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To Be Resolved

The issue of drinking and possession of alcohol on St. Andrews campus has slowed its rapid pace from the heated controversy evident several weeks ago. Yet while the active discussions and open hearings have dispersed, a final decision is yet undetermined. The statement issued by the Student Life Committee recognized several angles to the problem and suggested that changes in policy be made prior to a final decision on the issue. The statement sent from the committee to the office of the President was endorsed by College President Ansley C. Moore, encouraged by the committee's observations. The President has notified Dean Roger Decker that the issue will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting in the spring.

The decisions reached by the committee and endorsed by the President recognize the tremendous progress made by the students in their efforts to legalize the bad existing situation, and to improve their social atmosphere through improvised student legislature. While the issue is still to be argued, it is obvious that student reform by conformity to present rules is a necessity. Already there are cases where campus drinkers have been brought to trial in dorm counsels. Several students have quickened the reforms by admitting their own violations.

The true test of the issue rests in the total student response to the situation and the improvements in student-administration communication. While it probably will be several years before campus drinking is legalized, the right steps toward responsible student response to rules will have to be started now and continue to be enforced in the near future to make this student effort a reality.

The recent efforts by students are indicative of a promising outcome in the drinking situation at St. Andrews. The problems presented by a dry county, and a growing but not yet financially independent church supported college are indeed great in light of the drinking issue, but defeat shall not overcome the efforts of the student body if they realize the proper course of action to be taken to gain their victory.

Student Elections

Student Association elections will get under way next week with self nominations, followed by a week of campaigning prior to the voting on March 21. Twenty-nine positions are open for candidates with an overall grade point ratio of 2.5 or better. The Lance will feature an exclusive coverage of the elections, informing the student body of the candidates and their platforms.

Self-nominations for class officers will begin on March 25, also followed by campaigning prior to their election on April 4.

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Letter To The Editor

Editor Comments on Successful Pageant

Dear Editor:

Now that the glamour of being involved in a beauty pageant has to some extent worn off, many of us utter a feasible sigh of relief for a task completed. Many people worked hard to make Saturday night's Miss Lamp and Shield Pageant a reality.

Actualizing the dreams of choosing our "Fair Lady" is no easy task. It involves many hours of tedious labor. The sense of accomplishment one feels when the event is happening does, however, overcome the aches and pains of hours spent dying curtains or building sets.

Many people worked behind the scenes in various capacities. It is no exaggeration to say that the people whom no one saw at the pageant were the most indispensable. They deserve, even more than the contestants, the gratitude of every member of our college community.

For decorating the small dining room for Saturday's luncheon we owe thanks to Nofa Farha, Bonnie Foster, and "Dudley" Wagner. They burned the midnight oil Friday eve dressing the ladies and gents of "My Fair Lady" to adorn the walls for the occasion.

We must tip our hats to the stage crew, many of whom spent Friday night quite uncomfortably in the L.A. auditorium. Led by Mary Key, pageant co-ordinator, and Joe Mitchell, the following people worked relentlessly: Carol Fetter, Phyllis Deith, Jane Haymen, Anne Strickland, Dixie Fulton, Marty Heaton, and George Shaffar. The striking green and white set was the beautiful end product of their toil.

The pageant could never have been the same without the witty comments of its master of ceremonies. Dick Prust, Kings Mountain's dorm dad, charmed contestants and audience alike with his intriguing dialogue. He covered every subject from the Azalea Festival to Plato with increasing fervor.

Finally, the last person to appear was Carrell Ludlow, the crownbearer. Carrying a pillow as large as he, he won the hearts of all during his

brief appearance.

On behalf of the LAMP AND SHIELD staff and my fellow students as well, I voice our most sincere appreciation to all of you, and to our 22 lovely contestants as well. My only regret is that more of you were not there to lend your support to the girls who represented you.

Most sincerely,
Betty Baldwin
Editor-in Chief
1968 LAMP AND SHIELD

Students Answer Poll Questions

Did you know what you were voting for when you abolished class officers? Yes - 294 No - 90

Do you believe your dormitory is a reasonably cohesive social unit? Yes - 280 No - 103

Would you read a Student Government Newsletter on the actions taken by the various branches of our student government if one were published? Yes - 284 No - 98

Has the money, effort, and time put into the Concert-Lecture Series been justified by the results, such as prestige? Yes - 190 No - 194

Do you believe that Dialogue and Accent have a more effective presentation of relevant campus issues than THE LANCE? Yes - 276 No - 107

Should the United States give economic aid to a non-democratic country? Yes - 207 No - 164

Should the government be able to regulate the use of psychedelic drugs? Yes - 277 No - 97

Do you believe there is an effective Honor System at St. Andrews? Yes - 112 No - 256

Do you believe that the 4-1-4 calendar for the year 1968-1969 will actually be better than the present system? Yes - 207 No - 163

Should fraternities and sororties be allowed on campus? Yes - 229 No - 145

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