

## Men's Basketball looks for an edge

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The men's basketball team has taken a roller coaster ride with an abundance of deep hills and large loops since the opening of the season. It lost four of its prime players: sophomore Brent Donatien, sophomore Cedric Brown, sophomore Rob Graham and senior Joe Bell. Jason Lutz, also, was injured during practice and will not return until next year. On top of all that, the Knights have been challenged by a few of the toughest teams.

Despite these problems, however, the Knights have demonstrated determination and the wit to overcome any possible pitfalls. The

Knights, like the Lady Knights also end the season with a record of .500, lead by the popular John Church and his deadly three-pointer. Church may be one of the most sensational shooters under pressure that the Knights have had in 18 games; he has made a total of 49 points in 3-point shots.

Another player who demonstrates a great bearing on the team is point guard Steve Hamilton. Hamilton is a two-sport student athlete and is probably the most energetic player on the squad. Finally, senior Shawn Colquett lead the team in rebounds last year and it is likely he will

accomplish this goal again. Shawn is not a flashy player, but he is surely a work horse. If one closely observes his playing technique, it is

found that Shawn may score 15 points, 20 points or his highest this year, 25 points.

An overview of the season: The Knights have obtained a record of 4-8 since Christmas, and they are approaching the end of the season with a remainder of six games before the CIAC tournament begins. If the players push themselves, they may do better than expected.



## SA Equestrians compete in Panama

*Student posted as having the best American*

SCORE

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On Jan. 14-17 four St. Andrews' students were invited to compete in the Copa de la Amistad, or friendly competition, in Panama.

Shelby French the equestrian studies director at St. Andrews accompanied Susan Yeaman, Kathy Kassell, Bethanna Perry, and J.R. McCaulley to the three day event.

Friends of the College Equestrian Program and a Colombian national, Mercha de la Garza, sponsored the trip. The four riders were mounted on three of La Garzas' horses with one borrowed. She also rented a house for the four students to stay in.

"She went to UCLA, and wanted an American team to be in the competition." Commented French. He went on to say that they fed the group, and drove them around. "She was great, and, lucky for us, she spoke perfect English." He later added.

"The lifestyle down there is so different," French said, grooms only make \$1 per day per horse. Full time domestic help is about \$50 a month. Everything down there was so cheap. We bought an arm

load of bananas for a dollar." French concluded.

The day before the competition started, the riders tried out on their horses, and the owner decided which class the horse entered. The classes ranged from 80 cm (2 feet, 9 inches) to 1.2m (4 feet, 3 inches).

The three days of competition consisted of three rounds. Friday's round was a speed class, Saturday consisted of speed and power, and Sunday's was a table II, timed first jump.

Riders were not allowed to mount until they were four horses away from their round. They were allowed to trot small fences more often than the others, and practice fences could not exceed the height of their respective competition. The competition was headed by the Federation Equestre Internationale rules, and the courses were safe, colorful, and sophisticated.

Each days competition enjoyed riders from all over Central America, Jamaica, and Guatemala, and prizes were awarded for each day's competition as well as overall.

The overall winner of the three day competition was a fifteen year-old Panamanian named Albert Orlae. His trainer was Eric Hasbrouck, an American.

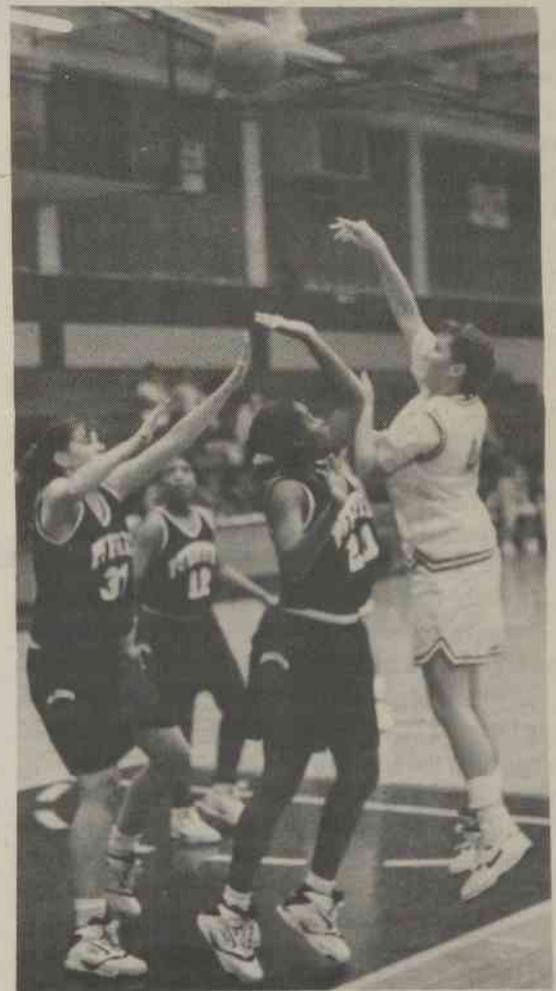
Each night there was a party for the competitors, once on a yacht, and once on Tabago Island, just off the

coast. The accommodations were fabulous, and well-staffed.

J.R. McCaulley had the best of the American competitors. He had clean scores all three days of the competition. "We didn't understand the scoring," he remarked, "I don't speak Spanish, and I was completely lost the whole weekend. My horse was great, very honest and a really good jumper." McCaulley added.

McCaulley spent the winter quarter in Southern Pines on an internship with professional trainer Don Sheehan.

"Our riders learned to be aggressive, and tougher," French added, "I can't think of a better way to broaden the horizons of these students."



## Lady knights play hard

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The Lady Knights, now 6-11 overall and 4-5 in the conference, were able to end the season at an even .500. Since the Christmas break, the Lady Knights' season has been a struggle, producing a record of three to seven and a losing margin deficient of approximately 26.8 points. One of the Lady Knights' worst defeats came when they played Lees-McRae at Scotland high school. The final score was 53-105.

Even though the Lady Knights are fifth in the

conference, they should be able to advance in their standings before post-season play. Two conference teams remain to be played in the regular season. Number six ranked Pfliffer and number one ranked Belmont Abbey must be defeated to advance the Lady Knights to a higher rank.

All in all, the Lady Knights should end the season on a positive note with the leadership and scoring of the three seniors, Debbie Jones (9.3 APG), Barbara Stenger (10.9 APG) and Riki Point (8.7 APG).

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been seated as the #1 team after defeating The Florida State Seminoles on Saturday.

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