



UNCC SPORTS

More courses and faculty for P.E.

By Kassi Miller

There are two types of physical education classes in the health and physical education department of UNCC. The courses which are taught are designed to meet two major objectives explained Harvey Murphy, chairperson of the department. "One grouping of courses called activity courses allow students to learn new sports skills or sharpen some skills which they already have. Another group of courses is career oriented."

Most of the activity cards meet for three hours a week and give the student one hour of credit. "The activity classes are under the classification of laboratory classes because there is little outside work involved," Murphy said. Exceptions are made when it is necessary to include enough work outside of class to warrant the adding of credit hours. Examples of such classes are advanced lifesaving, which is a two credit hour course and scuba which is a three credit hour course.

Although UNCC does not offer a major in physical education, certification courses are available as the second type of classes. Certification courses operate in cooperation with the HDL department. Every student who plans to teach must have courses in health and/or physical education.

Movement education is a helping speciality. Movement education is an alternative set of strategies for teaching physical education. Currently, it is geared primarily toward preschool and elementary school teachers. UNCC students in the program learn how to conduct a movement education program, and how to use its strategies and to develop new



(photo by Robin Colby)
Handball is one of the new courses taught by new faculty member Linda Rough.

strategies for teaching movement in their own settings when they become teachers.

According to Murphy, the spring semester will see the addition of a new helping specialty course called "Sports Helping Specialty." "The primary objective of the specialty is to prepare

coaches," Murphy said. "It is not a physical education major. In its beginning, it will focus strictly on coaching. The logic is a student who goes into teaching has a higher probability of getting a job in the classroom and coaching as a secondary career than he or she has to get

a job as a physical education teacher and coach."

A third group of career oriented courses fall under the heading of support courses. "We have four courses in perceptual motor learning and they primarily meet the needs of people who are studying to deal with learning disabilities and/or who work in agencies which deal with exceptional children. One of the perceptual motor courses is a laboratory course in which the students have the opportunity to work in a clinical situation with children who have perceptual motor problems. The clinical program is conducted on the UNCC campus," Murphy said.

Even with progress being made in some

areas of the department, there is still quite a bit of concern over the activity program which is of greater interest to a large variety of students. Presently, the problem is with faculty. "We simply do not have the faculty to add sections. Like every department, we are intent on improving and one of the way departments improve is to get new faculty positions."

A common complaint of physical education students is the \$10 additional fee each student must pay when taking a physical education course. Murphy states, however, the money is necessary for operating the classes. "We furnish tennis balls to the tennis classes, badminton rackets and birds to the

badminton classes, handball gloves to the handball classes, fencing equipment to the fencing classes, supplies and equipment for first aid classes, etc. We also furnish towels, laundry service and uniforms for many students. "Some students say they do not want the uniforms," Murphy continued. "Some do not wear them to class. The uniforms are a bonus in most classes. If a student has to buy tennis balls, handball gloves, golf clubs, etc., it is evident the \$10 will not go very far. We are able to take the money and, through judicious buying, keep our classes supplied with appropriate equipment and supplies at a modest cost to the students," he said.

WBTV to air Sun Belt "game of the week"

By Jim Dedmon

The Sun Belt Conference will inaugurate another first in 1979 with a televised "game of the week." The eight week series will begin on Jan. 6, 1979 and will feature seven consecutive games plus the championship on Sunday, Feb. 25, 1979.

The regional network has stations in seven major cities in five states. The 1979 series will include all of the conference regulars including first year member University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The play-by-play will be announced by Al Wester, sports director of the Mutual Radio

Network. Wester is also the voice of the 350 station worldwide Notre Dame football network. Wester is experienced in the field of television sports broadcasting, having done play-by-play for Mutual's Monday Night Football, Kentucky Derby races, Indy 500's, and almost every college football bowl game in the country.

Wester, who lives in New Orleans, has kept close tabs on the Sun Belt Conference and attended the first Sun Belt Conference tournament in Charlotte in 1977, as a radio announcer. A color commentator will be announced later.

Although all of the

teams will be featured at least once, Jacksonville and UNCC will be featured three times on television. Each team in the conference will have an opportunity to play one more game on the network if they make it to the championship game of the year's tournament.

In Charlotte the network affiliate is WBTV, a division of Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting and will handle the technical aspects and the production of the games. They will be assisted by Turner Communications of Atlanta.

All games will be aired on Saturdays except the

championship game which will be on Sunday, Feb. 25. Local times will be announced in each city by that station affiliated with the network.

The television network will allow almost 12 million people to have the opportunity to view Sun Belt Conference basketball. Below is a list of the teams to play and the dates of the airings.

Home Schedule

Jan. 6, UNCC at New Orleans
Jan. 13, Jacksonville at Georgia State
Jan. 20, New Orleans at Jacksonville
Jan. 27, South Florida at UNCC
Feb. 3, South Florida at UA-Birmingham
Feb. 10, South Alabama at Jacksonville
Feb. 17, South Alabama at UNCC
Feb. 25, Conference Championship



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A thought for the week from URM-UNCC

A man's mind, stretched by a new idea, can never go back to its original dimension.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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