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**Debate !**

"We are constantly open to, and actively seek, articles which will be controversial and searching. The LANCE aims aims only for a channeling of news to students, not for exclusive rights to determine the entire content of the paper. Our primary concern is for relevance and timeliness and openness."

The above statement is reprinted from an editorial run last spring which is even more appropriate in a new year and a new context. We freely admit our short comings. Our budget has been drastically cut. Perhaps our paper is not "good" in the sense of news worthiness, lucidity or even "relevance and timeliness and openness." But perhaps that is the fault more of what we reflect on than the reflection itself.

The St. Andrews campus is not ideal; it too has its shortcomings and even occasionally admits them. (And even less often laughs about them.) And yet the potential is almost overwhelming for a creative existence for all members of the St. Andrews community.

There are many opportunities and challenges for meaningfulness that are still undiscovered by upper classmen and even by faculty. The standard plea for involvement and participation is valid, not only for what is accomplished in terms of goals but as well in strengthening the individual. Obvious areas here are college-oriented organizations, -- student government, College Christian Council, various clubs, and dorm life -- as well as more general social and political interests.

But these are not the only sources of participation nor of creative life in its fullest sense. The most overlooked and yet most opportune area for growth is in confrontation, rapping, dialogue, whatever you want to call it. Give and take, a free exchange of ideas, bullshitting. Most students have already discovered that dorm life almost imposes this condition upon them. And yet -- what about across the lake? We challenge you to talk with professors, to question, probe, analyze, deny. We challenge you to be open and honest as you approach any member of the St. Andrews community. We challenge you to be opinionated, to debate and respond. And, after you know where your head is, have the guts to back it up with action. Thoughts are beautiful; action gets things done. (A profound statement, that) And we hereby urge you to enjoy it -- to utilize your time at St. Andrews not only to grow academically and socially, but to develop your awareness, to sense, and feel and do. It may be your last chance

We'll be rapping here in the Lance about ideas and actions we hear about. Coming up will be reactions to library hours, campus military recruiting, book fees, the budget, administrative actions. And, further, comment on national political, social and economic events. If, as you respond to new ideas, you feel strongly about specific issues, we urge you to come to the Lance to express them.  
 Write on!

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**A Beginning**

BY CHARLIE PRATT

This is meant more to be an introduction to the entire year's effort than a serious article. As a reporter of sorts, I have often wished I could stir people from their complacency, but I realize I can't. The reason I think is that the reporter is as much a product of the American way of life in his ability to saturate totally the market of information with exhortations for this and that and the other. Numbness sets in long before the idea sinks in. It is impossible to intimidate people any more from so far removed a place as a newspaper. I feel some reporters are lost before they start because their most important goal in writing is their own catharsis. Their ideas do not reach beyond themselves.

I hope to take a different approach to writing. Instead of the direct pleas for action, I want to set a mood from which action will derive. This is not going to be easy and I just may fail, thus following long-standing tradition. All I can say is that I am not writing for my own benefit alone, nor do I claim to be imminently right. That's a mood.

There are a few guidelines at this point which I hope will be followed in reporting this column. It is already pretty clear that the theme of this entire newspaper is to be dialogue. It can not be emphasized more. This column's purpose is to provide dialogue by creating a setting for it. Dialogue is a beautiful thing only if something happens because of it, in the mind or through action. My emphasis will be on events and issues that are happening rather than what will happen. The future is never predictable.

About the present--there is much that ought to stir people merely by its existence. John Lindsay verbalizes a major assumption which I hope to develop this year:

"Something is very wrong in America. Growing numbers of our citizens are convinced that the American dream is a cruel illusion or a hypocritical nightmare."

Whether the American dream ever had potential reality or not is a viable question today. The system and the people evolved from that dream fall very short of that dream's vision.

Next week begins a series on revolutions.

**Pre-Dawn**

Pre-Dawn, an independent radical newspaper composed of articles written and edited by St. Andrews students, will make its first appearance of the new academic year in a few weeks. All students interested in writing articles for Pre-Dawn are encouraged to do so. Help, through your writing, to educate people to the problems that confront all of us by this suppressive society! (You may even become the leading literary figure of the revolution and just think--Pre Dawn gave you your start.) Please contact David Alred ext. 338, Todd Davis, or Eddie Porter.

**Library**

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Mrs. Carol Ludlow will replace Mrs. Marianne Young as Circulation Librarian.

IV. The library placed an order for a nickel (5¢) xerox duplicator to replace the old ten cent machine. It is hoped that student use will justify the rate cut.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the delivery of the 1970 Lamp and Shield has been delayed. The yearbook should arrive for distribution within two weeks. Freshmen will be given the opportunity to purchase any extra copies.

**Letters To The Editor**

To the Editor of the Lance:

In planning the Freshmen Orientation for this year we had to make all of our plans around our experiences with past classes. This year's class was different from last year's class so a few of our unannounced plans were discarded. On the whole I feel the freshmen wanted to be left alone and given time to adjust individually and not herded around like sheep.

Maybe next year's committee would be wise to learn from this year, but still keep on eye in the future.

In closing I would like to thank Dean Decker, Peggy Tapp, Twiggy, Bill, Jen, Sid, Sara, Carolyn and Louis for all they did this year. Also, the City of Laurinburg deserves much appreciation for all it did.  
 Sincerely,  
 Jim Pope.

Dear friends,

We see as hypocrisy the extravagant celebration of Christmas when there is no peace on earth. So our group feels it is time for a Christmas boycott. We are not going to buy presents this year, nor are we going to receive them. We will do without decorations, and may be fasting on Christmas day instead of feasting.

Instead of spending we will work for peace on earth by giving our money to help make a-

mends for the suffering we have caused -- such as by financially adopting a Vietnamese child, and by giving our time to stop the war. We are calling for people to put peace back in Christmas -- what better way to observe the birth of Christ than to bring an end to the war this year?

We are counting on college groups to do most of the local work. Here are some possible approaches for organizing the boycott:

1. Contact local clergy -- many should be receptive to taking commercialism out of Christmas and putting peace back in.
2. Organize picket lines at department stores and shopping centers.
3. Do guerilla theater on the sidewalk in front of large stores. Dramatize the horrors of war or the contradictions in the thinking of the military.
4. Leaflet at high schools, train stations, churches and shopping centers.
5. Urge fellow students not to go home for vacation unless their parents agree to participate in the boycott.

We would welcome any criticisms and suggestions readers might have of this proposal.

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