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To New Students Blessings...Pope

Welcome to St. Andrews! You are about to embark on one of the most important periods of your life. Your four years in college do more than prepare you for a career. . . they prepare you for life in general.

We are an impatient generation. To us, four years seems like an eternity; a waste of time that could be used earning money, raising hell, anything but studying.

But St. Andrews is more than studying; sure, we get our ample share of studies, but we get more.

St. Andrews is different from other colleges and universities, as is the S. A. student. You will find that "we" are not stereotyped in the least. . . there is no "St. Andrews Man."

We are all different. Non-conformists in a sense, for the set of values of the S. A. student is different.

Other schools are known for their parties. . . orgies. . . protests. . . The SA student will find time to party; last year we even had a panty raid, but we do not spend all of our time pursuing these extra-curricular activities.

It is a hard, cruel fact to learn, but life is not made up of continuous parties, orgies, panty raids, etc. St. Andrews prepares us for that life. If we use this school to its fullest, we will grow up in both maturity and mind.

We make the decisions, we no longer have parents around twenty-four hours a day to coach us. We are on our own. What we decide is ours. . . for better or worse. If we screw things up, then it is up to us to "unscrew" them. St. Andrews costs enough without calling home every time a problem arises.

One of the largest problems we find while we are here is the Christianity and Culture program. Some nights the professors will expect us to read and memorize the Encyclopedia Britanica and then not even mention it to us in class. . . but beware, it is certain to pop up on the final.

At times in Freshman C&C your beliefs will be tested. But after learning about Marduke and Tiamot it is worth all the reading just to impress the parents back home on that first weekend off campus.

First semester C&C will be spent learning about the Hebrews and the Greeks. . . who cares.

But, by second semester, it all falls into place and you will think that maybe God does exist; and somehow, you feel that He does watchover the C&C team very carefully in order to keep them on the track. Heaven knows they need it, whether they admit it or not.

In Basic Science, now known as Selected Topics in Modern Science, (but it is still basic), the problem of evolution is sure to come up. By the end of the term we have one fact down pat. . . the ape evolved from man, or something like that.

What can be said about math. . . it's just math. Take it or leave it.

For each of our own, nebulous reasons, we chose St. Andrews. Many of us will leave, by our own decisions. No one who wants an education will fall here.

One of the major problems here is that a large number of students transfer. Quite often they did not give St. Andrews the time to prove itself. We are not a Big Ten School. . . not even a big twenty school, which for some strange, unknown reason causes students to become fed up with the school.

Somewhere these students have gotten the impression that in order for the school to be good, it must have a Big Ten sport. More goes into the school than just the amount of money spent on athletics.

Let St. Andrews prove itself to you. . . give it a chance to prove that it is better than the larger, party centered schools. Participate in activities on campus. This will help you to become part of the St. Andrews experience.

Don't knock it until you've tried it. It is your school, and it is what you make it.

WELCOME!

Cline Hodson:
Community Reporter

Cline Hodson will be "The Lance's Man in Laurinburg" for this year.

He will be writing periodical stories for the paper concerning the relations between the St. Andrews campus and Laurinburg as well as features on issues around campus.

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Senate and Administration Together Should Respond to Student Needs

BY CHARLES PRATT

The Interdormitory-Senate is the most efficiently structured body of the Student Association. It is designed to represent all students, yet structured to have the productivity of a small group. The Senate must make definite and meaningful goals to be effective. It must be willing to work in conjunction with all members, among administration, and faculty to see that the student's position is responsibly yet strongly presented.

The Senate must work for the rights of students, in particular areas. There are many existing practices which neglect the rights and position of students. The percentage of General Service Fee going to students, thorough campus security, privacy of confidential files, course and professor evaluations for new students, student

welfare off campus, participation of students on faculty and administrative committees, standardization of interdormitory services, rights of student expression are all issues facing the Senate and demanding attention.

These are by no means all the issues, nor are they exclusive of problems that will arise this year. But there are two cautionary notes. The Senate is working with a number of new administration members, Dr. Hart being the prime case. They are different from previous administration personnel, with different ideas and policies. They need the opportunity to demonstrate just how dynamic they really are, and the Senate must be aware of their new positions. The Senate must feel out each administrative person first, before acting in areas of each's concern.

The way the Senate is formed, it can not operate without the

final consent of Dr. Hart and faculty, so it is in the interest of Senators to find out with whom they are working.

The Senate must use its power discreetly. There are many problems, many injustices of varying importance, but the number is limited. The Senate should not feel that it must work on a new problem each week. It must be thorough, and concentrate its efforts in specific areas.

The Interdormitory-Senate is formed specifically to be a practical and efficient body capable of representing and presenting student needs. If it fails to begin legislation on the recommended problems of this year, the Senate would reflect a basic inadequacy in student government which no restructuring of the institution can remedy. If the Senate fails, it might as well cease to be, and begin again.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Contrary to popular opinion, student government does not die during the summer months. This summer, in particular, was fruitful. All, or most of you are familiar with the situation regarding the SA Security Officer and the events that occurred last spring. This issue did "not" fade away during the summer.

A committee, composed of three faculty and administrative people and three students, met throughout the summer to study and offer improvements in the campus security system. The committee's report was given to Dr. Hart in the first week of August. He asked me to meet with him Monday afternoon to discuss the report. I will convey the results of this meeting to the student body as soon as possible.

July 1 was the date that the school really shifted into high gear and started moving. With the coming of Dr. Hart, the lethargic pace of the previous months was a thing of the past.

I'm sure all of you have noticed, the short sentence on page 39 of the "Saltire" under the title "Alcoholic Beverages". For the upperclassmen this is a significant change. The fight to update and humanize the "drinking rule" here at S. A. has been a major concern for the last two or three years.

The statement in the "Saltire" is the product of about

a half hour conference with Dr. Hart. This is the type of action I think we can expect this year. Not that the new administration will agree with students on every issue, but that prompt and truly responsive action can be expected is the significant point.

Your student representatives are working to improve every aspect of your college life. This requires help from each student. There is room for any and all suggestions in a government such as ours. This is the only way that student government can have any reason to function. Indications are that the new administration will be responsive to student needs and desires; it will be our job to be open and responsive to each other.

Sincerely,
Mike Ferrell

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the vice presidents of the dorms for their assistance during orientation. I would like to give a special thanks to WSAP for their Information Center on Sunday, and their dance Monday night.

I would also like to thank Hollace Laws, Sara Lee, Mark Perkins, Dudley, Camilla Neal Denny Dodson for their special assistance, as well as the student Affairs Office.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the energetic Orientation Committee members, Twiggy Holt, Ames Arnold, Kari Anderson, Jim Pope, Sandy Gaddis, Rick Walker, and the ever-loving Carolyn Matthews, co-chairman.

Sincerely,
Louis Swanson
co-chairman.

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