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## A Question of Definition

Any man with white skin is a racist. I am a racist, Eugene McCarthy is one, as is Dean Rusk. To many people Rusk may appear otherwise because he consented to the marriage of his daughter to a black man. Yet, I do not believe a man, in this time and place, can overcome the presiding environmental and hereditary attitudes towards the black man.

A white who refuses to admit his racism had better look at himself again. Mickey Leland, member of the Black Cats, says that the so-called "Black movement" is really a "People movement." He's right of course. Yet this movement cannot make any forward gains without the realization that white men are racist. Black men must accept this and not be deluded by thoughts of non-racist friendship.

However, there are degrees of racism. Blacks found an appealing quality in George Wallace because he is so overtly racist. They appreciate him because they know where he stands. Unlike Wallace, there are people who are willing to work for the black cause, or at least, nod in agreement. In appearance, these persons might seem totally sympathetic, but watch them when they are threatened by a black man in some fashion. The "honkyistic" face will appear immediately. These people are dangerous. They preach love and brotherhood out one side of the mouth and "get the nigger back to the ghetto" out of the other side.

Yet the danger partially disappears when the two-faced white man can admit to himself and the world that he is a racist. There is no solution to racism but the personal acknowledgement of such will balance the scales. The white man knows exactly how the black militant population feels toward him. Until the blacks know what the whites think of him, progress towards an improved social structure is impossible.

BY JOE JUNOD

# Student Government Controversy

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on concrete actions and platforms for some time--and this school year is rapidly running out. And secondly, because the Senate's plan is going through established channels, it can accomplish the same reforms without as much opposition from the administration.

Third, why were the Student Association elections postponed? There were two reasons. One was that a number of amendments presently under-

way in the senate will allow more students to run for the various offices; the minimum grade-point-ratio is being lowered from 2.25 to 2.00. And some offices previously open only to upperclassmen are now being opened to lower classes. (For example, under the new amendments, either an incoming senior "or junior" may run for President of the Student Association).

The other reason for postponing the elections hinged upon a constitutional technicality. It seems that a long time ago, when school was not adjourning until June, the authors of our present constitution said that elections must be held in April. Although in spirit they probably meant by April (so elections would not be taking place during the then-exam-month of May), several students, for reasons of their own, seized upon the literal specificity of the clause

and argued that if the elections did take place as planned, they would question their validity before the Student-Faculty-Appellate Board (the "Supreme Court" of St. Andrews). The Student Cabinet, recognizing that the elections could be ruled invalid, of its own initiative decided to postpone the elections until April to avoid the problem.

What must be made clear is that the elections were postponed by the Cabinet as a result of actions that took place within the existing structures; they were not postponed because of a student petition demanding postponement or because of a threatened boycott of the elections. The students who did stop the elections from taking place this week were able to do so within the existing structures, even though a large proportion of those structures was initially against postponement--students do not have to go.

The new student government proposed by the Senate would open the door to real self-government at this institution. If you, the students of St. Andrews, want to establish a "real" student government and win the right to govern your own lives, then investigate the Senate's proposals and support them. We must keep the student body unified if anything is to be accomplished.

Joe Junod

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## Letters:

# Riddle Confronted by Editor

Mr. Riddle:

No, your letter wasn't edited. The Lance may belong in a dog box but I sincerely hope the canine is a thoroughbred.

Somehow I receive the impression that the paper is being read more than in the past. If you need a reason, I'll give you several. The content, what you call dead history, is focused at student life on this campus.

Do not mistake a campus newspaper for a city publication. The emphasis is different.

The staff of The Lance feels that older news may be of greater importance than what is up and coming. Remember that the Student Affairs Office published a weekly sheet listing forthcoming events.

Why do we print older news? The answer is simple. The St. Andrews student body is apathetic. In an attempt to open the eyes of the students, we concern ourselves with what the Black Cats or Herman Kahn had to say while on campus. Students

refuse to get off their butts to explore and discover what the people who visit St. Andrews have to say.

I agree completely with your charge that The Lance lacks sufficient means of communicating forthcoming happenings. We're working on it.

Your criticism concerning dissident opinions mystifies me. (I had to edit this part of your letter because you used the word decadent instead of dissident.) Are not Terry Jay-work's opinion of the Senate and Bill Hock's discovery of the unjust prices in the Snack Bar controversial enough for your satisfaction. If you need further proof look for editorials on drinking, parking tickets, women's hours and black recruiters. Before you jump on the paper, read it.

The sports page is good. Mc-Crea makes the English language enjoyable reading. But when you start digging about the WRA, you'd better stow it because your setting yourself up.

Dudley's column adds an artistic angle to the sheet and provokes readers into examining movies and plays beyond the story level. But please, don't hand me that trash that if Dudley's column is terminated, so is The Lance. Many people contribute to the publication of the paper. One person or one column does not serve as sole support.

Without saying it you hinted that the paper is, for the most part, trite. How can you support a case against the relevance of The Lance when you use the old gem, "The times they are a changing". When Dylan wrote that it meant something. That was seven years ago. This is 1969.

One final note. I wait with great hopes that the 1969 edition of the Lamp and Shield will improve upon the 244 pages that emerged from the pens and creative minds of the staff last year.

Sincerely,  
Jim Pope

Ted McCormack

## IDC Only Vital Member Needed

Dear Editor:

In view of the fact of general student disinterest and apathy toward the important business of student government as seen from the number of people running for office, I propose to carry Mr. Betts idea to its logical conclusion and abolish all of student government with the exception of the judicial system and the Inter Dorm Council. The IDC could handle easily all that is carried on by the whole of student government and thus eliminate the embarrassment of unopposed offices at election time. Students just do not give a damn of this campus, so student government should be attune to their wishes and leave the scene. It's the only way. . . .

## Organizer Speaks

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As a deacon of the Presbyterian Church in Austell, Georgia, Mr. Kehrer is concerned that the churches haven't taken any role in relation to the labor problems in the South

He sums up his life rather effectively.

"My work in the labor movement, in civil rights, in politics, and in the church is all of a peice--one statement I make with all my life.

He does give that impression.

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