

Editorial

Books Are Walking

Everyone has heard the saying that, "books are the eyes to the world." However, until I came to St. Andrews, I had no idea that they also had legs and could walk out of libraries. "These Boots Are Made for Walking" may be the number one song in the nation, but around the DeTamble Library, somebody must have misunderstood the words to be, "These Books Are Made for Walking."

Though the problem of walking books is not unique to our library, it is becoming of such magnitude that in a few years we might have a pretty, but empty building facing the lake on the academic side.

Some people have the idea that "reserved" means "for them only." It is a minor tragedy when students do not have enough concern for fellow students to leave that small remnant of Flora Mac we have, available to circulate around our campus.

This is not meant to be a cut on the shortage of new books, rather it is directed as a suggestion that our reading material be increased beyond the 1932-1940 level.

However, this is not entirely fair; we do have new books about three or four thousand or thereabouts - in the back room. Is there a possibility of these books being catalogued in the near future? The question is as hard to answer as whether we will reach the moon by 1970.

Nobody seems to be in the know, or rush (or maybe they are in a rush, but one or two people can only work so fast), but all the while, books keep pouring in and mysteriously others keep walking out. Maybe our library works on the stability system - the librarians are able to keep new books catalogued and shelved at the same rate some of our more ambitious personal library - building students can walk out with them. We're in the generation that, "wonders where the yellow went," but at the rate we're moving now, soon there won't be any reference material in the library to answer this probing twentieth century question.

The loss of books from our library is a deplorable situation, not to mention, as Tommy Beason said at the Student Body meeting, an honor offense.

I'm afraid some people believe that "checking in and out" is something done only in motels. For those not in the know, this system works on a slightly different basis in our library.

Let's alleviate the problems of missing books so we can throw all our efforts towards kindly suggesting that a "few" important magazines be added to our files, that back issues of certain vital magazines be bought when possible, and new books be catalogued at a faster rate, if time permits. To hope for such a revolution might be asking too much, but if we do our part to erase our portion of the "library problem" then the library staff and administrators might step up their efforts to help the situation from their point of view.

B.A.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I was surprised and disappointed last week to hear some song dedications and some remarks of the discjockeys which spoiled the otherwise great quality of WSAP. WSAP, as the COLLEGE radio station, is no place to air personal grievances towards individuals, especially when the intent is to embarrass or hurt them.

I would suggest that the disc jockeys of WSAP exercise a little more responsibility in what they say on the air and that they be a little more discriminating in their announcements of dedications.

Sincerely,
Carol Brown



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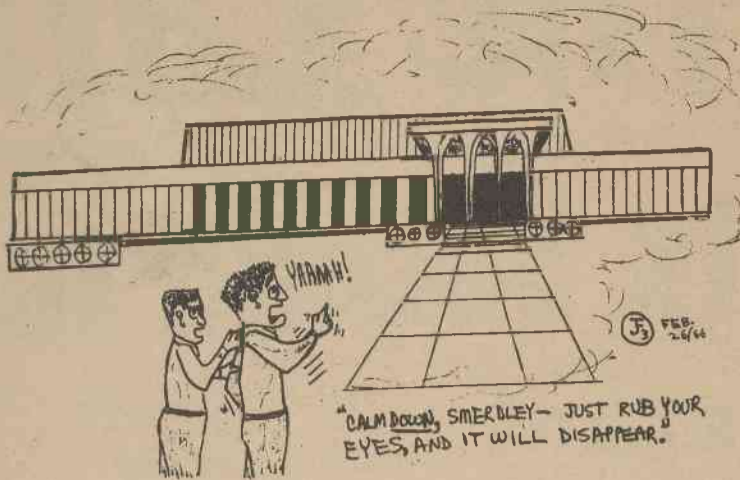
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Presidential Preferences

Calendar Committee Revises

By Tommy Beason

With regard to decisions made at the last meeting of the Calendar Committee, one member expressed the action as one in which the students now not only have their cake, but they get to eat it too. He simply meant that the students (and faculty) will receive fall holidays without moving the registration back into August. The recommendation from the committee, which still must be approved by the Faculty, reduces the number of class sessions from forty-five per semester to forty-four, thereby creating a four-day holiday period from October 21-24. Mid semester exams now span a week-end, lasting from Friday, October 14, through Thursday, October 20. Therefore, fall holidays will be a better vacation period in that mid-semester exams will have been completed.

Much of the discussion in the meeting was spent in an attempt to sweeten the students (and faculty) sweet tooth with a richer cake. A proposal was made by the student representatives, in view of the rigorous, intensive nature of the new calendar, that St. Andrews adopt a five-day week semester. Juniors and Seniors could use the week-ends to great advantage at one point especially -- in paper writing. One hardly has time to keep up in his classes; week-ends might produce better papers. It would also give students an opportunity to do some research in other libraries, since our library is quite limited, to say the least, in many areas. It can be argued that freshmen need the extra time to study, since, in most cases, their study habits are not as well-developed as those of upperclassmen. As

for the sophomores, need I mention the stress of those two semesters? The week-ends would also give students an opportunity to pause in the academic life, and take advantage of this leisure time in recreation and fellowship. There are some who would deny the latter privileges because they believe that St. Andrews would turn into a suitcase college. It is to these people that we would say that if the St. Andrews community is that lax in its offering of recreation and other leisure time activities, then a seven-day week certainly won't keep the students from being where the action is.

Several suggestions were made in the committee meeting that would aid in the reconstructing on a five day-week basis. Among these was a greater use, as far as classroom space was concerned, of the twelve o'clock hour on the Monday-Wednesday-Friday sequence, and the four o'clock hour each day. A faculty member also suggested a restructuring of upper-level courses with the class meeting only two hours a week in a three hour credit course, the other hour being used as a conference hour.

The calendar will be improved considerably with the recommendation now before the faculty.

The five-day week is supported with unanimity among the students, and there are faculty members who would avidly support such a proposal. Indeed it is the case that the frosting must be added as well as an additional beating of the eggs before the cake is moist enough to be tasty, even digestible.

Senior Sentiments

Students Procrastinate

By Yibbett Phillips

We are in the fourth week of the new semester. . . . does it seem that short a time, or does it seem like an eternity? Are we being successful at keeping the resolutions we made four weeks ago, or have they faded into the fuzzy background of memories? For us college students, the new year more than likely starts with second semester, rather than January 1. It is unusual to find an undergraduate who is ahead in his work. To draw a logical conclusion, we procrastinate.

Procrastination. . . what an ugly word. But it wouldn't be so ugly if its definition didn't hit so close to home. To define it formally: "to put off doing something until

a future time; postpone or defer taking action." (WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY) Now, college students aren't the only ones who procrastinate; this is a universal tendency for most everyone. But in our particular situation, procrastination can be hazardous. The term paper we wrote the night before, the oral report we fudged on, the test we failed because we looked over the notes a few minutes before class. . . . all of these affect us in terms of grades. And all of us know how important grades are! Seniors in high schools worry about grades because they determine, to a large extent, where we can go to college. Seniors in college worry about grades because they determine

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Mud In Your Eye Farrago Plans Raft Debate

By Bob Devlin

In keeping with its policy of continually trying to bring new and different things to the students of St. Andrews, FARRAGO will be sponsoring a RAFT DEBATE Saturday night March the 12th. For those of you who have never heard a "raft debate", muchless know what one is, Harken! I think it's something you won't want to miss.

A "raft debate" involves five professors set adrift (hypothetically of course) on a raft in the middle of a vast ocean. Of the five, four are each assigned to represent one of the four major disciplines of learning; these being, Literature, Math and Science, History, and Philosophy. To add a little spice, and to make a conversation a little livelier, the fifth professor is appointed to play the Devil, (perhaps on the basis of the old adage which blithely assumes that "evil is lurking everywhere").

The situation gets tight when these five intellectuals suddenly realize that the raft upon which they are floating is only big enough to hold one of them. Thus arises the premise of debate, namely to decide which discipline deserves the right to survive while all the rest perish. Faced with sure destruction, if he should lose the debate, the object of each man is to argue and prove that his discipline is the best, and most beneficial to mankind.

Here is where the fun begins. Mostly because YOU, the audience, are the ones who must judge, and decide, on the basis of a short speech from each of the four disciplines, and of course, the Devil (we can't leave him out), which one of these lucky souls will remain on the raft, and which four will "get the ax" so to speak.

The panel of professors will include; Professor Charlie Johnson arguing for Literature, Math and Science (undecided), Dr. Rodney Fulcher supporting History, Dr. William Alexander supporting Philosophy, and Professor Thomas Somerville playing the Devil. If you haven't already made plans for next Saturday night (the 12th) be sure and drop by FARRAGO. The Debate should be interesting to say the least. As usual any students with talent who wish to perform are welcome. The doors open at 8:00 and admission will be only 35¢ per person.

ACTIVITIES

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St. Andrews. Also under consideration at present is a class barbecue.

All the classes plan to participate in a Mardi Gras held here at St. Andrews.

MR. S. ARMY

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Olvy Sheppard, a captain in the Salvation Army, pulled into a service station, got gas, and presented the organization's credit card.

Sheppard then signed the slip: "Salvation Army, by Olvy Sheppard."

"That's an unusual first name," the attendant remarked.

Sheppard explained it's a family name and started to drive away.

"Well," the attendant said, "Come back again, Mr. Army."