

## Football

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Andrews" material. "In so far as improving enrollment is the motivation for it (starting a team), it is not fair to assume that an athlete lacks intelligence. If we make those assumptions, we are guilty of stereotyping. I do not know that stereotyping is any more in the spirit of the college than a football team. At the same time, I am against recruiting people to be athletes and bodies who are not going to contribute to the St. Andrews community."

Senior Bill Cox feels that a short term answer to the enrollment problem may not be the best answer. "Trying to start a football team is a quick fix to the enrollment problem and I do not think that quick fixes ever solve anything. We need to explore other options that offer more permanent solutions to meet our needs," he said.

The faculty and administration seem to be somewhat divided on the issue. Dean Greer opposed the idea and expressed a need for more facts. "I think that a full study needs to be done on something like this to determine the advantages and the costs. I would be surprised if it ever got to the point where a positive decision is made. I also think that part of the study should be on what students feel about it. I think that is key. Do the students want a football team at St. Andrews?"

The Director of Admissions, Joe Rigell, had a more positive outlook towards the prospect of a football team. He thinks that the addition of a team would be an "excellent idea," but admits that he would feel that way about almost, "any program that would bring in more students." Rigell has experience with initiating such programs. Years back he worked at McMurray College in Jackson, Illinois and had a hand in the start of that college's football team. According to Rigell, the new team brought in seventy-five students and paid for itself in the first year of operation. "I think the school needs to look long and hard at any kind of program...to attract more students, St. Andrews' image is not going to do it anymore when put up against its cost and size." Rigell said.

The final decision, to have or have not, falls ultimately into the hands of the Board of Trustees. They will make the call when the time comes. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Internal Affairs committee discussed the proposal and found that its members were split; about 70-30 opposed the proposal. No decision has been made yet, pending further information and review. The decision to raise enrollment was the issue that was overwhelmingly supported. While a football team is perhaps a drastic measure, it would provide a solution in what may be drastic times for many small, private colleges.

## Computers

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from the math department on the actual meanings of these numbers, but it is important to note that any additional questions and comments should be directed to Bill Pfeifer in the LA Computer Lab, or Burt Ridge in the Sommerville Microcomputer Lab in the library. They will be happy to share any information with you about the proposed system as well as analyzing the results of the recent survey that was given concerning the reaction of students to this proposed system. If all goes according to plan, the "Campus of Tomorrow" will be a reality in the fall of this year.

## Golf

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The once weak St. Andrews Golf Team has become a team to be reckoned with. The emergence of freshman Dave Spuill and Mark Newton, along with improved play of senior Dave Smith, junior Rich Sinopoli, junior Dave Kaeli, and senior David Yates has made the competition for a starting position more fierce than ever before. When available from his position on the St. Andrews Tennis Team, junior William Carter adds to the great depth of the team.

First year coach, Kirk Chandler, will have his work cut out for himself when selecting the starting positions.

The season begins on March 11 and the team will attend an Elon College tournament over the Spring Break.

## Alumnus

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In 1979 Gray began serving Fellowship Presbyterian Church - an 85-member church that had a long history of controversy. "I love challenges," Gray said. "I was told that to be successful I had to do one of two things: make it a viable church or close the doors and sell the property." The controversy was resolved during the first year of his ministry and the congregation grew to 210 "active" members. During the fifth year a \$635,000 new sanctuary was built and by the ninth year the sanctuary was completely paid for.

Fellowship Presbyterian Church's recycling project stemmed from Gray's 1988 sermon on stewardship of the environment. The origin four trash cans (one each for newspaper, aluminum cans, glass bottles and plastic) quickly grew to 38 trash cans and then to Greensboro's largest collection facility with four dumpsters (two for plastic and two for paper), a large trailer for aluminum cans and a 40-foot trailer for glass.

"Recycling is extremely important, not just to the church but to the community," Gray said. "We have set an example by this program. We don't do for the income - we do it for the stewardship." The church's recycling center generates about \$200 or \$250 a month - money that is used to fund city child care programs, a church mission programs, such as Habitat for Humanity and Greensboro Urban Ministries, and provide funds for the many needy people who visit the church.

"For a church like ours to put forth an effort is a demonstration that we care for the environment and the Earth - that is a moral responsibility as well as a social responsibility," Gray said. "I don't think we are doing enough to search for alternative sources of energy. We are quickly coming to a point where some of the resources we've always taken for granted, especially water, are becoming scarce and we will be forced into more research." In the past 15 years Gray has written and had several articles published about the environment and social and

corporate responsibility for environmental protection.

Fellowship Presbyterian Church's "roof framing crew" was one of the original work teams for Greensboro's Habitat for Humanity. The church has since been involved in the construction of 16 houses and has developed a second volunteer crew - the lunch crew. The two groups, which involve about 60 congregation members, work a 12-hour Saturday each month. Gray admits that if rain kept them from working, they have "bent the commandments" and worked on Sunday.

"We believe there is an extreme problem with homelessness and because of that we feel compelled as Christians to do something. As middle-class people we can easily identify with homeownership and the pride that comes with it."

Habitat for Humanity offers assistance to families that apply and show a need and an ability to repay the loan. Families are required to put 400 "sweat hours" into the construction of their home - working side by side with the 29 different volunteer crews required to build the \$30,000 to \$35,000 homes.

Gray is a man who turns lives around, takes on challenges and pioneers the way. His mother, Martha Clark of Elizabeth City, has that same pioneering spirit - having served as the first woman elder in her church. "My father (the late Ellis Clark) lived his faith in a quiet way," Gray remembered. "He never talked much about God or faith, but he lived it out in his life." Gray also believes he was influenced by his great-aunt's "quiet spirituality."

That influence has led Gray to change the lives of many people in a positive way. A very active full-time minister, he preaches every Sunday, leads various church programs, teaches a Sunday school class on contemporary issues, makes the usual visits associated with being a minister and still finds time to be a very active and vital community member.

"I think I teach more by being involved than I could ever say or write," Gray said. "Someone once told me 'one of your problems is that when you read the Bible you believed it' and I did."



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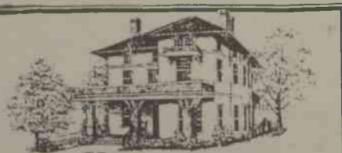
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