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What Are The Student's Priorities?

BY LINDA SUSONG

The country club school of the south is waking up to the real issues. This year St. Andrews has seen more changes than have occurred in the past four years.

Finally the validity of students' rights has been voiced and has been heard and partially upheld by the administration. The black students now have the guts to stay here and do something about the ridiculous black/white ratio. More power has been given to students who are now represented on most of the faculty committees. A new president has been named. His professional qualifications, bring hope to a campus whose conservative president has let most important bills lie unread and unsigned on his polished desk. Legal alcohol on campus is a near reality.

And again this February the same old complaint is arising. Elections are coming up and the concerned few are wondering who is eligible for election while the majority of students could care less. Student apathy during elections is one of the earliest editorials to write about; every campus has the same raging illness during elections.

Yet, apathy is not the major concern at St. Andrews. Most students do care about what is happening around them. They are talking and various groups are trying new ways to do something about their concerns. The Peace Corps is prospering, the Black Power group is preaching and the Student Association is struggling.

Those who are worried about who will fill the various student offices will probably end up filling the vacancies themselves. The same discussion about the lack of relevance that the student government has with major issues will probably continue. Yet, next year will see more changes in favor of the students than this year.

The problem does not lie in the fact that students do not care enough to run for student leadership positions. On the contrary, most students care very much about what is happening here. The lack of relevance to the majority is in the leadership positions themselves.

The concern will continue while the students in their legislated positions will continue to ask "Why doesn't anyone care?" It is time to re-evaluate our student offices. What do they really accomplish and if they seem inadequate for most students, how may we close the gap of relevancy?

There are positions available for the concerned while important issues rampage across the campus, still the gap is unfilled. Obviously the positions open for student leadership do not offer sufficient ends to the problems of the students or we would have more students running for offices. So, do we abolish the established channels (the Senate) or do we try to re-organize what we have to work with? As it stands now it really doesn't matter who runs for office; nothing will be done of any importance until the positions themselves become relevant for the majority of students who are concerned in a different way, where those in leadership positions are concerned.

Nixon Must Build Climate of Trust

Black Tuesday

by DICK GREGORY

By the faintest whisper of popular mandate, Richard Nixon has become the President. He made no play for the support of the black electorate nor did the black ballots cast appreciably increase Nixon's total. Yet a different attitude in the black community could have produced a Nixon defeat.

Figures compiled by the Democratic National Committee indicate that some 6 million black voters went to the polls on election day, out of the potential 7.2 million. About 91 percent of those voters cast their ballots for Vice-President Humphrey, the remaining votes going to Nixon or "other" candidates.

It is clear that the total black electorate did not panic when faced with the possibility of a Nixon administration. Such panic would have produced an even larger presence at the polls and a greater percentage for Mr. Humphrey. That is, if the black votes cast for independent candidates were combined with a larger voting percentage in the black community, the Humphrey-Muskie ticket would now be looking forward to Inauguration Day. In a negative yet very real sense, Nixon owes his victory to the black community and the attitude it assumed.

Black voters did not do what they did in 1964. In that national election the black electorate rallied to vote against Barry Goldwater. The repudiation of Goldwater was a stronger voting motivation than the endorsement of President Johnson. But in this year's election black voters voted neither for nor against candidates. (Blacks most strongly motivated to vote for a candidate probably cast their ballots for independents.) The black community exercised its constitutional right to vote, period.

Richard Nixon now occupies a unique place in the history of American political life. He is a man who has literally had the taste of the Presidency in his mouth for 16 years and he has finally won the nation's highest political honor. To



Gregory

Letters To The Editor:

Newspaper Found Inadequate

Mr. Editor,

Do you honestly call your mellage of reports and history a newspaper of, by and for the S. A. student? How dare you insult the S. A. students' journalistic taste and discredit the journalistic media!

Your "publication" makes a great alumni newsreport or an attractive lining for a dog box! If not a dog box, would you believe every student center trash can each day of issuance (every Thursday except Winter Term)?

Rich Defends Racist Charge Levelled At Forum

To The Editor:

Recently I was confronted with an informal discussion concerning Black Power. Many students gathered in Orange Dorm late Monday night to hear the different views of the Black Power advocates, and to express some of their own opinions concerning this subject.

Many small groups were talking and debating the subject of racism. What does it take to be a racist or a non-racist and is it possible to be neutral, were the main questions of the night. I began discussing this topic with Pete Cook, a person I felt was representative of the student body at St. Andrews.

Cook indicated that he felt racism was wrong and very detrimental to the American society, with which I totally agreed. The question concern-

ing the qualities and characteristics that label a person either racist or non-racist then arose. The following statement made by Cook completely escapes my scope and imagination. "If you attend James Rogers', the local tavern in South Carolina, you are a racist." My immediate response to this statement was that I was hearing things. Yet I realize that Cook really meant it.

First of all, I fail to see any rationality behind his statement. Second, even if racism exists at Rogers', it does not mean that a person who seeks his entertainment there is a racist. Third, due to the social inadequacies of Scotland County, it is more a matter of supply and demand that a person patronizes Rogers, rather than a matter of choice.

Realizing that the time element prevented Cook from backing up his statement, it is with an open mind that I await some enlightenment concerning his views.

An Accused Racist,
Robert J. Rich

Cook Retaliates

Dear Bob Rich: Your racism is your problem, not mine. You seem threatened by what I say. I can't imagine why... but that's your problem too. Very sincerely,
Peter J. Cook Jr.

Senatorial Change

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each of the men's dormitories; one elected representative from each co-ed dormitory; and one faculty advisor appointed by the Dean of Students and the Dean of the College. All representatives shall maintain a scholastic average of 2.0. A chairman and a vice-chairman shall be elected by the Men's Residence Court. A quorum shall consist of (75%) three-

fourths of the total representation.

(b) 1. "The Women's Residence Court shall consist of two representatives from each of the women's dormitories; one elected representative from each co-ed dormitory; and one faculty advisor appointed by the Dean of Students and the Dean of the College. All representatives shall maintain a scholastic average of 2.0.

do so he had to survive both a defeat on the national level in 1960 and the rejection of California voters in his subsequent gubernatorial bid. He has calculatedly administered self-respiration to his political image after having been pronounced politically dead by analysts the country over.

Nixon knew that he could not enlist massive support from the black community during this year's Presidential bid. Nor could he expect to win the favor of disenchanted young voters who originally supported Eugene McCarthy or Bobby Kennedy. But youth and blacks comprise only about 25 percent of the total electorate and Nixon knew his strength must come from the remaining 75 percent.

Nixon also knows that it will be a different ball game in 1972. And it is also safe to assume that he will not be privately content with a one-term Presidency. The Republican Party now ranks third in commanding the allegiance of registered voters in this country, trailing the Democratic Party and registered independents with a total registration of about 24 percent.

But by the 1972 elections, millions of new voters will have been registered from the black community and from the ranks of youth, both black and white. It is safe to assume that increasingly alienated youth will not be registering into either of the two major parties. Thus Nixon will face that election year (barring the unleashing of unpredictable circumstances which have become increasingly commonplace in this country) as the incumbent President of a party representing less than 20 percent of the total electorate. He will need the support of both blacks and youth.

Nixon must begin immediately to do what Vice-President Humphrey urged upon the voters in his own behalf during the campaign -- establish a climate of trust in this country. But trust dare not be requested until grounds for it have been demonstrated. Nixon can be the first man in American history to show that young voters and black voters will support the Republican party when it is warranted. If Nixon establishes a trust fund of concrete action in the next 2 years, he has every reason to expect returns on his investment for the Republican Party in the Congressional elections of 1970.

Have you honestly given yourself a thorough self-criticism? Why is THE LANCE, that vacuum of student opinion, never read completely and so rapidly discarded by its, heaven forbid, "subscribers"? Why must you cram your journalistic garbage down the necks of students who do not want dead history and will regurgitate your publication forcefully and immediately (if not into trash cans--onto the floor)?

A few criticisms are in obvious need. First, LAST WEEK'S "news" is all that appears--except forecasts of future movies in the ads. 2) Dissident opinions are not shared in "the official student" newspaper. It is an insult to you and your paper when any student must revert to an underground newspaper so that his opinions may be heard--undistorted, by the way. 3) Your paper fastens the locks of each student's apathetic straight-jacket by printing dead history and not taking a stand on interests of vital concern. True, nothing much has happened this year--but why not stand up against this fact?

If this letter is not edited, I shall be thoroughly surprised! I have several recommendations which I plead you to employ: 1) Present future events only on page 1---who shall be speaking on campus? What shall various organizations do in their meetings and activities

the coming week? ---Sure, this demands work, but journalism is not coping out, or an attempt to be merely an historian. Though this usually happens, as it has for the past 4 years at St. Andrews.

2) Allow ALL voices of the student body to be heard on page 2. Take stands pro or con, but don't just twiddle your thumbs.

3) Present last week's historical notes on page 3. This is where you may play historian. Day-old material appears on page 1 of metropolitan papers, not week-old stories--the latter is found inside the paper, if at all.

4) Though the sports section---page 4---is, by some miracle, usually good, it fails to present what little W. R. A. activity we have or what the sports schedule is for the coming week.

5) Dudley's column is good, though too lengthy and irrelevant to contemporary or future films to appear. It is often said, "Terminate Dudley's column and you have no Lance."

It may sound as if I sponsor a LANCE bon fire each Thursday night, I don't---I just throw it in the trash with quiet resolve and great earnest. Unfortunately, I am not the only one.

CHANGE LANCE! "The times, they are a changing."

Ray Riddle

Editor's reply: Thank you Mr. Riddle. Will reply next week.

...Poverty In Scotland County

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problem in staffing such a program.

There just aren't enough people for the job. A welfare worker may see to the needs of a specific family and by the time he completes the circuit of the families he is responsible for and gets back to the original family, three months may have passed. Repeatedly Moore and others have suggested that more money be delegated and more people be hired so that this all important work can be carried on more effectively. Financing such a venture is the major problem, however, and the money just isn't available.

But what of the cause of this poverty? What lies at the root of the problem, and what steps can be taken to stop poverty before it starts? Laura Ann McNeill, a seventeen-year-old black Scotland High student who is now working in the tri-county program, has experienced this

poverty and has ideas for change. Laura spoke from experience and with a tragic bitterness she saw the peoples need.

"We've got to change the whole structure," she remarked. "It's got to start with tearing the whole system down. All these people, especially the Blacks, have worked hard in the fields day after day for small wages at all to put money in Whitey's pocket. There's no hope for us to get ahead. That's why we're still poor."

"My people deserve more. We've been exploited by money grubbing merchants and business men long enough. We're tired of eatin' beans and black-eyed peas. We want some meat on our tables."

She went on by saying that if poverty is going to change in Scotland County, the economic structure has to change, too. Buying power has to be put into poor people's hands so that they can be a voice and a part

...Structures Lacking

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At this time the Senate is considering a bill that would give the Inter-Dormitory Council and in turn the Dormitory Councils complete authority in establishing Open Dorm regulations. Whether or not the college administration allows this bill, when passed, to be put into effect, will tell the story. If the administration blocks the bill, it will only serve to illustrate the complete worthlessness of having a Student Senate at St. Andrews.

Should this be the case once again, only two meaningful alternatives remain for the student body. Either abolish all pretenses of self-government

and expose the true situation of the voiceless St. Andrews student or completely re-vamp the Student Government to escape the fetters of the administration. Of course, the latter action would demand a real commitment from every member of the student body.

St. Andrews has been existing under a puppet government too long. As David Belts has said, "Let us strive together to create an institution where students endeavor to exercise their freedom with maturity and responsibility". Administrators of St. Andrews, I ask you: "Is this to be a reality or just another catalog lie?"

Self-nominations Open For Student Association Offices

Self nominations for positions in the Student Association are now open. All candidates must have a 2.5 average to run and must maintain a 2.0. The openings are as follows:

There are five positions open in the Cabinet: President, Vice-President (President of the Senate), Treasurer and Attorney General.

Positions open on the Judiciary Board are: three senior positions, two junior positions, and two sophomore positions.

On the Student-Faculty Ap-

pellate Board there are two senior positions and one junior position.

For the Student Center Board there are positions open for President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Four positions are open on the Student Christian Council: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Self nomination terminates on noon Saturday, March 1. Campaigning will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday and will end March 5th. Elections will be held March 6.

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