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Let's Hear It for St. Andrews! SAPC Gets a Cheerleading Squad

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On Saturday, April 16, the newly formed SAPC Cheerleaders entered the cafeteria during dinner to invite all in attendance to walk over to the gym to see a demonstration by the squad.

St. Andrews has not had an official cheerleading squad in many years, with a few dance teams filling the halftime void occasionally. While very few teams in the Conference Carolinas have squads, studies have shown that athletes and crowds respond well to the encouragement provided by organized groups. It was with that in mind that Orianna Best began the formation of the latest edition of cheerleaders.

"The goal of our team is to do our best to add to good the reputation of St. Andrews by going out into the community and volunteering," Best said. "Going to competitions and winning and basically just showing people that the Knights are the best."

Best, who actually came up with the



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idea to start the cheerleading team, says that she got the idea after attending a St. Andrews basketball game.

"The very first thing that I noticed was that we didn't have any cheerleaders," she said. "Then I went to another

game where they had previously advertised that we would have a half time show. I went and I was very surprised. I didn't realize that it would be school age children performing. And so, once I realized that we didn't have a team of our own, I decided I ought to start one."

The current roster is composed of Andre McLean, Bryan Swails, Orianna Best, Joy'eshia Brown, Emily Caton, Stephanie Whitlock, Lauren Parker, Karlee Arnold, Grete Majerle, and Jake Anderson under the coaching direction of Kevin Berrote, Jamie Hughes and Lauren Hughes. There are currently a total of 10 members on the team, but the ultimate goal is at least 25. The team is open to both male and female people who are interested, with physical eligibility being determined by tryouts, which will be held again in the fall of this year. Tryouts are open to anyone who likes sport and sportsmanship with a willingness to work hard.

"On a scale of one to ten, [the diffi-

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Guess Who?

Each issue of the Lance will contain a photo or two of a current employee from their youth. Learn more about the employee pictured to the left on page 7.



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