

# The Lance

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## THE BLUE SHEETS

Our teams have been ruined, our leaders impeached, and our pride has been destroyed. Problems have been created for the coaches, the student government leaders, and an uneasy feeling of discontent is overcoming all the possessors of the nasty blue sheets circulating here and there about campus.

We ask what right do they (the faculty executive committee) have to suddenly throw forth this previously unenforced rule upon us. With no warning THEY have attacked us and put us in a defeated situation. THEY have pulled out a person whose overall record is satisfactory for a mere eight weeks unofficial work.

Let us not forget our primary purpose here at S.A.: to learn. When we fail to achieve this satisfactorily, are we not expected to be pushed? We have not been pushed until now.

We are being pushed and the taste of it is bitter. We are being restricted until we meet our standards. This is a College, not a Country Club, after all; to enjoy the secondary benefits, we must first of all meet the primary standards.

True, the issue was not presented until a late date and the blow hit even harder, but it was a necessary blow, one that spelled out, "improve, your academic standing is in danger."

It may be bitter, but it must be accepted. We are on trial. If we win, we will soon again be able to enjoy the benefits of our College secondary life. We are the ones to blame, it's not THEM, it's us.

## DISHONOR CODE

An honor code is to be honored. It is a dual-qualitative oath, honor as an end product being the less significant. Primarily, an honor code is to be honored. If no honor is given, then honor as an end can't be achieved; if honor is given, then the results show some promises of being honored.

We have recently honored the newly presented code by an 80% approval (481-112), which is approximately two-thirds of the entire student body. To start, one-third of the students have already dishonored our new code by showing no concern whatsoever. Those who showed interest have accepted a loosely bound code of ethics, a code that is susceptible to dishonor. Many feel that a loose code will give them the advantage in a tight squeeze, a code which will give them the prerogative of choice favorable to their own individual set of ethics, be they honorable or dishonorable.

For those who accepted (481), the new code relieves the "must" responsibility and substitutes a "should" which is prerogatively irresponsible. If an individual refuses to report his neighbor, the new code has proved to be a dishonorable one. It has no meaning and provides no depth of a mature character builder. It will, in this case, not be established as a code to be honored, but rather as an unconscious guide to a set of morals that we "should" possess but don't; a set of morals that we last year rejected to be forced upon us. In this respect we have accepted a dishonor code, i.e., by accepting the "maybe I will" clause.

It cannot be honored unless those who have already rejected it now accept it, unless those who have accepted it falsely, convert and justify their decision, unless those who have accepted it carry it through to its fullest significance.

Are you capable of handling yourself in an honorable manner? Can you seriously accept this new responsibility? Will you fulfill your written pledge to yourself and your community? These are the questions which our new code presents to us. If you can honestly answer them yes, then our honor code will be both honorable and a true production of honor, but if you cannot accept these principles, you have dishonored this norm of conduct which will only bring you dishonor. This is your Honor Code; it is your choice to either honor it or dishonor it.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Solomon

Dear Editor:

As you may well know Mr. Ted Solomon will not be back at St. Andrews next year. I feel that this is a great loss to our campus community and I'm sure there are many of us who will miss him.

However, some of the circumstances which made him decide not to return to St. Andrews have greatly alarmed me. These center around the problem of tenure and the Solomon's community activities. I think the problem is best presented in a letter Mr. Solomon sent to me discussing the problem; therefore, I will quote a section of that letter here:

I became aware during my stay at St. Andrews that I would probably not get tenure (On December 31, 1965, the Dean suggested that I come back for another year and then move on to another school; I had no desire to do that) BECAUSE OUR INVOLVEMENT IN CIVIL RIGHTS HAD ANTAGONIZED CERTAIN TRUSTEES OR AT LEAST MR. PATE.

Let me recount some of the encounters I had with President Moore and Dean Davidson about our civil rights activities as background data. As a result of Marian's name appearing on a leaflet encouraging Negroes to register, President Moore asked me to come to his office; he told me that a certain trustee (I think Mr. Pate's name was mentioned) asked him to fire me (as this trustee would have done to any of employees). In the course of the conversation Dr. Moore told me that the community was not pre-

pared to accept our entertaining of Negroes in our home, and that the college could not fight the race issue and grow at the same time. On at least two occasions Dean Davidson told me during my last year at St. Andrews that I might not receive tenure because several trustees would object. As I was falsely accused by some in the community of inaugurating certain activities (such as the Negro boycott of the Winn-Dixie), Dean Davidson wanted to learn the facts of the situation, which I shared with him. I rather expected him to defend my rights to the trustees but I doubt if he pursued this course of action at all or very long. On December 31, 1965 Dean Davidson told me that our civil rights activities did not constitute a formidable barrier to tenure as it had in the past, but he later mentioned that if the Negroes in Laurinburg organized a demonstration that tenure would not be granted (apparently whether I was involved or not). I strongly believe that my tenure should not be based on the activities of another group engaging in their constitutional rights.

In a conversation with Dean Davidson, the Dean told me that the Solomon's Civil Rights Activities were not an issue to either Mr. Solomon's return to St. Andrews or his receiving tenure. But I cannot help but feel that we have been let down by our trustees, our President and the Dean. Is this what they mean by "Excellence for Christ"?

Sincerely  
Roy Sandridge

### Exams

Dear Editor:

Once again we are pushing toward the finish line at St. Andrews, and once again we have no exam schedule. Is there a sound reason for this delay or just another unsound excuse for typical St. Andrews laxity? As far as we can tell, a "benefit" at both large and small schools is the publication of the exam schedule early in the semester. Some colleges are established enough to have it published in the yearly catalogue. Because of the uncertainty of courses to be offered each semester, that would be impossible at St. Andrews, but the exam schedule should certainly follow quickly on the heels of the class schedule for the semester. At the first of May, St. Andrews students usually find themselves telling the summer

employers, "I'll be there when I get there." There is also the very real necessity of making arrangements for transportation and for confirming reservations. Yet, it seems that the "flexible" schedule at St. Andrews is justifying a lack of self-discipline on the part of the administration. Trying to establish our young college, the administration requests and, indeed, deserves respect, understanding, and co-operation. But they are not prepared to reciprocate the respect, understanding, and co-operation that we students request and, indeed, deserve. As far as we can see, St. Andrews is making no attempt to meet Intercollegiate Minimum Decency Requirements.

Debbie Medlin

## Honor Code

St. Andrews Presbyterian College is a community of responsible persons devoted to the ideas of integrity and honor. Members of the community have instituted the St. Andrews Honor Code in the belief that the integrity of the community rests upon the responsible action of all. Such lapses from individual personal honor as lying, cheating, and stealing are serious violations of community integrity and thus are the concern of all members of the community.

The Honor System of St. Andrews placed the following offenses under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Board:

- lying in official matters
- academic cheating, including plagiarism
- stealing.

Each member of the community (students, faculty, administration and staff personnel) bears responsibility for maintaining standards of conduct, and all are pledged to deal with violations of honor in a responsible way.

A person who violates the Honor Code is himself obligated to report his violation to a member of the Judiciary Board.

A witness to a violation of the Honor Code has an obligation to the community. He should fulfill his obligation in one of the following ways:

He may approach the suspected violator either in person or in writing and urge him to report the violation. If the suspected student does not act within a reasonable time, the witness is obligated to report the violation.

Anyone who witnesses a violation of the Honor Code may make a report directly to the Judiciary Board.

Each student upon matriculation at St. Andrews will sign the following pledge:

As a member of the honor community of St. Andrews, I pledge that I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I tolerate this conduct in any other member of the community. I will do all within my power to uphold the high standard of integrity and honor of St. Andrews.

Members of the administration and faculty of St. Andrews pledge themselves to respect the spirit and intention of this Honor Code, and to support those who are charged with the responsibility of administering the Honor System.

## Awards Night On May 19.

All organizations wishing to present awards should be ready to do so on Thursday evening, May 19th. The ceremonies will occur, weather providing, outside of the Student Center.

In addition to the various clubs presenting awards will be the Outstanding Student Service Awards, presented by each dormitory.

The new Marshalls, those students possessing 5.0 or better grade point ratios for five consecutive semesters, will be presented at this time.

The Wind Ensemble, which will be playing during the ceremonies, will present a concert immediately afterwards.