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Disc golf dream becomes reality at UNCA

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UNC Asheville's Student Government Association dedicated the first six holes of the new campus disc golf course with a ceremony and a celebratory round of play on Sunday at Mullen Park across from Zeis Hall.

Chancellor Anne Ponder and SGA President Cortland Mercer gave brief remarks and then threw the first discs.

Students around school are buzzing with excitement about the new course.

"I started playing disc golf two or three years ago. At the time it was a really good way to blow off steam in between classes and a way to kind of de-stress after busy days," Mercer said. "I started to go out to Richmond Hill and played a lot out there and started to get involved on campus and thought it would be a good fit for our culture here on campus."

Comparable to traditional 18-hole golf, players toss specially designed discs toward chain baskets attached to poles. Each pole represents a golf "hole," with the objective to get the disc in the basket with the least number of throws.

"We are the six-time defending intercollegiate disc golf champions, and we compete with other schools within the state. We meet once a month beginning around September and ending about March," Mercer said. "Depending on how many people you bring out, as well as how well you perform, you are able to earn your school points. At the end of the year they tally up the scores, and the best school wins."

According to the Disc Golf Association, disc golf as it is known today began with "Steady" Ed Headrick, the father of disc golf and modern day disc sports. Headrick was the driving force responsible for the modern era of Frisbee sports.

He founded the International Frisbee Association, established the Junior Frisbee Championship, established and



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SGA President Cortland Mercer throws out the first disc on Sunday.

organized the World Frisbee Championship and created and standardized the sport of disc golf.

"Disc golf has been a sport club for a number of years. The course is the natural next step for the players, and we are grateful that the university has been so supportive in the endeavor," said Jill Moffitt, director of campus recreation. "In addition to supporting the club, campus recreation is ecstatic about this new recreational opportunity, which will be open to the entire community."

Mercer and senior Peter Carpenter, director of disc affairs, were the students behind the work involved but they were not alone. At the induction ceremony Sunday, Mercer and Carpenter were able to thank many of those involved.

"Dr. Jill Moffitt and Melissa Acker were the go-to people who were there when I had questions and setbacks. Their support is invaluable. The officers of student activity and learning

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were also with us at every turn, loaning us tools and a lot of wisdom as well," Carpenter said during his speech Sunday afternoon. "Finally, most importantly, we would like to thank Dr. Bill Haggard, the vice chancellor of student affairs. Without him this project would have never gotten off the ground."

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Men's soccer team excited for upcoming season

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As the Big South men's soccer season rapidly approaches, the UNC Asheville Bulldogs are excited and ready to go.

Showcasing a roster of five freshmen, 15 sophomores and one senior, UNCA boasts one of its youngest teams in years. However, according to senior defenseman Edwin Wotortsi, the team's overall age shouldn't cause any problems.

"I don't think we'll suffer," he said. "The guys are working hard anyway, so, although they're lacking experience, their hard work will make up for it."

Alexander Koslick, a transfer sophomore and one of UNCA's forwards, agrees.

"I played with only one senior at Catawba last year, and it's no disadvantage," he said. "Everyone's expected to hold their own anyway, so it makes no difference."

Catawba was UNCA's first scheduled exhibition game on Tuesday and, according to Koslick, the team is not as good as Asheville.

"Asheville's much better," he said. "The chemistry is really strong here, and everything's harder, faster and more intense, so I look forward to having a successful year."

Before official practice started on Aug. 14, Director of Exercise and Sports Science, Brad DeWeese organized a full summer of strength and conditioning workouts.

The team also participated in two weeks of captain's practice led by Wotortsi before working with Head Coach Steve Cornish.

"I oversaw their strength and conditioning and provided them with a sum-

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