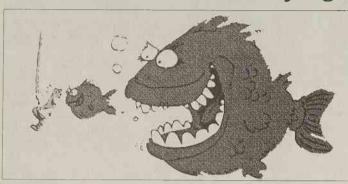
Sports

Sports feature of the week-

Sink or swim

Water aerobics provides an intense workout for any age



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Water aerobics has commonly been used as a form of exercise for senior citizens, but it is now becoming a form of cross-training for all types of athletes.

"Water aerobics has always been associated with senior citizens, but you can ask any of the students. They are getting a hard workout," said Teri Siegel, UNCA's water aerobics instructor.

"It's a way of cross training so that if you're working out, running, playing soccer, playing football or which ever sport, it is a way of working your heart muscle," said Siegel.

"This class happens to be before my soccer practice on Monday, Wednesday and Friday," said Keith Painter, a sophomore history ma-

jor. "It helps me get warmed up." Water aerobics incorporates rythmic body movements and dance steps performed in water, accord-

ing to www.health.cybear.com. Water aerobics has all the components of a traditional workout, according to the Web site.

"Water aerobics are conducted both in waist to chest deep water and in deep water," said the Web

A typical water aerobic workout

time devoted to warm-up, cooldown and stretching routines, according to the Web site.

component, as well as an aerobic

be easy, but it is actually rather a workout.'

difficult," said Painter.

The class focuses mostly on cardiovascular work, stretching and flexibility, according to Siegel, .

"Right now, we are doing a variety of cardiovascular moves in the water," said Siegel. "We do a lot of jogging in the water. I also try to do routines. For example, we did different types of running. We ran uphill and down hill, and did hurdling and power walking."

"The way the class starts out is with a warm up," said Siegel. "Then we go into a cardiovascular, which lasts about 20 minutes. We then go into strength training with pushups and abdominals.

One objective of the class is for students to see what goes on in the water, according to Siegel.

'There is no impact on your joints because you are not hitting the floor," said Siegel. "It is a nicer way to flow and yet get a really good workout.'

There are several health benefits that come with water aerobics, according to Siegel.

"There is no impact on your body, and you can work out at your own

pace," said Siegel. The students are in competition

with only themselves, according to Seigel. "There is nobody else to compete

with," said Siegel. "Someone who is in incredible shape and someone who has never exercised before can usually lasts 40 to 50 minutes, with do the same routine. They just have to pace themselves.'

The goal of the class is for the students to learn that as long as Many aerobic water programs in- there is water they can get a workclude a toning and strengthening out, according to Siegel.

"I want them to have a knowledge portion, according to the Web site. of water," said Siegel. "I want them Water aerobics appears to be as to take what we have worked on easy as it sounds, but according to throughout the semester. No matter where they go in the world, as "I thought the class was going to long as there is a pool, they can get

Upcoming Sporting Events

Sept. 22

Painter, it is not.

Women's soccer at Clemson Cross country at McAlpine Invitational

Sept. 22-23 Volleyball hosts Bulldog Invitational

Sept. 22-24 Men's and women's tennis at McAlpine Invitational in Charlotte

Sept. 23

Men's soccer at Coastal Carolina

Sept. 27

Ultimate frisbee scrimmage at Warren Wilson College

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Men's Soccer on Cruise Control

The Big South Conference is enjoying two weeks of success by its men's soccer teams. Of the eight Conference schools, only one has an early-season record that is under .500. Liberty, the preseason favorite started slow at 0-3, but the Flames quickly proved the record was only temporary, scoring their first win of the season against Wake Forest, who was the fifth-ranked in the nation. In addition, Coastal Carolina has racked up big wins, with victories over UNC Greensboro and UNC Wilmington. Charleston Southern and Elon both notched wins over N.C. State and High Point picked up a tie against the Wolfpack. In all, the Big South is 3-0-1 against the Atlantic Coast Conference this year in men's soccer and also has wins against Virginia Tech, Stetson, Wofford and Central Florida. Coastal Carolina Scores First-Ever Wins in Women's Soccer

Coastal Carolina picked up it's first-ever women's soccer victory with a 2-1 win over Gardner-Webb. The Chanticleers followed up that win with a 10-0 drubbing of South Carolina State for the program's second win. This is the first year Coastal Carolina has sponsored a women's soccer program. After opening the season with a tie, the Chanticleers dropped three straight matches before defeating Gardner-Webb. Radford Volleyball Off to 8-1 Start

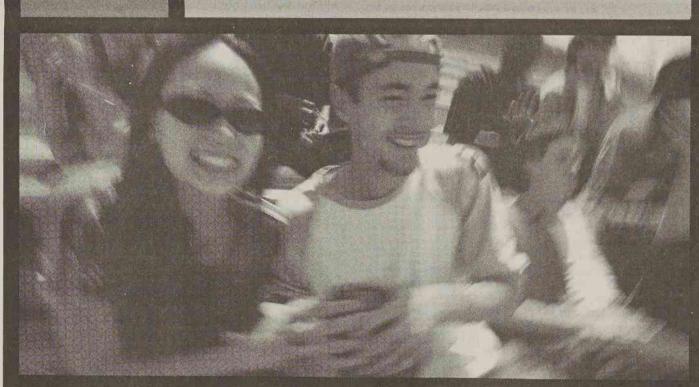
The Radford volleyball team has made an effort to prove its selection as the preseason favorite was justified. The Highlanders have started the season 8-1, with two Tournament victories (West Virginia and N.C. State) and wins over programs such as Virginia Tech. Radford's only loss came at the hands of former Big South

UNC Asheville, Liberty, Coastal Carolina Pick Up Cross Country Meet Titles

UNC Asheville, Liberty and Coastal Carolina all came away from early-season cross

country meets as the winning team. The Bulldogs won the Gamecock Invitational on the men's side. Coastal Carolina won the Charleston Southern Classic on the men's and women's side. Liberty picked up men's and women's wins as well, taking home both trophies at the Elon/High Point Invitational.

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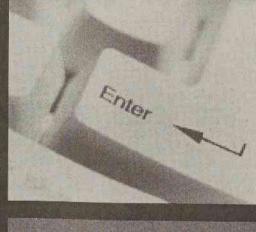
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