

EDITORIALS

New Writers

THE LANCE welcomes the addition of Joe Chandler, Jr. and Robert Ham as regular columnists. They will bring to THE LANCE readers views and analyses of local, state, national and international affairs.

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Our thanks to the Student Center Board and the employees of Prophet Food service for providing coffee and donuts during exam study nights, and for the unique Polynesian style luncheon on Sunday during exams.

Panama-Reflection of the American Revolution?

The recent upset in the Republic of Panama has gained attention in the United States. The Isthmus of Panama and the Panama Canal -- places that one is hardly aware of, places one reads of in History books.

But what was the origin and cause of the yet vague disturbance in Panama? Did it grow out of the question of flying both the American and the Panamanian flags in the Canal Zone? (The right was granted in 1959 by President Eisenhower to fly the flags side by side at one of the locks in the Canal.)

The superintendent at Balboa High School in the Zone had chosen to fly neither flag since there was question whether to fly one or both. Did the flame of revolt grow higher when a 17-year old student led a group who placed an American flag of the school mast?

Then there was the matter of an unidentified person ripping up an American flag, and an equally indistinguishable person ripping up a Panamanian flag.

The flag incidents are undeniably a part of the unrest in the Republic. But they are only a part. The economic disparity between the Americans and the Panamanians who work on the canal is great. For equal work the Panamanians are paid less. Is this not helping to maintain the destitution which exists so widely in the Republic?

The buying power of the American dollar is ample in the Zone, but the American Zonians are treated to low-rent housing, low-cost medical care, and can buy low-cost food from commissaries located within the Zone. Add to this an extra amount of money received as "hardship" compensation, the hardship being that of living outside the U.S.

The situation is that the Canal Zone is a neat, clean strip which ribbons across the Isthmus, surrounded by squalor and poverty.

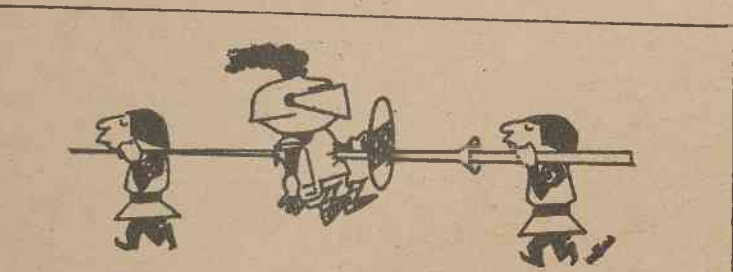
Economic plurality of the American Zonians adds to social isolation on their part. The majority of the Zonians do not even attempt to learn the language and customs of the people around them.

The presence of the U.S. in the Republic has not been all bad. The U.S. has built most of the best roads. Presence of the Canal provides employment and a market for Panamanian goods. The Alliance for Progress, while not a direct outgrowth of the Canal, does help to lift the Republic from the depths.

There is no single answer to the question of restoring and bettering relations between the Panamanians and the Zonians. Part of the answer does lie in working to create more economic equality among the Canal workers. The Zonians should strive to learn more of the customs and ways of the people of the Republic, and consequently come to view and respect them as a people and nation in their own right.

The disturbance in Panama has been accounted for by some individuals as only an outgrowth of emotions building up concerning the coming presidential elections in May. They answer that someone or something must be attacked -- why not Uncle Sam?

But is this an adequate answer or explanation? Did not the young United States in the 1700's begin requital against England supposedly over certain taxation and commerce rights, but before it was all over it was seen that taxation with representation was only a starting point for other matters more deep-lying?



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The Roving I On And Off Campus

By JOE CHANDLER, JR.

"HOW'S YOUR HEMOGLOBIN?"

The last time the Red Cross bloodmobile visited St. Andrews about 130 people donated blood, less than 13 percent of our total enrollment. The mobile is scheduled to return again in the near future.

Many people do not have the vaguest idea of how this program is conducted nor of its immediate importance. I, who am extremely puny, in spite of the P.E. department's vallant effort, felt not the least maleffect after giving blood during the last visit. The process itself is quick and painless. One simply prostrates oneself on a comfortable couch and has a constriction bandage put around the arm. The needle is inserted by the Red Cross nurses in such a skillful manner that it is virtually unnoticeable. Its direct and after effects are unbelievably painless because the needle does not penetrate muscle tissue as do hypodermic injections such as the typhoid series.

It is further believed by many people that they are physically unfit to give blood. This is anticipated by the Red Cross, and technicians are careful to check each donor's blood pressure, type, hemoglobin, and weight before permitting a perspective donor to give. Many donors have found themselves grateful to the Red Cross, for this thorough check-up has called the attention of more than a few donors to a blood disease of which they were unaware. A medical doctor is always on hand to answer any questions donors may have.

A pint of blood is negligible compared to the total amount in the body and is usually replaced within a few weeks' time. About a week after one donates he receives a card which informs him of his blood type. It is important that one carry this card in his wallet at all times so that if a transfusion should be indicated, time will not be wasted ascertaining his blood type. This card further entitles one and his immediate family to "blood credit." This is a little understood policy. The Red Cross never charges for blood, although a hospital may charge for administering it. One is simply under a moral obligation to reciprocate or have his friends and family replace the amount he has received. The Red Cross will not deny blood to anyone in need.

Why give blood? Because blood saves lives. Only a human can produce blood; it cannot be manufactured artificially. Only a human who feels a love for life and his fellow man can readily see the significance of blood donations. I was happy to learn that my last pint of blood was used to save the life of a little three year old girl, who, after heart surgery, will live a happy and normal life. Blood donation is a rewarding experience. You will walk away knowing that you have given of yourself in a very real sense to help a fellow human. If anyone has any question pertaining to blood donation I urge them to call Lonnie Man at ext. 59.

ENGLISH RIDER HERE

HALEAH, Fla. (AP) - English jockey Frankie Durr hopes to do better riding at the Hialeah meeting than last year's effort by famed Lester Piggott. Piggott rode only two winners here last year.

It is with a healthy respect for the standard set by the previous author of this column that I have agreed to write "On and Off Campus" during the spring semester. The column has, I believe, a good and firm tradition. It is good for the discussion of issues that it fosters. It's tradition of respectable, reasonable analysis of politics and policies on and off the St. Andrews campus is, I believe, a firm, meaningful part of THE LANCE. Analyses of personalities, issues, and events will continue. These things will change.

Since "On and Off Campus" has also been purposefully reflective of its author's own perspectives, it may naturally be expected that opinions expressed in the column are subject to

change. Comments and constructive criticism, negative or positive, as well as suggestions for a better column will, of course, still be much appreciated.

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Comission Met With Students

Seven student leaders met last week with two members of the Danforth Commission on Church College and Universities. Drs. Manning M. Pattillo and Donald MacKenzie are part of a two-and-one-half-year study of church colleges being conducted by the Commission.

The student leaders met with Dr. Pattillo and Dr. MacKenzie for lunch and held an informal discussion concerning a number of aspects for life at St. Andrews. There were no faculty members present and the opinions and ideas expressed were the students' own.

The Commission representatives were interested in the academic, social and religious life at St. Andrews, as well as ideas for changes and improvements that have been expressed by students.

Those who met were Rebecca McLeod, editor of The Lamp and Shield; Janet Wooten, president of the Student Center Board; Marjorie Rehm, president of the senior class; Joe Chandler, senior class senator; Ned Browning, vice-president of the Student Association; Walter Barefoot, treasurer of the Student Christian Council; and Charles Quick, editor of The Lance.

The Danforth Commission on Church Colleges and Universities is a division of the Danforth Foundation, a philanthropic organization interested in higher education.

Foreign Language Section

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. The following companies are interested in foreign language majors from colleges: Parke, Davis and Co., Detroit; Kordite Corporation, New York; Vickers, Inc., Milwaukee; International Institute, Milwaukee; Radio Free Europe (New York); Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Michigan; Colgate-Palmolive, New York; Deb-Mer International, Detroit; Le Driera Inc., Detroit; J.T. Baker Chemical Co., Phillipsberg, N.J.; Dewar and Alory Chemical, Cambridge, Mass.; McNeill Laboratories, Philadelphia; Rand McNally and Co., Chicago; Travelers' Insurance Co., Detroit; American Airlines, Chicago; Caribbean-Atlantic Airlines, Puerto Rico; Pan-American World, N.Y.

SPANISH-SPEAKING LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE OPENS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC IN STOCKTON. At the University of the Pacific the Elbert Covell College opened in September. It is the first Spanish-speaking liberal arts college founded in North America. Sixty freshmen have begun their studies at the institute at which English will be "a foreign language."

The curricular emphasis will be on mathematics and science, on economics and business administration, and on teacher training. The college is expected to enroll a third of its 250 students from North Americans who speak Spanish well, a third from Latin American students needing complete financial assistance, and a third from Latin Americans with means.

The idea for the college came from Robert Woodward when he was a U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay in 1960. Students from 14 Latin American nations now are on the Covell campus.

THE EMPEROR CHARLES V spoke Italian to his mistresses, French to his friends, and German to his dogs; he prayed in Spanish. (Evidently, he didn't speak to his wife!) (TENNESSEE FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWSLETTER)