

## Featured Bulldog



## Devon Cavanaugh

**Standout play:** Cavanaugh defeated her opponent Kelsey Copeland from King College in a clean sweep, 6-0, 6-0.

**Hometown:**  
Tallahassee, Fla.  
**Class:** Senior

**Q:** How long have you been playing tennis?

**A:** I have played competitive tennis since I was 14 years old.

**Q:** What's your major?

**A:** Psychology

**Q:** What do you plan on doing after college?

**A:** I was recently admitted into the University of Pennsylvania for graduate school so I will be spending my next two years in Philadelphia.

**Q:** Who has been an inspiration for you in your life?

**A:** My parents have definitely had a huge impact on the person I have become; they continue to inspire me daily. My college coaches, Lise Gregory and Tom Hand have inspired me to be a more competitive person and have taught me many valuable life lessons over the past four years.

**Q:** What is your favorite thing about UNCA?

**A:** My favorite thing about UNCA is seeing familiar faces everyday, and forming strong relationships with people in the athletic department, teachers, and members of the bulldog community.

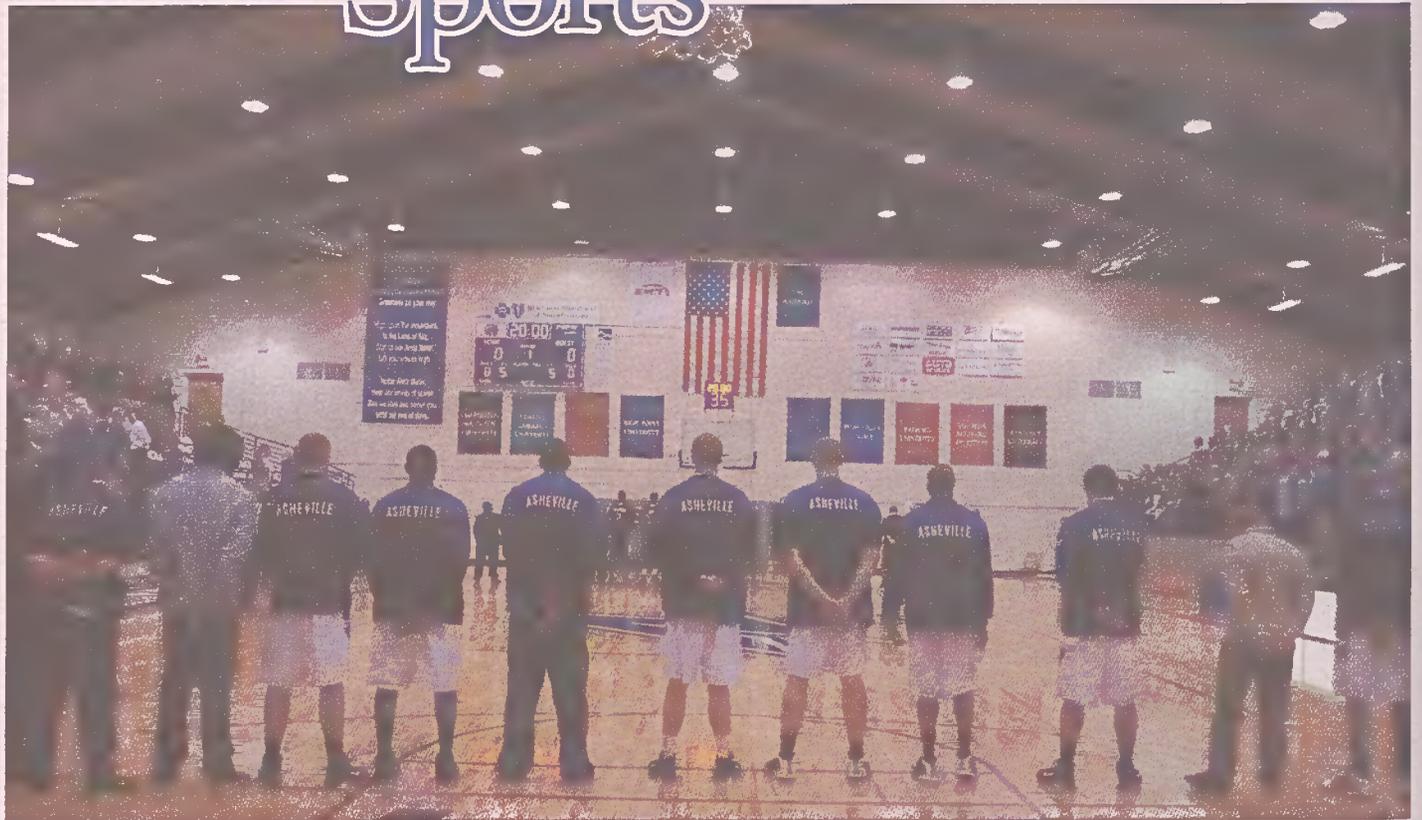


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The UNC Asheville basketball team lines up in the Justice Center before a game against Coastal Carolina on Jan. 20, 2011.

## History of the Justice Center revealed in new book

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The Justice Center shines in the spotlight as **Martin Nicholson's** new book, *Justice for All! The History of the Justice Center* becomes the first book of its kind to chronicle the history of the 49-year-old building and the people close to it.

"There is no competition; this is the only book ever written about the Justice Center," said Nicholson, who also serves as the Bulldog's official scorer. "Dr. (William) Highsmith wrote a book on the history of UNC Asheville when he was the president. There has been nothing written about the Justice Center, so it's pretty unique." Highsmith was the first president of UNCA.

Although the book centers on the Justice Center, it was not his original focus, he said.

"I came to the university's athletics department with an idea to write a book on the basketball team. I wanted to follow them around last year, do a behind the scenes book explaining how they go about doing everything for the season," said the blog sports writer.

The athletics department offered him another option: to write a book on the Justice Center, Nicholson said.

"It's hard to write about a building, per say," he said.

The 2010-11 season marked the last season of men's basketball played at the Justice Center, which led to a desire for a collection of the building's history, said **Mike Gore, the associate athletics director for external affairs.**

"We wanted to do some research to see what happened over the years," Gore said. "We thought it'd be an interesting book and a fun thing to look back at."

Nicholson's book compiles an extensive history of the Justice Center from its opening in 1963 to its closing in 2011, Nicholson said. Also, it offers anecdotes from former players, coaches and fans, which reveal interesting and playful aspects of the Justice Center.

"I got a lot of good stories from the players and the coaches. It was kind of fun to hear some of their stories," the 59-year-old said. "One girl, Sheila Ford, who was the best player on the championship

team, told me her most memorable moment didn't happen on the basketball court. They had their picture taken on the roof. There were a lot of things like that that people don't know about."

Other things most people do not know includes some famous visitors to the Justice Center, he said.

"I talked about some of the historical things that happened there and some of the historical people that played or practiced there. Michael Jordan, for one. He came over and practiced there," Nicholson said. "Of course, Roy Williams, because he's an Asheville person. The Harlem Globetrotters played there. We had the Czech Republic team who came and played. It was their Olympic team."

The people associated with the Justice Center and its longevity stand as a testament to the university, Gore said.

"People like to look back at histories," the Buffalo, N.Y., native said. "The Justice Center has been around for 49 years. We played over thousands of games at the Justice Center. It's fun to go back at what happened at those games over the

years."

The main event of those games was winning, since the Justice Center provided a tremendous home court advantage, Nicholson said.

"The men, their winning percentage over 47 seasons was over 700 percent. They won seven out of 10 games there. That's pretty remarkable," he said. "And the women were over 500. If you compare that to their road record, that's just phenomenal."

Basketball endurance remains a positive reflection on the university, Nicholson said.

"It represents athletics events here," the Arden native said. "It's the main sport people come to. We're getting 2,000 a game here, now. It's been around since the school started, that's why it's the main sport."

Most of the campus' population turns their eyes toward basketball, which makes the Justice Center important to UNCA, Gore said.

"We played basketball in there for 50 years," the 49-year-old said. "It's been around long time. There's been great deal of

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