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Rather, the person will be personally scrutinized by Schexnider. In short, Schexnider seems to prefer people that follow his plans.

Based solely on the way that he has dealt with the athletics department and the school's board of directors, it appears that he wants to have everything



Dr. Alvin Schexnider

done his way. That leaves little room for a person who is knowledgeable in the subject area to conduct business.

Not only that, but the clock is steadily moving toward the start of the 1997-98 athletic year. There are countless items that have to be dealt with and there's no one left to mind the school's athletic business other than Al Roseboro, the ousted athletic director.

That again puts the university in a Catch 22 situation. How can the university bring someone in at this late date and not have someone familiar with the program to walk the new person through the motions until they can grasp what has happened in the past and what needs to be done in the future.

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been run in the past. His involvement with the university goes back more than 25 years. So obviously he does have the ability to fill in the gaps for the person who comes in to assume the position. But at this point, who wants to step into a situation like the one at WSSU? The Rams will be hard-pressed to find someone with the ability and desire to take on the responsibility of running

the school's athletic department. After all, a lot of eyes will certainly be on him or her.

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ond-leading scorer with a 14-point average. Next is Meredith Martin, with a 13-point average. But more importantly Martin has been the team's most consistent player on both ends of the court, according to Bitting. Another major cog is Emily Clapp, who gives the team another solid inside player.

While the program is in its first year, most of the players have AAU experience. Many of them, like Bitting, were on the Carolina Peaches' 11-and-under team that finished No. 2 in the state last year.

At the season's conclusion, some of the players' parents said they wanted to form another team and have Bitting coach them. That was the beginning of the Silver Aces program.

And although most of the girls are only 12, Bitting decided that the team would play this year in the 13-and-under category.



Camille Little



Porsche Jones



Emily Clapp

"We did it mainly because of the players' talent level," she said. "We feel that playing up would help the girls in the long run."

Most of the girls on the team live in Forsyth County and attend Walkertown, St. Leo's or Ashley Middle School.

The thing that Bitting admires most about her team is the fact that her players are well-rounded. First of all, they all are honor

students. Secondly, they like each other and support each other. More importantly to Bitting is the fact that the players share a common experience - Christianity.

"As a Christian, I feel that it is important to share this experience with others," she said.

The team also puts out a newsletter, The Silver Aces Sport Report, that is distributed to all the team's sponsors and support-

ers.

The team will be raising funds for its trip to Louisiana in the upcoming months. Bitting said she is thankful for the support the team has already received.

"We've had a lot of people that have helped us out," Bitting said. "We were fortunate enough to have the use of the Carl Russell Recreation Center and we want to thank Dorenda Phillips for that."

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enth grade year. He holds both the school and conference records, clocking a time of 57.3 earlier this season to break a three-year-old record of 57.60 that was set by Craymon Garner of Hill.

Coach DeValden Penn said Brinkley's work ethic and will to achieve are what sets him apart from other team members.

"He really cares about what he's doing and he wants to be successful at it," Penn said. "He works hard every day and takes it seriously. You don't see that with most kids his age."

Brinkley said he sort of just fell into the sport of track and field. He decided to go out for the team as a seventh grader to stay in shape for soccer and basketball, which he played simultaneously last spring.

"I really was surprised at the success I had," Brinkley said. "I didn't know what to expect when I first went out. I was just doing it because it looked like fun and I thought that it would be a good way to keep myself in shape."

Penn said Brinkley took to track like a duck takes to water. "He has all the tools to be suc-

cessful," Penn said. "He's in great shape all the time. He really could run all day. He has that kind of stamina."

When he isn't running track, Brinkley spends time on the tennis court, the golf course or on the soccer practice field. He has played in many tennis tournament and breaks 90 on the golf course regularly.



Robert Huber

Because of his commitment to soccer he had to give up his slot on the Carolina Hornets' 14-and-under basketball team. That team captured the State AAU Basketball championship and earned a berth in the national championships later this summer. But, because he has a

chance to accomplish the same type goals in soccer, Brinkley had to put soccer on hold.

"There was just no way that I could continue to play both," Brinkley said. "With all the travel that's required, I just couldn't continue to keep that kind of schedule."

However, he said he wants to keep his options open for the future. Next fall, when he begins his high school career at Reynolds, he plans to participate in the Demons' soccer program. In the winter season he is hoping to earn a slot in the RJR basketball program. But when it comes to spring sports, there are several scenarios.

"I don't know which one I'll chose," he said. "I like golf, tennis and track."

Penn said he'd like to see Brinkley continue running track.

"He has a lot of potential," Penn said. "For him to be a 13-year-old and being able to run 57.3 in the 400 is saying something. He has also done well in the 200 and I think he could also be strong in the 800."

As this article went to press Brinkley and his teammates were preparing for Cook's Conference Meet, which was held on

Wednesday (May 21) at Mount Tabor. Both Penn and Brinkley are hoping that he will lower his time in his final meet on the middle school level. They also think it is possible that he could break the 22.9 conference record in the 200-meter dash.

"I think he wants to leave something behind," Penn said. "I think it is very possible that he could break 22.9 in the 200."

BRINKLEY ISN'T THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE Cougars' track team who has put up impressive numbers. Robert Huber, who runs the middle distance races, has also enjoyed a good year. Huber has set the record in the 800-meter run in 2:21.77. He broke the old record of 2:25.0.

"I think Huber also has a good future ahead of himself," Penn said. "I think he has a real bright future in track because of the endurance that he has."

In addition to Brinkley and Huber, Penn said he has since constant overall improvement in the Cougars team this year.

"Tim Leones, Sam Stephens Michael Bach and Jared Keiper have all performed well for the team," Penn said.

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The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is seeking comments from the general public regarding the draft Fiscal Year 1998-2004 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Urban Area Local Supplement to the State Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). The document can be reviewed at all Forsyth County public libraries, each municipal town hall, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division 9 office at 2125 Cloverdale Avenue, and the City of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation office (Room 380) in City Hall, 101 N. Main Street in Winston-Salem.

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