

# The BUC Starts Here



## Small Talk

The soccer team is off to a hot start with victories over USC Upstate, Maine and Jacksonville. Marky Boyce has seven goals in four games, earning Big South Attacking Player of the Week honors after scoring a hat trick, including a game-winner in overtime against Jacksonville. Michelle Dennis already has three assists on the year to lead the team in that category. Freshman Allison Lewis already has two goals, while Caitlin Wesnesky has one.

The volleyball team has also been in action already, taking down North Carolina Central in their first tournament of the year. Amanda Hill leads the team with kills as she inches closer to the all-time record. Amy Nokes leads the team in assists, while Cori Holeman and Amberle Trinder have been a force in the middle defensively.

We know everyone else is getting ready to start their season and we look forward to another great season of Buccaneer Athletics! GO BUCS!

## ***RESPONSIBILITY***

“Willing To Be Held Accountable. Worthy Of Trust, Reliable.”

**W**ho is responsible for the success of your team this year? Look down your roster. Maybe you would answer and choose the head coach and then progress to certain groups--the upperclassmen (seniors) and the starters are logical choices. Possibly, the returning all-star candidates cross your mind. If you made any of the above choices, you can join the crowd, but you would be missing something very important.

As we enter the 2010-11 playing seasons, we need to focus on what it takes to be a “Champion”. I believe that we are capable of producing more “Championship” teams this year. The name of this column is “Marks of a Champion”, and it will focus each month on the character traits (Marks) that teams develop in order to become of “Championship” caliber.

So, who’s responsible for the success of your team this year? Well, **you are**, of course. Within our definition of “Responsibility” is the word “accountable”, and within that word is the word “count”. The concept that is critical here is the “COUNT ON ME” attitude that **everyone** involved with a program must have in order for that program to be a successful one. Everyone, meaning the bench-sitter too. Everyone means everyone. Are you willing to say to anyone and everyone, “COUNT ON ME” for the success of the team this year--in your physical preparation, focus, work ethic, attitude in the locker room, everything--that you desire to be held personally accountable for the success of your team?

Winning is not easy in our competitive Big South Conference, Division I world, and winning a championship is downright difficult. Without the “COUNT ON ME” attitude of personal responsibility within a team, it is impossible! The contribution of every team member and coach is not just valuable, but vital to the success of the team. The concept to be grasped is one of “ownership”, and the business world--along with us in athletics--has hit paydirt with this concept. Companies (teams) that do a great job of having their employees (teammates) feel personally responsible for the welfare of the company tend to be the most successful (winning) companies. (Source: *In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America’s Best-Run Companies*, Peters and Waterman)

So, no matter what you see as your role on your team--coach, star, starter, backup, etc., please understand that your contribution is more than a “depth chart” or “minutes played” or “points scored” issue. Your contribution is to the degree that you are willing to say and live out the attitude of “Count On Me”. I believe strongly that, as the individuals on our teams buy into this attitude, we will accomplish great things this year. Don’t be surprised if celebrating championships is a part of it. That is why “Responsibility” is a ...

## ***MARK OF A CHAMPION!***

--Hank Small, Athletic Director

**Support your fellow athletes**  
**Athletic calendar of events through September 30**

**September**

4	Cross Country	@ Eye Opener (Spartanburg, S.C.)	
4	Football	North Greenville	1:30 p.m.
5	W. Soccer	@ Georgia Southern	2 p.m.
7	Volleyball	UNC Wilmington	6 p.m.
10-11	Volleyball	@ UNF Tournament (Illinois-Chicago, Troy, UNF, UTC)	
10	W. Soccer	@ Navy (Navy Tournament)	7 p.m.
11	Football	Wofford	1:30 p.m.
12-14	W. Golf	@ Cougar Classic	
12	W. Soccer	vs. Towson (Navy Tournament)	Noon
13-14	M. Golf	@ Raines Development Group Intercollegiate	
17-18	Volleyball	@ Ga. Southern Tournament (ETSU, S. Alabama, GSU)	
17	Cross Country	@ Coastal Carolina Invitational (Conway, S.C.)	
18-19	W. Golf	@ Great Smokies Intercollegiate	
18	W. Soccer	The Citadel	11 a.m.
18	Football	Mars Hill	1:30 p.m.
21	W. Soccer	South Carolina State	4 p.m.
21	Volleyball	@ Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.
24-26	M. Golf	@ Sea Trail Intercollegiate	
24	Volleyball	Radford	7 p.m.
25	Cross Country	@ The Will Wilson/Citadel Invitational	
25	Volleyball	High Point	4 p.m.
25	Football	@ Hawaii	11:35 p.m.
28	Soccer	Longwood	3 p.m.
28	Volleyball	Winthrop	6 p.m.



**Credit Hours and Degree Progress**

As a student-athlete, NCAA regulations require that you remain enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours in order to remain eligible for practice and competition during the semester. If you compete while enrolled in less than 12 credit hours, the institution is in danger of forfeiting the contest. As a requirement for restoring your eligibility, the NCAA will require you to sit out twice the number of games you competed while ineligible. Keep in mind that CSU's "Failure Due to Absence Policy - FA" can cause you to drop below twelve hours as soon as the grade is officially recorded in the records office.

NCAA regulations further require that you officially declare a major leading toward a bachelor's degree by the beginning of your second year of enrollment or 5th semester. Once you have declared a major, every credit you earn must be applicable toward that specific degree. Do not change your major without first consulting with the Student-Athlete Success Coordinator, as this could negatively impact your eligibility for competition.

Ask before you act! If you have questions regarding these topics or other compliance issues, contact Mike Hammond at extension 7080.

**◆ ACADEMIC CALENDAR ◆**

September 3	Last date to take a challenge exam and receive credit
September 3	Last date for 25% tuition refund if withdrawing from CSU; No refund after this date
September 9	Last date to withdraw from an Accelerated I class with a grade of "W"
September 10	Challenge exam grades due in Registrar's office
September 24	Last date to apply for fall graduation
September 30	Last date to withdraw from an Accelerated I class with a grade of "WP" or "WF"

