

# Tournament

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

mendous, and the people around here give and give to the charities," Biedenbach said. "Asheville's community is well represented in giving to charities. But education is just as important, particularly for our future leaders."

The goal for the tournament is to generate anywhere from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Ken Hogue, director for development and alumni affairs, helped with the preparation for the tournament including booking the golf course and bringing in golf coaches.

"We use every dollar that we raise through memberships of the Bulldog Athletic Association and special events like this," he said. "We want to be able to support our athletes."

The tournament greatly contributes to this goal to support the athletes. The NCAA allows UNCA 118.7 scholarships, if fully funded, to accommodate around 170 athletes. UNCA currently offers 85 to 90 athletic scholarships.

Senior baseball player and management student Matt Dalby relies on athletic scholarship money to attend UNCA.

"A lot of us wouldn't be able to go to Asheville without that scholarship money, especially being out-of-state students," he said. "The athletic department works hard to make sure we can attend UNCA."

Dalby, who is entering his fourth year, said he has never seen a fundraising event like this one.

The tournament features 36 five-man teams that include four participants and one celebrity. An 11 a.m. shotgun start gets the tournament underway, followed by the awards dinner at the Hilton Hotel on Long Shoals Road. Golfers pay \$500 per person and awards are given to the team that raises the most money for the athletics department.

"There are a lot of big-name celebrities at this tournament, and it's encouraging to know that we get such an impressive turnout," Dalby said. "I haven't heard of anything like this since I've been here."

*There are an estimated 12 spots remaining for anyone who would like to participate. Contact Ken Hogue at 828-250-3858 or Eddie Biedenbach at 828-251-6826 for details.*

# Win streak

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

point in UNCA's victory over WCU.

"We really served the ball well tonight and did that from the start," Torbett said. "I thought we played with a great deal of intensity, and our crowd was just tremendous this evening. This is a big win for our program. Hopefully, we'll keep building on tonight and keep getting better."

Lauren Ficker recorded 14 kills and Kelsey Benorden posted her fourth double-double of the season with 12 kills and 19 digs to lead UNCA to the 20-25, 25-22, 25-14, 25-18 victory over N.C. State Friday afternoon.

The victory over N.C. State marked the Bulldogs third straight win of the season and the second straight over the Wolfpack (4-2).

Last season, the Bulldogs defeated N.C. State 3-2 in Raleigh. UNCA came into the game as underdogs to N.C. State, who had only one loss in their season thus far.

"It was an amazing game, our team just played together as a team. We had a great performance as a team," Miotto said. "We didn't give them time to even realize what was happening on the court."

In the final match of the tournament, UNCA defeated USC Upstate (3-4) 25-11, 25-15, 25-9. Ficker had 12 kills and hit .478.

Benorden led all players with 14 kills adding 12 digs while hitting .462.

She recorded double-doubles in all three tournament matches and now has six double-doubles on the season.

Miotto added 16 digs, giving her 35



Ian Shannon - Assistant Photography Editor

## The Bulldogs huddle together before their match against Western.

digs in the two matches.

She is now 64 digs shy of the Big South Conference and UNCA school record for career digs.

The overall team effort and chemistry was evident in their play against WCU.

"I thought we played our most complete matches today," she said. "We hit a high percentage in both matches, we blocked well, we served tough and we played good defense."

Torbett praised multiple players for the Bulldogs' home win.

"I am very proud of the way we played this weekend. Lauren (Ficker) was terrific in the middle and she opened up the outside for Kelsey (Benorden)," Torbett said. "Raquel (Miotto) did a great job of distributing the ball. I thought we played at a high

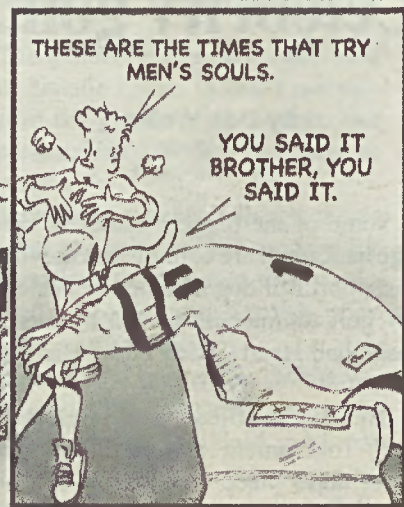
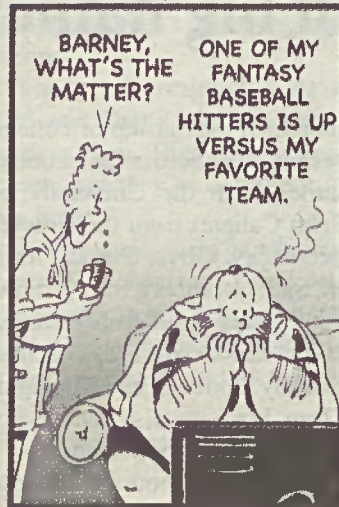
level all weekend."

The Bulldogs will be off until Friday, when they face Savannah State and East Carolina at the Winston-Salem State Tournament. The Savannah State match is set to begin at 1 p.m.

"We hope to win as many games as we can, if possible, all of them. I think the support of the crowd is helping us a lot," Miotto said. "I would like to thank everyone that came to the last game and ask everyone to come to as many games as they can. We want the volleyball program to keep growing, and we need the student body to enjoy it so it can happen."

*Lauren Ficker and Raquel Miotto were chosen as Big South Choice Hotels Player of the Week and Defensive Player of the Week, respectively.*

### Fans-See This! by Mark Bloom & Mark Wilson



www.FansSeeThis.com

©2009