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Senators Slack!

The major attribute of a senatorial body of an organization is that it be a strong voice in public opinion. The will of the people as a whole should play a significant part in its considerations.

So why is there controversy about the St. Andrews Senate? It is possible that the Senate and its members are not doing their duties? Is it possible that some students are justified in their thinking that this organizational body is too relaxed in their widespread duties?

In a recent discussion with members of my dorm, a group of students were dismayed that their senators would not stand up and defend their fellow students' feelings. They were disappointed in the conduct of the senators and were concerned about the way that the senate was being overrun by its politicizing president. The senators have been slack and have allowed too much presidential influence sway their thoughts. After all, it is the duty of the president to preside, not to decide.

The recent late hours bill, for instance, was passed in Senate on November 7 by a 23-2 margin with one abstention. President Overton, during that meeting, gave up his presidential seat to vote against the bill. The almost unanimous vote in favor of the bill more than expressed the desires of the students to have extended hours until midnight on Fridays. Yet this bill has been withheld from Student Association President Bob Anderson for 18 days by Senate President Overton. Thus any prompt action upon the bill has been delayed. Overton stated that since he was not convinced about the bill, he could not immediately hand it over to President Anderson. Obviously Overton had not been convinced by his senators that the bill was in proper form. Two conclusions may be arrived at here. Either the senators have not been properly arousing student opinion in senatorial matters, or that President Overton recognizes his ability to delay, senatorial authority. It seems to me that we have a little of each. Is this the way that students are to be governed? Shouldn't the students demand immediate action from their senators and from the Senate president?

Do the senators recognize the power that they do have? I was once part of that sheepish organization which conforms to the desires of the power group and it is my guess that they don't. If the senators would realize that the opinions of their fellow students are invaluable, then their power of authority could not be denied.

As it is, if President Overton wishes to hold back a bill that is disagreeable to him, he does so. The senators should therefore push their legislation not only by their vote, but by student support and by follow up. Their bill for late hours could have by now cleared all governmental red tape if it had been immediately acted upon, but instead it has lain idle for three weeks in the hands of its president.

It seems that it is about time that the senators become aware of their full responsibility. They should circulate in their dorms and find out what the students really want to see changed and what the students want from their responsible student leaders.

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Resident Directors Necessary!

A large number of men on campus have expressed that there is no need for the now existing dorm mother. They insist that such a position has no function and that her presence actually distracts from their freedom of responsibility.

What is a dorm mother? She is a mother hen who roosts over some 80-120 children. She is always worried about and occupied with the problems of her children. She is never satisfied, always insists that

dust should be obsolete, that shirt tails never been seen, and that shoes never be lain idle. She is a gossip who is concerned with the private affairs of each of her children. She is the executive, legislative, and judiciary authority which governs her precinct not only against the will of her children, but also against the withstanding student government rules and regulations. In this capacity she is indeed functionless and should be removed.

However, St. Andrews does not have any dorm mothers on the payroll, rather it pays eight resident directors to perform specific duties. The duties of the resident director are indeed necessary and do serve a function.

The resident director is to serve as an overseer in the maintenance service which operates six days a week. She regulates the stocking of linen and the upkeep of furnishings. The resident director is to see that school property and furnishings are treated properly. In case of facility breakdown, she is to contact the proper authority in the matter.

The resident director also must serve as an overseer in the host and hostess work scholarship program, seeing that the desk job is filled in any vacancy. In addition the women's resident directors are to regulate the checking in and out of their students.

While the dorm mother is an unnecessary evil that be abolished from our campus, a resident director is very much needed. Her job with its many specified duties is a full time job. It could hardly be filled by a student.

Philosophy

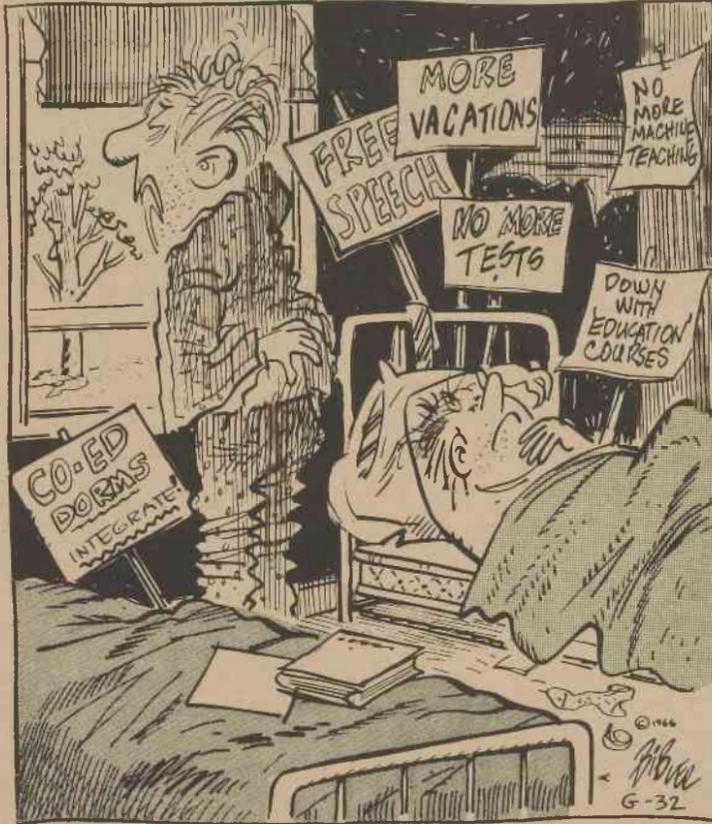
If we could see ourselves as others see us, we'd think something were wrong with our eyes.

Dictators seem to think the only way to have a well ordered world is to let them give the orders.

The man with a bundle of bad habits has the heaviest load in the world to carry.

Usually the biggest kicken is the biggest loafer.

BY HUGH MUHR
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"I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO CLASS - LET'S DO SOMETHING WORTH-WHILE LIKE CIRCULATING A PETITION OR PICKETING TH' ADMINISTRATION."

Letters To The Editor:

McDonald Wants Suggestions - Senators Ineligible

Concert-Lecture Series

In answer to Ted Foy's letter to the editor in the October 7 issue of THE LANCE Professor Arthur McDonald, Chairman of the Concert-Lecture Committee has sent the following reply to meet the student's desire to be a part of the selection committee for future concert lecture series:

Dear Editor:

The members of the Concert-Lecture committee are presently engaged in discussion concerning the 1967-69 series at St. Andrews. Our attempt is to bring to our campus outstanding lecturers and artists who will complement and supplement the campus community. The committee faces restrictions in preparing this series due to the inadequate facilities for performing groups such as dance companies and touring drama troupes, limitation of budget, and conflicts with available booking dates.

In order to make the 1967-68 series one of the highest caliber and one of widespread interest, The Concert Lecture Committee would like to urge members of the student body to communicate to them their ideas concerning the 1967-68 series. The committee would be interested in knowing types of presentation, individual artists, areas of interest, and general comments for the future series.

The members of the committee function in two sub-committees, one in the area of concert and the other in the area of lecture. Mr. Robert Gustafson is the lecture sub-committee chairman and Mr.

Frank West is the concert sub-committee chairman.

Sincerely
Arthur McDonald

Senate

Dear Editor:

I would like to inform the student body of a recent ruling of the Student Faculty Appellate Board concerning senatorial eligibility. The question came before the Senate concerning the

eligibility of a senator who represents a dorm in which he does not reside, and I referred this to the Student-Faculty Appellate Board.

The Board has ruled that a senator must be a physical resident of the dormitory he represents. This is their interpretation of the student Association Constitution and will be added to the constitution after the amendments.

Sincerely,
Joe Overton
Senate President

Movie Review:

"Phaedra"

by John Apperson

The Gibson Theater was never so full as it was Wednesday night when Phaedra kept standing-room-only crowds spell bound throughout the movie.

The Movie, starring Melina Mercouri in the title role and Anthony Perkins as her stepson-*par amour*, was an adaptation of Jean Racine's well known French play of the same name.

Spiced with panoramic shots of classical Greek ruins and the addition of a James Bond-type Aston Martin coupe for Tony Perkins to drive, the movie nevertheless was built around the powerful emotions that great wealth and insatiable passion create.

Melina proved her ability to portray a broad range of emotions as

she made the transition from dutiful but glamorous wife to lover of her husband's son. Perkins, one of the U.S.' outstanding young actors, was convincing in his display of boyish emotions while becoming hardened in his hopeless relationship with his stepmother.

The smoky, misty love scene between Mercouri and Perkins and the effects produced by the flames were among the most tasteful, yet provocative scenes in recent cinema history. Mercouri, her striking facial features being her most salient asset, could not have been a better choice for the role of a passion-tortured woman.

And Perkins deserves plaudits for his Bach accompanied last drive.