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Basic Science Lecture Policy Criticized in Note to Pedigo



RAYMOND MASSEY will be on campus next week, completing his period as one of the Visiting Scientists. He was here this past year. He will speak on the future of the white and the Negro together in a single society.

Dr. Pedigo:

My purpose in writing this letter is primarily concerned with an action taken by you last week regarding the public lecture given by Dr. Bright. Excuse me for making a few broad assumptions as to the reasons for your action on this matter, but I feel some of your reasons have not been made clear.

You awarded 20 points to those who attended the public lecture given by Dr. Bright last Tuesday, March 8. This was to be added on to the previous hour examination, after a grade scale had been set.

I assume you did this because of poor attendance at this particular lecture. I also assume by this action you hoped to promote better attendance by offering such a reward. Likewise I assume you felt this action was necessary because of the time and money spent on the visiting scientist program. Might I say that I am in complete sympathy with your feelings on this matter. However, I feel your action is not justifiable.

Primarily, I don't see what a student's attendance at a public lecture has to do with his academic achievement on a prior examination. After all, the material concerned in Dr. Bright's lecture had nothing to do with the material covered. Is it fair to measure a student's ability by his attendance at a following public lecture? Wasn't it enough to include questions from the context of the lecturer's talk on the following examinations?

Secondly, if it is so vitally important to a student's education in Basic Science to attend these public lectures, why haven't you substituted it for a regularly scheduled class lecture?

As I emphasized before, I am not clear on your reasons or your action. But this is the general consensus among the Basic Science students, and I am sure this cannot be the whole story. I sincerely hope this matter can be cleared up.

YEARBOOK COMPLETED

mccrea

To the amazement of many, especially the staff, the 1969 Lamp and Shield went to the printers this week. Due to unforeseen complications, the final deadline was missed by approximately ten days; it is

not certain at this time if the book will be delayed in coming back. Original plans called for the book to be here about the middle of May, and the proofs coming back from the printers indicate that it is going to look as good on paper as it did in our minds.

Student, Faculty Work Will Appear In Literary Magazine

Sue Abbott Boyd, Chancellor of the National Federation of Poetry Societies, editor of South & West literary quarterly, has announced that that magazine will do an "area issue" concentrating on poetry, prose and criticism of student and faculty writers of St. Andrews College. The issue will be compiled this spring by guest-editor Ronald H. Bayes, writer-in-residence at St. Andrews, and will appear one year hence as South & West's Spring, 1970 issue.

During her reading and lecture at St. Andrews this week, Dr. Boyd also presented the South & West Certificate of Merit to Mr. Bayes for "Recognizing the value of the Arts to the Human Spirit." She said that this is fourth such award made by her Foundation's Board of Directors since its founding seven years ago. Dr. Boyd, who also is publisher of the Tulsa Poetry Quarterly, Voices International and the critical annual, Discourses on Poetry, has just received the Hatshaker Award for her new volume, How It Is (Olivant Press, 1968).

Leatherwood on Love

by Dudley

Yesterday morning, at the suggestion of my Editor-in-Chief, I took part in a most enjoyable conversation (it was too informal to call an interview) with Alan and Lisa Leatherwood, the Coffee House Circuit entertainers currently on campus. The following is taken verbatim from several of the high points of the dialogue, which was far too long to print in its entirety.

Asked about their marriage partnership, Alan told me: "We've been singing together now for about two and a half, three years. We've been buddies for three and a half years. She was singing blues and I was singing sort of burdy suaur-

bian rock. Finally we went up to a hoot one night and sang together -- we sang 'For Loving Me' and the club said, 'Hey you kids are really good; you want to sing here for a year every weekend, for seventy-five dollars for the two of you?' And I said 'Yeah.' At the end of the year we decided that harmony is really a groovy thing."

Me: "And you got married shortly after you teamed up?"

Alan: "No, at first we were breaking up all the time; then we went out to L.A., 'Well, okay, let's get married.'"

Alan, concerning a publicity questionnaire I mentioned: "Besides playing the guitar and singing, I can chug a can of beer in three seconds -- two and a half when I'm really good. I haven't got many things I can do well; that's one of them. I have two novels, but it's really just a quirk of nature."

Me: "What varieties of music are these?"

Alan: "I was referring to the stacks of recorded tapes the couple travel with. Alan: 'Well, my roots are Buddy Holly, Elvis, the Everly Brothers, then Beatles, Dylan, Tim Hardin, Gordon Lightfoot, Fred Neal. . . Old Donovan, not new Donovan -- I don't care for his self-ordained Messiah complex right now.' And to Lisa: 'What do you like, Babe?'"

She was quiet for a moment, then spoke timidly: "Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin. . . Oh, and Dionne Warwick. And Dusty Springfield."

Alan: "I don't care about being a performer, I just want to sing my music. I figure if whatever we do revolves around music, it can't be bad, because music is the thing that's still relatively free. I dig reading about things that you can't see or can't touch. I read this one book that's got the theory that the earth is a living organism -- everything on it's a cell. If you look at the way things are going right now, it's pretty sick in areas. Down here it's not so sick, it's just green and smooth and beautiful. But I'm just watching it all go down; I really feel bad about it. I don't like the way the world's going."

Dr. Burris New Meredith Dean

Meredith College has announced the appointment of Dr. C. Allen Burris, professor of history at St. Andrews College, academic dean of this Raleigh college. The 39-year-old Laurinburg man has been a member of the faculty at the Laurinburg college for the past three years.

Dr. Burris has been close to college campuses most of his life. A native of Wingate in Union County, he is the son of the late Dr. C. C. Burris who for many years served as president of Wingate College. After attending Wingate, he earned his first college degree at Wake Forest University. At Southeastern Baptist Seminary he was awarded his bachelor of divinity degree and took his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Duke University.

Before his association with St. Andrews, Dr. Burris was a member of the faculty at Gardner-Webb Junior College in Bowling Springs. He is a veteran of four years in the U.S. Navy where he served as an officer.

Mrs. Burris is the former Jane Russell of Mt. Olive. They have two children. Dr. and Mrs. Burris have made a host of friends here and admit they find it difficult to make the move to Meredith.



LEAVING NEXT YEAR for Meredith College is C. Allen Burris, professor of history and politics here.

Delegates Attend Student Conference

This is St. Andrews fourth year at the SSL. Of the two bills that St. Andrews has taken up, both have been passed by the Student Legislature, and one has become state law. The proposal that became law dealt with bettering the conditions of migrant labor camps.

One amazing statistic about the SSL is that 46% of the bills passed by the students are recommended to the State Legislature and becomes N.C. State law.

Delegates this year were Cline Hodson, chairman, Mac Crosswell, Ray Killian, Sally Edmonds, Terry Hatch and Valerie Hastings.

Six delegates from St. Andrews attended the State Student Legislature in Raleigh two weeks ago. It is the oldest student legislature of its kind in the nation and delegates from small and large colleges alike come from all over the state.

For three days and nights the delegates presented bills which they felt should become law in North Carolina. The setting was completely authentic, from smoke filled rooms to log rolling and fill-bustering.

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Turnovers. One thinks of the apple turnover and smiles. But St. Andrews' own brand leaves a sour taste. Faculty turnovers at St. Andrews are as much a part of this college as the critical essay, Miss Dove, scant track teams, Rodgers and the dam.

Faculty faces come and go, but they don't mention Michelangelo. Usually they speak of disillusionment.

Dr. Burris heads for the state capital and a Dean's job at Meredith College following graduation in May. Dr. James Carver will gather his books and vacate the LA Building during the summer. Not that the loss of these two men is enough, Dr. Jerry Williamson picks up his novels and heads for Wallace country and a Dean's position.

In the past two years alone the English department has gained and lost three young and capable professors. Andy Oerke, Ken Kramer, and Walter Eggers were good for this place--they were exciting--each in his own way. Their absence is missed by anyone who appreciates good teaching.

Of the 900 students at St. Andrews, how many are really interested in attaining an education? Not many. This place is a crossroads for the young man or woman looking for a suitable mate, hiding from the draft, and wasting time, money, and personal pride.

St. Andrews is the school of the half-student, unfortunately. Admissions policy for the C student; that's what they told me in May 1965 and from all reports, remains the case today. It should not be the school of the C student; nor the A student. Grades are not gods. The student that has the potential enthusiasm for learning is the one St. Andrews wants. If they stay on their present course, professors, the good ones, will bid their adieus to SA.

Admissions Problem

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the state supported schools which are much lower in tuition costs.

Dean Atwell also stated that for practical financial reasons, the admissions office often loosens its admittance requirements just to get the student and his tuition. It's a fact of life, colleges can't operate and professors don't get paid if there's no money coming into the school treasury. However, Dean Atwell did say that already, out of a goal of 300, more students had been accepted for the fall term than had been last year at this time, and their academic standards on the average were higher than before.

The admissions standards here are basically, that one has to be in the upper one-half of his class and have a C average. And although there are many students here with lower than a C average, the average of this year's freshman class falls at about a B-.

Dean Atwell pointed out that his recruiters have been able to reach and obtain students from 29 states, and also noted that 65% of all St. Andrews' students are from out-of-state.

Dean Atwell explained that "the better student you go after, the tougher the competition," and St. Andrews cannot compete on the money level. Yet he did note that St. Andrews is trying on both levels, as he explained that 44% of the present freshman class is receiving financial aid and the average grant-in-aid is \$1,216.

The crux of the matter which

Mr. Atwell sees as basic problems for recruiting academically talented students is:

- 1. The location of St. Andrews.
2. The cost of St. Andrews.
3. The reputation not yet established because of its youth.
4. Competition from state institutions and the widening gap in costs of state supported schools and private schools.
5. Few alumni to help in aid in publicity.
6. No large increase in college student applicants nationally.

The blame cannot be all placed on the Admissions Office. Dean Atwell is just as distressed as the rest of us are. The answer to the problem will have to come from the students themselves. What can we do to keep St. Andrews from folding?

First of all, we can approach the problem with a united effort and get involved. We can make sure that valid professor evaluations are made available and public. Also, every St. Andrews student can be his own recruiter. When you know someone from your hometown who has been accepted at St. Andrews, call them and talk to them when you are home. Invite them over for an informal party or get-together; explain C&C to them; tell them about the social life here.

And then, open your eyes to what is offered here. St. Andrews offers its students a chance to establish their identity. There are more opportunities open for students to do their own thing than at any other school in this area.

The Answer Is Brockwell

The staff of The Lance would like to make a recommendation to those persons involved in the hiring of administrative personnel. With the recent announcement of Alan Atwell's

retirement as Director of Admissions, a strategic vacancy among the college staff opens up.

We would like to recommend that Benjamin B. Brockwell, Jr. be given the opportunity to work at St. Andrews as Director of Admissions.

While Mr. Brockwell was employed by the college as a recruiter and financial aid director, he displayed an innate skill and understanding in his dealings with the prospective student as well as with the enrolled student.

To enlist the services of Mr. Brockwell in the capacity of Admissions Director would be an action well worth the applause of every member of the community. His merits have already acknowledged by this publication. His insight into the affairs of young men and women qualify him for the job as Director of Admissions.

Davenport Receives Grant For Study At Vanderbilt

Robert Davenport received notice this week that he is the recipient of a \$6,000 Danforth Campus Minister's Fellowship. He will be attending Vanderbilt University where he will be doing graduate work in late adolescent and early adult psychology with minor emphasis on the history and practice of American higher education. He will be gone for a year and expects to receive his Doctor of Divinity.

Fat Society To Have Meeting

Students for a Fat Society are slowly on the move. Their first meeting is planned for Tuesday night in the LAA. The subject will be "Fat: Their Beauty and Art". For fear of overloading the auditorium, all fat students are asked not to attend.



"Now there's more to do, than watch my sailboat glide, for every day can be a magic carpet ride. . ." The Byrds. (photo by Junod)