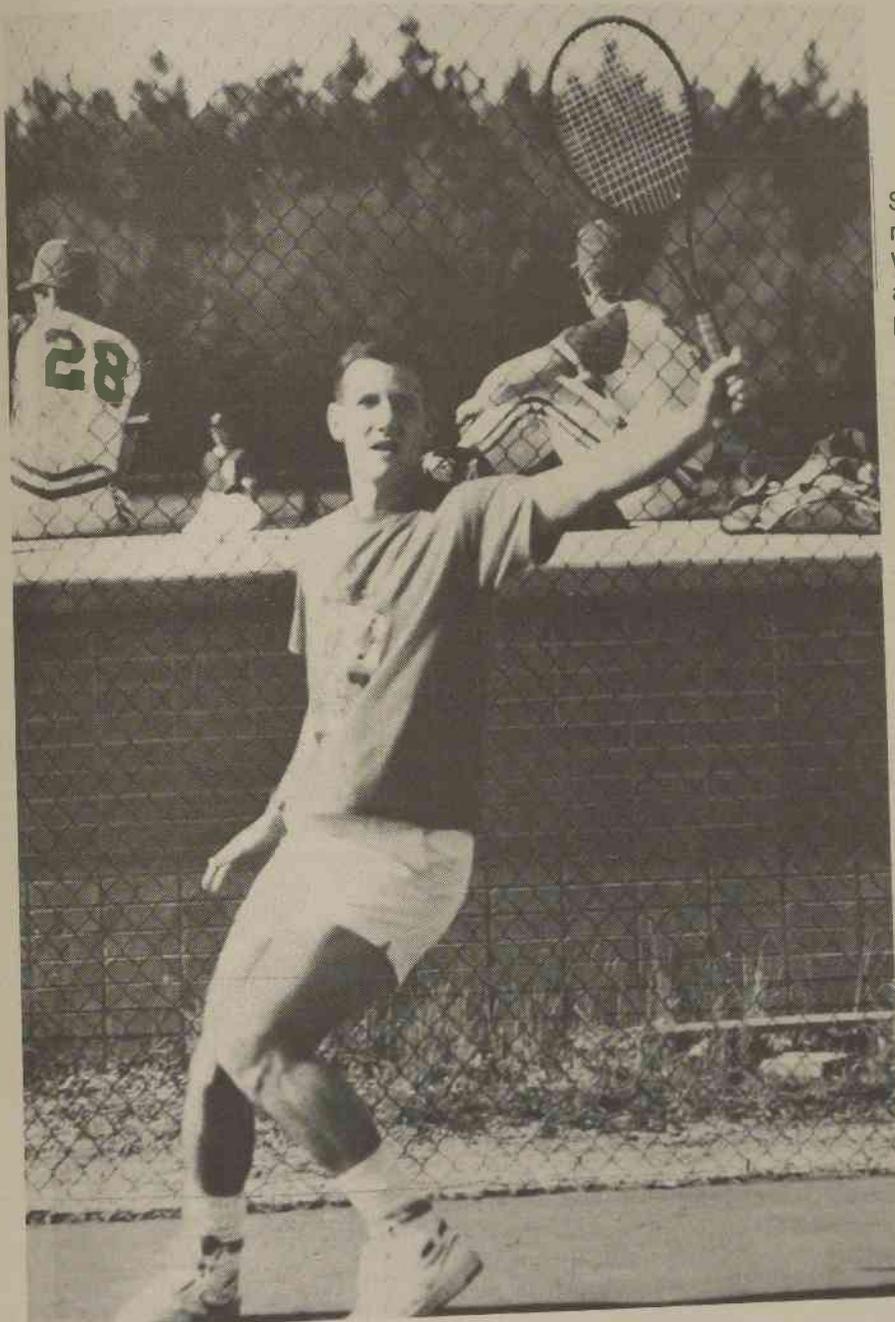


# Sports

## Alumnus Becomes Men's Tennis Coach



David Saltman and the men's tennis team play at Catawba on Saturday.

Michael Roberts

Bob Bierbaum, a 1981 graduate of St. Andrews, has been named as the new coach of the men's tennis team. While at St. Andrews, Bierbaum was a second team All-Conference soccer player.

"The best part about coaching a college tennis team is that it's fun. It's great to be around people who take the game seriously and enjoy playing it," said Bierbaum. Bierbaum has recently coached soccer and tennis at Scotland County High School. He coached the boys' soccer team for six seasons, and the boys' tennis team for two seasons. During his second year of coaching tennis, Bierbaum led the Scots to an undefeated season and a Regional Championship. He is currently on the Executive Board of the Scotland County Tennis Association, and works with organizing tournaments. "I got involved with tennis only three or four years ago," he said, "as a result of a knee injury. But now I'm concerned with getting my family and the community involved in the sport."

The difference between coaching high school and coaching at the college level is the level of maturity of the players," said Bierbaum. "The players are all hard-working and positive, whereas high school coaching was more like baby-sitting," he said. He added that the worse part so far has been the challenge of ordering for the team and scheduling. Bierbaum admits that taking over the reins of a team that includes an All-American was somewhat intimidating.

"Greg (Dorsey) knows much better than I do what is good for him, and what his strengths and weaknesses are. He has a very good work ethic, and is a positive influence and role model for the other players," he said.

Although he is officially the coach of the Lady Knights also, the coaching responsibilities have been assumed by Dawn Langley. Bierbaum stated that he thought of Langley as a great coach and a great motivator. He also added that one has to admire her "positive quality." Bierbaum also stated that his official position as coach of the Lady Knights was only temporary. "The girls were in a spot,

and Dawn decided to accept the challenge. I know she'll do a good job," he said.

When asked what his goals were for the upcoming season, Bierbaum commented, "Tennis is much more than just your won-loss record. My goal is to motivate the players to play their best tennis and to always give it their best shot. I want to learn more about the game personally, and to learn how to motivate these players to get the best of themselves." He also added that he wants to work hard to continue the tradition of success left to him by former coach Drew Sledge, and commented that Sledge had done an outstanding job.

Bierbaum is a seventh grade English teacher. He is married, has a nine-month-old daughter, and is expecting another child in July. "I had to have a doubles team!" he laughed.

## IHSA Horseshow at Singingwood Farm

Pam Whitfield

St. Andrews College is hosting a horseshow on Friday, February 24. The competitors are intercollegiate teams from IHSA Region IV, which includes schools from the North Carolina and Virginia area.

The Riding Council is organizing and conducting the show with the aid of the entire equestrian program. The show includes riding and jumping classes and will be held from approximately 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Andrews plans to have as many

as 15 riders in the competition.

To get to Singingwood Farm, take the road toward McColl (401/501). Make a left onto McLoed Road (it forks at the Texaco) and stay on it through the intersection at Barnes Bridge. The farm is one mile past the stop sign on the right and will be well marked. The Council needs volunteers to hold horses and the team needs support. So come out for the hour or the day and cheer on the Knights.

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