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letic career.

"We really focused on pack running and we definitely executed the strategy. Every race we were pack running and talking. The team dynamics are by far the best I've seen being here at UNCA," Kulesz said.

Kulesz refers to herself as a "super senior," and said she was able to witness the cross country program's progress under her coach, Jesse Norman, thanks to her extra time at UNCA.

"I came here when it was only Jesse's second year here. He kind of had to rebuild the whole program, but each year it's a little better and better and I'm really excited to see how it is in the future," the Tennessee native said.

Overall, Kulesz said she considers the home meet the best meet the team had. More people attended, and there was more coverage.

"The guys and girls easily won that meet and we had our top five girls under 19 minutes, which is huge for our team," Kulesz said. "We just had really high finishes. The first meet at Appalachian State we got second, and then we went back to App and we got fourth, but the second time it was like a huge meet with like Duke, N.C. State and Wake Forest, and we usually finish 13th or 16th and we got 4th. So that was really exciting."

Kulesz said she felt the team received much more support this year because they did well this semester.

"They definitely know what we're doing and they know what's going on, but you get a lot more support when you're doing well, so I think that's really what it was. We got a lot more support on the website, and apparently Jesse, my coach, was getting emails all the time about how well we were doing," Kulesz said.

According to Kulesz, running cross country improved her self-confidence. Looking back to photos from her freshman year, Kulesz said she can tell by her hunched-over stance she struggled with confidence issues. Now, her coach tells Kulesz often he can see she has her confidence back.

"We continually have freshman come in and I've been blessed and thankful to be able to have a great coach that puts trust in me and just gain experience from that," Kulesz said.

Kulesz said she is applying to graduate school for to get her master's in business administration. She also said she plans to keep running, and eventually hopes to run an iron man, which requires swimming, biking 100 miles and running a marathon.

"I want to do half-marathons and marathons, and my ultimate goal I've had forever is to do an iron man," Kulesz said. "It's really hard, but it's been my goal since I was a little girl. I'm really blessed to have done a sport that I can do on my own. I can run on my own after college. It'll just never be the same because I won't have a team like I do here - and that's the worst part."

Corrections

from last week's issue (Nov. 13)

◆ In Tina Scruggs and Cory A Thompson's article, "UNCA drama department prepares for emotional play," actor Keagan Bates' name was spelled incorrectly

◆ In Tina Scruggs' article, "Speaker addresses low number of reported sexual assaults," Peyton Kennedy is cited as being the co-leader of Our Voice. She is actually the co-leader of Speak Up.