

EDITORIALS

Open The Rule Book - Again!

We realize that many people put many long hours of work into our **Student Handbook** in an effort to make it fair and just, but now that school has actually begun we feel that a number of these rules could be improved. The two main complaints from the Student Body are that some of the rules are not stated clearly enough and that some of the rules are a bit too immature.

Two such rules that we feel need to be defined more clearly are the so called drinking rule, and the "party approval rule." We feel, that while these rules have been verbally interpreted, there is a very definite need that they be written down and printed as an addition to the handbook. This will prevent anyone from forgetting easily what has been said in dorm meetings and elsewhere.

Some of the rules that seem to be immature are various dorm regulations affecting the women students. The signing-out procedure is a bit too complicated. It is unnecessary, we think, for a practically grown woman to have to get her Housemother's permission if she wishes to go outside of Laurinburg in the evenings. We hardly think that any Housemother is going to deny this permission to the student and it only means extra work for all involved. Why not use a card on which to sign out for all occasions with a week end card to be filled out and handed in by Thursday night? These cards could be kept in alphabetical order and would be a great deal easier to check. We just cannot understand why the different colored slips need to be used when one card could easily accomplish the purpose.

Another rule that needs to be done away with is the one stating we must have parental permission to leave school any time before Saturday. If our parents have signed the permission slip indicating that we may take grade or class privileges as they come due, isn't this sufficient permission enough to permit us to take our grade cuts to come home? Obtaining this extra O.K. from home often involves costly phone calls and always uses valuable time.

It is the feeling among many of the women students that there is a need for a slight change in the ruling for being late. Because we have no central time system, that is no main clock in the dorms, it is extremely difficult to keep your watch set exactly with that of the Housemother's. Often this can mean the difference in campus or freedom. Also, very often a person may leave the movie in plenty of time to get back to school, but many unavoidable things could occur to prevent the student from being back exactly on time. Perhaps she could make it back in a few minutes, though. It seems that the only obvious solution to this problem is the addition of a period of grace — ten minutes grace for example. Students would not use this to stay out ten minutes longer because they would try their best to keep it as a standby in case one of the above mentioned situations arose. We could be given ten minutes accumulated grace per semester. We think that this is a good plan.

Lost - A Vital Organization

It seems to us that, although things are being organized as quickly as possible, a very vital committee has been neglected. This committee, the Student Life Committee, is in a key position for creating good student life, and without this body, clubs and other organizations will be slow in really beginning to function. This unit should also be a bridge between the faculty, administration, and students. Because it is not organized, the natural gap may become wider until we reach the stage when we can no longer understand one another. The student body is in need of a single controlling body that has the opportunity to speak for us to the faculty and administration, and where these two groups have the opportunity to communicate with us.

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MAGIE FISHBURNE

Annual Editor pauses after a busy day

Merry Magie

"People just haven't been coming to have their pictures made, and I don't know what to do." This is the refrain that Magie Fishburne, our personality of the issue, has been uttering these past two weeks. Magie is the editor of our year book, **The Lamp and Shield**. In preparation for assuming the responsibility that this job entails. Magie served as art editor of **The White Heather**, the Flora Macdonald annual and as editor of the literary magazine, **The Pine and Thistle**. She held various offices in some of the clubs on campus. As a stately marshal, Magie represented her society, Epsilon Chi. She was an active member of the college choral club during her three years at FMC.

Magie, a senior from Greensboro, is majoring in English. This was a difficult decision for her, as she tried two other majors before reaching her final choice. Unlike most English majors, Magie does not plan to go into the teaching profession; she wants to work in some phase of merchandising. She would like to go on to graduate school.

Her hobbies are many and varied. Right now she enjoys walking around campus planning where the many pictures for the annual will be taken, but this is only a temporary hobby. She will enjoy this until February 15 when her book goes to press. Actually, Magie favors the summer sports, with swimming and water-skiing as her most favorite. She also enjoys playing the piano.

Magie, we appreciate all the hard work you are doing to make the first annual from St. Andrews an extra good one.

The First Homecoming To Be November 11

St. Andrews' first Homecoming will be a "Come and See" affair for alumni and visitors Saturday, Nov. 11. Highlight of the day will be a luncheon program with an address by Dr. Ansley C. Moore and a report by the Steering Committee of the Homecoming program. The day's schedule will also include campus tours, an introduction to the Christianity and Culture program, a touch football game, a concert, an art display, and a dance. Besides the alumni of the merging schools, Flora Macdonald, Presbyterian Junior College, and Peace College, a large number of parents and visitors are expected at St. Andrews that day.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

According to the editorial in the school paper of Oct. 10., "We are being watched closely to see if we really merit the great trust that is being placed in us." As far as I'm concerned a more hypocritical statement could not be made. Does this "great trust" in the student body forbid the right of a small party of students to become better acquainted? Granted there is a rule stating that authorization of parties, banquets, etc. must be approved one week in advance. However, the gathering of which I speak was held on Thursday, Sept. 28, six days after the first classes began. As a result of this party there are several students now on various restrictions. Isn't this cutting the rule rather close?

Another question I wish to ask concerns the so-called drinking problem on campus. It would be a waste of space to quote the rule concerning drinking. It can be found on page 34, Section I, clause B of the Student Handbook. Nevertheless, into this comparatively simple regulation has been read that no St. Andrews student shall drink. More students restricted. Does this also include the married students in their

homes or the resident student who is at home for a week end or vacation?

Regardless of the great amount of trust that has been bestowed upon us I can't help but wonder exactly what he CAN do. No one is trying to put anything over on the Student Government or the rules of the school, all that is really necessary are a few solid regulations letting us know exactly where we stand.

Chuck Middleton Editor's Comment. An accurate state of the "comparatively simple regulation" would be, according to Dr. Hester's interpretation, that students may drink in their own homes as long as they do nothing to reflect on the school. While he is in school and intending to return to the campus that same day, you're right, Chuck, no St. Andrews student shall drink.

As to the party and the restrictions involved, the rule was broken and the punishment issued. Whether it was fair or not, it is up to you. In any event it's over and done. Let's forget it.

We will agree, however, that some solid regulations are quite necessary and necessary soon. (Note the Editorial.)

Social Director Expresses Thanks

Thank-you for your response to the Bridge and Dance held in the Student Center Saturday night, October 14th. You, the students at St. Andrews made this special event a success and this will be true of all future social activities that are to take place in your Student Center.

I cannot begin to tell each and every one of you how very important it is for you to take part in the plans for future activities sponsored by your Student Center Board. These activities will be planned for you in order that you may enjoy social life, not only while here at St. Andrews, but throughout life.

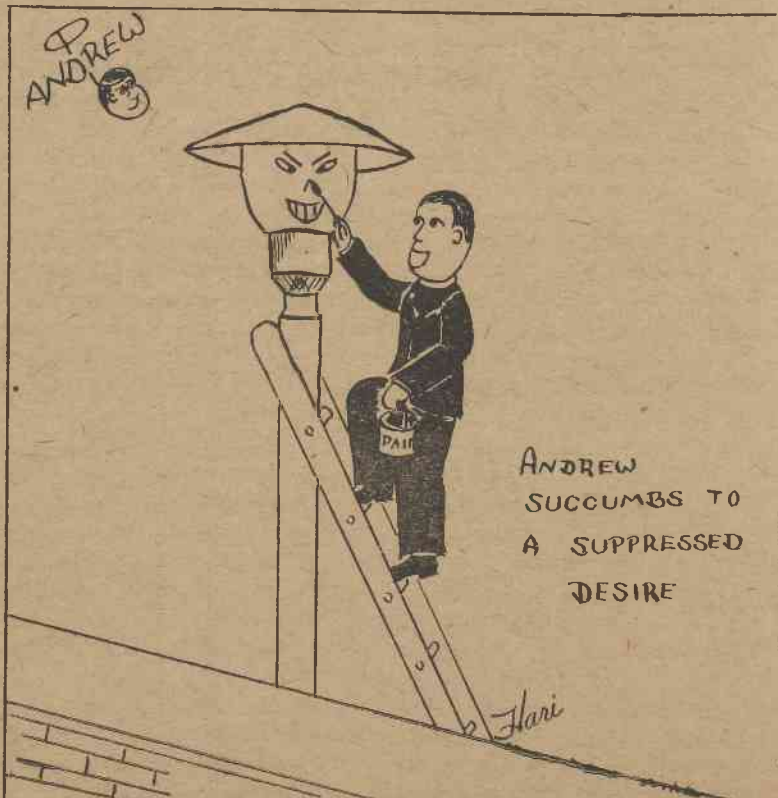
I have high hopes and great plans for our Student Center with visions of gay and happy times to be had here, but the Student Center Board and I will need each of you to make all of this come true. Come over and see what we are doing and give us a chance to find out what you would like for social activity.

The Student Center is your home of relaxation. I want you to enjoy it in many ways and in order for you to do so you must appreciate it, for unless you do you will gradually lose pride in it and use it as a neces-

sity only. There are certain regulations which will be posted in the Center very soon, and we must abide by these regulations just as we are expected to do in any environment where there is law and order. Let me impress upon you that these regulations are not put here and enforced because someone wants to be a "Booger Bear," but because without them the majority of you, who really care about personal appearance, safety, and adult behavior, would soon become ashamed of what could take place in the Student Center, therefore, regulations, in what I consider a mild form, will be enforced by the Student Center Board and me for your own good.

Please watch the bulletin board for information concerning Bridge Clubs of various kinds. Thank you again for joining us last Saturday evening and to those of you whom I have not met, I extend an invitation to come by my office for a chat. My hours are: 1:45-10:45 Mondays through Fridays, 2:30-12 midnight on Saturdays and 2:30 until 11:30 on Sundays.

Miss Brown
Social Director



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