

# BULLDOG SPORTS

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## Bulldog Seniors Are Honored

Prior to the season finale at Justice Gym on February 26th, ceremonies were held to honor the Bulldogs three departing seniors, Co-Captains George Gilbert and Phil Oakes and Charleston Miles. Both Oakes and Gilbert received their plaques in street clothes, having been injured in previous games. Oakes missed the final month of the season and George received a bruised hip in action against Clemson on the 23rd. In that game, the last of his college career, George pulled the Tigers' tails, bedeviling the Clemson defense with his capable ballhandling.

Gilbert also received the Gilbert Sandman award, presented annually

by the player voted MVP by his teammates. George was the Bulldogs' leading scorer on the season with a 13.5 points per game average. He also compiled an incredible 161 assists in his twenty-four appearances this past season. The Bulldogs will miss George's leadership and playmaking ability. The widow of the late Mr. Sandman, a lifetime follower of UNC-A basketball, was on hand to present the award to Gilbert.

In addition to the plaques, the trio received the handshakes of their teammates and a standing round of applause from the 1,300 fans on hand to say good-bye.

## Miles Leads Upset Over Gardner Webb

Following pre-game ceremonies honoring his contribution to Bulldog basketball, Charleston Miles went on to play one of the most brilliant games of his career, leading UNC-A to an exciting upset victory over District 26 powerhouse Gardner Webb. In his final appearance at Justice Gym Miles was dynamite on both ends of the court. The Bulldog's big guy put 19 points on the board with 9 of 19 from the field and 1 of 1 from the free throw line. Miles also dominated both boards, pulling down a game high total of 13 rebounds. He also managed to contribute two key steals in the Bulldogs' come-from-behind win.

Gardner Webb, which finished the season third-ranked in the Dunkel ratings, led UNC-A by as much as 18 points early in the contest. G-W brought a 23-9 record into Justice Gym and took a nine-point advantage into the locker room at halftime. The

sparkling play of their senior center and the vocal support of their fans brought the Bulldogs back in the second half. Opening play in the closing half, UNC-A quickly ran off nine unanswered points to tie the score. With 3:54 to play, Miles was pushed to the floor and was called for his fifth foul. His college career over, Miles remained on the floor for several moments before rising to leave to a standing ovation from the Justice Gym fans. He left with UNC-A leading by eight points, 63-55. The Bulldog defense, minus their 6'7" center, was able to hold on in the closing minutes to take a 69-63 decision.

The comeback upset was only UNC-A's second win in its last twenty meetings with Gardner Webb. After the game, Miles told congratulating reporters, "We dedicated this game to Coach Green."

## Spring Cheerleader Tryouts Scheduled

Cheerleading tryouts for the 1980-81 sports seasons will be held from March 31 through April 4, with final tryout on April 4. There will be three days of

practice before the final tryout.

All interested persons please contact either Jeff Haynes, in Aycock 302, or see Vicki Looper in the housing office.

## Intramurals

Intramural co-ed softball play begins on March 24th. Deadline for team entries is March 20th. A meeting of team captains will be held in the gym on March 20. For further information, contact Marny Richards or John Wenta in Justice Gym.

Intramural tennis will begin play on April 8th. Registration will be held in Justice Gym from April 1st to 5th.

The Intramural basketball tournament was won by The Mud 500 Club, who defeated The Vanilla Thunder by a score of 53-39 on March 6th.

## Soccer

A UNC-A squad of soccer players has entered the North Carolina Soccer League. The team, composed of many members of last fall's varsity team, plays as the Asheville Bulldogs and will play their home games on the UNC-A soccer field. The Bulldogs will have home matches on March 23rd and 30th, as well as on April 13th and the season finale on April 20th. The Sunday matches are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

## Jogathon

UNC-A Athletic Director Bob Hartman has announced that a Jogathon to raise funds for the athletic program will be held at the soccer field on April 26th. Members of the UNC-A varsity teams will be running in the fund raiser. Campus organizations interested in raising funds for their club activities should contact Coach Bob Hartman at Justice Gym. The Jogathon is being co-sponsored by UNC-A Athletic Department and the NAIA Little League and YMCA teams are also expected to participate along with the Mayor of Asheville and Miss Asheville.

The first practice will be in the Dance Studio at 3:30 p.m. on March 31.