

EDITORIALS

Let's Put Our House In Order

As is indicated in another article in this issue of **The Lance** concern has been expressed by the faculty and administration about the general untidiness of the buildings, particularly the academic building. This is a subject that has been discussed at great length in this column and by student leaders on the campus.

It seems a bit trivial that this problem continues occurring. You would think that we as almost grown men and women could keep this campus, our home for the school year and our alma mater forever clean. It would seem logical that we would treat it as we would our own home.

As you see by the accompanying article the faculty means business. If there is not an immediate change made in the general appearance of the buildings, there will be a drastic change in the smoking procedure and places around campus. It is hoped that the faculty will aid us in this effort to "keep clean."

Superlatives - What Do You Think?

What do you think about superlatives? You remember the high school elections for "Best-All-Around," "Best Looking," and other such titles indicating that one had excelled in a particular area of life? Do you think this is needed here at St. Andrews? This is an earnest effort to get students to think about just what they want to do along this line.

Those who have been considering this matter have been trying to think of the campus 10 years from now when perhaps "superlatives" would sound a bit ridiculous but there should be a method of recognizing those students who have worked hard for their class and their school throughout their 4 years.

Would these be the same people recognized in Who's Who or would it be an entirely different group of people? Should they be called superlatives? Would a name such as "Outstanding Seniors" or "Spirit of St. Andrews" be just as effective? What do you as a student body think? Opinions and suggestions are encouraged.

An Individual Matter

Recently we read in a Charlotte paper the thought of a Lutheran minister who, in an effort to avoid the commercialization of Christmas, proposed that the date of the observance of this holiday be changed. He suggested that we do away with the established date of Dec. 25 and declare Jan. 6 as Christmas. He claims that this will do away with this effort by merchants to make Christmas purely a time of giving and getting presents.

We feel that this is a rather ostrich type approach to this whole problem. Doesn't the man realize that this will not keep the commercialization out of Christmas; it will only cause the merchants to extend the "Shopping Days Before Christmas."

This problem can only be solved from within each individual. When each person is able to remember in his own heart and make active in his own life the true meaning of Christmas. For "there is but one Christmas, one observance, one recognition within each individual heart that long, long ago, in the simplest of surroundings, in Bethlehem there was born a Saviour who lived the life of extreme example and who died that others might find everlasting peace."

May this true spirit of Christmas abide in the hearts of all, for now, and for all Christmases to come.

E.W.

SGA Activities
Council Met Dec. 6

The Dec. 6 meeting of the Student Council was called to order by the president, **Annie Duke**.

A report was made by the delegates who attended the Student Government Association Convention in Wilson. A report of this is contained in another article in **THE LANCE**.

The Student Council recommended to the Executive Committee that the night before a holiday be granted a free night out. Some of the reasons for this recommendation were that this would promote better student-faculty relations, that students need time to pack, and that the atmosphere is not conducive to study.

Carol Brooks made a report on the budget.

It was decided that flowers be sent to Dr. Moore.

"The Student Council is recommending that the Honor Council investigate the drinking problem on campus and in particular Mecklenburg Dorm."

Honor Council
Ruling Upheld

The Honor Council met on Dec. 7 to consider the case of a student found in violation of the college rules.

The charge originated from the Dean of Students office and went directly to the Honor Council. It concerned the student's misleading the college by signing a parent's name to an official college form. The punishment involved the deduction of ten of the student's merits. With this, in accord with dormitory regulations, the loss of ten merits brings the student before his individual dormitory council for action. Since the student is a non-resident and there is no governing body for day students, this passed directly to the Honor council who ruled a week's room arrest.

The student chose to appeal the case to the executive committee, but the committee upheld the decision of the Honor Council, despite a minority report.

Correction To
Lance Article
On Water Fights

It has been pointed out to **The Lance** that the article appearing in the last issue in reference to "unsanctioned water fights" contained a small inaccuracy. This involves the fact that there was no memo from the administration and therefore absolutely no grounds for the article. **The Lance** was misled in receiving the information and inaccurate in reporting it. There is no stipulation on record for any kind of water fight, much less a sanctioned one, nor has there been any penalty set up.

It is believed that there was some discussion concerning water fights in the dormitory councils, but no definite action was taken.

The Lance can only recommend that extreme care be taken in the management of future water fights. It's hard to say what might happen.

The hope is that we have outgrown the need for water fights, and there is no need to establish the penalty.

The Students Speak

The last issue of **The Lance** announced the initiation of an open column for student comment, opinions and suggestions. As a member of the freshman class I would like to exercise the right to do just that.

Upon arriving at St. Andrews we were, in general, highly impressed with the campus, administration, and student leaders of the school. This viewpoint is still generally true.

The freshman class has now been given the opportunity to elect their class officers. The method of election prescribed, though, is far from democratic or I should say, far from Christian. I will not attempt, however, to quote any scripture.

We have been told that anyone seeking a freshman office must:

1. Be a member of the freshman class.
2. Not be on academic probation.
3. Have a petition with signatures of 50 people.

Rule 3 carries, however, a few stipulations. They are:

1. State the office the student is seeking.
2. State the classification of the student.
3. State his (or her) campus residence status.
4. The petition for a class senator may be signed by any member of the student body. No two petitions may carry the same signature.
5. The petition for class president must be signed by 50 freshmen and no two petitions may carry the same signature.

It would be absolutely impossible for more than four people to run for the office of freshman president and highly improbable that even four people would be able to secure enough signatures for their petition. It is also rather unfair for members of other classes to sign the

Administration
Recommends
Cleanliness

Smoking and casual attention to tidiness around the campus have been viewed with mixed reactions. For convenience to smokers, smoking in the foyers and hallways has been permitted on a trial basis. It is hoped that sufficient concern among students and faculty will be forthcoming so that a complete ban on smoking in such areas will not be necessary.

The Faculty, through the Dean of Students, has requested that any ruling be delayed and that the Student Life Committee, the Student Council, and others help in promoting concern for better housekeeping through use of the receptacles in the hallways and entrances of the academic building. There is hope, too, that a similar concern for tidiness in the Student Center will help alleviate the problem of careless disposal of cigarette butts and other items in that area.

In the latter instance above, the "other items" involving empty Coke bottles, snack wrappers, and other trash be deposited in containers provided for such purposes.

Cooperation of all is essential if the convenience of smokers and the concern for the problems at hand are to be worked out satisfactorily and considerably.

petition for a freshman senator. I, as a North Carolinian, do not think that I would like for a Texan to be voting for my representative in the Senate of the United States.

As I understand it, the petition is merely supposed to be a method of endorsing the ability of a student for the office he is seeking (that is: a petition as we use it). I did not think that it was to be used as a machine that would limit the number of people to run for office.

I am not endorsing the use of the nominating committee and I hope that we will never use it again at St. Andrews. I also hope that certain sections of the school constitution that call for one will be quickly scratched.

I also feel that the entire election of freshmen officers and representatives should be postponed until the beginning of the second semester. After being here only 90 days I hardly know the first names of 50 of my classmates and I certainly do not know the character and ability of even that small number.

Please, Madame chairman of the election committee, give this your complete and unbiased attention.

Fellow freshmen, please show your concern in this and other matters that we face daily. See some member of our SGA and let it be known that you are interested in our school.

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WILL someone please take note. The stoles that are worn over the choir robes in chapel are soiled. They really need cleaning. It also might be good to notice that they have stamped on them "F". "M". Are we forced to face the continued existence of "Flossie Mac" in our chapel services too? Flora Macdonald Was a great school. St. Andrews, however, is a much greater school and theoretically is the only one of the two still operating.

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Editor's comment: Is this the voice of the freshmen?

We hope these comments will inspire some thought and perhaps some answers.


Alpha Phi
Frat. Formed

There was a new social group formed at St. Andrews last week. Its new members were informed of their selection to this elite organization through the mail. The criteria for entrance involves "notable" achievement in scholastic activities.

The groups' social activities will involve absolutely nothing between Monday and Friday. The letters Alpha Phi, liberally translated, signify "Academic Probation." This, of course involves the inconvenience of required study hours Monday through Friday, but there is some solace in that an individual who retains his membership in Alpha Phi for more than two consecutive semesters won't have to worry about it anymore.

There was no joy in the faces of the 274 who were honored, either for overcutting or actual classwork, but a sort of grim determination. They know now, and it's not a pleasant place to be.

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