

# Sports

## Sportsbeat

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### Trying is all that matters

It really doesn't matter that UNCA didn't pull off a miracle against Clemson University last night. It was the first game for UNCA as a Division I team, and it was against a tough ACC team that was hot off victories over Georgia State and Boston.

The Bulldogs had nothing to lose in this game and everything to gain. If the Bulldogs accomplished their goals and came out feeling positive about the way they played, the trip to Clemson was a success.

Several of the Big South Conference teams have also faced the strong challenge of powerhouse Division I teams. Although this may not exactly add to an impressive record, it does say a lot about the attitude behind the conference.

Most of the Big South Conference is comprised of first year Division I teams who will struggle during the transition stage. Many teams would be content to square off against weak Division I teams to accumulate a winning record.

Apparently, the Big South Conference isn't satisfied to go via the weaker route, but is willing to face the strong teams early so that the teams and the conference can grow as a result.

Armstrong State faced an Auburn team that is ranked seventh by the Associated Press. The Pirates lost by forty points, and then played Georgia only to lose by 25. Other opponents that Big South teams have faced so far are Depaul, Wake Forest and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

UNCA is also following the tougher route to success. Of the Bulldogs' first six games, they will face Clemson, N.C. State, Western Carolina, East Tennessee State University and Furman.

The Bulldogs will have plenty of chances to pull off the big upset. The Bulldogs surprised Clemson in 1980 by using a stall game to almost pull off an upset. It was a different game last night however. Now there is a shot clock and a deadly three point shot which the Tigers love to use.

Despite the loss, the Bulldogs should be proud of their program. They have come from a NAIA school to a NCAA Division I team in a few years and I'm sure they can go a lot farther still. There haven't been any major upsets yet but in time there will be.

## Intramural badminton championship finals held

The first intramural badminton finals at UNCA were recently completed with Apurba Khadli defeating Kim Groendal 11-5, 11-7 for the title.

The competition consisted of 16 participants. "It was a good turnout," coordinator Suzanne Patterson said. "Next year we'll run singles and doubles."

One of best things about the sport

is its uniqueness. "It was new and different," Patterson said. "We had a different target audience."

Because of participants' schedule conflicts, the competition was held in the morning. Patterson hopes to make it an evening event next year. Intramural ping pong, the latest sport offered, will be held in the spring.



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### Field dedicated

Asheville Mayor Louis Bissette (L), UNCA Chancellor David Brown (C) and North Carolina legislator Gordon Greenwood participated in the dedication of the new athletic fields.

## UNCA's new athletic fields are dedicated; named for Greenwood

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UNCA athletes and students will have new athletic fields to use by next summer, completing one of the most important phases in the growth of the athletic department.

The new fields were dedicated to Gordon Greenwood in a ceremony on Nov. 24. Greenwood, a state legislator recently reelected to office, was responsible for paving the way for UNCA to become a four-year university.

As a state representative in 1963, Greenwood sponsored the Higher Education Act that made Asheville-Biltmore College (the forerunner of UNCA) a four-year school. Greenwood graduated from Asheville-Biltmore College in 1930.

"Gordon Greenwood seems to be one of, if not the most important person in the development of the university and getting the money appropriated for the fields," said UNCA Athletic Director Ed Farrell during the ceremony.

"Athletically, the fields saved our

life," said Farrell. "With the additional students enrolling and the addition of new intercollegiate teams there was no place for us to go."

The new athletic fields, which cost approximately \$897,000, were recently seeded. The complex includes a baseball field, a soccer field, roads, parking lots and the resurfacing of the track. Having these fields on hand will also open up the current soccer field for intramural competition.

"We have quadrupled what we had available," Farrell said. He said that there was also enough funding on hand to add lights to the intramural and recreation field.

One person that is glad to see the fields nearing completion is UNCA baseball Coach Ken Bagwell, whose team had to use McCormick field during its first two seasons.

"The last two years have been awfully tough having to play and practice off campus, and with little cooperation from the Parks and Recreation Department or the general manager of the Tourists," he said. "Having the new fields will be a shot in the arm."