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Actions Speak Louder . . .

Blessings . . . Pope

It appears that the (if you'll excuse the expression) "communications gap" between St. Andrews and Laurinburg is a major issue now.

The Laurinburg Chamber of Commerce has formed a committee of civic workers, businessmen, professors and students whose basic aim is to look into the problem which is supposed to exist. After locating the problem they are to come up with just the right solution to solve it.

This committee is a big step in the right direction, but it cannot be the final answer. No matter how many committees are set up, there is only one way the communications between the city and the campus can be solved. But solving that problem will be quite a chore.

What is needed is a true understanding between the students of St. Andrews and the citizens of Laurinburg. That will only be possible when they start looking at each other in a different light.

At the present time the students are known as "those long-haired hippies," and the citizens are, "those racist Hicks." Very few on either side take the time to get to know one another. Seeing each other in these perspectives are the barriers which are separating the campus from the city. By working together on community and campus projects these barriers may be removed.

So, at the present, a committee is meeting and talking about what needs to be done. And that committee might as well keep on meeting, for as long as we sit and wait for something to happen, it never will.

Hart Fiscal Philosophy Budget Must Break Even

BY CLINE HODSON

"We're not exactly rolling in it but at least we're breaking even" or so says our President.

Dr. Hart responded to the question of whether St. Andrews was in any sort of financial straits or not by confiding that, even with new buildings and an expanded food service program plus dorm improvements, St. Andrews is still on top of the situation.

"We're trying to break even," the President said, "and it looks like we will".

There's a tremendous expense in running this place he states, especially when "We're taken a lead in several aspects like higher pay for the college's non-academic personnel" (Shades of Duke in 1968).

When asked about where, and how much of the expense money for running the college comes from outside interest, the President responded by saying, "A great deal, and from varied concerns".

Hart went on to say that a great part of the college's resources comes from the Laurinburg area. He hinted that the college owes a great deal to this surrounding area for financial support. Just how much and from what concerns went undisclosed, but common sense might tell one that.

When questioned further about the future of St. Andrews, Hart was optimistic and hopeful. "We may look forward to our twelve hundred enrollment as planned, and the additional high-rise dormitory facilities sometime in the seventies".

Hart added that St. Andrews would not exceed the twelve-hundred mark for enrollment, because he said, "the college wants to retain the small liberal arts school image".

An expanded faculty and a broader scope of courses is also planned to supplement the building program. In all, a bright future is slated for St. Andrews by the lake with all the books, at least for the time being, in the black.

Lance For Mobilization A Disenchanted War

BY CHARLES PRATT

"On October 15th, students and faculty all over America will leave their classes for one day to ring doorbells and talk to their fellow Americans about the madness of Vietnam." The purpose is not to strike against the school, but to help organize people against the war. Only students with a sincere desire to express their opinions about the war to others are asked to participate. It is a matter of personal commitment which must extend beyond the student's responsibility to attend classes on that day. The purpose for being absent from classes is a symbolic expression of a student's recognition that the Vietnam war exists, and that it must not continue. To this end, "The Lance" supports the activities that will take place on this campus during that day.

The Vietnam war is wrong, morally, historically, ideologically, and politically. It is a taxing war which is adversely affecting the American people themselves. There is a disenchantment with the means of war and the military rationale which is at the basis of the war's preservation and implementation. There is a disenchantment with the affects of war; 35,000 men have died in Vietnam and still many more will die during the present interim period; the morale of the people at home has dwindled in response to the many false statements the United States government has given to reassure them of the US position in Vietnam. There is also a growing cynicism and apathy towards a war which the people have no control over, or have no way of communicating their ideas to assure change.

There is still hope that eventually a majority of disenchanted people will be recognized as a majority and be listened to as a legitimate representative of a point of view that condemns the United States' government's participation in Vietnam.

Until then, the dissenting people can only reveal their strength in demonstration and their reasoning in dialog with others.

That is the purpose of the planned march in Fayetteville on October 11, and the one day teach-out on October 15. "The Lance" supports these means to inform the people of this nation of the irrationality and inhumanity of the Vietnam war.

Letter From Vietnam

(The following letter was written to Floyd Blackwell from John R. Burchill, a former St. Andrews student.)
 Dear Blackie,

Well, after evading this for about a year, I finally landed in Nam. So far, I don't like the water, land, or air. The water is dirty, the land is all mud, and the air stinks. I have been assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry Division, and I expect to see a lot of action. I am operating out of Tay Ninh, and we're up against the NVA, not the VC. The NVA are as well-trained as we are and almost as well-equipped. Fortunately, we control the skies! Where I am right now there is no electricity, running water, or any convenience of SA. No cigarettes, beer, coke, etc. The resupply we receive daily is food, water, ammo. I have been in Nam for eight full days and have gone through three rocket and mortar attacks and one ground attack. The NVA should be easing up soon, though. (I hope!)

All the time I'm looking out for kids from SA, but I hope I don't see anyone; nobody should go through this. In about four I'll join my company. We have to carry 15 meals of c-rations, 10 quarts of water, plus ammo: 300 rounds of M-16, two fragmentation, grenades, three smoke grenades, one claymore mine, one pound C-4 explosive. In addition to this I have extra socks, some insect repellent (malaria is bad here), tooth brush, razor, etc. And some stationery. Since you carry

everything you don't carry much! It's a big problem to keep clean here--no showers or sinks even, except for your helmet.

When I landed in Cam Ranh Bay eight days ago, the temperature was 83 degrees F. at 3:30 a.m. (Vietnam time). And the 'hot' time of the year is November to April!! The time here is 13 hours behind EST, only we're a day ahead. (11 a.m. here, midnight there)

Not too far away someone is in a fight. Our artillery has been pounding out about 30 rounds lately, and I could see Army gunships (Huey Cobra helicopters) firing their rockets. Those gunships are armed heavily. And just about a minute ago the Air Force appeared. Two jets firing their mini-guns (6000 rounds each minute!) and rockets, and two bombs were even dropped!!

My job in the field will be a squad leader. I'll be leading reconnaissance and ambush patrols. The company I'm assigned to took 50% casualties last week in a series of battles. 50 odd injured, 11 killed out of 120 men. Some bad stuff.

That's all for now. I want to put some more sandbags on my bunker!!!

Sgt. E-5 John R. Burchill

Beach Praises Lance Members

To the editor and staff of The Lance:

Congratulations! Never in the past three or four years has there been a special need for praise, criticize, or jump up and down about the SA news paper. Now there seems to be response to just about everything. Sure "the Pope" got "blessed out", and the Mayor of Laurinburg expresses interest in SA because of the articles by Mr. Hodson--Great! This, in itself, is not a major accomplishment, yet this initial response shows a much-needed improvement in the paper.

I would like to see the Lance continue to be an asset to the college community. If you continue to produce a somewhat controversial and always informative paper I, for one, will certainly say "thank"!

Richard Beach

Better Campus Communication

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members to increase better lines of communication between the college and the community

This was the usual Chamber of Commerce meeting in the usual library with the usual me with the usual solutions. But was an unusual problem. The mere fact that even a few towns people were concerned about the problem enough to invite a few students to discuss it, is in itself a momentous achievement.

One sincerely has to admire the thought if not the action here. What may come of the committee will rest in the enthusiasm of its members. But at least for the moment the door is open for better communication. Maybe we'll be able to look through to both sides.

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