

# Sports

## Women players give soccer an extra kick

By Emmanuel Noudewo

Audra Noble and Celeste Scott are the only women players on Saint Augustine's College soccer team. They are not trying to become professional players, but to challenge everyone who thinks women cannot play on a predominantly men's team.

Noble has played soccer since the fifth grade, but when she got to college there were no female players on the soccer team. Despite her desire to play, she stopped because the team here was only all men's.

"I always wanted to play, but I was scared by all these guys. However, after getting used to some players I met every day on campus, the fear

disappeared and I decided to try out for the team," says Noble.

Noble says at first, she was discriminated against by her teammates, who refused to pass the ball to her. She had to play harder in order to gain recognition and respect from the team. She feels that her role in the team is very strategic.

"During the games, most teams don't pay attention to my presence on the field. I surprise them all the time," adds Noble.

Noble says she feels good after her first two games, and is ready to play hard.

Unlike Noble, Scott had never played before. She went with Noble to practice one evening and decided to try out for the team.

"I never knew somebody could have so much fun on a



Audra Noble, one of the women players of the Falcons soccer team, takes a breather from practice. Pic. Ishmael Smith

soccer field," says Scott, who, according to Coach Alex Korgar, has improved a lot.

Scott believes her fast improvement is due to the motivation she gets from the players and the coach.

By joining the Falcons soccer team, Scott and Noble follow the example of Shevaughn Gordon, who was the first woman to play on the team.

## Cross country-seeking the right pace

By Emmanuel Noudewo

St. Aug's women's and men's cross country teams are looking for the right pace that will enable them to win the C.I.A.A. championship and, hopefully, the N.C.A.A. regionals and nationals.

The UNC cross country invitational, held in Chapel Hill on September 10, was the first test for the Falcons.

According to Coach Harry Freeman, the first meet helped to show the level of the teams and put in perspective the work that has to be done.

Some athletes in the men's team still have a lot of work to do. In the absence of Lamyaki Lobuku, who is sick, Joseph King and his teammates will have to work harder.

"I think everything will be all right soon. This is just the beginning of the season, and some people take a while to catch the pace," said King, who came fourth in Chapel Hill.

Ronald Dickerson, one of

the talents of the Falcons, hopes the newcomers will make a positive contribution.

The Lady Falcons Cross Country Track Team has been joined by two new runners, Antoinette Watkins and Tanya Smither, who can make a difference, according to the coaching staff. They had a good race in Chapel Hill.

According to Latarsha Garris, the captain of the Lady Falcons, the team looks stronger than last year's.

"We hope to make it at least to the regionals this year," said Garris, who also observed that the only problem they have is that their class schedules do not allow all the members of the team to practice together.

The mighty Falcons won the C.I.A.A. championship last year, and made the regionals, where they placed fifth.

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## Golf team wins visit to White House

By Emmanuel Noudewo

Saint Augustine's College men's golf team was honored at the White House on September 30, 1993 by President Bill Clinton.

The mighty Falcons golf team of Coach Lawrence Coleman won the National Minority College Championship, held on May 18-19, at the Manaki Golf Course in Cleve-

land, Ohio.

Brian Diggs and his teammates defeated three-time national champions, Jackson State, by one stroke, 599-600.

Torrence Allen, Brian Diggs, Gerald Coleman, Philip Terrel, Jason Parris, Steve Zamerick, and Harold Hurtt, led by Coach Coleman, have proved that St. Aug can rely on its golf team for national recognition.

## Lady Falcons volleyball team starts season well

By Emmanuel Noudewo

"We're going to have a good season," says Coach Clinton Reid of the Lady Falcons volleyball.

After an impressive start with the first two games of the season in Virginia, most players feel they are ready to do it again this year at the C.I.A.A. The Falcons beat Fayetteville State 3-0 and Virginia State 3-1.

Among the players, are two new members, Christine Cunningham and Julia Sleweon, who replace Karen Plummer, Sandra Richards, and Janice Foskin, who graduated last Spring.

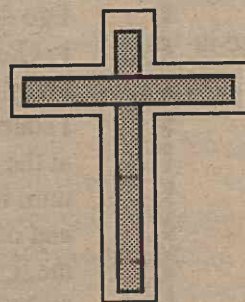
"The players have improved a lot," according to the coaching staff.

"Natasha Blyden is doing much better. Lisa McPherson is getting in the game," says Reid, who coached most of the players during their high school days in the Bahamas and Jamaica.

Most of the players from last year's C.I.A.A. victorious campaign are still here.

Coach Deborah Dove and Clinton Reid are very optimistic. They believe that, with determination, Captain Hilreth Hewitt will lead St. Aug to another C.I.A.A. title this year.

### In Memoriam



The Pen extends its condolences to the families and friends of Trevor Williams, Byron Exum, (recent graduates) and David Bullock (student) of Saint Augustine's College, who recently passed away.