

## FCA Corner

by Mary Jane Shafer

Right before Thanksgiving break, FCA hosted a Huddle Meeting and Game night, both of which had larger attendances than what has been seen during the fall semester.

At the last Huddle Meeting, many members of the basketball team along with other students, heard Laura Gortney and Jonathan Bennet recap their

experience in leading basketball camps for three weeks in Northern Thailand this past May. After a visual presentation of the people and places affected by their summer ministry, Bennett encouraged anyone interested in traveling on a similar trip in the future to contact him. If enough interest is shown, FCA will once again visit Thailand this upcoming summer.

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At the last FCA Game Night, there was an entertaining volleyball match. The two teams combined had members representing the Cavaliers coaching staff and the Cavaliers basketball, baseball, tennis, and volleyball teams.

Because of the many different team practices at the gym, FCA

had a tough time scheduling Game Nights on a regular basis. However, with more outdoor sports coming next spring, FCA looks forward to a more consistent showing at Game Nights. Instead of being on Tuesday nights, they will return to being on Monday nights.

Next semester, FCA also hopes to increase its ministry to both athletes and coaches. In order to do so, FCA is striving to be more consistent in meetings and to provide opportunities for people to serve. The greatly anticipated annual Mega Huddle Meeting, which includes attendees from

FCA on the UNC-Asheville, Mars Hill, and Montreat campuses, will occur next semester. Some of the upcoming ministries for Montreat students will include baking cookies and other goodies for traveling Cavaliers, providing a brunch for coaches, being enthusiastic fans, and encouraging each other through fellowship and servant-hood. Above all, FCA desires to serve by living by the words of Romans 12:10 that challenges readers to be, "devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

## Puma Plucks Freshmen for Hollywood Weekend

by April Heyward

Freshman Stefano Leonardi scored an all expense paid trip to hobnob with soccer stars in Hollywood, CA as the grand prize winner of the PUMA/Eurosport MLS Challenge.

Leonardi traveled to California with freshman Drew Powell on Friday, November 12 and returned to Montreat Monday, November 15. A representative from Puma notified Leonardi that his name was picked in an online drawing of 300,000 people a week before traveling to Hollywood.

Leonardi signed up for the drawing six months prior to the call and didn't think anything would come from the drawing.

For part of their time in Hol-

lywood, they mingled and conversed with some of the top stars in Major League Soccer (MLS) when they attended the MLS Media Luncheon on Friday and the Gala Awards Party at the Universal Studios Globe Theatre on Saturday night.

Leonardi recollects his conversations with the players, specifically New York MetroStars defender and captain Eddie Pope, who was honored with the Kraft



Drew Powell and Stefano Leonardi watched the pre-game action at the Major League Soccer Cup 2004 championship game at the Home Depot Center in Carson, CA.

MLS Fair Play Award at the Media Luncheon for his strong defensive work for the season. During the Gala Awards Party, the freshman

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## Lady Cavs Prep for Rebound

by Anne Garrett

With a team full of injuries, the Lady Cavs basketball team has had a slow start to the season. Since the Lady Cavs still have several games ahead they are looking forward to improving as a team.

Three senior captains, guards Callia Johnson and Jessica Mills, and forward Jaymie Rowe, have been recovering from various injuries. Lady Cavs Head Coach Joe Hagan is expecting all three seniors to make big contributions to the team this year.

"I can see things turning around pretty quickly," says Mills. "I think we have to get used to one another and playing as a team."

"The season is starting off slow, but we're planning on getting back on track," says Johnson. "We have athletic girls on the team, and they are really determined and want to do what's best for the team. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season."

The Lady Cavs lost their second all time leading scorer, Julie Buchanan, when she graduated last spring. Coach Hagan does not believe that her role needs to be filled by one individual. "Several people can step up," he says. "This year's team has many new girls, and it is different than last year's team. This team is deeper, and more versatile."

There is a little more than two months left in their season. "Our immediate goal is to be more competitive within the AAC" Hagan says. "We've struggled a bit in the last two years and we'd like to see improvement within the conference."

The next home game for the Lady Cavs after Christmas break is scheduled for Friday, January 28 at 5:30pm against Covenant College.

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