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## Editorial

### Why Worry?

For those people who have not noticed, the editorship and associate editorship of The Lance have recently changed hands. Usually such a change means a fresh outlook and new ideas. However, because of inexperience and a sparse staff, innovation was not the immediate result of the transition.

It seems there was a cynical attitude floating around The Lance office; why put any creative time or energy into an effort which is considered a waste of money and paper by the majority of the campus? That is not to say that the Lance does not deserve its low status, but the point is why should the Lance staff work with something not taken seriously by fellow students? Why should we work for this medium of communication when opinions can be expressed in the Dialogue or by notes on the cafeteria bulletin board? Why should we attempt to effectively report campus events when all many people do is look at the pictures and check to see if their name is in the paper? Why should we take the Lance seriously when people are quick to criticize but never have the time to help?

Beyond all that, a college newspaper has a very important purpose. In informing people of events on campus and articulating attitudes which may concern us, a college newspaper performs a number of important functions.

First, the newspaper can bring into focus a particular event. So often when hearing a speaker, watching a play, or listening to rumors, we may receive only a mass of subjective impressions. Therefore a well written article can give order and concise meaning to the subject concerned.

On another level, a newspaper can provide a perspective of this place we call a community. People here can often fall into a depressing rut of repetition. A newspaper can serve as a reminder that other people also exist. It can provide some very fascinating information on disciplines in which people are working and thus can stimulate some responsive interest.

And finally, in its ideal, a newspaper becomes a unifying element for the campus. The newspaper attempts to be an accurate and interesting journal for the school and in this capacity serves to bring together those who are involved in and concerned with its welfare.

Therefore it is to this end of effective and creative communication which we consider worth our time and interest. We thus ask, or more realistically make a plea, for help in making the Lance an interesting paper which can say something relevant rather than be irresponsibly ridiculed and snickered at each week.

# Rev. Nelson Issues Challenge

Last night as a part of the Black History Week, the Reverend Grover D. Nelson of Westminster Presby. Church here in Laurinburg spoke on a program with the Black Student Union Choir at the St. Andrews weekly chapel service. Reverend Nelson forcefully challenged students to find a purpose in life, to work toward that purpose with all perseverance, and to receive peace for the world will be a better place because of our contribution.

Reverend Nelson began his message by telling of black oppression. The system is not built for blacks, he said. After the emancipation blacks were worse off than before when they were in slavery. For injustice was the rule. In the status oriented views of the dominating whites, blacks were not fully human. But along came men like Martin Luther King, Stokeley Carmichael, and Adam Clayton Powell who demanded the attention of the whites by saying that "blacks have dreams,

desires, and hopes like everyone else." Such a movement resulted in the adoption of the Civil Rights Amendment.

But, despite this seeming progress, Reverend Nelson asserts that blacks today are worse off than they were four years ago. For today there is the quota system. Blacks are hired for token positions in business which need to fill social quota demands. There are presently 15,000 black college graduates per year. Businesses are going to hire "one black for the front office and two blacks for the back work rooms." Once quotas like these are filled, what happens to the rest of those black graduates.

So there is still conflict because the system is still not structured for blacks. But in overcoming this injustice, Reverend Nelson implored us to step out as creative individuals and find motivation for action. He spoke of four motivations for ones action. First he stressed the im-

portance or self perseverance. We must press forward with all energy to accomplish our set goals. Rejecting mediocrity, we should dare to be dreamers and "put heart, mind and soul in the realization of these goals." The second concern should be for our reputation. He urged us not to be limited or limit others by irresponsible attitudes towards status. Thirdly, each goal toward which we work has a special challenge we must handle and conquer. And finally he spoke of the motivation to acquire money. Though, he said this is the least of the motives.

Thus we are challenged to go against the existing norms and fight against injustice. For we as students have the urgent task of making the world a better place. "We have the choice of living together as friends or dying together as fools". If we work to achieve miracles, we will find peace. "For remember, one day God allowed us to be born."

## Admissions Slack, But Shows Promise

Many rumors have recently been circulating as to the present outlook for admissions next year. Reports have it that the school is about to close, a rumor which Admissions Director Jean Rayburn totally discounts. On the other side people have been saying that there is a great increase for next year. Because of the importance of this question we asked Jean Rayburn about the situation.

According to Miss Rayburn, the amount of applications received thus far is down from last year. However, she went on to explain that prospective students are applying later this year than last. She said that people are unsure, due to the economic situation, whether they will have enough money for college next year. Also, she explained, students are applying to fewer places this year because \$15 and \$20 dollars is a lot to pay for each application sent in.

Applications for the Distinguished Scholar Award are to be received by the fifteenth of this month. From these applicants ten awards of \$2000 will be given to students caliber. Another

award is being offered to students transferring from Junior Colleges. Five grants of \$1,250 will be allowed to those holders of an Associate of Arts Degrees who display promise of superior work.

There have been several new attempts to increase admissions. Memos have been sent to high schools in and out of the state informing principals and guidance counselors of the changes and progress here at St. Andrews. Emphasized are the changes in the core program, the wide range of studies available to the student, and the transition of presidents.

One of the newest methods of displaying the offers of the St. Andrews community is a twelve minute sound and voice cassette. In color this tape will present highlights of the school which otherwise might not be available to many students. One hundred schools in North Carolina will receive the benefits of this multi-media representation of the college during the week of February 10-14. Afterwards schools in and out of the state will be selected for reviewing the film.

Jean Rayburn assures us

that she is optimistic about admissions for next year. According to her, her admissions colleagues are experiencing similar drops in applications but all see an encouraging future.

## Dr. Hart's Appointment

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 Business in a Dynamic Society," both published by Macmillan.

He has served on the executive committees of both the Western Economics Association and is a member of the Academy of Management and the Southern Economics Association.

As well as classroom teaching on both the undergraduate and graduate levels, Dr. Hart has conducted seminars and workshops for employes in industry, commerce, government agencies, utilities and financial institutions.

Locally, he has been active as a member of the Board of directors of the Laurinburg-Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce, the Scotland County United Way, and the Laurinburg Rotary Club. He currently serves as a ruling elder in the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church.

## Black History Week

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awareness be accomplished. Woodson emphasized the installation of textbooks and courses on Black History into the educational process.

But when integration laws were passed, Black History Week was no longer celebrated and was regarded by some as "an anachronism, no longer a relevant issue of the times." In the face of this attitude, the purpose of Black History Week is still much the same today. For there are today too many school systems without any books or courses relating to minorities. And often, those who do have them only use them during Black History Week. The goal then is a total integration of Black History and culture into

every school curriculum; not just integration of black people into school systems.

Even more intensely now, Black History Week's purpose is, to bring to surface the richness of the black's culture and perspective and how it has affected today's religious, social, and cultural life in this country. For the black man today knows and is proud of his heritage and has a sense of self worth. He thus seeks in a unified effort, to eliminate the oppression which still is so prevalent in today's society. And in the end he hopes for equality among men and democracy; a time when there will be no more need for a Black History Week.

## EUROPE in '75?

wouldn't you rather come with us?

Last year over 200,000 students summered in Europe. And the travelwise flew on charters because it costs about HALF! This year a 3-6 week ticket to London is \$512; 2-3 weeker \$597. And its \$767. for over six weeks from New York. (That's what the airlines say now. Last year there were two unforecast increases!)

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