

# Sports

## Sports briefs and highlights

### Cross country

The cross country team has had two meets this season. The first was the Eastman Kodak Roadrace, where the men placed second in the men's 10k. Their second meet was the Wilmington Invitational. Top runners were Jimmy Allen, Kirk Morrow and Andrew Pooser for the men. For the women, good performances were turned in by DeAnn Harmon, Michelle Selby and Janine Tremblay.

### Tennis

The women's tennis team was scheduled to open its fall season on Saturday, September 16. The match was to be against Highpoint at 10 a.m. at UNCA. The match was cancelled because of bad weather, according to the ladies' tennis coach Karl Johnston.

Their next scheduled match is at home on Saturday, September 23 against UNCC. Starting time is 11 a.m.

The men's first scheduled match is at Western Carolina University on Wednesday, September 27 at 3 p.m.



Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Intramural flag football begins at UNCA.

### Intramural football

Intramural flag football got under way last week with the first games of the season. There are nine teams competing this fall. Karl Johnston, director of intramurals, said the biggest difference this season from the past ones is the new lights at the track and intramural field. "The lighting allows more people to participate, on and off the field," said Johnston.

Rodney Hinson, senior captain of the Tibetan Monks, agrees with Johnston. "We definitely have lots more crowd support this year," Hinson said. "Students come down in their free time to watch the games."

Tuesday, Sept. 12, Delta T. C. defeated Old Bones 34-6, the Tibetan Monks won 47-0 against the P. L. Lee team, and Sigma Pi lost to the Free Agents 28-6.

Sept. 14, the Free Agents defeated the Tibetan Monks 7-6, and the P. L. Lee team won over Old Bones 20-6.

Sept. 19, MSC lost to Sigma Pi 33-12, Theta Chi defeated Delta T. C. 12-7, and the P. L. Lee team won 12-0.

Games are played Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7, 8, and 9 p.m.

### Honor athletes

The Big South Conference announced that 24 UNCA athletes are members of the 1988-89 Big South Conference Presidential Honor roll.

The 24 student-athletes all had a grade point average of 3.00 (B) or better on a 4.0 scale and will be awarded a certificate as a member of the Honor Roll.

Highlighting the UNCA list was the women's tennis team, who had five players earn honors. The three-time Big South Champions were led by Candi Earwood, Leigh Ann Caldwell, Shannon Burns, and Kathryn Grooms.

Other students honored include Enrique Breceda, Pat Britz, Mike Eichner, Craig Fiore, Ron Honeycutt, Steve Bratsch, Roy Peterson, Douglas Doty, Andrew Pooser, Sammy White, Joy Flatley, Julie Holt, Fonda Frady, Monica White, Kim Camby, Beth Cole, Tina Gilbert, Kelly O' Grady and Butch Hayes.

"We are very proud of these student-athletes. We believe we had a successful year on the field last year, and had a successful one in the classroom as well," said UNCA athletic director Ed Farrell. "All of us in the athletic department salute these fine student-athletes."

## Bulldogs win first home game

by Guy Stuart

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Photo by Diane Maney

Michael Brooks warms up his pitching arm during recent baseball action.

On Saturday, September 16, the UNCA baseball team played Spartanburg Methodist University in their first home game of the fall season. UNCA won the first game of the doubleheader five to one and tied the second game three to three.

SMU started off well in the first game with a home run in the second inning. UNCA remained scoreless until the fourth inning, when freshman Todd Bess and senior Brian Shehan hit back-to-back home runs. Also in the fourth inning, freshman Mike McDaniel stole third base, which set him up to score the Bulldogs third run. McDaniel scored again in the sixth inning, as did freshman Wayne Faircloth.

Defensively, UNCA pitchers Joel Perkins, Brian Shehan and Phillip Mullinax had seven strikeouts and six walks collectively in the first game.

Coach Steve Pope is in his third year as UNCA baseball coach since coming from UNCC, where he was an assistant. Pope said that his team did well against SMU, a team that he said has one of the finest junior college baseball programs anywhere. Pope said he thought UNCA's pitching was adequate and kept Spartanburg from having a big inning.

Offensively, Pope said his team did what it took to win a seven-inning game.

"I'd like to see us move the ball around more, but home runs are nice too."

Pope said the fall season, which is made up of fifteen games, is mainly to define

roles and see what kind of talent the team has.

Of the twenty six team members, eight are seniors. Pope said they have some fine young players, but added that it is difficult for him to compete with other conferences in recruiting. Pope said that his resources are limited compared to teams like Radford, Winthrop and Coastal Carolina.

Pope added that UNCA has many good points, such as a beautiful campus and a good academic reputation, but offers little in the way of baseball scholarships. "Nobody's getting rich playing baseball here," said Pope.

According to Pope, the program at UNCA offers a chance to get a degree and at the same time be as good as a player can be in baseball. He said that playing intercollegiate athletics is a positive and worthwhile experience. Pope said that some of his players have the potential to continue their baseball careers after college, but was quick to add that a lot of people with potential never make it professionally.

Pope stated the team has improved greatly from where it was two years ago, but added that they still have a long way to go. "Out of the 270 Division I ball teams, right now we'd do well to be ranked in the top 250."

Pope does think he can make the team competitive, however, and believes the community can support a winner.

### Upcoming baseball games

September 24	Anderson	1:30 p.m.
September 27	at Louisburg	3:30 p.m.
September 27	at UNCC	6:30 p.m.
September 30	North Greenville	12 noon



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Sophomore Mike Moore throws one home against SMU last Saturday.



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