

Editorial

From the Editor's Desk: Commuters Need More Communication From School

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Editor



As a residential student last year, I generally turned a deaf ear to the complaints of my commuter friends. After all, I always seemed to have more than my share of the informational mail which students tend to find in their mailboxes, the kind of flyers and things that usually get glanced at once and then thrown away. These fly-

ers, I find, are things that residential students take for granted. After all, you can always ask John or Susie when the party or meeting is, but those of us who spend most of our time on the academic side of the lake often don't know what's going on the other side. I know this because I'm a commuter student now, and I find that there is a very big difference between the two. A difference, that is, in the amount of mail, and hence information that is dispatched between the two.

During the summer while I attended summer school, it seemed logical that I would continue to receive my mail in my campus mailbox. And while I didn't receive much mail, I contributed the lack to the fact that it was summertime, and that there really wasn't much going on on campus, with the exception, perhaps of Governor's school. However, since returning to school with the official status of "commuter," I have yet to receive any mail in my commuter stu-

dent box, and still receive mail in my old campus box number. This becomes confusing when I am anticipating mail that does not ever appear where I logically assume that it should — in my commuter student mailbox. I didn't even know that my mail was still going to my old campus mailbox until one day, on a whim, I decided to check it. Needless to say, I was very surprised to find some old, and some very current information addressed to me. But where I personally receive my mail isn't the problem.

One has to assume that those students who have always had commuter status only have one mailbox. And those mailboxes, which I check daily, seem empty for the most part. Most of the commuter students with whom I've talked about this confirm this information. Some of them respond that they don't bother to check their mail anymore because there's rarely ever any in there. But the problem isn't the just the mail, it's the lack of communication, and seemingly, the blatant

disregard of the commuter student's need to keep abreast of what's going on on campus.

Some may argue that the commuter student spends less time on the campus, and therefore does not need to receive the same information as residential students do. To this, however, I say that commuter students are also St. Andrews students, and no less important to the college for being commuters, even though they don't pay room and board.

I'm not even 100% sure who handles the commuter student mailboxes, but I'll guess that it's Student Life, in which case I feel that they should be doubly concerned with communication between the college and commuters.

As the editor of *The Lance* this year, I feel that I have better access to campus information than most commuters do. I only regret that it took a change in my status for me to really see that there was a problem. Guess I should have listened more closely. Now I hope that others will as well.



From President Reuschling's Desk

Thanks to students, faculty and staff for the excellent start-up of the school year. From the arrival of our new students to check-in of our returning students, most things have gone very well. Orientation for new students and parents was very well received. Class registration went well and classes are off to a good start.

Already there are more activities on campus than any one person can experience. Poetry readings, athletic events, organizational meetings for student groups, forums, lectures and an art exhibit are all available for you to experience. I encourage all students to renew their commitment to academic excellence, but also to select a balanced participation in extra-curricular activities.

I wish each of you a great fall term.

Tom L. Reuschling

Tom L. Reuschling, President

SGA Report

Lenni Jones and Kerri Nuti
Columnists

Student Government Association (SGA) returned a week early with much enthusiasm to prepare for the upcoming 1991-1992 school year. The week was filled with intense leadership training programs ranging from communication skills to goal setting. Besides providing beneficial training, it formed a cohesive student government.

The core of the student government consists of the Cabinet. The cabinet consists of: the President, Lenni Jones; the vice-president, Kerry Nuti; the treasurer, Missy McGill; the Attorney General, Laura Malinowski and the Student Defense Attorney, Christy Baumgard. The advisor of the Cabinet is Neal Bushoven and the Secretary of the Cabinet is Anna Crossman. The Cabinet's main objective is establishing a direct line of communication with students, faculty, admin-

istration and staff. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to come to one of the Cabinet members.

The Cabinet synthesizes the concerns from the entire campus formulates paths of action.

Another very active branch of Student Government is the Senate. The Senate consists of the president and vice-presi-

of recycling on campus, smoking in Belk Center and communication lines with the Laurinburg community. Recycling bins have been distributed to all dormitories and pick up will be 8 a.m. in Belk circle every Wednesday. A survey has been conducted in each dorm on smoking in the Belk Center. The results of this survey and the resulting policies will be published in the next issues of *The Lance*.

The Senate subcommittee of External Affairs (headed by Laura Bryant)

is already bringing a group of 50 underprivileged kids to St. Andrews. The goal is to motivate this group of kids by showing them career options.

We would like to encourage the St. Andrews Student Body to address any and all concerns to their Student Representatives so action can be readily taken. By your caring and becoming more active, St. Andrews will certainly improve.

Dorm Representatives

Dorm	President	Vice-President
Albemarle	Robert Bennett	Kathie Fallows
Concord	Tiffani Orange	Maria Faust
Granville	Jason Rich	Kaille Padgett
Highland	Shad Leudke	Michael Lessig
Mecklenburg	Chris Carbone	Chris Bachman
Orange	Angela Lynch	Kathy Sellers
Wilmington	Anna Crossman	Laura Bryant
Winston-Salem	David Gigandet	Robbie Brooks

dent from each dorm and two commuter representatives. The chair of Senate is the SGA Vice-President, Kerry Nuti. The advisor to the Senate is Dick Prust and the secretary of the Senate is Wendy Harris. Senate meetings are open to the public.

Directly outside the entrance to SAGA are the Senate minutes and the next meeting date of Senate. Currently the Senate has addressed the issue

Causewalk Comments: SAPC or SAC?

► "I think its kind of hypocritical to say that we're St. Andrews Presbyterian College, because if we're not really associated with the church, except financially, then we shouldn't keep the 'Presbyterian' in the name. I wouldn't want to keep the 'Presbyterian' in the name unless the college did more to make it Presbyterian." *Rebecca Green, senior*

► "I think we should keep it. I don't think we should be

ashamed of what Presbyterian represents, the implications of the name. I think a formal decision should be taken and I also think that students should have a say in that decision. We shouldn't be ashamed of our heritage — Flora Macdonald and Presbyterian Junior College." *Kim Biglin, junior*

► "I think we should just be St. Andrews College. The religion isn't pushed here and the 'Presbyterian' has no direct

bearing on the school." *Molly Johnson, freshman*

► "I feel that when you're looking at a school you need to look at what the school itself has to offer. You come for the school, not for the name. The name 'Presbyterian' should not have a bearing on someone's decision to attend St. Andrews. I chose the school for what it had to offer me, not just the name." *Kim Jenkins, junior*

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