

# More Sports

## X-country Shoots for Title

The Science and Math cross country teams are shooting for 69 according to first year head coach Kevin Cromwell. When questioned as to the meaning of the strange comment, he responded by referring to the fact that the number of days from the first meet until State Championships is exactly 69. Cromwell stated, "If the team keeps the same enthusiasm, State Championships are definitely within our reach."

"There are a large number of guys back from last year's team," observed Cromwell. Returning this year are co-captains Mark Cunningham and Brian Kalamajka, as well as all conference runner Stephen Williard. Also returning are Joe Dobner, and Albert Monroe. An infusion of new talent was added by juniors Lee Gause, Craig Hart, and first year senior Jason Cade. Also, Warren Roos, who spent most of last year in a cast with a broken ankle, returns to add increased strength.

Cromwell also said that the toughest test of the season would be, "[H]aving the group come together as a team; the talent is there." Other possible problems could be battling injuries and keeping morale high. Once the rigors of academic life become apparent, it is hard to hold the athletes' interest. Cromwell's comments referred to last year's team which was deep in talent, but was riddled with injuries. "Right now we have a great team, but if we lose two people..."

Team captains Cunningham and Kalamajka are excited about the potential of this year's squad.

The season holds a great deal of promise for the women's team as well. With returning seniors Kim Shankle, as captain, Crystal Ward, and Rebecca Williams, this team is also looking towards the postseason competitions. This year's juniors, Maia Carter, Malinda Todd, and Challe Woosley, have provided needed depth. Maia has provided an extra punch to the team due to her impressive finish in the AAA state track mile last year.

Since the Science and Math women's team is the only women's cross country team in the conference, the only competitive meets before states are city-county and the Hagenstone invitational in Greensboro.

-- Brian Kalamajka & Stephen Williard

## Notes From the Locker Room

This article is written with the average S&M-sports fan in mind. Throughout the year, it will try to keep you informed on all of the major happenings in the world of sports that you might otherwise miss. Here it goes:

--Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics announced that he has retired. Bird, who for a generation of fans, defined the Boston Celtics, retired due to age and a back injury that has plagued him for several years. His presence on the court will be truly missed, and Boston will be hard-pressed to replace his leadership.

--Deion Sanders returned to football in time to play against the world champion Washington Redskins. Sanders returned to his pro baseball career in time to join the Atlanta Braves for post season play. One of the stand-offs of the post-season was between Braves management and Sanders.

It seems that Sanders made a verbal agreement to play exclusively with the Braves during the play-offs, and then decided to play in a game with the Falcons and play with the Braves on the same day. Atlanta management was displeased and Sanders did not play in the baseball game after his football excursion.

--Last year's Heisman trophy winner, Desmond Howard, scored his first NFL touchdown against the Atlanta Falcons on a punt return. Not to be upstaged, Deion Sanders returned the ensuing kickoff 100 yards for his first touchdown of the season.

--Fay Vincent resigned as commissioner of baseball. Vincent stepped down under pressure from the owners, who bridled under his attempts to broaden the commissioner's powers.

--The most notable event of the fall, was the appearance of the Toronto Blue Jays in their first ever World Series. The Blue Jays advanced by defeating the Oakland A's in 6 games. They defeated the Atlanta Braves, who had staged a remarkable 9th inning comeback against Pittsburgh in game 7 of the NLCS, in 6 well played games.

--Another noteworthy retirement was that of Magic Johnson (again). Johnson said, after being cut in a preseason game, that he didn't want to deal with the fear he saw in other peoples faces after the cut. He said that it wasn't worth it and that he couldn't concentrate on his game. It appears that this time, it's final.

--Brian Kala-

## To Update on Recent Events...

As editor, I know that things can very easily become out-of-date. So the purpose of this section is to update the sports articles as much as possible so that everything doesn't get too boring.

The Science and Math cross country team has so far followed through on their pre-season promise. At regionals, the men's team won with a resounding 30 point margin over the second place team. The team placed three runners in the top ten in the region: seniors Mark Cunningham (2) and Stephen Williard (5), and junior Lee Gause (7).

The women's team was impressive as well, capturing the runner-up slot with two runners in the top ten. Junior Maia Carter paced the region and senior Crystal Ward was 7th.

The men's soccer team begins its state playoffs against the team that eliminated them last year, LeJeune. With twelve seniors on the team, it should be an intense team that begins the playoffs.

Well, here are more updates. The soccer team won its first playoff game by the score of 2-1. Science and Math, despite the close score, was in control for most of the game. The team, at press date, was still active in the playoffs.

The cross-country team finished the season with their state meet in Charlotte. The men's team finished 3rd overall, just 11 points behind Swain and Surry Central. The Science and Math women's team finished 6th in the state with Maia Carter making the all state team with a second place finish. Mark Cunningham and Crystal Ward both finished just off the all state team with 8th place finishes.

-- Stephen Williard

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Thanks to all who were patient with us for this issue. We apologize for the time it took, and we hope to be more frequent in the future!

-- The editors