

Black Students on Predominantly White Campuses

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Contributing

Did you know that Alexander Hamilton was black? Did you know that President Dwight D. Eisenhower's mother was black? Did you also know that even though six million died in the Jewish holocaust, over sixty million Africans died while being shipped to America for the slave trade?

On April 4-6, five members of the Black Student Union attended the "Black Students on Predominantly White Campuses" conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Tonya Ingram, Eugene James, Erik Shelton, Denise Tapper and Stacy Waters, attended the three day conference, which was sponsored by Georgia State University.

The conference gave the participants the opportunity to discuss various problems that occur when you are a minority student at a predominantly white institution. Some of the task force groups were entitled, "1991 Civil Rights Legislation", "The Needs and Benefits of Cultural Exchange Programs", "Why Blacks are so Angry and Whites so Defensive", "Student Community Connections", and "Finding Common Ground Among Minorities". Over twenty schools were repre-

sented at the conference, including Wake Forest, South Carolina, Greensboro College, Nebraska, Emory University, and Tulane.

Cultural events were also a part of the conference. Those included a fashion show, African dance ensembles, a performance by an Atlanta comedian, and a mini concert performed by recording artist, Geoff McBride.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Edwin Nichols, provided the participants with some fascinating historical and cultural information that was enlightening. Dr. Nichols told about Alexander Hamilton, President Eisenhower, and how Africa was once the place where young Greeks were sent to learn liberal arts.

The conference participants hope that in the future, St. Andrews community will become more appreciative of the African-American culture and support Black History/Black Awareness events. The conference gave to minority groups ideas for cultural events that will enrich other cultures. As stated by Rev. Tyrone Crider, President of Operation PUSH, at last year's conference, "if you do not know black history, then you don't know history."

New Student Government Ready for the Challenge

Times they are a changin'. The General Elections held recently brought about many changes as well as new faces to the student leadership positions at St. Andrews. Some students will be assuming roles as student leaders for the first time, such as elected Attorney General Laura Malinowski and Treasurer Missy McGill. Others will be taking over larger roles as leaders on campus, as will Lenni Jones, elected President of the Student Government Association, and Kerry Nuti, elected Vice-President of SGA.

Jones, a rising senior from Richmond, Virginia, sees the position "as an opportunity to become further involved in St. Andrews and to become a more visual leader." For the past two years Jones has served on the Student Faculty Hearing Court of which she was to be chair next year. A Chemistry and Math major, Jones says she is ready to return to St. Andrews a little of what her experiences have given her. "I have enjoyed St. Andrews and I want to give something back before I leave," she said.

Instead of planning changes and new orders for the upcoming year, Jones is interested in continuing this year's program. "I would like to continue the existing dialogue and continue to improve the lines of commu-



SGA Cabinet - First row Missy McGill (Treasurer), Christy Baumgard (Student Defense Counsel), and Laura Malinowski (Attorney General). Second row Kerry Nuti (Vice President) and Lenni Jones (President). (Photos by Rooney Coffman)

nication in all branches and facets at St. Andrews. That not only includes the relationship between the students and the faculty but also that between the administration and the trustees." "I am also interested in improving the judicial system and the processes by which the Court has to work having been a part of it and seeing a need for change."

Having been Vice-President of Concord Hall for the past year as well as a member of the Senate, Kerry Nuti also looks forward to the new responsibility. "I have enjoyed being on the Senate this year and I learned a lot about how the school works," she said.

Looking ahead to the problems she and the rest of the Student Gov-

ernment may face, Kerry cited "apathy" as one of the major obstacles of the upcoming year. "Getting students involved" is one of the bigger problems SGA faces now and will face next year. In agreement with Jones, Nutti is interested in keeping open and improving the present lines of communication between faculty, students, and administration.

Of the forthcoming changes, current Vice-President Abe VanWingerden said, "I am confident in their abilities. They have a tougher job than Bill and I because it is easier to initiate programs than it is to maintain them. Change within a system is much more difficult to stabilize than to introduce," he said after a Tuesday afternoon nap in the DeTamble Library.

Scots for Youth Rewarding for Student Volunteers

By Eric Digons
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"I never thought that volunteer work could be so rewarding," said Eddie Brown, a volunteer for the Scots For Youth Program and a sophomore at St. Andrews.

Scots for Youth is a volunteer program that deals with helping troubled youth ages 8-16, who have had trouble with the law or in school, or are at risk of doing so in the future.

Jim Hart began the program in 1982. Hart noticed that kids needed more attention than what they were receiving. The problem was getting volunteers, so Caroline Evans, current coordinator, contacted professor Mel Bringle of St. Andrews. Bringle and Edna Ann Loftus, also a professor, put Evans in touch with the honors program where she could find volunteers. At the present time there are eleven volunteers from St. Andrews.

Volunteers are asked to be with their child 16 hours a month. The volunteer and the child agree on a suitable time to meet with each other. The goal of the program is to help the children have a good role model. Many times the children live in a poor neighborhood and positive role models are difficult to find. Volunteer Erik Shelton, a senior at St. Andrews, says, "The program is great because it does provide a positive role model. My kid

lives in a poor neighborhood and the program enables him to have a way out with a good role model." Chris Bachman, a past volunteer, stated, "It made me feel like I was doing something for someone. I wanted to make a difference and Scots for Youth helped me achieve that."

Choosing a volunteer is a very serious issue. Evans said that they are very careful about how volunteers are chosen. The volunteers are asked to have letters of reference and the program checks to see if they have a police record. After this step is completed, they look over the volunteer's application and then Evans conducts an interview.

It is important for the kids to have a volunteer who can help them. The volunteers can be instrumental in helping the kids make new friends or change peer groups that can be detrimental to a child. Volunteers can also try to help the children get involved with teams or groups.

The program seems to be having a positive effect on the kids and also on the volunteers. "By seeing a smile on a kids face, it makes volunteering all worth while," said Brown. The Scots for Youth has also made some people realize how lucky they are. Lee Henon said, "the program has made me realize how fortunate I am, and it gives me a way to help others who are less fortunate."



Senate - First row Laura Bryant, Kathie Fallows, Anna Crossman, and Kerry Nuti. Second row Tiffani Orange, Robert Bennett, and Lenni Jones. Not pictured Maria Faust, Chris Carbone, Chris Bachman, Jason Rich, Katherine Boten, Robbie Brooks, David Gigandet, Michael Lessig, Shad Luedke, Angela Lynch, Pam Naves, Amy Pfeffer, and Kathy Sellers.



SAU - Sitting first row Rebecca Harvard. Second row Muffin Moyer, David Allen, and Matt McElwee. Standing third row Robyn Murzynski. Fourth row Garreth Griffith (Vice President), Katie Watts (President), Lisa Schinnagel, and Kim Brown. Not pictured Benji Kennedy.

Meck Express Rolls in Intramurals

By Abe VanWingerden
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The image of the Cardiac Pack in 1983, the Villanova Wildcats in 1987, and the Duke Blue Devils in 1991, was relived last Friday night at Harris Courts as the "Meck Express" pulled off a string of upsets to win the 1991 Intramural Basketball Championship in grand style. Led by the inside play of Scott Gregory and Travis Loseke, the "Meck Express" rose from number five seed in the playoffs to win the championship.

The playoffs began with all eight of the teams having a fair shot at winning the title with "Ollie's UNLV jv All Star Team" taking the number one seed with a perfect 10-0 record. The pairings for the playoffs were as follows:

- #1 Ollie's UNLV jv All Star Team vs. #8 The Kingsmen
- #2 Sineads Superstars vs. #7 Bobby's Bomb Squad
- #3 U Can't Touch This vs. #6 The

Power Plant

#4 The Wahoos vs. #5 Meck Express

The first round saw three of the top four seeds advancing to the semifinals with the only upset being the beginning of the championship run by the Meck Express, which defeated The Wahoos as Aaron "The Bird" Barker began to assert himself as a force to be reckoned with in the playoffs. The semifinals had the number one seed, Ollie's UNLV jv All Star Team, pitted against the streaking five seed, Meck Express, and the number two seed led by Kerry "So Very" Smith against the number three seed U Can't Touch This.

In the first game, Sineads Superstars used a balanced outside scoring attack to oust U Can't Touch This and vault themselves into the championship game. All the experts predicted that they would be matched against the undefeated number one seed, but

as the real UNLV can attest, things do not always go according to plan. In an epic battle of heart vs. talent, the Meck Express pulled off the upset of the year as they defeated Ollie's UNLV jv All Star Team with Aaron "The Bird" Barker soaring in for a layup on the game's final play to seal the victory. This game was reminiscent of last year's intramural championship game and will no doubt be talked about for years to come.

As was the case in the NCAA championship, the Intramural Championship game did not have the same mystique as did the semifinal games. But the Cinderella team, The Meck Express, was able to rise above their emotional high created by the semifinal win and they played inspired ball throughout the championship game as they prevailed over the favored Sinead's Superstars.

My annual MVP trophy for the

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