

LIMBO

By BABY

I heard something today, babe, that was so completely unreal and beyond my comprehension - and belief—that I thought maybe I was hearing a retelling of some badly written science fiction. But what I heard was true—it was something that really happened on this campus, and if, in essence, it does not stand as a threat to the entire student body, then the student body must be resigned to being no more than standardized tickets en route through a flawlessly operating I. B. M.

We are involved in a college, with all that implies, we are, as we will be hearing for the rest of our lives, a part of it, and it is a part of us. We are subject to all facets of this college - its curriculum, its faculty, its administration, its goals, and its rules. Ideally, the school is, in turn, subject to the student body and our reactions. (Without reactions, why a student body?)

Some reactions are, to a certain extent, cultivated, but our original, innate, and for the most part most sincere reactions are spontaneous. A man is regulated by institution and establishment only to a certain extent, and then his spontaneity becomes his initial driving force. This does not refer to his instincts as a genus of class mammalia, but to his needs and tastes as a human being - his sensitivity - his humanizing factor. And this factor is something which the student particularly should protect, as it is, at this time, undergoing its most intense period of development.

Well the word is out that there is no place on this campus for spontaneity. How this could be suggested with any degree of sincerity is beyond me. There is a STAGGERING amount of room at St. Andrews for spontaneity. I'd like to ask the question what

continued on page 3

Campus Orb.

BY BILL SHOMO

LOOKING BACK

I was pleasantly surprised to see some letters to the Lance printed in the last issue of the paper. Not that I agree with all of them, which of course is my privilege, but they indicated an interest of what is being done and what is being said here at St. Andrews.

I am disappointed though in the fact that there were no letters addressed to this column. Therefore I could almost say that I have the entire student body's tacit consent to the things I have said. Either this is the case or no one reads this column. I might draw the former conclusions by showing you a few examples. For instance, the condition of the snack bar has changed very little in the past few weeks. Either those of you who read my article on the snackbar agree with my views

but don't really give a damn about the condition of the snackbar, or you have different views or don't care to express them publically.. or you don't know what a trash can is. Now the outcome of the war in Vietnam doesn't depend on whether Myrtle took her coffee cup back to the counter or not but having to shove aside a ton of trash does say something to me, it says that some people here at St. Andrews just don't care.

Don't you care or ever wonder why we haven't heard further information on the progress of the new gym? Don't you care or wonder why WSAP hasn't been able to get into all of the boys dorms as well as it should? It's your money that's being spent for the radio station, you should wonder. And doesn't anybody even care about small things such as why the heck somebody fix the change machine in the snack room in the L. A. building? College life is supposedly set in a volatile environment. We are being taught to think, to reason, to make judgements and decisions. If we are making these decisions and judgements,

continued on page 3

Faculty Forum

By DR. CARL BENNET

I am supposed to be writing about Dr. P. K. Banerjee of India, and in a way I will be. But my real interest during the visit of this distinguished representative of the world's largest democracy was the students of St. Andrews and the way they played host to him.

In the first place I was impressed with the way the audience looked from my vantage point on the lecture platform in the Armory Tuesday night. Dr. Banerjee's government this week is sending him to Moscow and other points behind the Iron Curtain. He will carry with him the sharp image of several hundred smartly dressed St. Andrews students and a sprinkling of townspeople and a pair of his own countrymen, teachers in a nearby college who drove to hear him.

I was also impressed with the way our students listened, in spite of the maddening eccentricities of the public address system. They patiently endured the nerve-racking buzz and whistle of the system in order to follow Dr. Banerjee's quietly modulated voice as he dispassionately presented the Indian view of the situation in India, China, and Pakistan.

Impressive too was the unobtrusive efficiency of the students who handled the electronic mysteries of taping Dr. Banerjee's speech and who snapped the photographs during and after the program.

I was impressed with the warmth of the applause that came at the end of Dr. Banerjee's talk, and I was impressed with the depth and precision of the questions put to the guest by freshmen as well as by upper-classmen.

I was impressed at the intensity and the pertinacity of the discussion afterwards between Dr. Banerjee and those who lingered.

I was impressed by the patience of the I. R. C. members and their guests, the junior C & C group, when on Monday night the speaker arrived too late from his appointments in Raleigh; and I was impressed with the intelligent efforts of Professor David McLean's anthropology class on Tuesday morning as they sought to draw out Dr. Banerjee on current social practices in India.

I was impressed with Professor Robert Gustafson's smooth handling of the visitor's schedule. The tricky details of preliminary correspondence, the chores of arranging hospitality and of fitting the intricate schedule together are matters little known or appreciated except by those few who have had similar responsibilities.

I was impressed, finally, at the way Dr. Banerjee responded to St. Andrews and at his candid statement that he would like to pay a return visit sometime.

It meant something to have on campus a man who has been active at strategic posts like Saigon and Tokyo and Peking and Washington. I believe also that it meant something to Dr. Banerjee to visit St. Andrews.

Letters To The Editor

The Editor
THE LANCE
Campus

Dear Editor:

The church is certainly doing a great job of being anything but relevant to our present social problems. Protestantism in particular has become molded to fit middle-class ideals. The cry is either for "peace, peace" when there is no peace, or the efforts that are being directed toward society's ills are simply attempts to "heal the wounds of the people lightly" by remedies that do not touch at the root of the problem.

The protestant epic with its emphasis on individualism includes a belief accentuated by the Puritans that "those who succeed are in God's favor, and those who fail are in God's disfavor." This presents a simple outlook on the less fortunate of society and leaves the Christian conscience unclouded so that more souls can be saved.

Someone may decide to break away from this archaic pattern and attempt to remedy the problems of society, but, more often than not, the natural inclination is "to put a band-aid on the cut rather than pulling out the nail which caused the injury." Or perhaps the emphasis is placed on curing individuals of their personal sins such as adultery or drinking rather than curing social sins such as racial discrimination or the population explosion.

Perhaps the subject of Christian witness should be discussed more deeply in an attempt to find an effective application of this concept so that the church can be truly relevant to our present status quo, and to hell with everything else.

Sincerely,
Lloyd F. Reese

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of The Lance, a letter was printed from a student criticizing the paper, two columns in particular. The criticism was received, if not joyously, with at least a certain amount of appreciation. For it was the first recognition of the column received to date.

The writer of the letter felt that the opinions expressed in Freshman Feelings were exclusively those of its two authors. To a great extent this is true; we have no other opinions to comment on. Some weeks ago, the post office box number of both Preston Tinsly and myself were published, in the hopes that freshmen would use this as an outlet for their mumbled complaints. However, to date, no complaints, opinions, or compliments have been received.

I am sure that the administration are pleased to see that the lot of the 300 freshmen is so idyllic that they have no complaints. Or are we so apathetic that to make an effort to correct anything we feel needs corrected, no matter how minute. What about the orientation meetings? An abundance of verbal complaints were heard, but never anything concrete.

In regard to Mr. Devlin, I feel he unfairly criticized the entire column by selecting one particular issue and criticizing that. I feel we have expressed the unconscious feelings of the class in previous columns on registration mail box numbers, and C&C tests.

Sincerely,
Lynn Leverton

To The Lance

From "An Outsider"

Please permit an outsider to make an observation. In the last issue of "The Lance" it seemed to indicate, from the "Limbo" point of view, some confusion concerning signing out.

I am continually amazed by the handbook and related material with regard to the absence of a great set of rules which govern student life; particularly overnights and week-ends. It would seem to me that the students certainly get the benefit of the doubt, if there is any. It seems that you as students have the opportunity to assume this trust seemingly being offered by the absence of "Rules" by realizing the responsibility that is and necessarily has to be involved. If you are not able and/or willing to do so, then you force the "Rules" to be made and lose your opportunity for responsibility other than by following a set of Rules. If you don't act as a student body to protect this trust as responsible students, then you force the inevitable.

Perhaps some dialogue between students and the Student Affairs Office would be helpful.

Freedom without Rules bears great responsibility. I believe you can assume it.

"Baby" has asked for an answer from our office with regulations found on pages B-20 and B-21 of the current handbook. This clearly states the regulations for both men and women with regard to either specific signing in and out or "keep (ing) his or her Residence Director informed when planning to spend a night or weekend away from the regular place of residence." And why don't men sign out after 8:00? They just don't.. never have and probably never will. More often than not, men students can be located through women students' sign out cards in case of emergencies during the week. Otherwise, I suppose it's just the old tale of the 'stronger sex' having more freedom in another specific area. Men just DO have more freedom - as children at home and as adults in college - and there is no truly "hole-proof" rationale behind this custom or practice.

As to houseparties and motel parties without chaperones? We have no specific regulation against this sort of thing as do most colleges and universities, but if students are questioning this as much as has been evidenced thus far this year, then perhaps they lack the ability to operate within the framework which St. Andrews has fought hard to maintain.. one of challenge rather than limitations; hopefully, one in which students will choose wisely from the opportunities presented them. Ideally, students should realize that chaperones are highly advisable - for the protection of their own reputations. They don't care about their own reputations? THEN it becomes our business, for we DO care about their own reputations and the fact that they are St. Andrews students.

What does it mean that St. Andrews is a church-related school, and how much do we owe, to the percentage of students who are here mainly because they or their guardians specifically selected a church-related school? Perhaps this has little to do with the students who actually are here. Nonetheless, we are not a university and do not aim or profess to be; therefore, some differences may be expected and

The Lance

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Meredythe Lawrence
MANAGING EDITOR Brian Weger
BUSINESS MANAGER Jim Dallas
SPECIAL ASSISTANT Trish Sharman

EDITORIAL STAFF

ACADEMIC EDITOR Elizabeth Finlator
SOCIAL EDITORS Judy Hough, Jane Wright
SPORTS EDITOR Ed Butterworth
CONSERVATORY EDITOR Bonnie Williams
SPECIAL COLUMNS Bob Anderson

Lynn Leverton, Yibbett Phillips, Bill Shomo,

Henry Steele

Jeep Mullinix

PHOTOGRAPHERS Gray Clark, Bill Barry,

CARTOONIST Frank Joerg

STAFF WRITERS AND REPORTERS:

Selvia Beam, Gloria Bell, David Betts, Anne Bottoms, Barbara Boy, Nancy Buxton, Carol Chapman, Linda Curtis, Nancy Dixon, Miriam Fisher, J. D. Gwynn, Karen Harrison, Gwen Horton, Bonnie Jackson, Mary Leslie James, Frank Joerg, Lucille Keylon, Vickie McCann, Mary Lynne McKenzie, Brenda Miller, Margaret Offending, Barbara Rappold, Delores Rasnick, Linda Susong, Janet Sperling, Jane Talley, Mary Todd, Charma Walker, Elizabeth Ward, Emelda Williams, Joe Junod.

BUSINESS STAFF

Brenda Miller, Mary Lynne McKenzie, Barbara Rappold, Charma Walker, Mary Beth Anderson.

Opinions expressed in letters to the Editor and in signed columns are not necessarily those of The LANCE. Letters to the Editor should be brief and must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request.