

Baseball Prospects Good

"This is very much a plus year for St. Andrews baseball," says Dr. Julian Smith, head baseball coach and also athletic director.

The Knights have already posted a 10-13 record, with at least two games remaining, and possibly one more—Tuesday's rained out game with Gardner-Webb College, which Smith is trying to reschedule.

If they could play and win all three, St. Andrews would post its first non-losing season since 1971 when they had a 13-12 record. And since instituting the sport in the spring of the college's first year the Knights have had only two winning seasons. In 1970 they were 13-9.

Smith came to St. Andrews in 1972, and "we really only had three baseball players," he says. Every season was a struggle because of lack of talent, and in 1975 when the record stood at 0-8—and St. Andrews had scored a total of seven runs while the opposition was averaging 13 runs a game, they called the rest of the season off. A double header with Methodist with scores of 20-0 and 19-1 were the crowning blows.

Traditional opponents said they would wait for a decision in the fall before tightening up their schedules, and Smith says when John Barber, Ricky Bland and Butch Keller showed up, along with others, they decided to revive the diamond sport.

That year saw an opening game defeat to Salisbury State of Maryland, 25-2, but the Knights played better ball, hitting double figures a couple of times themselves, and ended up 3-24.

Last year it was 6-16, but John Ferrell, Rick Scott, Jim Worley, Rick Gamble and Bill Downs all renewed Smith's faith, and he saw better infielding and particularly better pitching with Worley on the mound.

"And this year we opened with nine freshmen and three transfers on our roster, giving us the best collection of talent the college has probably ever known on the diamond," Smith adds.

"We are so much stronger defensively, and the pitching of Eric St. John and Eddie Dean has put new life into us. In fact, we have more pitchers than can easily be satisfied with the 29-game schedule we began the season with. All of them are clamoring for more

work.

"For the first time," says Smith, "I've got a bench that has talent, and that makes a big difference.

He adds that the hitting is 100 per cent better than last year, and that the outfield is vastly stronger defensively.

"It looks like another year we may need a catcher

(Gamble's status is a question as to when he will graduate), we need more strength at short stop and we can always use a good hard-throwing pitcher," says Smith.

Eric St. John, with a 4-3 mound mark, is the best of the pitchers now, but Worley and Dean are doing well, and Randy Odom has proven to be a very capable reliever. (The last three games have been complete games, however).

Other newcomers who have performed well include John Carrigg, designated hitter; Mike Polson, reserve short stop; Pete Lazzari, right-fielder; Keith Betts at first base; Rod Whitby in centerfield.

"With Betts and Ferrell at first and third, our infield is securely anchored, and the

move of Scott to second from short, has toughened up that area," Smith adds.

"Early this year," concludes Smith, "we were leaving too many runners stranded, but we've begun to move them well and to hit in the clutch. Scores are closer, and we have only been shut out once this season.

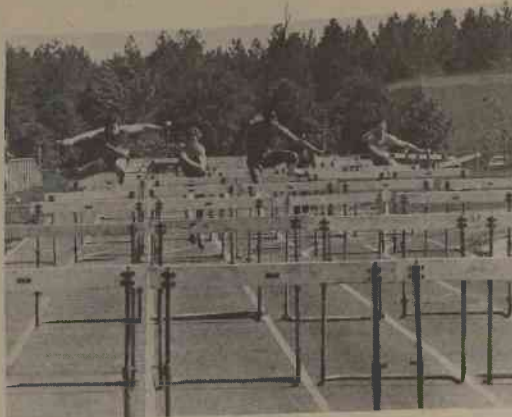
"I'm looking ahead to next confidently, and I think the players are too. Everyone is returning, unless some transfer. And I look forward to a very competitive season in 1978."

The Knights close out in their regular season Friday with a doubleheader at Rocky Mount against N.C. Wesleyan.

Julian Bond

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Bond's visit to the St. Andrews community will be tonight at Harris Courts. He will be sponsored by the Black Student Union. The banquet will begin 6:30 p.m. Tickets for both Dinner and Lecture are \$4.



St. Andrews runners gave it their best last weekend in the District meet, pulling down a second place finish. More photos and stories next week. (Photo by David Swanson).



Now these look more like solar panels, to us anyway. The display of solar technology was held yesterday in the Liberal Arts Courtyard. (Photos by David Swanson and Michael Reeve).

Governor's School

normal classroom day will be from 8:30 to 3.

Students for the school have already been selected from all over Eastern North Carolina.

St. Andrews' two summer sessions will run June 12 to July 14, and July 17 to Aug. 18.

Dr. Stephens says that some shifts in normal procedures have had to be made to accommodate the Governor's School, including some of the football practice sessions normally held in late summer.

\$1,000 Its Yours If You Can What?

Interested in sitting on a flagpole for three months? Well, here is your big chance.

World Atlantic Productions of New York City now is taking applications for the job from anyone over 18 years of age. The lucky man or woman chosen for the position will spend from May 26 to about one week after Labor Day atop a flagpole. The winner will receive \$1,000 for the feat.

"We would really like to have a female," Norman Adie of World Atlantic Productions, said. "There has never been a female flagpole sitter on record."

The Atlantic Productions venture would be a world's record if done by a female. The present world record, held by a male flagpole sitter, is 365 days.

Rest assured, you won't be sitting on an ordinary flagpole for three months. The chosen sitter will have a one-room suite 100 feet above the roof of the Boardwalk Mall in Wildwood, N.J.

The suite will be equipped with a telephone that will permit the occupant to dial friends around the world to tell them of his or her incredible adventure as well as a telephone service connecting him or her with the millions of vacationers of the beach at Wildwood. Also included will be a comfortable lounge chair, running water, electricity, radio, TV and heat if needed.

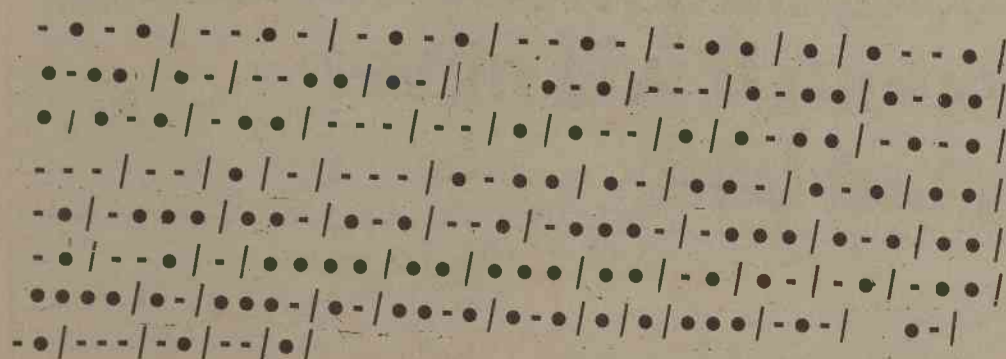
Promotional brochures boast that the sitter will have a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean while over the southern New Jersey seashore.

Why is the attempt being made? "It's actually a promotion for a new entertainment center in Boardwalk Mall," Adie said. "Also, we're doing it, because it's never been done on a boardwalk."

Adie said his company already has received hundreds of applications from people mostly between the ages of 18 and 30, but no final selection has been made.

Potential flagpole sitters can mail applications to: World Atlantic Productions, 150 East 35 Street, New York, New York 10016.

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