

## Track Places Second

The St. Andrews track and field squad got off to a flying start last Saturday in placing second in the St. Andrews Invitational Track meet. SA, along with Francis Marion College, Atlantic Christian College, and Methodist College, rounded out the four team field. Francis Marion's Dean and Stafford took 6 of a possible 15 first place finishes in leading their team to victory. Their efforts accounted for over 40 of their teams 100 points. SA did extremely well and received points in every event except three. Senior Jim Thwaite led the Knights as he dominated the field events, taking a first in the shot put with a heave of 41 feet 1 1/2 inches, and finishing second in both the discus and the javelin. Mike Jones, a four year man and school record holder in the triple jump, placed second in that event and took a fourth in the javelin, giving him the second highest point total on the squad.

Most impressive in competition for St. Andrews were Don Rookard and Lin Potts. Rookard was beaten by a split second in the 120 high hurdles and missed setting a school record by five tenths of a second. Potts, on the other hand, turned in an excellent time in the 440 yard dash, placing second with a time of 56.4 seconds. "These two performers should set new school records by the end of the season," says coach Floyd Blackwell.

Two other strong performances were turned in by veteran track stars Jacob Houge and Bob Pelon. Pelon finished second in the mile run behind Stafford, while Houge placed second in the 880 yard run with a time of 2:05.5, again just seconds off the school record.

Two surprise performances were turned in by Hampton Peele and Butch Keller. Peele, who has been hampered by health problems which have cut down tremendously on his training, placed third in the pole vault and fourth in the discus. Keller, on the other hand placed third in the discus, having no previous training in the event. According to team members, "he just stood there and threw it." With some practice and

some training in style, Keller should become the team's top discus man. The Knights also took a first in the one mile relay and a second in the 440 yard relay on the strength of team sprinters Jake Jacobs and Bill Owens.

Coach Blackwell was overwhelmed by his team's performance. "I have never seen team morale and enthusiasm as high as it was Saturday" explained the coach. "I am very optimistic about this season and feel we have a realistic chance of taking the conference title away from Lynchburg." On a five points for first place, three points for

second, two points for third and one point for fourth place basis, the Knights scored 50 team points. Their closest opposition was Atlantic Christian College with 27 team points.

The team record is now two wins and one loss on the year and they hope to improve their record this weekend in another four team event which may take place at St. Andrews because the Francis Marion track is not yet completed. If this is the case, the Knights will compete Saturday on their home track. The track and field squad is off to a fast start and hopefully they will continue their winning ways.

## Baseball Team Outscored 25-2

The SA Knights had their hands full on Thursday March 4th as they played host to the Sea Gulls of Salisbury State. The Sea Gulls scored two runs in the first inning and were never challenged after that. They increased their lead to 7-0 in the second, 9-1 in the fourth, 10-1 in the fifth, 15-2 in the seventh, 23-2 in the eighth, and 25-2 in the final inning. The Knights first run came in the bottom of the fourth when Bowman hit a long double to left center and scored on a base hit by Rookard. The Knights other run was scored in the bottom of the seventh when Sawyer walked, stole second and scored on Bland's single to left center.

The Knights collected seven hits but were also victims of the strikeout route going down fifteen times. Another problem was that they committed eight errors. The Knights will have to improve their hitting and defense if they are to play in closer games.

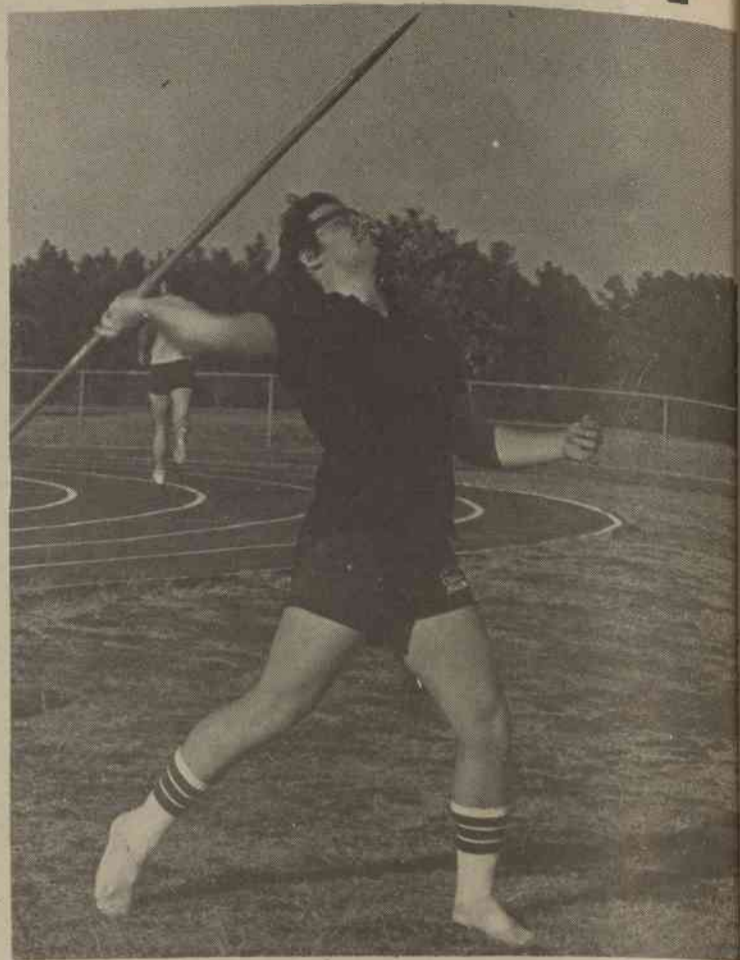
On Friday March 5th the Knights proved that they came to play ball with Salisbury. After spotting the Sea Gulls 4 runs in the first two innings the Knights went to work in the bottom of the second. Thwaite was hit by a pitch, Rookard walked, and Stoecker was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Horne then hit into a double play scoring Thwaite from third. Keller then bounced out to the pitcher

to end the inning. In the bottom of the third the Knights began to work again. Dosal lead off by striking out, Sawyer and Bland walked and Bowman hit a shot to right field that scored Sawyer and Bland. Thwaite wasted no time in smacking a base hit that scored Bowman and tying up the game at 4-1 all.

Rookard followed with a fly out to center and then with two out Stoecker hit a double to left center that scored Thwaite and pushed the Knights ahead for the first time 5-4. The Knights still were threatening as Horne walked but the inning ended as Keller flied out to left.

In the top of the fourth the Sea Gulls came back with four runs and the lead 8-5. The Knights got their last run in the fifth as Bowman hit a home run to left center making the score 8-6. The Sea Gulls added two more runs in the sixth making the final score 10-6.

The Knights were plagued again with too many errors and strikeouts. In these two games the Knights play in the field improved vastly. The hitting has started to come around and the pitching has been steady. This week's games are: Wednesday March 10th at home against Francis Marion 3 p.m., Saturday March 13th at home against Virginia Wesleyan 1 p.m., Wednesday March 17th at Coker. Thursday March 18th Pembroke here 3 p.m.



JIMMY THWAITE practices his javelin toss before last week's track meet. (Photo by Lisa Wallman.)

## Tennis Team Has Mixed Results

This past weekend, SA's tennis team met with six other teams to participate in Campbell College's Annual Invitational Tennis Tournament. Of these teams five were from the DIAC conference; Atlantic Christian College and Salisbury State College are scholarship schools.

The tournament draw was done in the following manner: All number one seeded players from each team played in the same bracket as did all number two players and so on. Doubles combinations were done on the same basis. This system was established in order to keep the competition fair and to keep obvious miss-matches from occurring, (the number 1 player from one team from playing the number 6 man from another team). Play

began Friday morning at eight with Tom Ager dropping his match to Campbell's number one seed, 4-6, 1-6. Faison Hester lost by the score of 2-6, 2-6, while Kim Johnson dropped his match 2-6, 1-6.

After his poor morning showing, the Knights' first doubles team, Ager and Johnson, defeated UNC-Wilmington 6-7, 6-2, 1-0 default. for SA's only win of the day.

As was the case last year, the tournament was cancelled on account of rain Saturday morning, eliminating the consolation rounds to determine third and fourth place finishers. The team as a whole fared well against stiff competition but more importantly game the young Knights good experience for the regular season which starts this weekend.

## Golf Team Takes Second

The golf season officially opened for St. Andrews this past Friday, March 5th at Scotch Meadows Country Club in Laurinburg. The Knights made a fine showing in their four team match defeating Christopher Newport and Averett College, while losing to a far superior Francis Marion club.

The low score of the day was registered by Jim Musante, a freshman who shot a 79. Bob Pelon followed with an 82 while Jim Chapin scored an 85 and Ben Horsfall finished with an 86.

On Sunday, the linkers journeyed to Charlotte, where they participated in the sixteen team North Carolina Invitational Tournament. In Monday's opening surprising David Niblock led the Knights with an excellent 80. Chapin was close behind with an 83.

Horsfall and Mark Weithendorf both shot 86's while both Musante and Pelon were 90 and above. Poor playing conditions hampered all players in the second round on Tuesday. Chapin appeared to be least affected by the poor weather and shot an 81 for a two day total of 164. How the rest of the teams scored soared. Niblock finished second with an 89 while the rest of the team was over 90. The Knights finished 13th but it should be noted that the competition in the tournament was very intense with some of the finest golfers in North Carolina competing.

Presently, the Knights record stands at two wins and one loss. Their next match is scheduled for Friday, March 11th against Methodist, Greensboro College and Atlantic Christian College.

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