

## BENCH TALK

The 1969-70 sports year is nearly history at St. Andrews and all things considered it has been a successful campaign for Knight athletics.

The long year started on those warm afternoons in September and the name of the game was soccer. Yank and company had graduated leaving many positions vacant for new faces to fill as well as a national ranking to uphold. These new faces quickly found themselves, particularly Don Cooper, Dann Griffith, Steve Brown, and John Rhoderick, and the boosters performed well throughout the season compiling a 9-2 record. Only a tremendous Campbell College soccer team and the lack of a hard shooting, high scoring forward prevented the Knights from maintaining their national ranking. Next season the boosters will have experienced personnel at every position and if Coach Rufus Hackney can find a front line high scorer over the summer to complement his already strong defensive limit, then a trip to the Nationals in November is likely.

After the conclusion of soccer season the action moved indoors to the familiar Harris Court setting. The Knight Hoopsters, under Coach Spencer Boyd, got off to a poor start mainly because practice sessions were held in the tiny auxiliary gym, while the Harris Courts received a much-needed new surface. Veteran guards Gary Gredlein and John Turner joined forward Craig Hannas in leading the Knights early season attack. Then Raleigh senior Brent Rhue regained top form after joining the

team belatedly and by early February the Hoopsters jelled as a unit. The Knights won the regular season conference title with an 11-3 record. After a let-down loss to a fired up home court advantage holding Lynchburg five in the conference tourney, the Knights finished with a fine 17-9 slate. Hannas, Gredlein, and rising junior Gary Linn will form the nucleus of next year's roundball team which will definitely need a capable big man to help Hannas, on the boards and perhaps a sharp shooting guard from the new freshmen crop.

From the hardwoods it was on to the diamond and Coach Gerald Griffin hoped to better his team's school record breaking mark of last year. A freshman named Erwin and a transfer named Mehrling joined last year's lettermen, and the baseball team turned a hope into reality with a strong 13-9 record including yesterday's fine 4-0 victory over Campbell. Senior hurler Kemp Gregory shut-out the Camels on a masterful four-hitter and helped his own cause with two hits including a homerun. Gregory finished the season with four victories to his credit as did hurler freshman Riley Erwin. Steve Litchford won three games and lefty Mark Kleber added two more for the team total of thirteen. Irv Northam, Ken Mehrling, John Everett and Wayne Wise led the Knights offensive attack, as the team batting average improved some seventy points over last year's mark. The Knights lose Gregory and Everett to graduation but veterans will return to fill all the other positions on next year's squad.

## Co-Champs

The St. Andrews tennis team is now the 1970 co-champion of the DIAC and has been able to bring the coveted trophy back to S.A. - for one semester.

Last Saturday showed S.A.'s great depth as they placed 8 people in the finals out of 9 positions. The netters were able to win only one championship, however, that being the 3rd doubles team of Richie Robinson and senior Rod Moore. But this was enough to give S.A. a part of the conference title with Lynchburg holding the other half.

St. Andrews ended the regular season with a 7-8 record overall but were 6-1 in the conference. The championship was the first one in two years for S.A. and it was a hard-fought battle in probably the closest conference tournament ever.

S.A. will be the host team in the NAIA tournament this weekend. Another hard battle is expected between Harry Kraly and "Neck" Hill from Methodist. It should be an interesting tournament and will end the 1970 tennis season for St. Andrews.

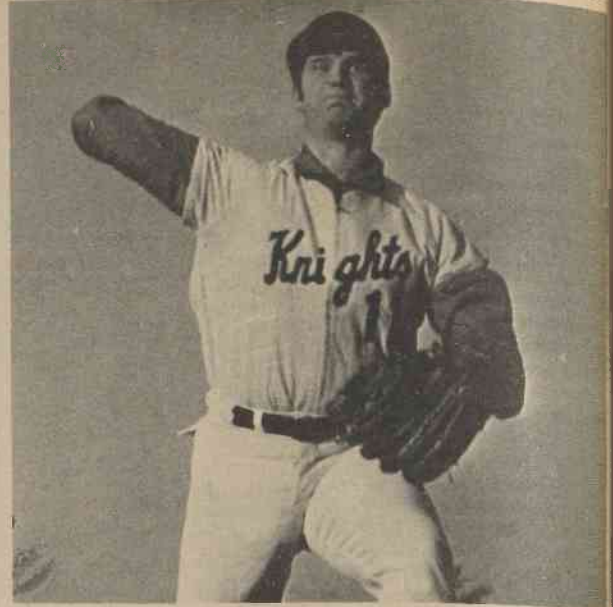
## Track Team Takes Second In DIAC Meet

BY GAIL MOORE

This past Monday the St. Andrews' track team terminated a rewarding though not particularly successful season by taking second place behind Lynchburg in the conference meet. The team's won-lost record was 2-3, with victories over Sandhills Community College and College of Charleston.

This year was the first time in two years St. Andrews has had a track team. Last year an insufficient number of boys came out to warrant financing a team. This year it was a certainty that a team would represent S.A. With a capable and willing group of freshman and the determination of those Sophomores who still remained discontented over the events of the previous year a track team for our school was assured.

The team was coached by Spencer Boyd. The freshman members of the team were: Mike Asbill, a standout sprinter who had to retire after mid-season because he was running on a broken leg; Tony James, a talented prep school star who long jumped, triple jumped, and ran in the relays; George Getty, an 880 and relay man; Fritz Joh, who also ran the half-mile run; Mac Johnson, pole vaulter and high hurdle man who only found himself in the conference meet; John La Guardia, the muscle man of the team, threw the shot, discuss, and javelin; and Ron Hayden who virtually did everything, high jumped, broad jumped, long jumped, ran sprints, hurdles, and relays, an all-around track man. The veterans from last year were: Larry Harding, a cross-country man who ran the half-mile and three-mile; Jack Richmond, another prep school standout who ran the high and intermediate hurdles, and the relay; Ed Anderson, the sprint and relay star, a dedicated runner; and Gail Moore, pole-vaulter,



SENIOR HURLER KEMP GREGORY finished his SA career with a brilliant four-hit shutout over Campbell yesterday.

half-miler and miler. The last member of the team is Phil Chaney, a junior transfer who could easily run all day. He competed in the mile and three mile events.

In the conference meet Monday there were only seven St. Andrews trackmen to participate.

Tony James took places in the long jump, triple jump, shot put, and was on our second place relay team. Ron Hayden placed in the long jump, triple jump, hundred yard dash, intermediate hurdles and was al-

so on the 440 relay team. Mac Johnson placed in the high jump, discuss, javelin, half-mile, and intermediate hurdles. Jack Richmond took ribbons in the high hurdles, intermediate hurdles, and was on the 440 relay team. Ed Anderson placed in the 440 yard dash and the half-mile and the mile and Phil Chaney took seconds in both the mile and the three mile.

Records were set this year in the 440 relay, the three-mile run, the shot put, the discuss and the 440 intermediate hurdles.

## Boyd, Jones 1, 2 In DIAC

Joe Boyd and Mac Jones finished one and two respectively in the Dixie Conference last weekend but the team could only manage a disappointing third behind Wesleyan and Lynchburg.

Boyd birdied the 3rd hole of a sudden death playoff to beat Jones as they tied at 145 (one over par) after the regulation 36 holes.

The team now stands at 10-9 with today's UNC-Wilmington match ending the season.

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