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Students participate in UNCG's explorers' program

Fifteen area high school students have taken part in an Explorer Program through the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the 1997-98 academic year.

Operated by the Boy Scouts of America, the Explorer Program is designed to allow students in ninth through twelfth grades to explore career interests.

From September to March, the students attended ten presentations by School of Nursing faculty and alumni on various aspects of nursing.

The following students took part in the program: Bagginan Brown, Christin Hemrick, Elizabeth Jones, Melissa Jones, Valrie Jones, Jaime Logeman, Erica Richardson, Rebekah Vaughan and Natalie Watson, all of Greensboro; Heather Ashburn, Megan Milchuck and Sarah Partlow of Summerfield; Lori Smith of Stokesdale; Natalie Welch of High Point; and Ashley Bullins of Kernersville.

UNCG students, faculty to be inducted into honorary

Three faculty and 20 students from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro will be inducted into the National Sociology Honorary, Alpha Kappa Delta, on Monday, April 25, at a luncheon in their honor.

Dr. Robert Davis, a professor of sociology and director of institutional research at N.C. A&T State University, will be the guest speaker. Alpha Kappa Delta honors sociologists who achieve a high grade point average and have taken a requisite number of sociology courses.

Three faculty members will also be inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta. They are Jill Fuller, Dr. Jean Malone and Dr. Sandra Westervelt.

The students are, from Greensboro, Shannon M. Burroughs, Jamie E. Coll, Cindy B. Dollar, Patricia L. Espinosa, May H. Fleihan, Nancy S. Hester, Ruth E. Jones, Jennifer S. Parker, Matthew W. Hughey and Jacqueline Serbu; from Winston-Salem, Stella C. Lewallen, Dyan Ann Kesraj and Mackeishia R. Sutton.

Also to be inducted are Lori E. Craig of Thomasville, Willa C. Dodson of Madison, La Chartina Monta Ervin of Morganton, Brandi Kimbrell Osborne of Lexington, Robin D. Testerman of Siler City and Christina Ballard Tolley of Elon College.

UNCG's Center of Education appoints new director

Jane R. Shoemaker has been appointed director of the Center for Educational Studies and Development at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She succeeds Dr. Mary Avery. Under Shoemaker's direction, the center will continue to offer counseling and consulting services and psychoeducational evaluations for learning disabilities.

Additionally, the center will continue to provide a reading clinic, professional development seminars and a review course for the National Counselor Examination.

Other center offerings will include psychoeducational evaluations for the gifted, foreign language cultural enrichment, a study skills clinic and a mathematics clinic.

Before coming to UNCG in 1997, Shoemaker served as coordinator of Educational Talent Search and established a child care program for returning adult students at Clarion University of Pennsylvania also coordinated a variety of academic support, parent education, student recruitment and teacher in-service programs.

Shoemaker received both her undergraduate and her master's in education degrees from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Newspaper now accepting applications for fall term

The *Carolinian* is now accepting applications for all positions. Apply by Friday. Applications can be picked up in Room 212, EUC.

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Summer Sessions provide array of courses

Stephanie Lowman
News Editor

Summer is a time of complete relaxation, for most. Students usually anticipate the arrival of this time of year to bring vacations, mornings of sleeping late, and afternoons by the pool. But for some, continuing their education during the summer is a must.

Summer sessions offer many incentives to students. Most courses that would normally require a whole semester to complete can be drilled through in only five weeks. Classes at this time also allow students who cannot accommodate required courses into their fall and spring sessions to take advantage of courses that might not otherwise be accessible to them.

This year, UNCG will provide an even wider array of choices for those who opt to continue their courses than in years past. The Summer Sessions will have more than 430 available courses in over 50 areas of study to choose from. There are two summer sessions offered. The first begins on May 20, and will last until June 23, and the second will be from June 26 until July 31.

Many efforts have been made to make sessions more available to continuing,

graduate and adult students alike. Many of the classes offered have various sections and meeting times to help meet the demanding schedules of the students here on campus.

There are also many evening and short-term classes which have been added to the curriculum. These are intended to help alleviate the some of the problems encountered by teachers and students who cannot attend during normal terms.

Summer Session 1998, in addition to providing regular core courses, will also offer a variety of specialty courses and programs to attract student interest and boost attendance. For example, a course entitled "Current Issues in National Business" (MAN 304) has been added to offer those in this field of study the chance to witness first-hand an array of business issues many people are experiencing in their travels abroad. It will be taught by faculty members who are visiting from other countries in hopes to strengthen perspectives about business on an international scale.

Also, "Programs for Underserved Youth" (ESS 589) will explore the factors involved in ministering to underserved children. This course

will design and incorporate sports programs and physical activities into the lives of underserved children, in hopes of addressing the problems they face daily. Others scheduled include Elementary Japanese (JAP 101) and Historical Archaeology Field Techniques (ATY 378), as well.

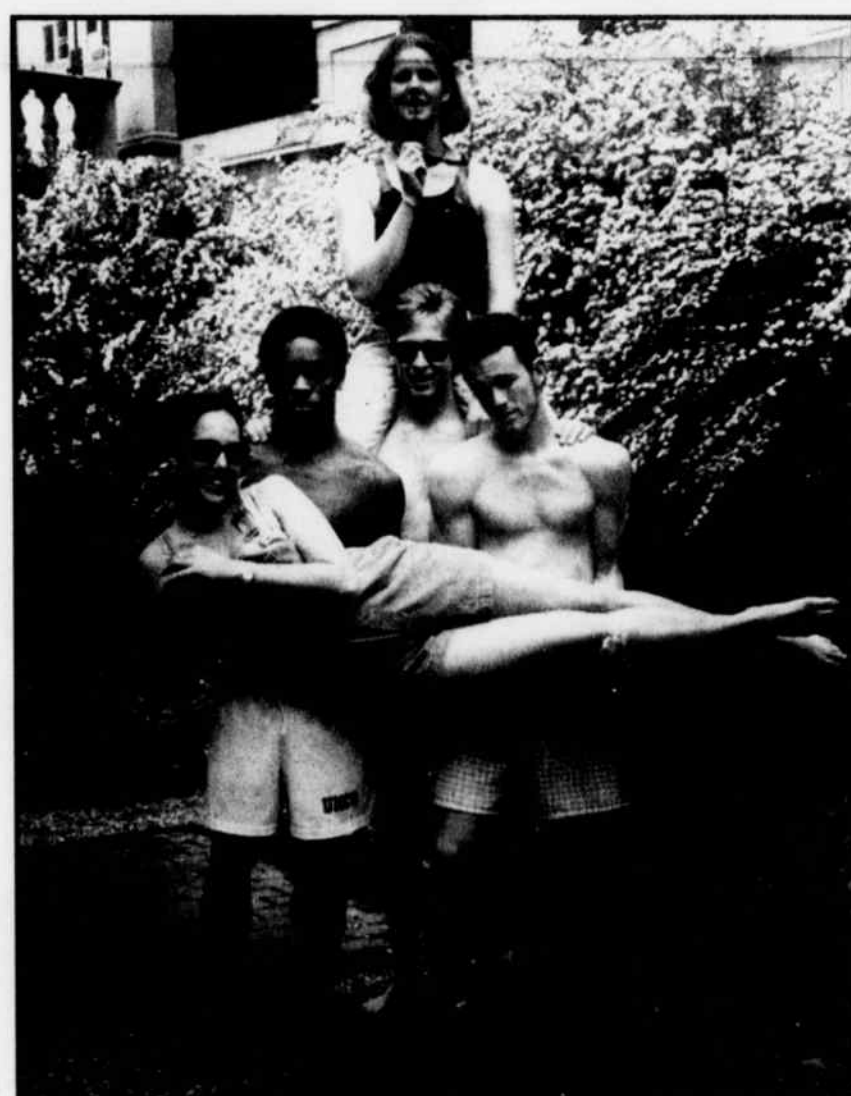
To take advantage of these opportunities, students are required to apply for admission through the Summer Session Office in the Division of Continual Learning before registering. Registration will be held from Monday, May 18 until Wednesday, May 20 in the EUC Registration Center.

Celebrating Earth Day...



Diana Collins/THE CAROLINIAN
Students celebrate Earth Day yesterday out by the fountain. Different organizations promoted recycling, conservation and other environmental concerns.

Come See Our Shorts...



Courtesy Photo
Chris Chalk, Donny McCall, Michael Ferrell, Beatrice Abella and Erica Linderman are performing in "Spring Shorts" this weekend, April 22-26 at 8pm. The play consists of seven short plays written by seven writers. All of the writers are theatre majors at UNCG.

UNCG's outlook on STD awareness improving

Stephanie Lowman
News Editor

With all of the hype directed towards STD prevention in the past few years, one would expect to see a decline in infection rates across the country.

Sadly enough, Americans don't appear to be catching on to the dangers and consequences involved with sexually transmitted diseases.

College students and teens continue to be the leading age group of new outbreak cases and all-time high infection rates. In fact, of the 12 million reported new infections in the U.S. each year, two thirds of those occur in people under the age of 25. However, they are not the only ones experiencing this new wave of diseases. The group is merely one among the groups of people who fail to acknowledge, or realize, the effects STDs are having on this country and throughout the entire world.

In hopes of increasing awareness around the country, April has been designated as National STD Awareness Month.

During this time, outreach programs in all areas of the nation hope to reach and educate individuals on the dangers they face while engaging in unprotected

sex. Considering that 85% of the diseases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are STDs, many agencies have begun to step up to the plate and aid in the universal awareness of the topic.

Studies have shown that among young adults who have sex, 25% of females and 20% of males report having had between six and ten partners in their lifetime. Each year, 3 million teens become infected with a sexually transmitted disease, and there are currently between 650,000-900,000 people in the United States who are infected with HIV. These results are shocking, but true.

As for the awareness on campus here at UNCG, a sexpert coordinator, Tammy Watts, says that she has seen a rising trend in awareness among students in the two years she has worked for her organization. She comments that although consciousness has increased, we as a campus still have a long way to go. "The major misconception of the students is that they don't have to be consistent in their actions. They don't always realize they have to use condoms repeatedly and follow up on

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Students use internet in project with Chicago firm

Staff Reports

In an example of the possible direction of business in America, students at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this spring used the Internet to work on a project with a design firm nearly 800 miles away.

Twelve students from UNCG's Department of Housing and Interior Design used Internet video conferences, e-mail and interactive software in a project with Eva Maddox Associates (EMA), an award-winning design firm in Chicago. The students and the Eva Maddox staff did not meet in person during the pro-

cess, but two students — Julia Simstein of Winston-Salem and Tracey Buxton of Greensboro — went to Chicago for the final design critique.

The EMA staff asked the students to design a museum gift shop. There was no actual client — the project was hypothetical — but the students benefited from the interaction with their professional counterparts and from using the technology, said David Matthews, an assistant professor who is teaching the class.

"I'm trying to use the Internet as a way, to reach out to students and provide them

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Quarter Race..



Diana Collins/THE CAROLINIAN
UNCG sororities and fraternities are raising money for Push America. The fundraiser has raised \$2600 so far. The last day to donate money is Friday at 6pm.

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with national and international experience," Matthews said. "We're plugged into the world here, so why not use it?"

Working in three teams, the students did demographic research on the gift shop's clients — women between the ages of 30 and 50 who may be shopping with a spouse or another person. They also conducted research on retail spaces and display techniques.

Each team constructed World Wide Web pages to share information with the EMA staff. To view the project, visit the UNCG Department of Housing and Interior Design's Web site at <http://www.uncg.edu/hid>.

Several video conferences allowed the design firm's staff and the students to ask one another questions. E-mail correspondence provided feedback for the students, as the project pro-

gressed.

Once the project entered the design phase, the students could share their sketches, renderings and models with the firm, through the Web. The technology allowed the EMA staff to tour the designed spaces in 3-D. And a software company called Timbuktu Pro allowed the students and the designers in Chicago to look at the designs on their computers simultaneously. Changes to the designs could be made while everyone watched.

"They get to see our project at every increment," said Page Ballenger, a junior from Greensboro. "They were really excited to see how we develop a project."

Chauna Williams, a senior from Shelby, said that even though she had used computers in her design work, this project challenged her to become more comfortable with the technology and how to use it to share information.

Ballenger said that he and the students learned to adjust their design information so it could be

accessed on the Web. That meant creating smaller images that could be downloaded.

"There are limits to paper and glue, and there are limits to computers," Ballenger said. "It's good to be able to use both." Matthews said that one of the benefits of the project is that it introduced students to digital communication technology. It also was valuable for his students to work with a professional design firm in such a unique way. "I don't know of any other design programs doing this," he said.

The project originated after Eva Maddox, the firm's president, gave a lecture to UNCG design students last year. Matthews, who is interested in educational applications of the Internet, jumped at Maddox's suggestion that UNCG and EMA collaborate on a project.

The next phase of the project will be to assess the use of technology and its impact on the design process. But, Matthews already is thinking about the future. "I really want to do this next time internationally," he said.

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their exams to completely protect themselves."

Tammy also says that students tend to not realize that, if diagnosed with an STD, they can't only look to treat themselves, but they must also help their partners seek treatment, as well. It personally doesn't get into people's minds until they get an STD themselves. At this point it's too late.

Many organizations are fight-

ing daily to help educate the public about the effects STDs can have on the lives of individuals.

With efforts such as these, hopefully we will soon see a decrease in the problem itself.

The key to a cure, as experts say, is to practice safer sex and seek testing and treatment before ever committing to a relationship.

Awareness is an important part of decreasing the number of infections seen yearly, but in the end, it is ultimately up to the people themselves to take their own precautions against getting STD's.

Campus Safety

4-13-98, 11:51 am, Counterfeiting: ARA employees reported finding a suspicious \$10.00 bill at the EUC. The bill had parts of a \$10.00 and a \$1.00 taped together. The case will be investigated.

4-13-98, 6:37 pm, Possession of Marijuana, Carrying Concealed Weapon: Joshua David Hege and William Edgar Cornett, both non-students, were charged with possessing marijuana after officers stopped their cars in the McIver Parking Deck. Mr. Hege was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon when a switchblade knife was found on him. The magistrate released both men, who are to appear in court on 6-6-98.


4-13-98, 9:50 pm, Damage to Real Property: Two residents of Mendenhall Dorm reported damage to a window in their room. Officers investigating the incident suspect that someone shot a BB through the window.

4-14-98, 2:00 am, Assault on a


Female: When officers arrived on West Drive in response to a female screaming, they found a student in a car with a male and upon speaking with her, discovered she had been hit. She refused to press charges against Kenneth Allen Boston, Jr., non-student. Mr. Boston was given a trespass warning and told not to return to UNCG for 1 year.



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APRIL 23

* **UNCG History Club:** Lecture and social event in the Benbow Rm., EUC, at 4p.m. Dr. Robert Calhoun from the Dept. Of History will give the lecture entitled, "Political Moderation in American History."

* **Student Activities:** LEAD Seminar: "Time Management," McIver Lounge, EUC, 12:30p.m.

* **Student Recreation Center:** First Aid Basics, Rec Center, 6p.m.

* **Women's Studies Science Initiative:** "Green Chemistry," lecture by Dr. Tracy Williamson of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 7:00p.m., refreshments will be served; 7:30p.m., lecture begins. 116 Petty Building. For more details, call Alice Haddy at 334-4605.

* **School of Music:** University Wind Ensemble performance, Aycock Auditorium, 7:30p.m. Free to the public.

* **Neo Black Society:** Drama Troupe Performance, Cone Ballroom, EUC, 7:30p.m.

* **UNCG Theatre:** Studio Theatre presents the production of "Spring Shorts," Thursday-Saturday at 8p.m. & Sunday at 2p.m. Tickets available through the UNCG Box Office at 334-4849. Play held in Taylor Studio Theater.

* **Chi Omega** will hold their annual

"Swing-a-Thon," at the swings behind EUC. Please drop by and pick up information on breast cancer. All donations will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For more info, call Liz, the Community Service Director, at 334-2731.

APRIL 24

* **"Multiple Voices: Feminism and Race in the South,"** lecture by Jane Sherron de Hart from the University of California - Santa Barbara. 2p.m. Alexander Rm., EUC.

* Performance by the **Collegium Musicum**. 5:30p.m. Hart Recital Hall, Brown Music Bldg. Free to the public.

* **Department of Dance:** Dance concerts April 24 & 25. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7 students and senior citizens. Available through the UNCG Box Office at 334-4849. 8p.m. Dance Theater, HHP Bldg.

* **Student Activities:** LEAD Seminar, "Time Management," McIver Lounge, EUC, 12:30p.m.

* **English Dept.:** MFA Thesis Readings, St. Mary's House, 8p.m.

* **Student Activities:** LEAD Seminar, "Leadership UNCG," Ferguson Rm., EUC, 6p.m.

* **Hillel:** Shabbat Service and Dinner, ACM Center, 6p.m. (RSVP).

* **Graduate Student Assoc.:** Game

Night, Game Rm. EUC, 3:30p.m.

APRIL 25

* **Fourth Annual Native American Cultural Festival:** Featuring the Ximalli Aztec Dance Troupe, plus other artists and performers. Free to the public. Noon-6p.m. College Ave. Sponsored by the UNCG Anthropology Club. For more info, call 334-5132.

* **School of Music:** Concert by the University Jazz Ensemble. 7:30p.m. Aycock Auditorium. Free to the public.

* **School of Education:** Foreign Language Workshop, EUC, 8a.m.-6p.m.

* **Continual Learning:** Sociology Conference, Cone Ballroom, EUC, or Jarrell Lecture Hall, 9a.m.-12:30p.m.

* **Weatherspoon Art Gallery:** Children's Art Workshops, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, 2p.m.

* **Weatherspoon Art Gallery:** "Arise After Five." Weatherspoon, Neo Black Society: 25th Anniversary

Choir Performance, Cone Ballroom, EUC, 7-9p.m.

* **School of Music:** University Jazz Ensemble performance, Aycock Auditorium, 7:30p.m.

APRIL 26

* **School of Music:** Concert by the University Chorale. 3p.m. Aycock Auditorium. Free to the public.

* **Student Activities:** Greek Leadership Awards Night, Cone Ballroom, EUC, 6p.m.

* **Weatherspoon Art Gallery:** Wildlife Exhibit Opening, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, 3p.m.

APRIL 27

* **School of Music:** Recital by trombonist John Colegrove. 5:30p.m. Hart Recital Hall, Brown Music Bldg. Free to the public.

* **School of Music:** Concert by the University Chamber Singers. 7:30p.m. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 607 N. Greene St., Greensboro. Free to the public.

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* **Student Activities:** Awards Banquet, Cone Ballroom, EUC, 6-8p.m.

* **Student Recreation Center:** Professional Rescuer CPR, Rec Center, 6p.m.

* **Student Academic Services:** Reducing Test Anxiety, Reynolds Hall Rm. 159, 7:30p.m.

APRIL 28

* **"Religion's Role in World Affairs: Challenges for the U.S.,"** panel discussion. Part of the Great Decisions '98 series, a nationwide study and discussion program on world affairs. Series fee: \$17 public, \$15 UNCG students. To register, call the UNCG Center for Global Business Education and Research at 334-3052. 7-8:45p.m. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Friendly Center, Greensboro.

* **School of Music:** Recital by tuba player Charles Turner. 7:30p.m. Hart Recital Hall, Brown Music Bldg. Free to the public.

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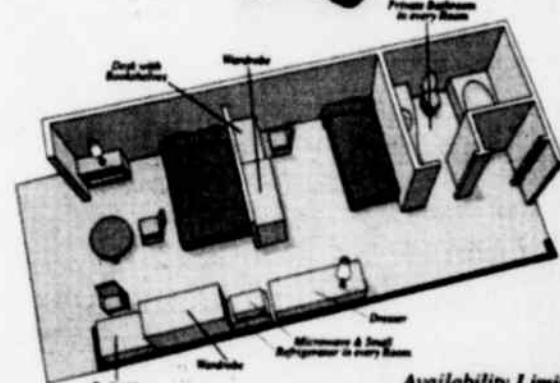
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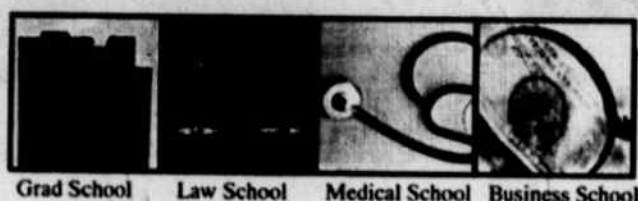
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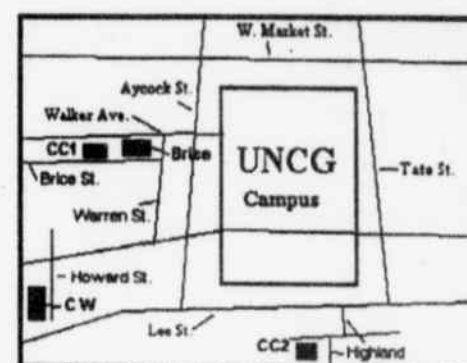
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Spartan tennis teams finish out season

Greg Eaddy
Sports Editor

The UNC-Greensboro men's and women's tennis teams competed in their first-ever Southern Conference Tournaments, this past weekend. The men traveled to Furman as the fifth seed in the conference, after posting a 3-3 record against conference opponents. They faced the fourth-seeded Davidson Wildcats on Friday. It was a close match, but Davidson came away with the 4-3 victory.

The Spartans were tied after the singles round at 3-3. Brian Cowman, Diego Gowa and Daniel Wollman all posted wins in singles play. However, the Wildcats pulled two of the three doubles matches to defeat UNCG and knock them out of the tournament. The men finished the season with a 7-9 record. The women's tournament was hosted by Wofford and UNCG again faced Davidson in a Friday contest. The Spartans were seeded sixth, while Davidson was in the third spot.

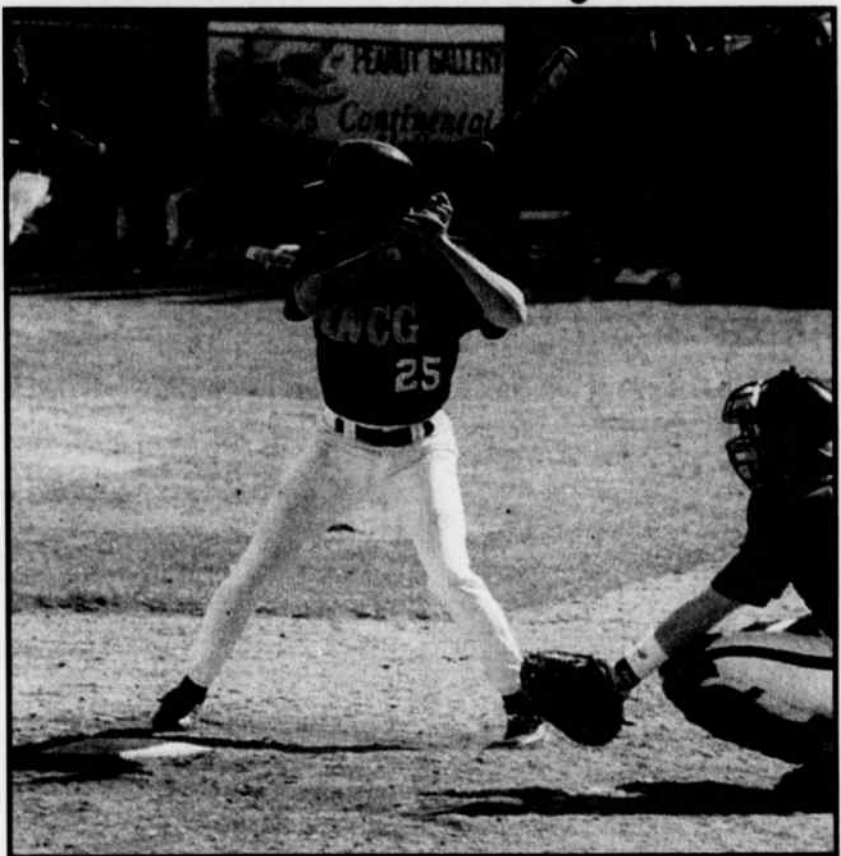
The Wildcats were able to claim victory over UNCG in a 5-4 contest. The Spartans were trailing 4-2 after the singles round and needed a sweep in the doubles matches to manage the win. In the first two matches, the Spartans won, which left the deciding factor in the no. 1 doubles match. Dana Casner and Kristen Koenig squeaked out an 8-6 win over Ciska Kramer and Brianna Lynch of UNCG to move the Wildcats into the next round. The Spartans closed their season with a 9-5 record and a 75th national ranking.

Upcoming Spartan Athletic Events

April 25
Baseball @ Georgia Southern 4:00 pm
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April 26
Baseball @ Georgia Southern 1:30 pm
Softball vs. Georgia Southern 1:00 pm

All matches home unless otherwise indicated.

Another Victory...



Diana Collins/THE CAROLINIAN
UNCG won last night's game against rival NC A&T 5-2.

Race for Stanley Cup heats up the ice

Greg Eaddy
Sports Editor

It's the end of April, and with it comes the NHL's fight for the Stanley Cup championship.

The Western Conference is the stronger of the conferences this year and sets the stage for dynamic hockey action in the opening round.

The best team in the west, the Dallas Stars, faces off with the San Jose Sharks. On paper, it looks easy to call - Dallas blows teams away by three or more goals consistently, while the Sharks barely made the playoffs.

Last year, though, Dallas was annihilated in the opening round. Whether they make amends or continue to choke is up to the Stars.

The winner of that series laces up against either the Los Angeles Kings or the St. Louis Blues. This one will be close, as almost all games occur when four and five match up. Whoever wants

it the most will dictate the victory.

In the bottom bracket, the Colorado Avalanche are second-seeded and play the seventh-seeded Edmonton Oilers. Edmonton shows occasional glory, but Colorado shows it all the time. That, along with Stanley Cup success in recent years for experience points, will put Colorado over the Oilers and into the second round.

The Avalanche's opponent? Can we all say, the Detroit Red Wings? Detroit, while seeded third, is a great club and should blow away the Phoenix Coyotes. They are a little banged-up defensively, but, hey - they were Stanley Cup champs last year - and Detroit is called "Hockey Town." This team means business.

In the Eastern Conference is the NHL's best team, the New Jersey Devils. However, their eighth-seeded opponent, the Ottawa Senators, are hot, hot, hot.

The Senators just came off their first winning season ever, and lately, have played up to the top team's level. The

Devils will have their hands full during the first round.

The Boston Bruins and Washington Capitals compete for the rights to play either the Devils or the Senators. Again, four and five always compete closely, but Boston has been in a slump, recently. Seeing who steps it up will be interesting.

In perhaps the oddest pairing, the Montreal Canadiens face the Pittsburgh Penguins. It's not odd that either team is there: both have a rich playoff history with a combined 25 Stanley Cups between the two franchises. It's odd, because, in a combined 788 playoff games they've never played each other. Let history begin.

The final series in the east is the third-seeded Philadelphia Flyers hosting the Sabres of Buffalo.

The Flyers have Eric Lindros, while the Sabres have Dominik Hasek. Will Hasek be able to stop the Flyers' offense? If so, the Flyers are in trouble.

Olympians visit exhibition on 1936 olympics in Berlin

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio (AP) - When she attended the opening of "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936" historical exhibit at the Canton Museum of Art, the daughter of Olympic great Jesse Owens remembered more than the four gold medals her father won at the games.

"Walking through the exhibition, I was struck by man's capacity for hate, and how people can be swept along by it," said Marlene Owens Rankin, who attended Sunday's opening, along with several contemporary Olympic track-and-field medalists.

The touring exhibition by the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., traces the roots of racism by examining

how Nazism affected German sports and the Olympics, the worldwide controversy surrounding the 1936 games and the triumph of black athletes over Adolf Hitler's Aryan competitors.

It was at the controversial Berlin games, presented by Hitler's Nazi regime, that black American Owens made history by capturing four gold medals.

"While his accomplishments in and of themselves were phenomenal, they were made that much more so because of what was going on in Nazi Germany at the time," Rankin said.

The Nazis' attempts to use the 1936 games as a tool for their propaganda inspired 1992 gold medalist Leroy Burrell to realize that "we have to vehemently fight against sports being used as a voice

for ill will."

Burrell twice set the world record for the 100-meter sprint and placed fifth in the 1996 games.

Chandra Cheeseborough, a sprinter who won two gold medals and one silver medal in the 1984 games, made the 1980 Olympic team, but could not participate when the U.S. boycotted the Moscow games.

"I know what it's like to practice so hard and then have to give it up like so many of the Jewish athletes did, in 1936," she said.

Bill Collins of Houston was scheduled to run in the 400-meter relay in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, but had to step down because of an injury.

"How do we correct it if we don't start

with this (the exhibit)?" he asked. "This (the 1936 Olympics) was the greatest racial travesty of all, and I have a great passion for it. It's time we say, enough is enough. It's time to get along with each other and move on."

Sara Bloomfield, acting director of the Holocaust museum, said the exhibition, which debuted in Washington, was conceived as "a sobering counterpoint" to the 1996 Atlanta games.

Bloomfield, a Cleveland native, said she "can't believe what this city has done," in terms of programming events and student tours around the exhibition.

"Canton has set the standard," she said. "I am overwhelmed and touched." The exhibit will be in Canton through July 12.

Carolina signs Sean Gilbert

Associated Press

The Carolina Panthers signed Sean Gilbert to an offer sheet Monday, moving them one step closer to completing their four-week quest to acquire him from the Washington Redskins.

The Redskins have seven days to decide whether to match the Panthers' offer of a seven-year, \$46.5 million contract, a deal that would make Gilbert the NFL's highest-paid defender.

Washington is expected to let Gilbert go to Carolina this time because it would mean the Redskins automatically receive two first-round draft choices from the Panthers. Washington gave up one first-round pick to acquire Gilbert from the St. Louis Rams in 1996.

The offer sheet Gilbert signed Monday is the same deal he was offered March 24. That deal was not completed because the Panthers and Redskins could not agree on compensation; Washington demanded Carolina's first-round choice in last weekend's annual draft, and the Panthers refused.

But the Panthers made a trade last Thursday that leaves them with three first-round choices in the 1999 and 2000 drafts, thereby freeing Carolina to complete a post-draft acquisition of Gilbert.

Carolina used this year's first-round pick on Nebraska's Jason Peter, who is expected to be groomed to play defensive end opposite the 6-foot-5, 318-pound Gilbert.

Gilbert, the No. 3 overall selection in the 1992 draft, sat out the entire 1997 season in a salary dispute with the Redskins. Their relationship soured early last spring when the team kept him from becoming a free agent by designating him as its franchise player for 1997. The Redskins then offered Gilbert a multiyear contract, averaging \$4 million per year, but Gilbert wanted at least \$4.5 million.

His deal with the Panthers, which includes a \$10 million signing bonus, would average more than \$6.6 million.

Ruff survives year of turmoil after replacing Nolan

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Nobody was blaming Lindy Ruff for what happened to Ted Nolan last year. Ruff was an assistant coach looking for an opportunity who somehow got caught in the middle.

It wasn't Ruff who snubbed Nolan with a one-year contract offer after he led the Sabres to their first division title in 16 years and was named coach of the year by the NHL. And Ruff wasn't the one who chased Nolan out of Buffalo after the season by telling management Nolan shouldn't come back. Those words came from star goaltender Dominik Hasek.

"I have nothing against Ted Nolan," Ruff said Wednesday. "There's nothing not to like about him."

In July, before being named the 15th coach in team history, Ruff figured the Buffalo job was an opportunity to move his career forward. He played for the Sabres throughout the 1980s. He liked the team and the town. His arrival was like walking into a three-alarm fire without an oxygen mask. Players were angry

over Nolan's departure after the popular coach rejected the one-year offer. Fans were furious. Season ticket holders canceled their orders. Rallies were held supporting Nolan outside Marine Midland Arena.

"I didn't think it was going to be as tough as it was," Ruff said. "I didn't anticipate that that much friction would be around."

Ruff became a surrogate father of sorts. He showed that he, like Nolan, is a good guy with good intentions. Tranquility was restored and wounds healed. Slowly, he brought the team back together. Fans eventually followed. The Sabres finished third in the much-improved Northeast Division this year, but their record was a loss and tie off the pace set last season. Where Nolan preached passion, Ruff taught position.

"If you come in as a stepfather and start leaning really hard on the kids, they go the other way on you," Ruff said. "I thought I had to take time with everybody and get everybody on board. It was a gradual process."

Ruff's biggest headache was pesky

forward Matthew Barnaby, known mostly around the league for starting trouble on the ice, but admired in Buffalo for his appetite for the game.

Barnaby was so angry with Hasek's comments about Nolan that he promised to knock the all-world goalie off his skates, come training camp. Once, during a game, Barnaby told Ruff he was through with the Sabres. Late in the year, Barnaby asked to be traded. The deal was never made, and Barnaby is back in the lineup with a new attitude.

"Coming in, with all the fires he had to put out, he's done a great job," Barnaby said. "From where we are today compared to where we were at the beginning of the year, he's done a tremendous job. We have a lot of respect for what he's done. We're really happy with him."

The players are not alone. Radio callers have given Ruff daily endorsements. People began realizing that Nolan's secret formula had more to do with Hasek's glove hand than anything else.

Last year, Hasek became the first goalie in 35 years to win the Hart Tro-

phy as the league's most valuable player and picked up his third Vezina Trophy in four years as top goaltender. There's a good chance he'll collect both awards again this year.

"There are no magic buttons," forward Rob Ray said. "It's a matter of keeping guys together, sticking to a system and working hard. It's the commitment to the game plan." Hasek struggled early in the season, hearing boos nearly every night at home before Ruff made a bold move and benched the goalie for a game. Hasek responded with 13 shutouts, the most in nearly 30 years in the NHL, over his final 58 games.

It appears Nolan has been filed into the team's history. Many believe firing Ruff and rehiring Nolan would be two wrongs in two seasons. They want to see what Ruff can accomplish in the playoffs - if he can reach the goal he set on the day he was hired.

"I've said from Day 1 that it was a goal of mine to win something here that I didn't win as a player," Ruff said. "All they want to see here is an honest day's effort. And if you ever brought a winner here, it would be unbelievable."

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