

From the Sports Editor

By Jason Kernan King

Dr. Bushhoven, I'd like to thank you for defending the baseball team against an ill-willed, misspelled and unsigned quote that most members of the S.A. community have seen so sloppily painted on the causewalk wall. Members of the St. Andrews Baseball team are some of my finest friends and as many students and faculty would agree that they are fine individuals.

I would like to point out the S.A. baseball team's complete dedication to their sport. Not many college baseball teams in the country are responsible for their field's maintenance. S.A. baseball players are responsible for field maintenance, however. They rake, water, paint and roll the field following every practice or game, jobs for which major universities hire a grounds crew.

The basketball teams don't have to wash and wax the floor after a game or practice, and the soccer teams don't have to mow the lawn after practice, but the baseball team does have to maintain its own field. I must stress that they don't complain about having this job -- they consider it a part of their daily ritual.

Another note worthy of mention is the fact that the baseball players were not threatened by this brutal quote. Nor did they feel the need to be defended. However, after reading your reply to the gutless act, they asked me to thank you fondly, Dr. Bushhoven, in my editorial.

I'll say that what I have witnessed in my two years at St. Andrews is that past misconceptions of the baseball team have usually come from individuals not capable of interacting with any group of S.A. students. The jibe featured on the wall was most likely an act of jealousy, doubt me if you will, but no one

signed the quote. If this person knows so much about the baseball team, he or she would know that the baseball team doesn't retaliate with violence. [School policy sees to it anyway!]

To the heartless person who wrote an unsigned letter to the editor regarding the baseball team as players who happen to be students, you have offended me. If I had insulted your friends I could understand you insulting mine. However, I don't even know who you are! Your letter is misleading and without facts!

My suite in the Winston-Salem dorm has only one athlete, my roommate, and he doesn't play baseball. There is not one suite completely dominated by athletes in the entire dorm, hence defeating the "First ever athletic dorm" theory.

Baseball players and all athletes at S.A. work as hard, if not harder, academically, as the non-athletic on this campus. They balance their time between daily work-outs, games, practices, and studies. Remember that everyone receives the same education at S.A. and that we were all accepted to the same learning institution.

Baseball players are not the outsiders, cowardly writers are. I would have at least expected a *nom de plume*; let me help you... how about... spineless chicken.

Before I make my closing statement, I will tip my hat to Dr. Bushhoven. Clearly your voice is listened to and appreciated.

I will make an exception by signing my name without abbreviations to invite full criticism of my work. The cartoon character Dennis the Menace once said, "Never hold a grudge!... Just belt 'em and forget it!"

Well, to the anonymous writers of the causewalk wall quote and to the writer of the letter to the editor regarding baseball players, this is your "belt!"



Second Year in a Row - Tripp Whitener will be traveling to the national cross country meet for the second year in a row. The national meet is scheduled to be held in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Nov. 17. (File Photo)

Whitener Qualifies for Nationals

By David Malcolm
Sports Information Director

Pembroke State University's men's cross country team emerged as conference and district champion and PSU's Dedoria Jefferson was the top women's runner at Saturday's 1990 Carolinas Conference/NAIA District 26 cross country meet at St. Andrews. Tripp Culbreth, Vinnie Livingston, Bill Gray and Michael Day finished second, third, sixth and seventh respectively for PSU while Chris Ellis was 25th. Culbreth, Livingston, Gray and Day made the all-conference and all-district teams by virtue of being among the top seven finishers in the men's 8,000 meter race.

With defending women's conference and district champion Becky Loffert of St. Andrews sidelined with stress fractures in both legs, Jefferson was able to post a comfortable 13-second victory. Jefferson, a graduate of West Robeson High School in Pembroke, also gained all-conference and all-district honors and qualified to run in the NAIA national cross

country meet at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Nov. 17. Pembroke's men's team also qualified for a trip to the national meet.

Jefferson's time of 19:47 over the women's 5,000-meter course bettered her previous best time this season by 52.9 seconds and is the best time posted by a women's district runner this season.

Jefferson and men's winner John High received the district's Best Performer Plaque.

Belmont Abbey was the women's team champion in the conference. Lenoir-Rhyne was the women's district champion.

PSU Coach Larry Rodgers was named men's district coach of the year on a vote by the district coaches. That same honor went to Lenoir-Rhyne's Ed Clark for the women.

Rob Murray of Pfeiffer College

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Men's Soccer Defeated in First Round

By J.K. King
Sports Editor

Following an unsuccessful first half the men's soccer team transformed a sour 2-7 record into a respectable 8-9-1 final record. Senior Darren Sinopoli commented, "We went 6-2-1 in the second half of the season. I guess it just took us a while to get our act together!"

The Knights played in the first round of the Conference Tournament this past Thursday and were unfortunately eliminated by Barton College 2-0. The score does not even begin to tell the story of this game; or "war" as it had been called. In a torrential downpour in barely 40 degree weather

the Knights battled to stay alive. Bodies were slipping, sliding, and crashing around in a gigantic puddle once known as the S.A. soccer field.

Goalie Travis Loseke had an outstanding performance in conditions that were clearly unfit to be played in. After a ten minute rain delay, when the rain finally let up enough to see, the play reconvened.

SA battled like the knights they are. However, with no mercy, the game clock had run out of time.

Alan Johnson and Ian Pena were honored for their efforts through the season by being named to the All

Conference team. I asked Alan how he felt about his accomplishment. "I thought I played a very consistent season and I was excited and honored to be named to the All Conference team."

The season was filled with notable performances by Tommy Hawthorne "the Third" and Ray "Little Miss" Moffett. Congratulations and farewell to seniors Jon "Hobbitt" Holloway, Darren "Sweet Daddy of Love" Sinopoli, Chris "Crisco" Koscho on their final season at St. Andrews. Their leadership, talent and positive attitudes will be missed.



Going for the Score - The Milwaukee's Best prevailed this past weekend of intramural football. (Photo by Jane Karpenske)

Football is Underway

By Abe VanWingerden
Contributing

Week two of the Mens Intramural Football League kicked off last Sunday amongst a brewing feud between defending champions Milwaukee's Best and the much improved Chicken Hawks, captained by Chris Bachman. The preceding week was filled with taunts and accusations by certain members of the Chicken Hawks in reference to the vacated QB position from last year Milwaukee's Best's team. These remarks by Jason King were posted on the lockers of the Milwaukee's Best's players to get them pumped up for the game.

The game turned out to be less exciting than was expected due to the

passing of Scott "Canon" Gregory. Jon "Hobbitt" Holloway and Abe "Exchange" VanWingerden each caught two touchdown passes apiece, and Anton "Crazy Legs" Whiley and Travis "Condo" Loseke scored one touchdown apiece. The Chicken Hawks were unable to establish a consistent offense but vowed to return to their winning ways next week after this 36-0 loss.

In other games, the Throb Squad, led by the expert organization of Holton Siegling, proceeded to disable Jerry's Kids by a score of 24-2. In a battle of the "Mobs" game, Corbetti

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Tennis Tournament Successful

By J.K. King
Sports Editor

Four of St. Andrews' finest tennis stars, William "Ice" Carter, Eric "Blaze" Digons, Chad Esposito and Ken West competed in the Laurinburg Fall Fling tournament on Oct. 26-28.

In singles competition, Chad and Eric traveled only as far as the quarter-finals, while Ken reached the semi-final match. Although these three players were not fortunate enough to reach the finals, William Carter dominated his match using a serve recently clocked at 142 miles per hour.

Not only did Carter come home with the singles championship, but he teamed up with Eric Digons to take the doubles championship. Both "Ice" and "Blaze" agreed that each stayed cool under fire, yet provided powerful flames to singe their opponents.

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