

Two Nudes, Please!

BY JOE JUNOD

Earlier this week Dean Decker announced that more than two photographs of nude women on any students' wall is inappropriate because it does not show proper respect for the female.

What prompted the Dean of Student's statement? The forthcoming presence of the Health Inspector on campus (for the second time, after giving St. Andrews a poor grade on his first journey) is most likely the immediate catalyst for his announcement. Naturally, the administration is trying to persuade the student body into sterilizing their living quarters so that the college may receive an improved grade when the Inspector gives us a second chance. This is a good thing: it makes Trustees happy and prompts each one of us to take a small amount of pride in the cubbyhole where we reside for eight months of the year. The situation gives the Deans an open door to make certain demands upon the male dorms because the question of open dorms is, at present, a major issue, on campus and the Deans would like to see things done the way they want them done.

Therefore, the pronouncement concerning the nude pictures; is the administration attempting to dictate our morality for us because one man sees the pictures as disrespectful and inappropriate? Obviously they are. The Deans are concerned about dorms to rooms that display more than two nudes. A naive, southern freshman girl, who is invited to a male's room, is repulsed by the array of naked women draped about on the walls. The girl writes home and tells Mother and Father what she saw and how horrible it is. Chances are she will exaggerate and the whole business will blow up bigger than the World's Fair. As people hear about St. Andrews from parents and students who propel this morally unhealthy situation at SA, the projected image of our college will fall and make Trustees unhappy. They, in turn, will jump on the administration's back, namely, Dean Decker's. It is clear that the Dean does have a valid argument--from his point of view. Part of his job is to create an atmosphere at St. Andrews that people will boast about and send their children here without fear of them being corrupted morally.

Always, when a moral question arises, the opposite point of view makes itself known. An individual's manner of living; his morals, his manners, should not be a concern for anyone but himself. A young lady enters a room with just two nude women dangling from the walls and she is disgusted by the sight. Remember that two was the number of such pictures that Dean Decker will permit in any room. From the open

dorm, where the barriers against any kind of sexual activity are greater, than say the woods or the back seat of a car, the couple will journey to one of the latter locations. Hence, the administration has caused the exact opposite of what they intended to happen in this situation.

At St. Andrews, as well as most other colleges, students live with one another. If students lived in isolation, without roommates or open dorms, then the administration, I'm sure, would not become hypersensitive to what hung on the walls. But this is not the case and we, as students, must cope with our situation as well as possible. Naturally if you respect your roommate, then you would not be inclined to negate a request to remove (or reduce the number) of pictures of nude women because he has invited a young lady to the room who might not react well to the display. You take the pictures down to appease and satisfy your roommate's sensitivities. By doing so, you damage your own rights to do what you feel is not morally unhealthy. You hang the portraits again once the young lady has left but your sensitivities have been hurt. You are left with a bad taste in your mouth about the administration's policies. You tell parents and friends that the college has overstepped its duties as "en loco parentis," and you probably exaggerate so that you sound as if you have received a double blow. As is the case of the young freshman girl, the word is spread about the "situation at St. Andrews" and the status receives a blow.

I believe the administration is making too big an issue out of the question. The number of visitors to an open dorm is not extremely large; the rooms with walls of nudes plastered all over them are not excessive; and the number of girls who might react badly to the presence of the nudes, is, in my opinion, not great.

Sensitivities might be damaged and images might suffer, but as proven above, it will happen no matter where you stand on the issue. I believe that a student who likes to decorate his walls with "Playboy's" centerfold and similar photos should feel absolutely free to do so without fear of being reprimanded by the loss of open dorm privileges. In this matter of personal and private likes, one who is offended by such displays should not encroach upon another's right to enjoy them. I do not question or ridicule people that are offended by a sight of a gallery of nude women; that is their right to feel that way. But to the matter of commanding others to follow their righteous ways is an encroachment upon the moral right of any student.

Letters:

To the editor:

In its sixth year, the Circle K is presently sponsoring its annual membership drive. All male students who are not presently on academic probation are eligible for membership.

Supported by the International Circle K and the Kiwanis Club of Laurinburg, the St. Andrews chapter is the campus' unique service organization, not a fraternity. Civic awareness keynotes the club's activities, serving the campus community and the citizens of Laurinburg.

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New Plan Abolishes Officers

By LINDA SUSONG

The entire concept of class officers at St. Andrews may no longer be of any value. The present class structure is outmoded and the elected officers do not serve any real function.

There is a need for a consistent approach to the needs of the students which are not met by the present class system. The class officer system is in conflict with the dorm concept in areas of service to students. The Inter-dormitory Council believes that it should have the freedom to operate without the structure imposed by a class system. The functions of each overlap and prevent the best results.

The ICC views itself as being

outdated now, but has proposed a tentative two-part program that will eliminate the class structure completely.

The initiation of such a program would begin with the abolition of class officers in the spring elections of 1968. In the place of regularly elected officers, there will simply be the election of one representative from each class to the IOC.

During the following year, the ICC will take steps to integrate itself into a uniform concept of government with the IDC. This process would be completed by the spring elections of 1969, when the ICC will cease to exist. The President of the Student Association would appoint the members of the elections board who would be needed in the absence of the senior class officer.

Another breakthrough for St. Andrews is in the making. These ideas will soon be introduced as a formal bill in the Senate. If is pertinent to the issue that the present class officers have brought the matter up and have proposed the new plan.

As with any new proposal which would abolish a standing "tradition", there is bound to be opposition. The tradition of class officers at St. Andrews is a reality; however, those lovers of tradition would do well to review the problems these class officers have faced under the present system.

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Last Chance For Opinions

By LINDA SUSONG

This Wednesday, February 7, at 5:30 in the Student Center, students will have a chance to voice their opinions to the Student Life Committee on the Drinking Bill.

The Committee has not come to any final decision as yet but is still in the process of collecting data. Students on the Committee, as well as faculty members, want to be influenced

on this issue. The Drinking Bill, if passed, would affect the entire campus; it may well be this recommendation of the Student Life Committee that will make the bill a reality on the campus.

Certainly by now, every St. Andrews student has ample information on which to form his opinion. This meeting is the last chance students will have to express their opinion.