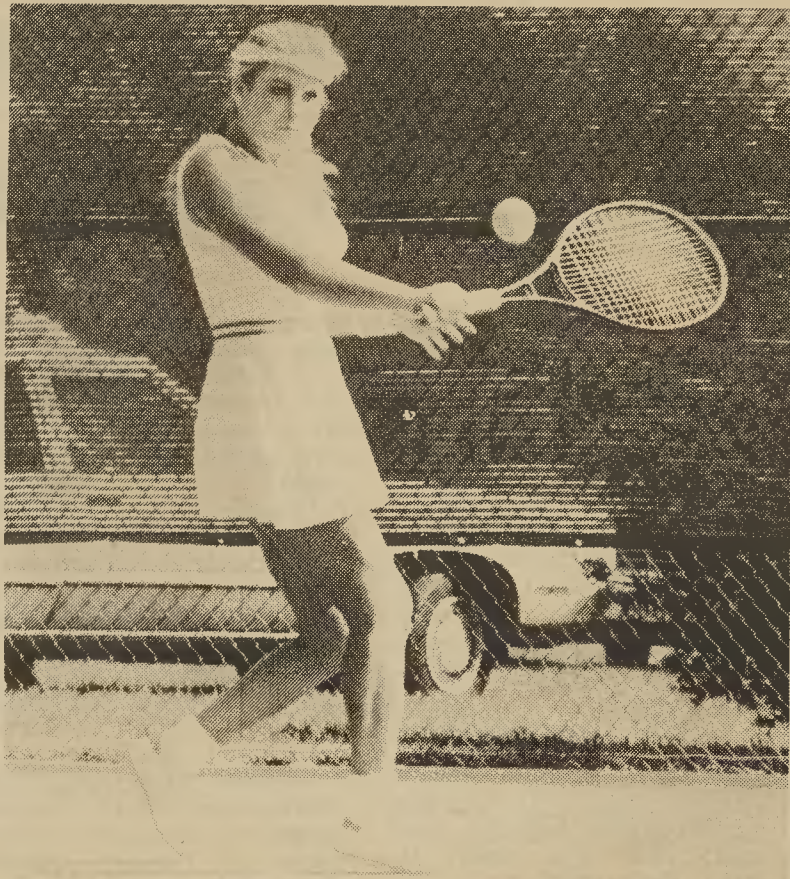


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Women's Tennis Action: Mary Miller concentrates on return during the season opener against Carson-Newman. The Lady Dogs dropped the match 7-2.

Photo by David LaPour

This week in soccer: dogs lose one, tie one

By Donna Hudgins

Dogs tie

The UNCA Bulldog soccer team recorded its first tie of the season, 1-1, against Landers College in Greenwood on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Jimmy O'Neill scored UNCA's only goal, his sixth of the year, 2:50 into the game.

Several key Bulldog players were on the injured list for the game including: Steve Sloan, Mike Hammett, John Murdoch, Ulrich Dietrich, and Andy Nicolson.

Landers outshot the Bulldogs 16-11. UNCA goalkeeper Larry Cook had 10 saves, while Landers' goalie Tony Setzer was credited with five.

Dogs lose

Pfeiffer College blanked the UNCA Bulldog soccer team 1-0, in action at Meisenheimer on Thursday.

It was the second loss of the season for the Bulldogs, but it was the first shutout.

UNCA goalkeeper Larry Cook was credited with seven saves in the losing effort, while Pfeiffer goalie Mike Meredith was credited with only 3 saves.

UNCA was outshot by Pfeiffer 16-8.

Pfeiffer raises its record to 5-5, while UNCA falls to 6-2-1.

Tryouts in spring

By Donna McCown Kirby

The cheerleading program at UNCA is changing, according to new cheerleading advisors, Liz Smith and Marilyn Williams.

The recent formation of the new junior varsity squad, the Lady Bulldog Cheerleaders, was the first step in the anticipated program of improvements.

The next step is the addition of men to the varsity squad.

Williams said she hopes to accomplish that in March when the varsity team will be chosen.

"This past summer our squad had to attend a special (cheerleading camp) class for girls only," Williams said, "because we were one of nine schools, out of the 100 represented, who had no men cheerleaders."

"There are still some," Williams said, "who have the mistaken idea that male cheerleaders are 'sissies.'"

Male cheerleaders at UNCA?

They don't realize that this is a very athletic activity."

To qualify as cheerleaders, Williams said, men must be in good physical condition. They must be able to bench press about 125 pounds, because they will be required to lift and hold the girls up with one hand.

Mark Anderson, a transfer from Mount Olive College, is interested in the new cheerleading program.

"I've always been sports oriented", he said. "It helps me to keep fit physically and alert mentally."

While cheerleading is not technically a sport, Anderson expressed the opinion that "you really need the same physical training as football players in order to be a good male cheerleader."

Anderson agrees with Williams that male cheerleaders have been stereo-



Up In Arms: Anna Garrison (top) and Latrisha Sibert may have help in the spring when UNCA hopes to add male cheerleaders to the present roster.

Photo by Pam Walker

typed as less than manly.

"It takes real maturity and a bit of worldly experience," said Anderson, "to be able to look past stereotypes and not be influenced by our peers."

Anderson believes the idea of male cheerleaders at UNCA is a good one, and that it will become more widely accepted as students get more used to it.

"Appalachian State and Western already have male cheerleaders," he said. "Right now it's in its embryonic stage but everything has had its own beginning at one time or another. There's got to be a starting point somewhere."

Any man who is physically fit, strong enough to lift a young lady with one hand, and likes to be in on things from the start, is encouraged by Liz Williams to see her about the possibility of becoming a cheerleader.