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Moratorium Day

Blessings . . . Pope

Yesterday was a day of "soul searching" and of "conscience finding" on the St. Andrews campus. The administration made class attendance optional, and urged students to either attend class or to attend the planned sessions--to do as their consciences led them.

This plea was heard from people on each side of the question. Yet, those students who did attend class were taunted by notes on the blackboards asking them "Why are you in class?" or telling them that they were part of the problem with this country today.

In a day of "soul searching" and "conscience finding", neither side should have taunted the other side because they were each doing as his conscience led him to do.

Taunting only antagonizes people, making them deaf to new ideas which are offered.

As far as the way activities went yesterday, the best, and probably the most effective, was the debate held at Kings Mountain. It afforded those students an opportunity to hear both sides of the issue presented in an intelligent manner.

It is a shame though that many students and professors who wanted to attend the debate were unable to do so because of a class. These people were interested, but they felt that by not attending class they would be indirectly showing support for the "Moratorium Day" protests. This is a bad position to have put these people in. Both sides of the issue should have been presented at a time when those on both sides of the issue could have attended.

A Day of Thinking

Chip French, "to His Most Illustrious, Most Mighty and Imperial Majesty, and to the (students) of the (S.A.) Ruling Class."

"It is not due to sheer impertinence or wantonness that I, a lone and simple man, have taken it upon myself to address your worships. All classes in Christendom, particularly in (S.A.), are now oppressed by distress and affliction, and this has stirred not only me but everyman to cry out anxiously for help. It has compelled me to beg and pray that God will endow someone with His spirit to bring aid to this unhappy (school)." (These quotes were borrowed from Martin Luther.)

We might find ourselves feeling the urge to say, "It is done." But it is not. There may be resentment, because the leaders in this school chose a day of nation-wide anti-war protest, as St. Andrew's day of conscience. (Perhaps V.E. day will also be so designated?) However, we have all had an opportunity in the last few days to think. We have been inundated with leaflets, newspaper articles and debates. It has been a time of reevaluation. How seldom do we stop and say "thank God" that we can dissent and support, disagree and agree. There is the burden of having to make up our minds. Yesterday was a peaceful day of displayed opinion and an educational day as various groups met around tables.

Have we reached conclusions? Maybe some have not! Have some, previously unconcerned, become concerned? Hopefully!

"It is done", does not make it. "It has begun", provides a way to go.

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Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to the editorial in last week's paper and to the protests, I feel that the opposite viewpoint must be represented.

The war is a social and political commitment that must be followed through. That commitment was not made for the economic good of America or for the good of the professional serviceman. The basic idea for our being there is to help the people, that is the South Vietnamese, to support their own democratic government.

How many of the long-haired demonstrators have been to Vietnam? From my experience as a military dependent, I am familiar with the viewpoints of the South Vietnamese PEOPLE and of the United States soldiers. Those men who have had the opportunity to meet the citizens of South Vietnam realize that the people appreciate our help in terms of material matters and political and military support. The South Vietnamese demonstrated this in their support of the free elections.

Is the whole patriotism of the United States degenerating to the point of burning draft cards as well as the American flag? An article in "The Fayetteville Observer" recalled a true story:

"Not long ago, a group of Students for a Democratic Society asked a young soldier in Chicago why he served in the United States Army. Without hesitation he replied, 'So you can stand here on this corner and shoot off your mouth.'"

A newsman overheard the soldier's remark and recorded it before he vanished into the crowd of onlookers. The stalwart and proud young man thus far remains anonymous.

This event has a direct bearing on the vast majority of

our servicemen and women. They devote themselves to serving their country and independence; they are contributing all they have to our beloved country - yet they, too, remain anonymous.

But it is this group of formidable and compassionate citizens who form the backbone of our country. It is these proud individuals who build our heritage; individuals with a passion for America; individuals willing to fight for, not against, our great nation."

Respectfully,
Lynn Simpson

To the Editor of the LANCE:

Support is what makes a team want to win along with pride. As a soccer player I have noticed that the student body does not support their team even though cheerleaders try to yell the small throng of fans to yell. During the Pembroke game the only support was when the S.A. soccer team made a strong comeback in the end of the third quarter, and still the Pembroke cheerleaders yelled louder.

During the Methodist game there was a great amount of yelling and the "concerned fan" article showed that the "beery breathed" fans were distracting from the devoted fans. Where were they when the soccer team played Pembroke?

"Cool Jerks" come back, we want your support.

A concerned soccer player seeking support.

**West Side
Story
Held Over
Till Sunday!**

"I Declare The War Is Over"

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are many economic concerns tied up in the war--markets there, the industrial complex supplying instruments of war and possible future exports. Besides, the military has tricked us into war--and a war which we are fighting to save face.

A former member of the State Department, Dr. Hope expressed pro-administration feelings. He pointed out that

Mr. Nixon is carrying out his campaign promises. We do have a democracy; there is an inevitable "lag" between what the government does and the desires of the people.

Mr. Bushoven suggested that we start changing our attitudes both toward the bureaucracy and America's economic set-up. The United States is not democratic because of its oppression of minority groups in these two areas. His hope is for a government completely responsive to the peoples wishes and controlled by the people, in which case, there would be no "lag".

The debate ended with no cut and dried answers. The entire day offered no solutions, only ideas, questions, and challenges to everyone who came. The value from such an experiment must come from each individual who listened and learned.

Thanks are due to those who made it possible. There was something for everyone--guerilla theatre for its shocking impact, a service of prayer and questioning, honest opinions from students on both sides of the fence and those who fought for academic integrity, and an intellectual approach where hearing each other's opinions was a learning experience. Thank you.

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