

You're Welcome To It!

By CLAY HAMILTON

I recently received a letter from a faculty member and I would like to share the basics of the letter with you. It goes something like this:

"Due to recent reports of fireworks being shot in and around residence hall, it has become necessary to authorize A ROOM TO ROOM SEARCH (emphasis mine) for fire works." The letter then quotes the Saltire on fireworks.

It continues, "Steve Winemuller, the resident director will conduct the search as the representative of the Student Life services and with him will be at least one member of the Residence Hall Council.

I regret having to take this kind of action and know that it creates inconveniences, but fireworks are illegal and the complaints and reports cannot be ignored."

The letter of course is from Dean Claytor. And the letter was hand delivered at 10 a.m. Saturday morning by Steve Winemuller and two others. The letter was followed by an immediate room search, I did not even get to read the letter before my closets and drawers were gone through. Nothing makes me feel less important than having three people go through my room with absolutely no respect for my rights to privacy at all. I realize these people were just doing their job, but isn't that what the Nazis did when they gassed Jews wasn't Lt. Calley just obeying orders when he filled a ditch up with Viet Nameese women and childrer and blew them to bits? This may be a slight overstatement so let me go about it another way. Why is it that college students don't get the same respect and treatment they would if they were people in the outside world?

No search warrant would ever be issued for my home without proof of reasonable cause. They would have to sincerely believe I had fireworks in my possession. Then I ask you Dean Claytor, did you believe that every person in my dorm had fireworks? I think a dorm wide search is just a simplistic approach to what should have been a more thorough investigation resulting in penalizing only those who were suspects. If every time something went wrong in the real world they had a house to house search, we would be living in what is known as a police state. I bet you wouldn't like a police state anymore than I would.

Perhaps I wouldn't be so mad, if I was guilty of something. But I am without guilt in this thing, which is what makes it seem so fascist. Let me also say this. I think a sense of privacy and respect for individual rights is essential to the happiness of people. To wake up to both those rights being negated makes me very angry and very unhappy.

If you are sincere, and I believe you are, about "complaints and reports cannot be ignored" then I hope you will accept this as a complaint against room to room searches when a little bit more investigation would have eliminated the need completely.

Finally, I have always believed that if you treat people like adults they will act like adults and let's face it, there is a lot of undesirable adult behavior going on in the world today, but you cannot penalize the whole for the actions of a few. Give those of us who are trying to be mature and self-reliant a chance to do that. It may in the long run mean more work for us all, but won't the final result be so much more rewarding?

SHORT NOTES: There seems to be a storm brewing over conduct at soccer games. My suggestion is to handle it sort of like the airlines. Set up cussing and non-cussing sections on the bleachers and make sure they're so far apart one won't hear the other.

Another note. The last football game I went to was Homecoming between University of Mississippi and Southern Miss. The crowds were large but they still were as rowdy as any SA crowd has ever been, the only difference was they were so big and so far from the field that the refs couldn't hear. This isn't a defence it's just a reminder that the notion that S.A. is outstanding in it's rowdiness is mythology. It's just more visible. Perhaps a lower profile is a good idea.

Until next week.



Struggling with it all is Ron Bayes, trying to present the proper image yesterday. (Photo by Kim Leland)

St. Andrews In Scotland:

"Little Other To Say Than Good Things"

By Steve Fox

About St. Andrews University? Well, I can think of little other to say than good things. Certainly all of those who went this past year enjoyed the experience greatly. I, in fact, am prodded to write this note in order to let others know of the opportunity so that one day we can catagloue this as an experience regularly available to all those meeting the University of St. Andrews' entrance requirements.

Probably most important, socially the school is quite attractive. It can not be denied that the Laurinburg-St. Andrews College association is limited. Equally it can be said that the relationship between St. Andrews University and the town of St. Andrews is close and mutual. In the town of over 13,000, the University comprises a fair percentage with somewhat over 3,000 students—equally divided male and female. With the University being distributed throughout the small town there is frequent "town and gown" interchange.

This interchange frequently occurs in the many pubs (public houses) which both the town and students attend. It's no wonder when one considers the fine Scottish ales and whiskies. Indeed, the Scots are a boisterous and jovial folk. In fact, the town has 31 pubs serving the small community. This is the crux of the social life. Within the community there are, on the other hand, many musical events ranging from classical recitals to popular punk, frequent popular and/or artistic movies, forums on many issues confronting the academic community and a vast array of societies and clubs covering many interests—including an Overseas Society created to meet overseas students needs.

Academically the University prides itself on a very well respected reputation. Considering the age (the school was begun in 1410) and excellent standards of the school, this can be understood. The Professor of the history department is the world renowned scholar on Robert Peel and mid-nineteenth century British politics. From Steve Algood's experience, the linguistics department fosters its own

school of philosophy which is widely published. And the Anatomy department has the distinction of dissection on cadavers. In general, the undergraduate school is divided into the arts (St. Salvator's College), the Sciences, and Divinity (St. Mary's College). Teaching is done in the traditional manner. Although practice differs somewhat from department to department, in general each class makes use of a large lecture period, various sub-class options, and small tutorials that meet with an appropriate faculty member. Obviously, this is quite different from our College, however we met with little difficulty in arranging a course program satisfying both St. Andrews' requirements.

There are many other interesting opportunities that present themselves in attending St. Andrews. The town itself is attended as a tourist spot with ancient cathedral ruins, medieval streets, the old University, and a fine golf course. It is very easy and cheap to take excursions around the United Kingdom. And Scotland is particularly beautiful and undeveloped. There are also two three week breaks that make it convenient to take longer excursions.

So if you're up for something different, this may be the place to be. Finances are quite reasonable considering the new deregulated air fares and Britain's socialized education. The application deadline for non-graduating students is February 15. And if you are interested, please contact Gibbs Moody, Steves Lowery, Allgood or Fox. Why not?



More faculty attire (photo by Kim Leland)

Concert Committee

these are only calculations and not final or absolute. One never can predict what might happen and the artist gets paid under all circumstances unless the artist himself commits a breech of contract.

One of the last, but important things to point out in working with big name artists is the difficulty in working with the booking agents. At times, some of them can be next to intolerable with their demands and fast talking sales pitches. Once there is an agreement to send us the contract and-or rider (the rider is a list of specifications required by the artist), we must then go over the requirements written in the rider to see what we can or cannot provide. Having done this, the agent is the recontacted for final approvals and contract signatures.

I have tried to briefly tell you what the concert committee contends with. I have not even mentioned what has to be done in preparing for a concert as far as the campus is concerned. There are things such as advertisement, preparing the gymnasium according to the specifications of the artist, planning security in and outside the gymnasium the night of the concert, etc. All of the things that I have mentioned in this article are time consuming processes and student support has been greatly appreciated.

Pablo Cruise has been canceled due to shaky negotiations and monetary responsibilities. On November 11, 1978, SEA LEVEL will perform in the gymnasium at 8:00. Student tickets will be \$3.00 in advance, and \$5.00 at the door. There will be an opening act which is a band named OCONEE. To find out more about SEA LEVEL, read 'A LOOK AT SEA LEVEL' in this issue of the Lance.

I have tried to explain what the Concert Committee is doing, so that everyone is aware of what is happening. As for the future, we are trying to set up standards and guidelines for more concerts. We are all new at this sort of thing and I'll be first to admit to some of our mistakes, but I'll also be the first one to ask for your input and criticism. Without student support, the work that I have described to you will have been a waste of energy on the part of many of your peers.

In closing, I would like to say that if there are any questions that I might be able to answer, please feel free to talk to me. Again, I thank all those who have supported the Concert Committee, both among the students and the Administration.

Thank You,
Robert L. McWhorter

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