

## Fans Want More Top Twenty Match Ups

The St. Andrews basketball team qualified for a third consecutive trip to the NCAAs'. During the regular season the squad did an ample amount of traveling to such states as Florida, New York and Georgia.

However, the Knights didn't get a sampling of any competition which they would meet in the NCAA tournament. The only team which the Knights played from the Division Three Top Twenty was North Carolina Wesleyan.

Personally, I would have liked to see a matchup between the South's two top teams, St. Andrews versus Roanoke College. Also I would have liked to see Head Coach Doug Riley schedule a team from the rugged Ohio Valley Conference, the Division Three version of the Big Ten, which includes perennial power Wittenburg and last season's South Regional champion Capital.

North Carolina State Head Coach Jim Valvano perhaps had the adequate philosophy on how a team should prepare for NCAA post-season play. Valvano believes that during the regular season a team should play in three distinct environments; friendly, hostile and neutral.

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A friendly environment is an environment in which the hostility is directed towards opposing players. A hostile environment is an environment in which the hostility is directed towards you unless you're playing against the Cleveland Cavaliers and continually have to watch the scoreboard because you think you are the home team.

A neutral environment is one in which everyone from players to the team doctor are counted on to generate enough applause to fill an auditorium because the fans are confused by thinking they're in church.

More NCAA notes: The National Invitation Tournament may soon fade into obscurity especially if the NCAA Tournament is expanded to include all major colleges and universities.

This move is being talked up by the coaches who want to see an equal distribution of funds (NCAA appearance, media, etc.) to all Division One schools.

However, the college game has achieved parity with each team having an equal number of scholarships and there is enough of a change in college standings from year to year that more teams are gaining entry into the NCAA tournament.

### Post-Season Honors

Will Petersen closed a successful collegiate career by being selected to the DIAC All-Conference team again. Petersen finished the season ranked among the nation's top scorers.

Marchell Henry was selected to the DIAC Second Team, although he should have been on the first team as he averaged double figures in points and rebounds.

Chris Whittington received DIAC Honorable Mention status and against North Carolina Wesleyan he showed why he is one of the top shooters in the conference and should qualify among national leaders next year.

The Dillon sophomore connected on nine of ten shots from the floor, finished with 20 points and was named to the DIAC All-Tournament team.

As players play more they gain more maturity. The same could be said for coaches as they coach in more games. Doug Riley was named DIAC Coach of the Year as the Knights achieved an unprecedented third straight regular season and tournament championship.

The ironic and intricate element of this achievement in that they did it on the runners-up homecourts for three straight years.

On the women's side, Eva Pittman gained All Conference First Team honors and lead the resurgence of the Lady Knights who finished 14-11.

Elaine Kelly, the slick ballhandling guard, received Honorable Mention ranking and showed maturity as the season progressed.



The Knights in action....

## Knights Conclude A Successful Season editorial

By JAY GATZ

Listening to radio coverage of the St. Andrews-LeMoyné Owen championship contest in the NCAA Southern Regional was an agonizing experience, because I wasn't able to taunt the officials or extort the Knights in presence.

The outcome, a 90-88 overtime loss, left St. Andrews players and fans deprived of the National Title for another season and the "what if" syndrome occurred as a means to try to forget the bitter loss.

What if Marchell Henry hadn't been injured? What if the Southern Regional had been held in Laurinburg? What if sharpshooting reserve Craig Brehon had been available to add outside scoring punch?

Despite the loss Head Coach Doug Riley and his players must be credited with

their fine performance under such adverse conditions. First, by defeating the host team in the opening round and secondly, by not being totally intimidated by the much taller LeMoyné-Owen team.

Will Petersen proved again why he was All-Everything in Division Three basketball. The senior guard scored 39 points in the championship contest and 28 in the opening game and couldn't be denied his place as the Tourment's Most Valuable Player.

For his efforts, Petersen should be named First Team All-American and it will be interesting to see which NBA squad drafts him. It will also be interesting to see him give the United States' guards fits during the Pan Am games this summer.

J.R. Sutton, described by Head Coach Doug Riley as the "glue" of the team was

selected to the All Tournament Team for the second consecutive year. The versatile guard is often overlooked by the media and the fans, but he is very explosive offensively and will surface as the team leader next season.

The Knights will be a good team despite the graduation loss of Petersen. Riley has a knack of recruiting talented personnel. Also, the individuals remaining for the 1983-84 season have been instilled with a winning tradition on the collegiate level (77-14 the past three seasons) and the NCAA Tournament appearances have made them that much tougher.

Next season, the Knights should again be ranked in the pre-season Top Five and should be odds-on-favorite to win a fourth consecutive Dixie crown.



....in the NCAA South Regional Tournament

## Intramural Activities Announced

By RICK HANNA

Participation in intramural sports allows the students to go out and have some fun while exercising at the same time, as studying can make a person truly yearn for some type of escape for their frustrations.

The intramural season at St. Andrews is gearing up to give students that needed escape. The intramural ping pong tournament was won

by Andre Webb who defeated Al Gibbs in four games.

Basketball is slated to start during the second week in March. This year the men's A and B leagues will be merged and there will also be a women's open league. Games will be played every Tuesday and Thursday night.

A one day bowling tournament is also scheduled for March. Four member teams

will compete against one another for the crown.

After the courts cool from the basketball competition, volleyball will come to Harris

Courts. Volleyball competition is coed and scheduled for April.

So if you're seeking a much deserved break from the rigors of academia be sure and check the intramural schedule.