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WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM

Overall, 06 Ladies Tennis Team basically rocked.

Highlights of the tennis team started out with those good'ole PFM peanut butter jelly sandwiches (which we got tired of by the 2nd week), continued with suicide runs, and ended with us dumping the water cooler on Coach and laughing our bellies out. At the games, we used to intimidate our opponent teams by screaming our unicorn cheer (aka nerdiness). Going around in those mini NCSSM buses, we beat everyone in our conference, ending our season proudly UNDEFEATED! Although we always complained about having practices/games during the season, once our season was over, we couldn't help gathering on the court after school just to hit with each other.

Together on the court we shared struggles, tears, and laughter. And later they all came down to one memorable and unique experience that can never be repeated the same way. I missed- and still miss- our season and look forward to our next one in the upcoming fall.

- Amy Kim

WOMEN'S CHEERLEADING

Our cheerleading squad worked extremely hard this year. Having the longest season, from August to March, we overcame many concussions, sprained ankles, knee injuries, bruises, and black eyes. As a team, before almost every important performance or competition we always had something go wrong. During a final run through someone would get seriously hurt, literally always on the night before. But regardless of the panic attacks caused, we always took the floor the next day. The moment I was most proud of our squad was our last competition. As we were warming up tumbling across the floor, a few people came up to me, remembering our squad from States in Winston Salem and our "D to the X, DY/DX" cheer. Even the UNC Dance Coach complimented me on it, and proceeded to tell people, "Get ready to watch these girls. Their cheer is great." In the end, we walked off that floor with a first place trophy, a great way to end the season of NCSSM's first Competitive Cheerleading squad.

- Morgan Taylor

WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

The first game back from spring break was one of the most memorable soccer games of our season for me this year. Our opponent had been practicing and playing games while we had over two weeks off for mini-term and spring break. The game was tough, ending with a tie, each team having scored 5 goals. Even though we were exhausted and frustrated, we went into overtime with determination. We really pulled together during the last twenty minutes. Our defensive played strong and connected with our offense. It didn't matter to the team anymore that our legs were sore and we had a lot of homework to do once we got back to school. Everyone left what they had on the field that night. Despite being worn out from the long game, we scored in overtime and won 6-5. After battling for so long, pulling through with a win was the best feeling. It was one of the best games we played together and it made me proud to be a part of the team.

- Amanda Peters

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

When I think of the basketball team this year I am at a loss for words. We did so much together. Everyday after practice we would go to the PFM and eat together. It was like in that short period we all grew to be a family. This made us better on the court. Before every game we had a special ritual we would have to follow. At 5:37 I would start my pre-game talk. Although Marion and Sue Anne joked on me about being "mini-coach" we would really get a lot accomplished through this talk. Then Marion would come with his oh-so-famous "KEY POINTS OF THE GAME." I think Molly loved this most; she used to do random things while this was going on which would make the team laugh. And the best thing about this speech was when Fotsch had to stand up and take a puff out of her inhaler and Raymer and Lauren screaming game time. It wouldn't be a game without it. This tradition helped us to understand that there must be a love for the game more than just wanting to win. This made the team successful and made my senior year a memorable one.

- Blair Wright



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"We made it through the season with smiles on our faces and laughter in the air," said junior Rebecca Barkett.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross Country helped me to grow; not just as an athlete, but as a student as well. Cross country is not like any other sport where you have a ball to chase after to give you motivation. Everything comes from within and a lot of it is very mental. Being on the team challenged me to do just that, and taught me not to give up even when I thought that I had nothing else left in me. I kept going.

- Justine Tsao

WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM

I would have to say that my favorite memory from track is regionals. Going to and from regionals I got to ride with Marion, Chasity, Brittany Eldridge, and Amber Heckart. We had a great time singing and dancing to all of the latest rap songs. The meet was really exciting and it was my first time. It was a really great bonding experience with some really cool people and I can't wait to go again next year!

- Emily Troxler

WOMEN'S SWIM TEAM

Swim this year was amazing. Everyone on the team bonded and we all ended up as good friends. Swimming takes a lot of motivation and dedication. It was a worthwhile -- everyone was so friendly and fun, and it was awesome to get back into the pool and play with your friends =)!! It was a blast and I can only hope that next year will be just as good!

- Karis Robertson

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

One moment that definitely should be remembered is the home game against Cardinal Gibbons. The crowd was amazing, the ACE! guys were pumping everyone up. We didn't win, in fact we lost all three games, but that didn't really seem to matter because in the second game we played the hardest we had ever played and we played like the amazing team we are. Everyone was so proud at the end of that game and we had finally pulled together and demonstrated our potential as a team.

- Kaitlin Icard and Jessica Anderson

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

This year's softball season was a blast! The team really bonded well and our strong friendships and cooperation were seen both on and off the field. I doubt any of us will forget our inside jokes and the good times we spent singing on the bus. We also won't forget our amazing first game come-back or our graceful finish; nor will we be able to overlook the wonderful Cookout milkshakes we shared as a team. There were a few bumps and bruises along the way, but we made it through the season with smiles on our faces and laughter in the air.

- Rebecca Barkett