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Serfs Under Sophs Complete Annual Inquisition Week

"Serf Week" is almost over! Inquisition is tomorrow! After that freshmen will be Lords and Ladies of St. Andrews, but until then, BEWARE - today is their last chance to redeem themselves, as many freshmen names are on sophomore "black lists."

"Serf Week" officially began Sunday, September 3, at 8:00 P.M. At that time, the Lettermans' Club escorted the freshman class to the woods, where the sophomores awaited them. Rick Walker, President of the Sophomore Class, charged out of the woods on his "white" steed to read a proclamation to the serfs.

Activities began bright and early Monday morning as the sleepy-eyed freshmen appeared at 6:00 A.M. around the flagpole in Sunday dress. Following exercises, a reception was held in the Student Center for the serfs to be introduced to the Orientation Committee. Breakfast was a stand-in for the serfs.

Being Labor Day, the serfs were put to work; at 4:30 P.M. they formed bucket brigades along each side of the Student Center to the lake, passing anything that would hold water down the line to fill two 50-gallon drums in front of the Student Center. The winning team was allowed to go to supper first.

Tuesday, frosh dress was upside-down A-line skirts, inside out, for the girls, and for the boys, shirts backwards, pants inside-out and backwards. All meals were eaten with knives only.

Wednesday was a day of rest for the serfs, except the Granville "Grannies", who were required to carry pillows. Sophomores completely ignored the serfs until 7:00 P.M. when the frosh surrendered their shoes upon entering the cafeteria for the handbook test. After completing the test, the shoes were found around the flagpole and in trees and bushes.

Thursday was Physical Fit-

ness Day. Dress was P.E. uniforms. Frosh were required to run EVERYWHERE, including around the lake; the causewalk was closed to freshmen until 10:00 A.M.

Tomorrow, Inquisition will end the annual freshmen initiation, serf week.



The new assistant Dean of Students, Mrs. Grace Overholser, finds her new job hectic but interesting.

Alan Atwell Heads Admissions Office

Alan Atwell, our new Director of Admissions, arrived in the St. Andrews community on August 14, 1967. Mr. Atwell is taking the place of Roger Decker, our new Dean of Students.

Born in Fall River, Massachusetts, Director Atwell has lived in North Carolina for seventeen years. After attending Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, he has done graduate work in guidance counseling at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

After three years in the Marine Corps, Mr. Atwell emerged as a Captain. He became Dean of Men at Guilford College after his term with the Marines and was then promoted to Associate Dean of Admissions.

Director Atwell is married to the former Betty Lou McFarland of Aberdeen, North Carolina, who is also a graduate of Guilford. Included in the Atwell family is a seventeen month old boy.

Mr. Atwell, a numismatist (coin collector), considers skiing (both kinds) and golf as his extra circular activities.

The door of Alan Atwell's office is always open. He expresses a great interest and enjoyment in all young people. His office is always open for ideas and fellowship.

English Prof Becomes New Dean of Women

By LINDA PEEL

St. Andrews is welcoming a new Assistant Dean of Students to the Office of Student Affairs. She is Mrs. Grace Overholser, who comes to us from Laurinburg High School where she has taught English for several years.

Last year she instructed the academically talented students in grades ten through twelve in an advanced English program.

Dean Overholser is a graduate of the University of Texas where she received her BA degree in English and Journalism. She is currently working on her Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the field of English and Education.

Mrs. Overholser has written a number of articles for the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY. She is also on the Board of Directors of this magazine. In addition to writing books used as texts in the Covenant Life Curriculum of the Presbyterian Church, she has also taught leadership courses for teachers in this church program.

Mrs. Overholser has three children and one grandchild which occupy much of her personal life. Mrs. Overholser's former husband, Dr. James Overholser, was at one time a professor of philosophy here at St. Andrews.

The job of Assistant Dean of Students is seen by the Dean as having three parts. Seventy-five percent of her time will be spent in the Student Affairs Office handling whatever comes her way.

A second phase of her work will be the teaching of the 201 Art of Poetry English course. Perhaps closest to Mrs. Overholser's real interest is her work concerning a humanities course hopefully to be added to the college curriculum next year.

In connection with this program, Dean Overholser will contribute experience and knowledge which she gained in special studies at Chapel Hill this past summer on creativity and individuality in school programs.

In addition to these three tasks, Dean Overholser will serve as secretary to the Student Life Committee, chairman to the Calendar Committee, and advisor to the Student Center

Board and judicial system.

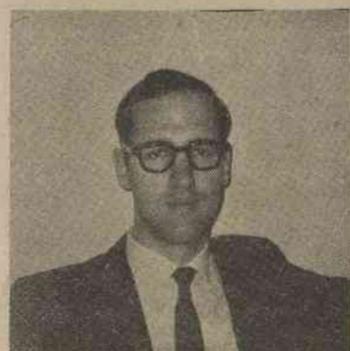
Dean Overholser sees only

one disadvantage to her new job at this point. She says it takes "a lot of time to get acquainted" with the student body when she sees so few of the students, and her hope is that she will soon know more of them personally.

Student affairs is seen as "a supplement to academic life," and student involvement through the Student Affairs Office is an immediate goal of Dean Overholser.

Mammas and Pappas Share Men's Residence Duties

Kings Mountain and Winston-Salem dorms are involved in a "dorm daddy" experiment. Both dorms have replaced the conventional house mothers with professors acting as dorm advisors. Dave McIlhiney and Dick Prust, both new professors at St. Andrews this year, have now taken the responsibilities of running their respective dorms.



ANTHROPOLOGIST McILHINEY NOW DAD

When asked how he liked being "dorm daddy", Mr. McIlhiney replied, "Its great. I am having a marvelous time. The fellows are great and they run the dorm themselves. All I do is serve as a resource person. I try to go around to one suite a night and talk with the guys in bull sessions. I try to get ideas from the students."

Does he like the idea of "dorm daddies"? "Its obviously good. I'm looking forward to a good year. I hope and think this will work and will be expanded."

Dick Prust, dorm daddy for Kings Mountain, is enjoying his

new position a lot. "It's kind of an interesting situation. No one knows what to make of it. I think that SA has more potential than any other school I've been associated with. There is not a kind of frustration at SA as at other schools--students aren't bound by tradition, except for "serf week" and it stinks".

Asked if he thought "dorm daddies" is a good idea, Mr. Prust replied, "It has many advantages and disadvantages. If we can capitalize on advantages, it could open up many exciting possibilities."

We asked several boys what they thought of the "dorm daddies". "I think its an improvement over dorm mothers." "Most of the boys feel more responsible because he has placed more responsibility on us."

Off to a good start, the experiment will be interesting to watch develop.



PHILOSOPHER PRUST IS "DORM DAD"

New Science Set-Up

\$75,000, in addition to several other grants, has created "a radically new approach to undergraduate science education that is concept-centered, research-oriented, and flexible in dealing with the individual student."

Thanks to this Danforth Foundation grant, basic science has undergone many changes. The program will be introducing the student to a select number of major concepts instead of many small items of scientific information.

Starting with particles and matter, and then going to life and population, the program introduces a new approach, a visiting scientists program, which enables our students to be exposed to the "greats" in the field of science which "no other student has had a chance to be exposed to," according to Dr. G. Tyler Miller, Jr.

Dr. Ralph T. Overman, in chemistry and physics, is a scientific consultant and formerly Director of the Special Training Division at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. He will reside from September 1 through the 14.

Dr. Calvin Vanderwerf, chemist, and President of Hope College, will be here from October 23 through November 4, followed by Dr. Richard J. Kokes, Professor of Chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, a member of the Advisory Council on College Chemistry.

Dr. Allen L. King, physics professor at Dartmouth College will visit from January 17 until February 3. Dr. Alfred Novak,

biologist and mathematician at Stephens College will precede Dr. William T. Ham, Jr., biophysicist at the Medical College of Virginia, visiting from March 4 through the 16.

Rounding out the program will be Dr. Dean B. Cowie, biophysicist at Carnegie Institute of Washington and Dr. J. Franklin McCormick, associate professor of biology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Seven new St. Andrews faculty members have been added to the Natural Science and Mathematics Division. They are Dr. Robert Pedigo, associate professor of biology, Dr. Donald Barnes, assistant professor of physics, Drs. David Wetmore and Karen Barnes, assistant professors of chemistry, Mr. Rosario Urso, assistant professor of mathematics, Mrs. Linda Boyd, instructor of mathematics, and Dr. Julian Crowell, associate professor of mathematics.

Resigns Post

Jack Abernathy, former director of Public Relations at St. Andrews, has left Laurinburg for Richmond, Virginia. He is presently working for an advertising agency.

Abernathy has recently written an article for the July "Presbyterian Survey" which featured the Religious Arts Festival on campus last year. A big success, the Festival drew attention for creativity and point of view.