

THE LANCE
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Budget Dilemma . . .

A serious problem is hampering the three student publications on this campus. The Lamp and Shield, the "Cairn and The Lance have, at present, no budget from which to operate. The newspaper is in the most precarious position, publishing weekly with printing costs and advertising schedules to meet. This is not to mention the eight students on workshops, several of whom are in need of the money.

When Todd Davis, treasurer of the Student Association, divided the monies last spring, he, and none of the Student Life Committee, were aware that publications were to be included in the breakdown. The Committee, who voted unanimously in favor of the budget, was under the false impression that the monies for all publications came directly from the office of Mr. Silas Vaughn, business manager. Upon returning to campus this fall, the Student Association was informed that the Lamp and Shield, the Cairn, and The Lance budgets are to be included in the overall allotment to the Student Government.

With the Business Office guaranteeing a community of 890 students, the Student Government was, and still is, receiving \$22.00 per student from the general service fee to sponsor their activities. This means an allotment of \$19,580. The Student Association share of this total is \$15,525, which leaves \$4,005 for the three publications. This meager total was the decision of the Senate Budget meeting this past Sunday. With only four grand, none of the publications can hope to operate with any success. Some decisive action must be taken soon. The Business Office should consider removing the publications from under the auspices of the Student Association. There is no provision in the Constitution for publications and some members of the Senate and Cabinet are wondering just how this problem was tossed in their laps.

The possibility of cutting other student organizations in favor of the publications is frowned upon by some students who want to "do a fine job in most things, and not a mediocre job in all." As for the newspaper, the budget submitted of \$2700 stands, or the weekly publication of The Lance cannot continue with the regularity of the last year and a half. The merchants in Laurinburg will buy only so many inches of advertising--not enough to defray the cost of a weekly edition.

The editor of the Lamp and Shield, Ray Riddle, speaks for himself in this issue. If the Cairn, the campus poetry magazine, has its budget cutback, it will become a memory and not a yearly publication as it has been for three years.

It is within the power of the Business Office to alleviate this problem. The Student Government has progressed in all areas of student life and the publications have become an important aspect of campus life (with the exception of last year's annual). If and when the cutback occurs, then the entire campus should be informed of the reasons behind such unprogressive action.

JOE JUNOD

Credo Chapel Series presented, on Thursday, September 26, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. in the Liberal Arts Auditorium, Professor William M. Alexander, St. Andrew's resident Socratic, Platonic, Aristotelian, Stoic, Christian Augustinian, Nominalist, Realist, Scholastic, Lutheran, Calvinist, Kantian, Hegelian, Pragmatist, Existentialist, Linguistic Analyst type, who actually stood there and said, "I believe."

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This past July 8, I got a reaffirming letter from Dean Decker stating that "the Student Life Committee endorsed a request for \$9,500 for the 1968-69 'Lamp And Shield Budget.'" We hope very much to secure those funds for the "Lamp and Shield", as your budget certainly appears to be a reasonable one.

"However, ... there is a strong possibility that our anticipated enrollment will be less than that (950) which we had hoped for and thus income will be decreased."

With this reassuring missive a contract was signed for the taking of portrait pictures (going on presently) with Smith Studios of Raleigh.

Upon coming to school we found our financial situation to be MOST CRITICAL.

Mr. Vaughn requested "a Publications Committee meeting be called...to review last year's operation for the publications and to establish guidelines for the coming year. According to the audit report that has been handed to me (Mr. Vaughn) both the LANCE and the LAMP AND SHIELD spent considerably more money than they had income."

Let us not forget that the publications were granted monetary allocations by the Student Association Treasurer and the Cabinet for the first time in 1967 (Student Association budgetary increase was about \$7,000 to cover the expected expenditures of \$10-\$11,000 from the publications) a \$3,000 to \$4,000 deficit was immediate. Evidently cuts on the annual production did not alter this ultimate financial deficit which was expected.

According to Mr. Vaughn in this meeting of September 10 the 1969 LAMP AND SHIELD budget was to have been part of the Cabinet budget and not a separate entity of the Publications Budget-presented to and approved by the Student Life Committee. Since the publications are financially dependent on monies allocated

from the Student Activity Fee, "the students should have the right to divide that money (\$22 per student) the way they see fit", exclaimed our Business Manager. (What ever happened to the other \$78-98 from the "Student Activity Fee?" Why do the students get only 1/5 to 1/6 of "their money" to allocate "as they see fit"? These questions are still unanswered).

After this meeting with Vaughn it was obvious the '69 publications were without monetary support and therefore, theoretically, nonexistent.

A cabinet meeting was immediately called for and the 'Student Activity Fee' was eagerly and excitedly discussed. The ultimate decision was for David Betts and the editors to approach Dr. Moore and seek an additional \$8 a student for a total of \$30 per student for the Student Association to guarantee (1 adequate continuance of the excellent caliber of "Student Association" work and, 2) adequate monies for the existence of beneficial and worthy publications, though definite economic cuts would be resultant.

After that uneventful meeting with Dr. Moore last Saturday the Cabinet met Monday night to discuss this matter once more. It was their final decision that no monetary support would be readily available for any publications since they are not a part of the Student Association framework - which in reality cannot support these publications.

Another meeting is in the planning between David Betts, Todd Davis, Joe Junod, Dean

Decker, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Thomas, and myself at the request of Dr. Moore. The outcome? Who knows presently; but one thing is for sure -- technically, there is NO yearbook.

This is not a final proclamation but is one of several alternatives: 1) making no cuts and going in the red, 2) cutting the color, 3) shortening the length and this the content, 4) most definitely, obtaining more ads, and 5) hopefully never, a paper back edition. The later (2-4) are seen as definite alternatives once we obtain SOME financial backing.

The question is who shall give us money and how much? I honestly feel publications should be outside the Student Association framework and thusly derive their monies via the same legerdemain by which the Library receives approximately \$32 per student and the Infirmary approximately \$27 per student from the Activity Fees of last year.

LAMP AND SHIELD - FACT OR FICTION? Presently-Fiction, but hopefully via proper channels, F A C T.

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