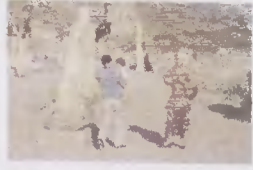


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THE NEWS IN BRIEF

By Ben Smith
MANAGING EDITOR

Appalachian downs No. 5 Michigan

On Saturday, the Division I-AA Appalachian State football team defeated No. 5 ranked Michigan 34-32, a victory many critics are calling the greatest in the history of college football. The win marks the only time a team from I-AA beat a first tier Division I team ranked in the top 25 since the 1978 split of Division I into two leagues.

Trailing 32-31, the Mountaineers drove 69 yards in 1:11 to set up Julian Rauch with the winning 24-yard kick.

On Tuesday, ESPN reporters visited the Boone campus to tape a segment for Saturday's GameDay program.

The Mountaineers won two consecutive Division I-AA Championships and their winning streak of 15 games is the longest in any division.

Republicans lack candidates for N.C. race

N.C. Sen. Tom Apodava declared that he will not run for the Republican 11th district congressional seat against freshman U.S. Rep. Heath Shuler on Tuesday. Previously, the Hendersonville Republican said he was considering a run against Shuler for the 2008 election.

Former representative Charles Taylor, who held the seat for 16-years, declined to declare a campaign for the spot when the Henderson County Republicans questioned him last month. As of yet, no Republicans have declared a campaign for the seat.

— — — Far from home — — —

Students studying overseas, in the States bring lessons learned back

By Clary Tedford
STAFF WRITER

When students grow tired of their current surroundings, they need only look to UNC Asheville's study abroad/away programs, whether they want to travel across an ocean or just to another state.

The Study Abroad/Study Away department will host a Study Abroad Fair on Sept 13 from 1-3 p.m. in Alumni Hall at Highsmith University Union to give students information concerning ways to earn their degrees abroad.

"Students can pretty much go all over the world," said Bonnie Parker, interim director of the department.

The most popular places are Australia and New Zealand, although more and more students are choosing to go to Africa and Central America, according to Parker.

"Study abroad is an invaluable experience," said Valerie Thelen, senior political science student. "It challenges you in ways that you would never predict or could ever really prepare for but the outcome is that you are a much stronger, adaptable, open-minded and driven person."

Thelen participated in both the study abroad and study away programs, which are affordable ways for students to earn their degrees while exploring different places, according to Parker.

Students may be surprised to know how inexpensive studying abroad can be, according to Parker.

"The cost of a lot of the programs equals the cost of attending UNCA," she said. "If you choose to go on an outside program, those are private programs and they tend to cost more."

One of the direct exchange programs UNC Asheville tuition covers is Cheshire of City University in Hong Kong, and students only pay for their airfare and living expenses once they arrive, according to Parker.

Thirty to 35 students at UNC Asheville participate in the study abroad program during each fall and spring semester, according to Parker. This number increases to around 100 in a typical summer



Top: Sophomore Clayton Crowhurst overlooks the Colorado River on his way to New Mexico, where he currently attends the University of New Mexico as a part of UNC Asheville's Study Away program.

Bottom: While in Gallup, N.M., Crowhurst attended an inter-tribal pow-wow and took this picture of a man in traditional dress.

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semester. Jane Hartsfield, assistant professor in the mathematics department, took 13 students to Greece and Turkey for the Study Abroad Summer 2007 program, a trip costing students \$3,800 for four weeks.

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Interim Director,
Study Abroad/Away
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said. On a faculty led trip, students don't have to worry about the hassles of transportation and coordinating schedules, according to Hartsfield. At the same time, they feel more comfortable in a new country.

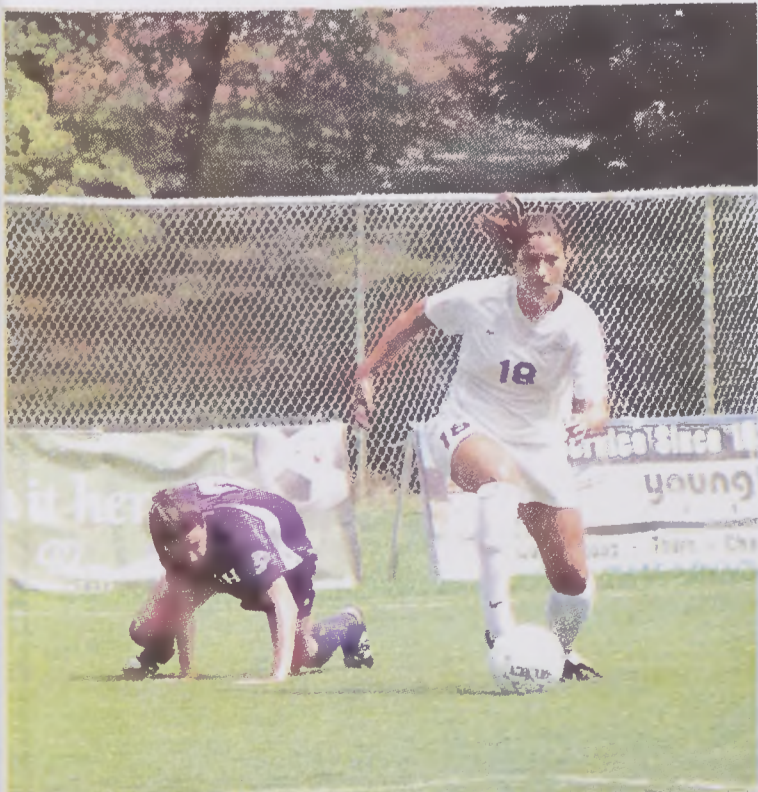
Thelen, who studied abroad in Germany during the 2006 spring semester, also participated in the university's study away program, which allows students to attend a university in the United States.

"I spent last semester in Washington, D.C. doing an internship at the Washington Office on Latin America," Thelen said. "I accredit my desire and ability to get the internship and do it successfully to my study abroad in Germany. Without the experience in getting to know many internationals, and particularly people from Colombia, I probably

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SPORTS



TREY BOUVIER - STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior forward Robyn Busha blows by a Tennessee defender last weekend. The game signaled the Bulldogs' first win of the season.

Bulldogs sink teeth into Eagles

By Devon Dow
SPORTS EDITOR

Junior forward Robyn Busha scored the winning goal in overtime last weekend as the women's soccer team won their first game of the season at home, 1-0 against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles.

"It was a great win for the team," said Head Coach Michele Cornish. "The freshman contributed well for us. Overall I am very pleased with the entire team's performance."

The Bulldogs went into overtime tied 0-0 with the Golden Eagles. With 9:26 seconds left in the first half of overtime, freshman forward Dana Sroka crossed the ball in front of the Golden Eagles goal and Busha scored the only goal of the game.

"This win feels really good," Sroka said. "It is my first game of the season and I will admit I was a little nervous when I got out on the pitch, but I wanted to show the older players what I could do and our coach believed in me enough to have me out there and I was happy about that."

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DANA SROKA
Freshman Forward

"I was really proud of the way our freshman stepped up today," goalkeeper Veronica Lazar said. "It was good to see Dana be a part of the winning goal. When she crossed the ball it looked like it was going to make it in, but it bounced off of the woodwork and Robyn tapped it in to give us the win."

The defense played a critical role in the 1-0 victory. Junior Juliana Duncan and sophomores Keri Skelton and Meghan Bradham led the

defense that kept the Golden Eagles scoreless.

"I felt that our backline did an excellent job today," Busha said. "They did well defending on set pieces, and giving our goalies time to make good decisions on balls. Their play really helped seal the deal for the victory."

Sophomore goalkeepers Lazar and Shanna Brown kept the Golden Eagles out of the scoring column with seven combined saves.

"It felt good to get out there and finally play a game," said forward Joy Haynes. "We have been practicing for two weeks straight without a game and to finally get out there and show what we can do really showed me that practice has paid off for us."

While winning the game in overtime, the Bulldogs overcame not only a 0-0 tie, but injuries to win the game, according to Cornish.

"A lot of girls were playing hurt, a lot of them," Cornish said. "Injuries are a part of sports and our ladies realize that. I was impressed watching them go out there and give

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