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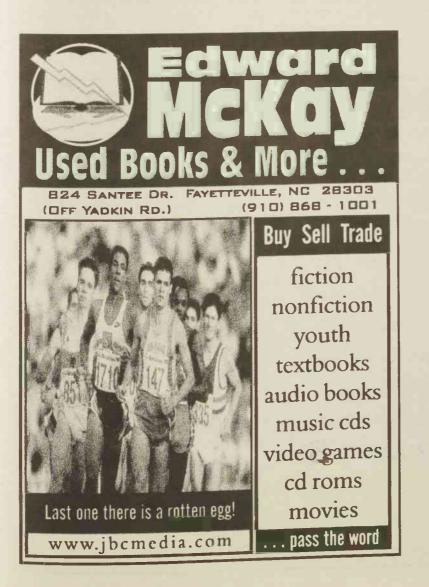
Coach Jennifer Jacobsen's cross country teams swept over Methodist Invitational titles Sept. 11.

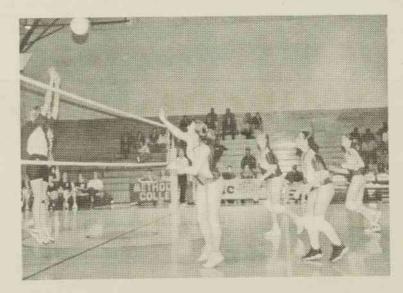
Monarchs Lose Important Conference Game

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Sports

The men's soccer team lost 6-0 against Christopher Newport in their second conference game of the season. Prior to the game the Monarchs were ranked 5th in the region, and were looking at a top three ranking and possibly a national ranking. In their last two games the team had played some fine soccer, and they were definitely going into the game with lots of confidence. The game started as a tough game with both teams creating some good goal scoring opportunities. Then the Monarchs conceded two goals before half-time and they were not able to play the kind of play they had for the last couple of games. The Monarchs came on the field in the second half with good spirit, but this was not to be their day! The men's soccer team is a young team with a lot of freshmen and seem to be on the right track. With some very talented players and a professional, hard-working coaching team, they will definitely have something to say in college soccer in the future. The soccer team may even see this in effect in their future games.





Coach Doug Tabbert's volleyball squad opened conference play with its best start in six years, splitting its first four DIAC matches. MC fell to Greensboro (3-0 home Sept. 21), before beating Shenandoah (3-2 on the road Sept. 25), dropping a match to Christopher Newport (3-2 at Shenandoah Sept. 25) and defeating Ferrum (3-1 on the road Sept. 26.) On Sept. 28, they won against NC Wesleyan on the road (3-0) and beat Peace on the road (3-2). This puts the team (9-6) in the season and (3-2) in conference games.