

Opinion

During my absence as editor, The Lance got off to a shaky start. Amidst the chaos that ensued, an issue was produced. That issue unfortunately did not reflect the hard work and quality that loyal members of the staff put into its production. We want to extend our apologies on the basis that The Lance was not befitting of the standards that we have set for it in the past. With this behind us, today's issue is our idea of what a real paper should look and be like. As you will notice, some major changes have been made in the staff. These changes are crucial and as you can tell, they are in the best interest of The Lance. I would also like to send a special thanks to Laura Rose and Eric Lien for taking charge in the last issue after literally being thrown into editorial roles with little preparation. So enjoy The Lance and remember, we can't cover everything so we need your input too. The Lance depends on people and after all, the money that pays for it comes out of your pockets.

Deborah Kelly
Editor

Comrades,

As students, many of us are very much aware of the major problems facing our world today. The problems include sexism, racism, heterosexism, poverty, pollution, etc. However, what is not being addressed is the root cause of all these problems. We feel that fighting the symptoms is of no use so long as the underlying disease is left untouched. And what, comrades, is this disease? The disease is the Establishment. By Establishment we mean all those people and institutions who currently hold

authority. The time has come for us to question their right to such authority. We must work together to undermine the power of Ingsoc, the Establishment. Do not wait, comrades, take to the streets today. Together we can end the fascist regime of the Pigs, and release them from this world.

The Revolutionary Editorial Committee
of the People's Liberation Organization
(Names withheld upon request)

Dear Students:

I am addressing this letter to the seniors at St. Andrews in particular. My concern is the graduation ceremony in May of 1989. I attended the last class' graduation ceremonies, and have already written your president how impressed I was with the beauty of the setting, the dignity of the walk across the lake, and the scholarship and inspiration of Dr. W.D. White's speech. What did not impress me were attempts by certain students to find a sense of celebrity that day by deviating from accepted norms in dress, deportment and particularly by the carrying of alcoholic beverages.

It struck me as very strange that just as W.D. was discussing the fallacies in our nation's myth of the rugged individualist, that certain of the graduating class were declaring that they deserved to be noticed for what they could write on their cap, wear or not wear under their gowns or the advertising of how they intended to celebrate following (during?) the ceremonies. Indeed, the whole notion of unanimity, uniformity as expressed in the wearing of the gowns seemed to have been overlooked. There are alternatives to those who may feel

that wearing of a gown for an hour diminishes their personality. They may choose not to attend the ceremonies. St. Andrews has already provided for ways of distinguishing oneself during graduation. It is provided by means of an Asterisk (*) denoting graduation cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude. It is likewise provided by special awards given to those who dare to risk. The drama behind those asterisks is quiet and subtle, but those are the rules of the game. We did raise you all to be fair.

We all remember the days when a three year old would wear nothing but pink or purple, or the four year old who went to nursery school in his spiderman pajamas. Sadly, when I see the grandstanding performances such as I have described at the last graduation, as a parent I see adolescents grabbing at a last chance to be noticed.

We already know that all of you are special; we have known it since you were born. As parents, we take joy in the grace which brought you to your special day. Let's save the partying for afterward, and be sure to invite me.

Much love and affection,
Carol Henig

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