

Photo by Jane Falkowski

**NOTHING BUT NET** - St Aug's men's team proved Saturday, March 3, that they are the champs of the CIAA. The men enjoy the victory of cutting down the net.

## Dixon's recovery still up in the air

By L. Michelle Fox

One step at a time...that's roughly how Martin Dixon describes his physical therapy after a paralyzing injury of his spinal cord.

Dixon, a junior from Rochester, N.Y., was walking between Latham and Baker Halls when he was struck by a falling tree limb during Hurricane Fran's vicious visit

to North Carolina last September.

After four surgeries, paralysis and wheel-chair confinement, Dixon is still witty. "The food here is worse than the cafe's (St. Augustine's College). The food at school is definitely gourmet."

He closes his eyes and stretches the corners of his closed mouth to somewhere between grimace and a smile.

"This is not fun," Dixon says looking at the wheelchair and his surroundings (The

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## Coffee House, writers team up

By Maurice Clarke

In an effort to create a higher amount of interest and excitement among students, the members of Watu Yetu hosted a Coffee House Wed., Feb. 19, in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building.

Following a successful turnout of last year's inaugural Coffee House, Watu Yetu

president Dawn Henderson says that the event was designed to give young writers and poets the opportunity to expose their talents.

"We have a lot of talented writers and poets here at St. Augustine's College and the Coffee House will give them the opportunity to express themselves in a more relaxed atmosphere."

"It's something new for the College's community," added Henderson. Students were afforded the chance to listen to some of the latest in contemporary jazz while sipping on a cup of cappuccino or espresso. Poets, writers and rappers were given a stage in order to perform their literary works while soft mellow sounds of jazz played in the background.

The concept of the Coffee House is one that is new to the College's community and Henderson is optimistic about its continued success.

"At our first Coffee House last semester, we had a good turnout. There was a lot of participation from the students and that was a good sign," she says. "One of the primary purposes of the Coffee House is to bring students together. That happened last year, and we hope for the same this year."

Watu Yetu, the black students forum, will be assisted by the Art Club, the Music club and the Writing club.

"Our aim is to give students the opportunity to understand black culture and the richness of oral culture. Because this is Black History Month, this a great opportunity for us to pay tribute to our oral tradition, to jazz and to our black people," she added.

The Watu Yetu president hopes to continue with a proposed Coffee House scheduled for the 19th of each month during the school year.

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### Brown gives Pen a new look

The Pen marches into spring with a new look thanks to Bobby Brown, a junior from Charleston, SC, majoring in graphic design.

The mast head has a new age look in sync with the school's goal to improve technologically, says Brown.

Brown hopes to earn a Master's Degree in graphic design, work with an advertising firm and after a few years open his own company.

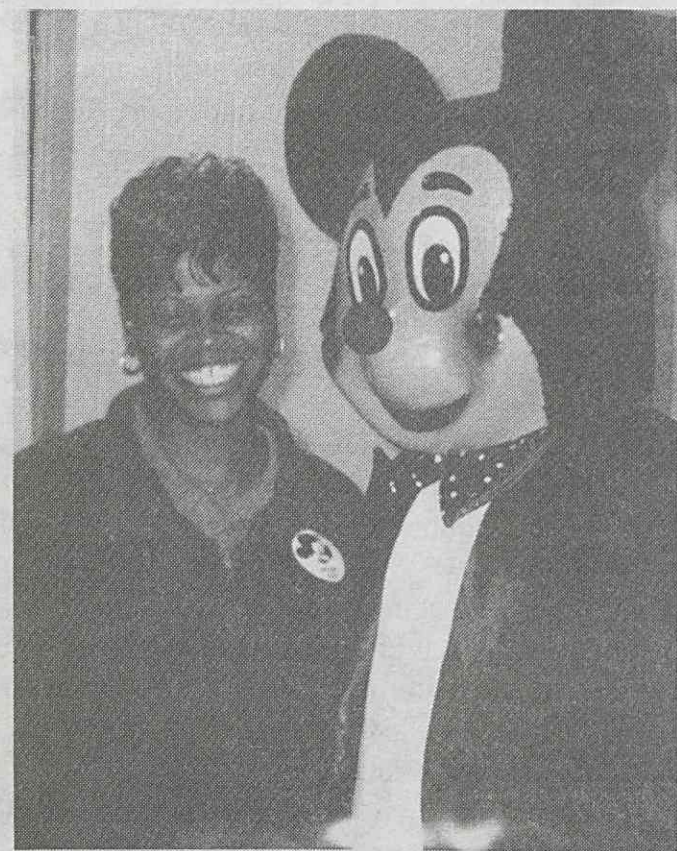


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**HI MICKEY-** Nichole "Ducie" Johnson, Miss St. Aug, stands with her favorite Disney character, Mickey Mouse during a special day dedicated to her, "Ducie Day."