



## Bulldogs crush Liberty on ESPN



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ESPN cameras captured the frenzied crowd packed into the student section. Despite losing several star players, the Bulldogs found their footing and went on to win three games this week.

### Freshman J.P. Primm scores 21 as men's basketball improves to 3-0 record with 84-56 win over Liberty

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After rolling to a 2-0 start to open the season, the Justice center went prime time Tuesday afternoon, as sports broadcasting giant ESPN came to town to televise UNC Asheville's 84-56 rout against Liberty University.

"I couldn't be happier right now," Head Coach Eddie Biedenbach said. "The student body was great with their sixth man T-shirts. It's starting to become an atmosphere here

that's conducive to having a consistently good team."

According to him, this game marked the beginning of something special.

"We're starting to build a tradition here," Biedenbach said. "The Justice center is a very cozy place for us and I'm real pleased with where we are."

But despite getting a big win over a Big South Conference rival on national television, he said he won't let it go to his or his team's heads.

"In all fairness, it's a home

game and Liberty has a really good team, but six of their eight players tonight were freshmen," Biedenbach said.

"I'm really excited about this win, but I don't want to get carried away with it," Biedenbach said. "We had a big TV win and we're 3-0 overall, but now we get to go on the road with a young team against Campbell."

According to freshman guard J.P. Primm, he and his team could not have asked for a better atmosphere than the one found in the Justice Cen-

ter on Tuesday.

"The crowd was fantastic," Primm said. "We couldn't have done it without them."

"They looked like a big, blue sea out there," Primm said. "It was packed today, and this was our chance to buckle down, live up to our standards and do what we do best."

Primm was the star of the show, finishing 6-11 from the field with a career high 21 points and seven rebounds. He was a perfect 8-8 at the foul line.

"Coach told us to play

and execute the offense like we talked about," Primm said. "We went through our plays before the game and he stressed how important it was to execute and be smart about running the game and that's exactly what we did. We executed, we played well and we made the shots we needed to."

Biedenbach said he could not be any happier for his up-and-coming freshman guard.

"Primm is a quality guard with unusual maturity for a freshman," Biedenbach said.

"He plays hard for us and I'm real pleased with that."

To Biedenbach, this game helped his young team take an important step towards filling some big shoes left by last year's team.

"This game we grew up some," Biedenbach said. "It's going to make us a little more confident and a better team overall as we keep going."

*The Bulldogs play Saturday at Campbell. The game starts at 3:15 p.m.*

## Student fee forum stirs debate

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Increasing student fees may burden students in the current economic situation, but they support a higher quality of student life, according to officials.

Student fees fund student activities, student health services, athletics, computer equipment and scientific equipment needs. This portion of students' payment to the University stocks the campus with up-to-date tools that can enhance learning and on-campus operations.

"(Current funding) is not providing you with what (your professors) feel is the quality you deserve," Pat Catterfeld, Assistant Provost of Budgeting, said. "They basically ask for what you need, across the disciplines."

Increasing student fees by a few dollars per person in any given fee division can greatly improve the quality of resources in that division.

"The cost of chemicals has skyrocketed," Catterfeld said. Chemicals and other lab supplies, while vital to many courses, require significant funding.

Student fees also fund new computers, art supplies and

health services, according to Catterfeld.

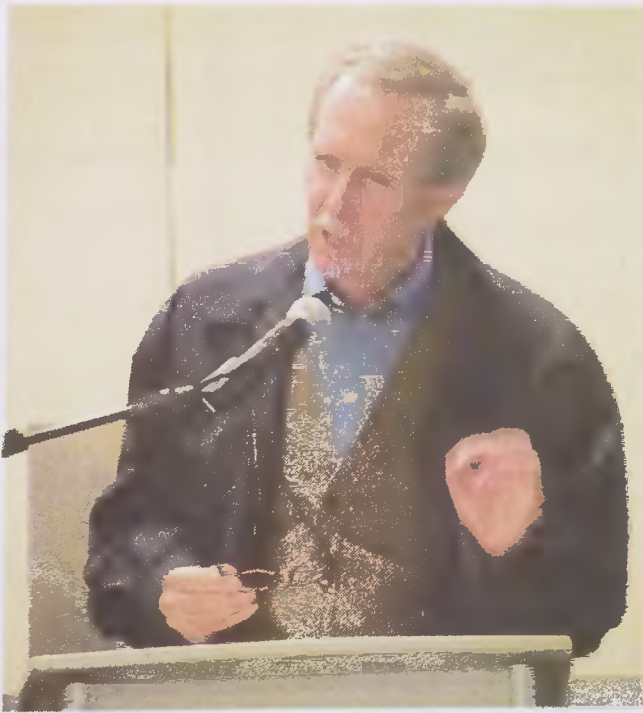
Each year, a committee collaborates to recommend where every penny of student fees should go. The committee consists of staff, faculty and students.

"I can't give the exact dollars and cents today," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bill Haggard said Tuesday, after a fee committee meeting. "It is very important to remember that the decisions made to the committee are a recommendation to the Chancellor's Senior Staff, which then recommends the Board of Trustees and goes to the UNC system Board of Governors."

Last week's Open Fees Forum gave students a chance to voice ideas and concerns about tuition and fee increases (to university officials).

The Student Government Association passed a bill last week that explained how they want officials to distribute next year's student fee increase.

The Mountains to the World grant finances international service learning projects, but a one-time grant funds the program. The SGA bill proposes an increase in the Education and Technology portion of fees by \$10 to support the MW program, which terminates in



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**William Spellman, dean of humanities, speaks at the student fee forum last Wednesday in Karpen Hall.**

2009-2010 without additional funding.

The bill also proposes adding \$1 to the current \$30 transportation fee to support giving all students three free emergency rides home from campus.

Tuesday the Fee Committee met to finalize their recommendation for fee increases.

"The recommendations for the Student Activities, Athletic and Health fees were approved as proposed. Then there will

be a recommendation for additional increase to the education and technology fee. The committee approved the one dollar increase in transportation fee for the purpose of extending the emergency ride program," Haggard said.

Tuition increases, while separate from fees, also enhance student learning. About half of

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## Conference focuses on campus diversity

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Participants in the "Living in, Living with, Diversity" conference, on Friday and Saturday in the Highsmith University Union, will take part in panel and round table discussions focusing on how to increase diversity at UNC Asheville.

"We want to find out more about what has been done, what is being done and what should be done for diversity at UNC Asheville," said Volker Frank, sociology chair and conference organizer. "This conference gives us a platform for conversation and clarification on issues related to diversity."

Among the groups to participate are the Student Government Association, the Hispanic student organization HOLA, and UNCA's literature department.

"Our goal is to establish an open dialogue between all the participants of the conference," Frank said.

Frank, who moved to the United States from Germany, came up with the idea of holding the conference, the first of its kind.

"I came here 13 years

ago," Frank said. "UNCA is a very diverse campus in some respects, and in others it is not. Diversity is a subject many people here talk a lot about, so I saw the possibility and also the need for an event like this conference."

Throughout the conference, student groups exhibit posters and displays in the Pinnacle Room in Highsmith. Among the groups to contribute posters is the International Student Association.

"I think we are definitely one of the most diverse groups on this campus," said ISA member Leslie Smith. "Therefore, participating in that conference in any way was a good way to show that international students are present and involved in the campus."

UNCA's size affected Frank's decision to organize the conference.

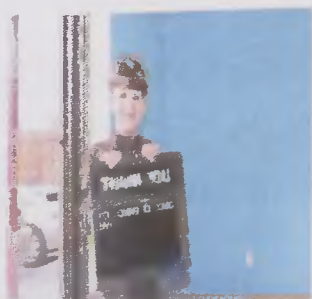
"UNCA is a small campus, so we can make this conference a campus-wide event," Frank said. "But UNCA is also big enough to successfully back the conference intellectually - so many

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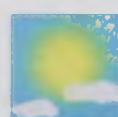
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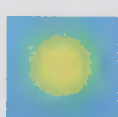
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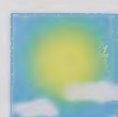
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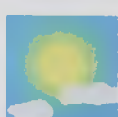
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