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S.A. Combats Energy Crisis

St. Andrews is responding to the Energy Crisis, a crucial issue across the nation in recent weeks. President Nixon has appealed to the citizens of the nation to take action on a national and individual level. St. Andrews is taking steps in that direction.

Mr. Wade Hendrix revealed that there are specific measures being taken in the Physical Plant. In the buildings around the campus only every other light is turned on and all lights on campus except the most essential ones are cut off at night. The heating system at St. Andrews uses two boilers, one large one which runs on an efficient but cheap fuel (No. 5) and one small one which runs on a more expensive but clean fuel (No. 2). We are currently running on one of these boilers and it is kept low. During holidays it is shut down completely.

Mr. Lietz in the library has given the information that his whole staff is aware of cutting off lights when they are not in use. The ceiling lights (which use a large amount of wattage) in the cove near the sky lights are turned off on sunny days. The porch lights which

used to stay on all day and night are turned on only for the night hours that the library is open and are cut off at closing time. The heating system is beyond the control of the library in case any readers are wondering about it. There is only one system for that whole side of the lake and due to the cost of turning it on, it cannot be switched on and off as the weather changes. Mr. Lietz is considering ways to conserve energy during winter term when fewer students are here. Any suggestions as to hours that would coincide with students' needs as well as conserving energy would be appreciated.

Mr. Salzer in Student Personnel informs that the people in the Student Union Building are cutting off lights in their offices during the day and keeping only necessary areas lighted at night. On the outside only every other one remains lit at night. He mentioned that the Christmas tree this year will be done in "an old-fashioned spirit" (without lights) to bring the whole community together to decorate it creatively and to save energy. Also there will be a bus to the Bob Dylan concert in Charlot-

te in order to save gas.

There are several suites which are currently taking action such as using lower wattage light bulbs and turning off unnecessary. There will be a forum held on WSAP at 9:00 P.M. tomorrow night (Thursday) with a panel of Hendrix, Wilmot and Applegate to discuss the issue here and in a broader sense. The Registrar's Office is aware of the problem that "no gas" on Sundays will present but have not yet discussed any holiday changes.

In closing, Mr. Hendrix had a few suggestions for students as individuals to take action in the energy crisis:

1. cut off heat fans except when necessary and if gone from the room for a long time
2. if the windows are open the heat should be off because it unbalances the whole dorm and overworks the system
3. keep outside doors closed
4. turn off unnecessary lights

Also, there is a Student Senate-Cabinet sub-committee which is presently writing up a list of guidelines for members of the community to go by in responding to the energy crisis.



The above group is prominent in the production of the Messiah, which will be presented at Scotland High Sunday at 8 p.m. Director of the concert James Cobb stands to the left of Organist John Williams. Soloists (left to right) are David Evans, Rita McDaniel, Barbara Cobb, and Jim Smith.

Festival To Have Renown Talents

This spring St. Andrews will sponsor a "Black Mountain Festival," which will bring to this college several accomplished and famous persons--perhaps foremost of whom is R. Buckminster Fuller, the world renowned architect, author, philosopher, lecturer and teacher. Mr. Fuller is one of the most sought-after lecturers in this country. He is the creator of the Geodesic Dome, a radical

and outstanding innovation in the field of modern architecture. The awards, honorary degrees, and appointments that Mr. Fuller has received are literally too numerous to mention. Mr. Fuller was associated with the Black Mountain College during its hey-day--and while there actually constructed a Geodesic Dome out of Venetian blinds.

Also taking part in the festival will be two poets who were associated with Black Mountain College--Jonathan Williams and Robert Creeley. Williams is a North Carolina resident and will still reside in the Smokey Mountains not too far from where Black Mountain College was originally located. His most recent and critically acclaimed book is "An Ear in Bartram's Tree". Among the many awards he has won is a Guggenheim in 1957 and a National Endowment for the Arts in 1967. When he was only 22 years old he founded Jargon Press, which became an outstanding poetry press. Mr. Williams will read from his poetry and show slides of famous poets' graves.

Robert Creeley is a renowned poet, and one of the leading exponents on the Black Mountain theory of writing. He has published several books of poetry--most notably "For Love and Other Poems". He has also published a novel "The Island." He was the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship in the sixties. He teaches Creative Writing at the University of Buffalo.

Finally the Black Mountain Festival will have the talents of Martin Duberman, author of "Black Mountain College: Exploration in Community." Duberman is Professor of History at Herbert Heman College, City University of New York. His biography of Charles Francis Lowell Adams won the Bancroft Prize in 1962. His biography of James Russel Lowell won the National Book Award in 1966. And his documentary play, "In White America" won the

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Investigation Of Business Office Complete

The Student Senate recently conducted an investigation of the St. Andrews Business Office. Rod Brown, student government treasurer, provided the Lance with the

following letter sent to Dr. Davis, director of the business Office, and his reply returned to the Senate concerning the results of the investigation.

caught in the middle. The student's personal account should not be debited for the damage charge until the student had had thirty days to contest the charge to the office of housing.

4) A student should be appointed by the Student Association President to serve as a mediator between student and the business office. This student would serve to close any communication gap between the business office and the student. The way this would work in practice would be when a student or the business office was not receiving satisfactory results from the other party. This student should have a basic knowledge of financial accounting, and be able to work with the business office and the student involved. This would help the business office by cutting down on the number of man-hours that are wasted by arguing with students who do not know what is going on.

We hope that the above suggestions will help you in trying to conduct the business office in a way which will better serve the college.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Roderick C. Brown
Treasurer
Student Association.

This confirms our discussion of your letter of November 6th, outlining the conclusions and recommendations of the student investigation of student problems with billings.

We will be glad to send students copies of the monthly statements mailed to parents.

Already we are crediting the student accounts for financial aid. In the past it was necessary to have students come in to sign their work-study checks if the federal government participated in the payment, but we now are able to write a check and show the total payment, then a deduction for the amount applied to the student's account. This often results in net checks of zero amount, and in such cases we send just results checks of zero amount, and in such cases we send just the stub to the student as notification of the amount being credited.

It will be helpful to this office to have the billing for dormitory damages done in the housing office, so we welcome this suggestion, and the housing office will comply.

We also welcome having a student liaison person as a contact point for matters of student concern. We would appreciate your following through on this and advising us the name of this student.

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Dear Dr. Davis,

During the past few months we have been receiving a number of complaints about the manner in which student accounts were being handled by the Business Office. On September 7, 1973 the Student Association Cabinet voted to conduct a survey of the student body to determine the extent of the problem. Enclosed is a copy of the survey form. The results of the survey were as follows: 152 survey forms were returned; 82 reported trouble with the Business Office and 70 reported no trouble. We would be happy for you to review the forms that were turned in if you so desire.

After reading all the details and comment on the surveys, I have come to the conclusion that the fault lies equally with the students involved and the Business Office. In some cases all the blame could be placed on one and not the other, but in most of the cases there was a break down in communication between the student and the Business Office. While the causes of these problems are many, the purpose of this letter is not to take the negative approach and attempt to identify the causes and try to identify them, but rather to take a positive approach and make what I think are workable suggestions as to possible solutions. . . These suggestions are as follows:

1) Send monthly statements to the student's parents or guardians and to the student's campus mail box. The purpose of this would be to bring forth any discrepancies in accounting between the student and the Business Office to light when they occur, and not waiting till registration billing. I have found that in some cases the parents are not aware or do not understand the financial dealings between the College and their Child. Hopefully, this suggestion will help to alleviate this problem.

2) In cases where a student is receiving some sort of financial aid in return for services performed and the student has no projected tax liability, the money received for the aid could be debited to the appropriate financial aid account and credited to the student's personal account. Many of the problems that were encountered in the surveys stemmed from the fact that the student had neglected to sign over his monthly payroll check for the work performed to his account. This suggestion could bypass this cumbersome process in a number of cases.

3) Bills for damage done by a student to school property be written and issued by the office of housing instead of the maintenance department. In many cases damage charges are contested by the student. In most cases the business office is