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SAGE: Alternatives Viewed

By Maureen Ingalls

Wednesday, September 21, concerned students and designated faculty gathered to discuss in Belk Main Lounge questions raised concerning the provisions of the new 402 program to be implemented Spring term 1984.

Moderated by Student Association President, Dave Saunier, the SAGE 402 team composed of Dr. Bill Alexander, Dr. Edna Ann Loftus, Dr. Neal Bushoven, and Dr. Tom Blackburn, addressed specific concerns of students on the proposed curriculum.

Several students expressed concern over the various available format options for the program, particularly with reference to equality of the various course alternatives. Bushoven responded to these charges by saying that some people prefer an independent learning situation whereas others desire a more conventional classroom environment. In addition, the ability for the student to combine SAGE with her major would provide truly a "capstone" experience in the tradition of a senior thesis idea with the liberal arts aim of St. Andrews in mind.

Questions were raised also about the possible disadvantage that transfer students might have by not having had the lower level SAGES. Bushoven responded to this by saying that the "...object (of the program) is to offer experience "that is valuable..." to all enrolled. The other members of the team were in agreement that

a meeting with transfer students to further deal with their concerns was of top priority.

Other concerns raised at the Forum dealt with actual format of the proposed 402 program. Reviewing material that was used in the sophomore and junior year core program was thought by some to be a "boring" proposition but the use of outside groups and seminar type format would have responsibility for material in the hands of the students.

The proposed project track was problematic for several students at the Forum who felt that logistical difficulties were not yet ironed out! One student asked about the lack of "options" that would be available if he was unable to engage the required people for the evaluation process. The SAGE team assured this particular individual as well as other with questions concerning general information about the project, that flexibility with the program was their intention, this being the inaugural year of the revamped 402.

The Forum provided the opportunity for students and faculty to meet face to face and discuss with each other issues surrounding the changes. Out of the meeting came a list of several areas that the Student Association felt, required further study.

Continued dialogue such as this will insure that student and faculty needs are adequately met in the 402 program for the upcoming semester.



Granville Fire Probed

By Eric English

A fire in Granville Hall's laundry room on September 19th raised some serious questions about fire safety and preventiveness at St. Andrews. A small group of students noticed smoke in the laundry room about 10:30 p.m. No one seemed too concerned and it was a few minutes before anyone notified the authorities. How would you call the Fire Department? I dialed 911--no answer. I dialed zero...at last! An operator who connected me with the Laurinburg emergency service (not the Fire Dept.). However, the switchboard operator promised to notify the Fire Department.

The fire was out by the time the authorities arrived. Bill Hill described his heroic deed to Fire Chief Jim Lytch, "...There was a blaze in electrical current (?)...flames about knee high (!!!). I held my breath, squirted it, and it went out."

Security officer Nell Flowers was notified along with Mrs. Brown, R.D. for Concord Hall who both helped to calm the gathering crowd.

Seventeen firemen responded to the emergency call within minutes. Fire Chief Lytch expressed concern over the pedestrian traffic blocking the direct path to the dorm since they had difficulty driving through the parking lot. The men probed around for forty-five minutes. Chief Lytch was informed then that the dryers had been acting strangely for weeks. Chief Lytch asked me, what was the normal procedure for reporting this type of faculty appliance?" "I told my Resident Director two weeks ago," I answered. Now for a few questions: When were the laundry rooms last inspected by maintenance? By the Fire Inspector? Where are the electrical fire extinguishers?

Where are the sprinkler systems? Or the smoke detectors? Where were the emergency telephone numbers posted? (If there are no emergency numbers in your suites or lounges contact security, they will get them for you; or will they?)

In regards to the fire Chief Lytch said, "It started behind the dryer," and the reason for the blaze was, "Indeterminate!"

As the chief walked back into the night and flashing lights he turned and added, "Tell your folks that's not a way to get a dryer!" How do you "want to get a dryer", folks?

Here are those emergency phone numbers:

FIRE276-1811
POLICE276-3211
RESCUE276-1811
AMBULANCE ...276-1313
A.P. PERKINSON 276-8213

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