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## Basketball team cited in NCAA practice violation; search is underway for new coach

By JENNIFER HOFFMAN

Basketball continues to make news at Davidson long after the final game of the season. Last week Bobby Hussey announced his resignation as the team's head coach. On Saturday, *The Charlotte Observer* reported that the team committed an NCAA violation last fall when it participated in practices three days prior to the period allowed by the NCAA.

The Wildcats reportedly met in Johnston Gym early in the morning October 12 with Hussey. According to junior Jeff Harris, "We weren't going through a practice per se, but NCAA rules state that you can't be with a ball going through plays." Players say Assistant Athletic Director Bob Price was at the gym at the time and reported the violation.

The College sanctioned Hussey to cancel three practices during the regular season. Davidson attorney Adrian Wilson told *The Observer* that the NCAA had been notified and that he had received a letter in

return from the NCAA saying that the college had taken the proper steps and no NCAA sanctions would be necessary.

Most players say they were unaware of the offense. "Personally, I didn't know what constituted a legal practice," Alan Hunter said. According to players, President Kuykendall sent a letter to the team explaining why the practices had been cancelled. Team members confirmed *The Observer's* report that Hussey made no formal apology to the team nor gave an explanation for the practices which had been called off.

Hussey cited philosophical differences between Athletic Director Kit Morris and himself as his primary motive to resign. He did not mention the NCAA violation in reference to his decision. Morris would not comment on whether the violations were a factor involved.

Morris was not present at Hussey's press conference last

Friday. Tom Sorenson's article in *The Observer* attributes his absence to a golf game: "On Friday, one of the more important days in Davidson sports history, Athletic Director Kit Morris leaves his office to play golf."

Morris, however, called Sorenson's attack "a cheap shot."

"I spent last Friday morning in the airport in Charlotte speaking with a prospective basketball coach," he explained. "I did spend 10 minutes at the putting green in Covington instead of eating lunch; that was the extent of my golf game," he said.

In reference to the NCAA violation, Morris stressed that there have been "no changes in policy. We still believe in upholding NCAA regulations in letter and spirit."

Although the NCAA classifies infractions in various degrees of severity, Morris stated, "We tend to view any violation of rules as a serious violation." He said that there have been very few viola-

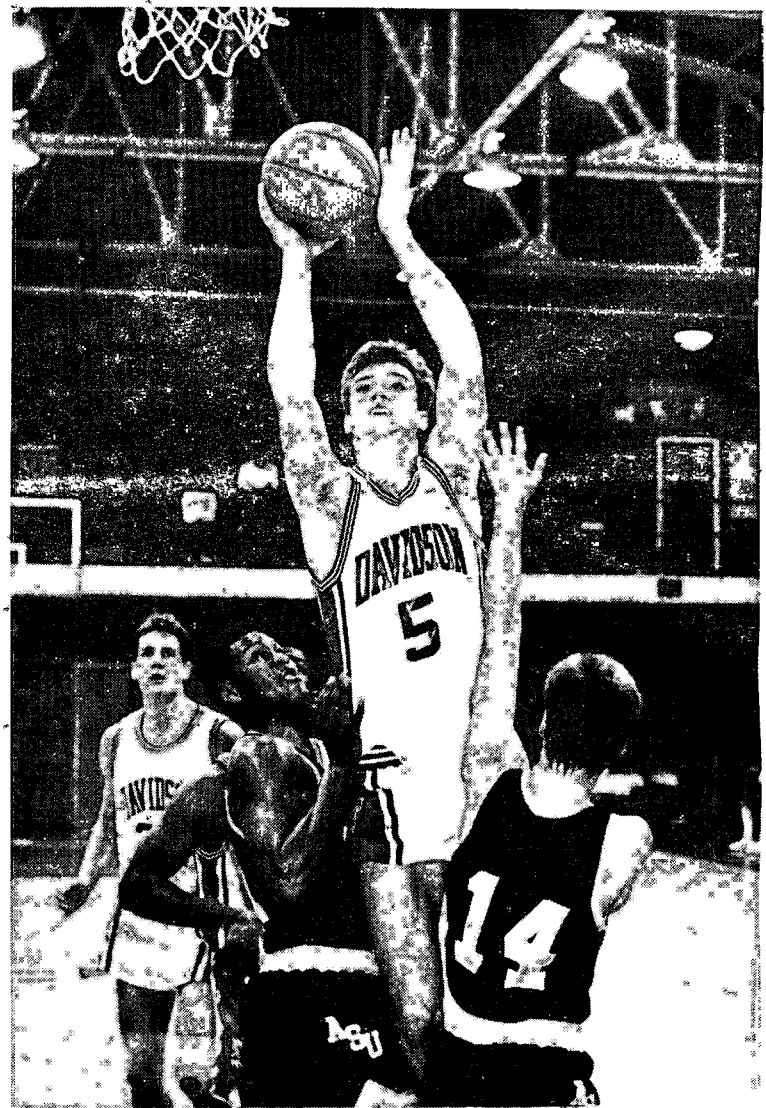
tions at Davidson.

When asked about Davidson's present standing with the NCAA, Morris said, "I would like to reiterate President Kuykendall's comment in *The Observer* that we are squared away with the NCAA to

our knowledge."

Morris says that the search for Davidson's next coach is well under way.

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Freshman Bruce Elder usually started for the Wildcats this year. Next year, however, he may be suiting up for Vanderbilt. See page 10 for a complete interview. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

### Condom controversy continues

## Panel reviews condom pros, cons

By HEATH HARDAGE

The saga of the condom controversy continued last week as a panel of students, faculty and an alumnus debated the pros and cons of making condoms directly available to students.

Panel members included junior Chip Cole, a hall counselor, Senior Human Resources Committee President Karla deBeck, junior Cackie Walters, who is also active in the Human Resources Committee, and junior Boyd Miller to represent student interests. Biology professor Don Kimmel, who is also involved in the Aids Action Committee, and religion professor Trent Foley were the faculty members on the panel. Tom Jennings, Director of Residence Life, Cindy Eaton, nurse practitioner from the College Infirmary and alumnus Bob Murphy ('67) comprised the remainder

of the board. Freshman Julianna Lindsey served as the debate's coordinator and moderator.

The discussion began with each panel member giving his or her opinion on the issue before opening the floor to general debate. Jennings stated that the College is facing two main questions: "How much responsibility should the College assume?" and "What is the best way for the College to impact behavior to reduce the risk?"

Jennings and Cole noted that college freshmen take the most sexual chance. "Most of the younger students here are most at risk," said Jennings.

"[Statistically] freshmen do engage in the most promiscuous activity on campus," Cole said. "Davidson College has a responsibility to its students to make condoms more accessible."

Kimmel cited recent Doonesbury cartoons to illustrate

his opinion. According to Kimmel, Doonesbury's message in his strip is, "Deal with it [AIDS]."

"I think condoms should be freely and easily available," said Kimmel. He questioned the controversy surrounding the condom issue. "The big moral decision is whether to have intimate relationships," he said, rather than whether or not to have condoms.

DeBeck concurred with this opinion. "Premarital sex will occur," she said. "It's not a moral issue, it's a health issue."

Foley attacked the argument against having direct access to condoms because it would encourage promiscuity as "at best, theologically unsound; at worst, callous and inhuman." He

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## Students held at gunpoint at dinner

By MARGARET CARROLL

Junior Boyd Miller and sophomore Helen Bell were involved in a hold-up at a Chinese restaurant in Charlotte last Friday evening. The robbery they witnessed at the Dragon Inn on Independence Blvd. is believed to be one in a series of five

robberies of Chinese restaurants in the Charlotte area during the past year.

Miller and Bell entered the restaurant around 10:30 p.m. and sat down at a booth. There were only two couples in the

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