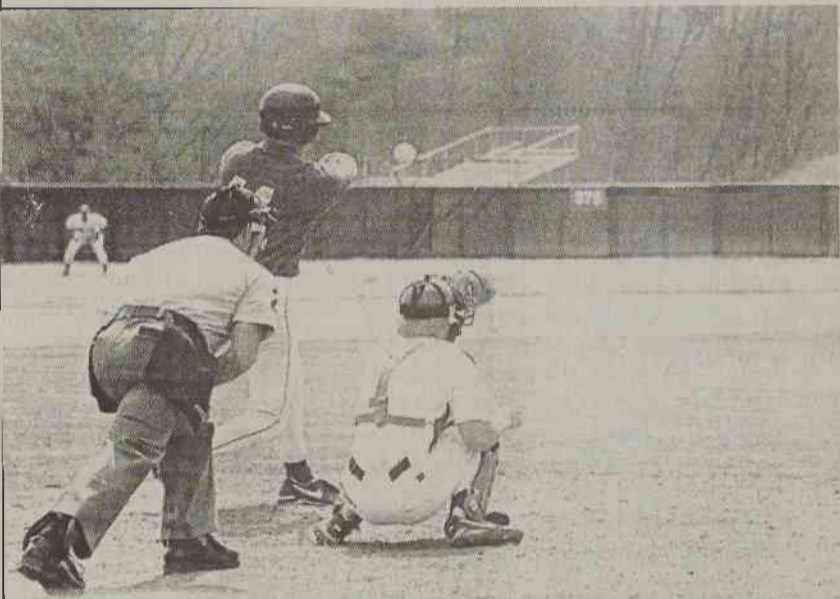


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A NC A&T player follows through as Bulldog catcher Bryan White prepares for the play to unfold.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22	Tennis	home	2:00 p.m.
March 22	Volleyball	alumni match	7:30 p.m.
March 22	Baseball	home	3:00 p.m.
March 23	Tennis	home	1:00 p.m.
March 23	Baseball	home	1:00 p.m.

Baseball
plays at
home Fri.
& Sat.

New Hours in Dining Hall

M-F Breakfast: 7:15-9:15 a.m.
Continental 9:15-9:45 a.m.
M-F Lunch: 11:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
M-Th. Dinner: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Friday Dinner: 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. Brunch: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Continental 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Sat. & Sun. Dinner: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

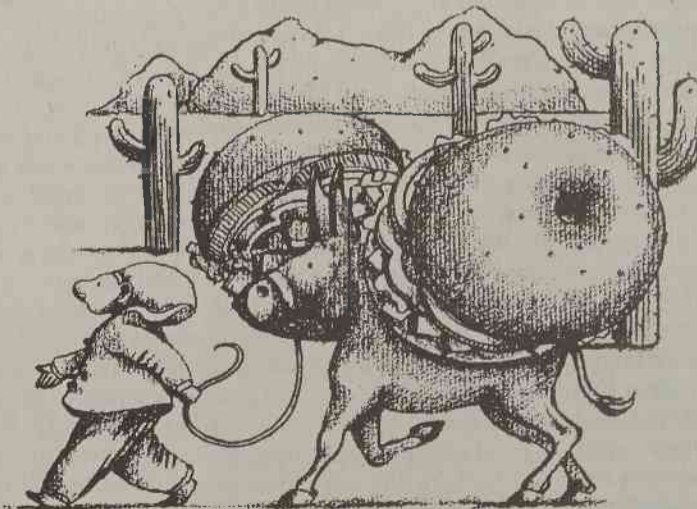
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