

# Shepherd out for season

By Joan Sterk

When the men's basketball team opens its season against UNC-Charlotte Nov. 22, they will do so without three-year starter Randy Shepherd.

Shepherd has withdrawn from UNCA to undergo treatment for an injury sustained from a game last season. The athletic department would not comment on the specifics of the injury.

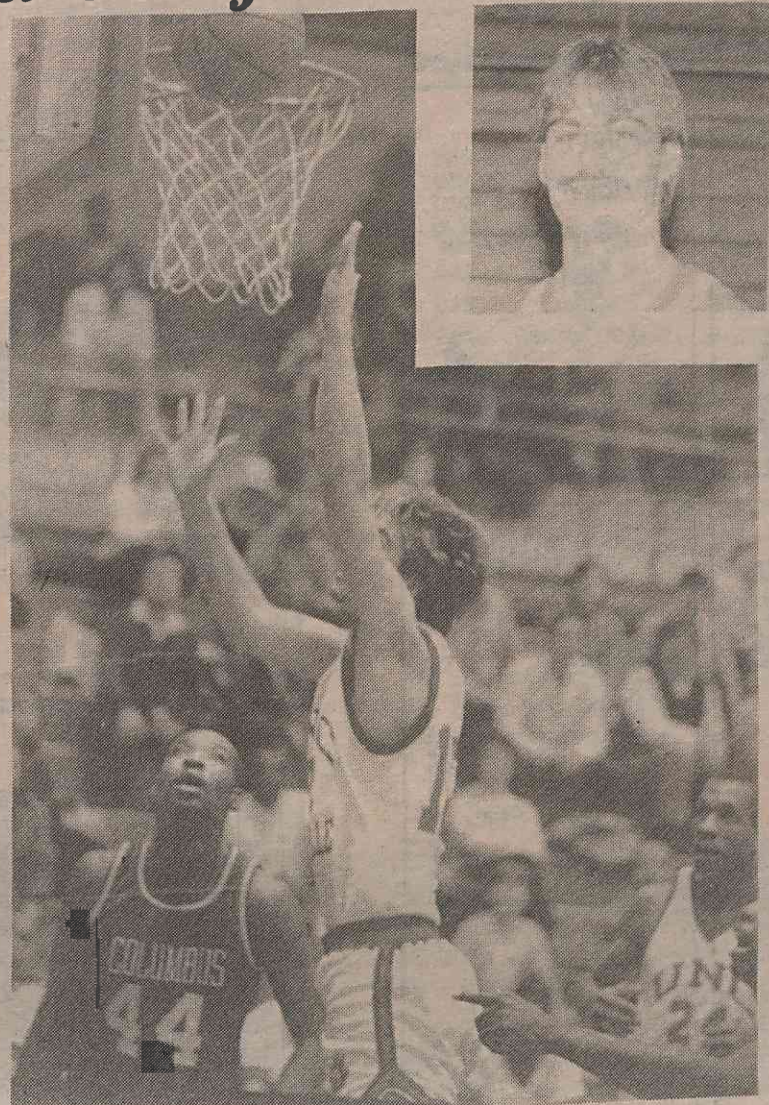
The seriousness of the injury did not come to the attention of Coach Jerry Green until two months ago in a family conference with Shepherd's family, according to Green.

"We will miss him a great deal," Green said, "and it is unfortunate for him to be in half a semester and not being able to play, but we are concerned for his health."

"We will do what he and his family dictate to do," Green added.

Green's immediate task is to find someone to replace Shepherd and to take his playing time. Shepherd shot 84 percent from the free throw line and was a "fierce competitor."

Without Shepherd, Green will rely on three players



Randy Shepherd goes for two in a game last season. Shepherd will miss the 85-86 season due to an injury. Shepherd withdrew from school to undergo treatment and his return for the 86-87 season is uncertain.

to take more playing time: UNCA for the next season. Van Wilkins, Greg Jones, "It will depend on how and Richie Jeffcoat.

Green is uncertain of well he responds to treatment," Green said.

# Ball, blood and beer

By Pat Cabe

"Elegant violence" is the phrase that rugby players use to describe their sport according to Chris Heine and John Sexton, members of the Asheville Rugby Football Club.

Sexton, a political science major at UNCA, said, "There's never a game without a little blood. It's as rough as most people imagine. To be good you have to be aggressive."

The Asheville Rugby Football Club, which was founded in the fall of 1982, is a member of the North Carolina Rugby Union. "We compete against teams from Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina," said Heine, president of the club.

The club competes during both a fall and spring season, playing eight to ten matches during each

season, as well as competing in summer tournaments.

Heine said that rugby is "no more aggressive than football, but it can be dirty if it's played wrong. We play quality

our matches at Warren Wilson College. Many of our players are from local colleges. We get good participation from them, but we need to expand."

UNCA students that are members of the club are John Sexton, Keith Hege, Marc Anderson, Frank Siedl, Lee Harwell, Dennis Young and Alex James.

Sexton said, "Rugby has been called the biggest fraternity in the world. After you're through beating your opponent up during a match you drink a beer with him."

"The host team is supposed to supply the keg after the match. If they don't, the visiting team will never go back."

Two more games remain in the club's fall season. On Nov. 16 the club faces a team from Raleigh, and on Nov. 23 their opponent is from Atlanta. Both games are at Warren Wilson College.

rugby, however."

Sexton agreed that "rugby teams average the same amount of injuries as football teams," adding, "there's a real sport behind all the hitting. Skill is just as important as aggression. But it's the blood that makes it fun."

Heine added, "We play

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— John Sexton

# Out of bounds



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What does it take to get students involved in campus activities? I realize the majority of the students are commuters and that means UNCA does not have the "typical" college student whose main occupation is to attend classes. The "typical" UNCA student goes to classes, work, cooks for the family, then devotes a few hours to studies. This agenda does not allow much free time to attend UNCA events, but what about those of us who are "typical?"

When **The Second City** came to Justice Gym, there was a big crowd, but I estimated 75 percent of the crowd to be people from the community, not students. Maybe the \$1 admission fee was too steep for students, but surely there are more rich students than the turn-out indicated.

Free events, such as athletic games, do not get a very impressive turn out either. What's it all

about? Apathy. It's not a pretty word. To professors it means lecturing to blank faces. To students it means extra sleep or more time to "relax." In the world of sports it means playing before empty seats.

I've been here three years and for those three years I played volleyball, a sport where apathy seems to have been born on this campus. This year I was a fan and had a new perception on sports. I became more aware of how apathetic UNCA students can be. I will say that there was a higher turn out for the volleyball games than when I played (is there a correlation?), but I still think we could do better on showing some school spirit and being athletic supporters.

I'm not limiting this to attendance of games, but am including the low level of participation in intramural events. The recreation department lines up activities that they feel will interest college students, but the response is comparable to cities requesting a nuclear waste repository to replace the Chamber of Commerce.

Case in point. The recreation department scheduled an overnight horseback camping trip for \$25. No one signed up for the trip and the athletic department had to cancel the trip. The deposit of \$460 the recreation department put down for the trip came from student activity fees. Fortunately, the money was returned to the recreation department.

The recreation department also arranged for its fifth annual rafting trip, making it an overnight trip this year. There were four people who signed up for the trip. In the past they have had to turn people away. This year they probably couldn't even have paid people to go.

Of course the problem may be that students don't hear of the events, but the recreation department puts notices up on bulletin boards to inform students. Maybe apathy has gotten so bad that people don't even read the bulletin boards anymore.

I don't know what the solution is, if there even is one, but I feel a little better just using my First Amendment right to do a little bitching.

Maybe Don Henley's philosophy that has taken root at UNCA isn't so bad after all. Sure we're going NCAA and recently had a national championship women's basketball team, but "meanwhile, have another beer" and see if apathy carries us to NCAA Division I.