

Knights games

SAINT ANDREWS SPORTS



Graham arrives with enthusiasm

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Betsy Graham will be watching intently from the sidelines when the Lady Knights confront Wingate College in their season opener. The game will mark her debut as women's head basketball coach. However, her impressive athletic and coaching background should make this a very successful campaign.

The Pulaski, Virginia native received her undergraduate degree in Physical Education at Emory and Henry College, where she lettered in volleyball, basketball and softball. Shortly thereafter, Graham coached women's basketball and softball at Bluefield High School in Bluefield, Virginia with her teams compiling impressive records of 42-18 and 34-9 in the respective sports.

Prior to her arrival at St. Andrews she received her Masters Degree in Physical Education from Radford College in Radford, Virginia and served as an assistant coach for the women's basketball squad there.

Among her reasons for coming to St. Andrews were that as a small, liberal arts school it was quite comparable to Emory and Henry. Also, Coach Graham felt that the Division III player is perhaps more "coachable." She explains, "There is a different type of player on the Division Three level. Although these athletes are not motivated by scholarships, they are intrinsically motivated. In Division One, the selection of a school is usually business related. The player will attend the school which makes the best offer, although it won't necessarily be the best school for them."

Graham began competing collegiately in the midst of the woman's intercollegiate athletic movement during the early 70s' and believes that great strides have been made in woman's sports, "During the early seventies, teams like UVA (University of Virginia) Virginia Tech and Emory and Henry all competed on the same level. By the time I was a senior in college the teams spread into three

distinct categories (Division I, II, and III). Organization, financial support and fan support have all increased within the woman's intercollegiate athletic structure."

When asked about her goals as a coach, she divided them into two categories, short-term goals and long-term goals. "The transitional year is difficult for a new coach working with new players. They have to adjust to my system and I have to adjust to them. I hope to make this year as successful as possible." Commenting on her long-term goals Graham stated that she enjoyed coaching and planned to remain in it for awhile, although she wasn't sure whether or not she'd remain on the Division III level or perhaps progress to Division I.

As for any conference predictions, UNC-Greensboro and North Carolina Wesleyan are expected to be the Lady Knights most formidable opponents. However, the team has a good chance of qualifying for the NCAA Southern



Betsy Graham

Regional Tournament November 24th. The Lady Knights hold a comfortable lead as precious seconds tick away. Coach Graham pats her starters on the back as she begins shipping reserves into the lineup. She's seen what she's hoped to see.

It's Tuesday Night,

Henry and Fillmore take regionals



Kathy Henry

Laurinburg--St. Andrews Presbyterian College cross country teammates Kathy Henry and Pam Fillmore took first and second place in the South/South-east Division III Cross Country Regionals in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday, November 14.

Kathy Henry, a junior from Louisville, Kentucky ran the 5,000 meter course in 18:42 to set a new sectional and course record. "I couldn't believe it!" she said.

Fillmore, a freshman at St. Andrews ran the course in 19:52. "It wasn't expected," she said. She gives God credit for her success. "It was through his strength that I met my goal of qualifying."

Coach Floyd Blackwell was very pleased with the girls' performance. "Both girls ran well," he commented. "Coaches and officials in Nashville said they thought Kathy and Pam will have a good chance in the nationals."



Pam Fillmore