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**Letters To The Editor:**

**Gun Club Secures Spacious Firearm Locker**

To the editor:

Starting in the Fall semester 1968 St. Andrews will require that anyone wishing to bring firearms to campus and maintain them on campus must take and pass a National Rifle Association Hunter-Safety Course or present sufficient evidence that he has done so. Hunter-Safety Courses are given periodically on campus by the St. Andrews Gun Club. Several more courses will be run

this spring and will continue next fall. There is a fee of 75¢ for non-members and 50¢ for members of St. Andrews Gun Club. Anyone wishing to take the Hunter-Safety Course should contact Mike McCord, Mecklenburg ext. 279.

At present, the Gun Club has secured the use of well constructed gun cabinets suitable for any type of firearm. Members of the club may store their firearms free. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$1 per locker space per semester. Each locker space can hold several guns depending upon the type. All firearms must be stored in these cabinets if they are to be kept on campus. Violation of this rule will be considered serious and violators will be subject to judicial action.

The St. Andrews Gun Club has also begun a marksmanship instructor course. At present one class meets every Monday night. The class is conducted by David Wetmore in the Laurinburg National Guard Armory Rifle Range. Club members are taking this course free. Next year various types of marksmanship courses will be available to the campus at large for a nominal fee.

Currently, the St. Andrews Gun Club is sponsoring a dance

on the causewalk during Mardi Gras, March 30 from 7-9 p.m. A Winchester 30-30 lever action Canadian Centennial Rifle (list price \$125), will be the door prize. Tickets are available from Mike McCord and Rick Erisman, or in the Student Center from 5-6:30 p.m.

Jim Bennett  
Gun Club President

**Platters Coming**

The Platters, who made record hits of such songs as "The Great Pretender," "Harbour Lights," and "Twilight Time," will be appearing here at St. Andrews next Saturday evening, March 30, for the annual Mardi Gras spring feature entertainment.

Recently returned from a successful tour of Europe and Japan, The Platters are touring the South performing in nightclubs and at colleges.

The group, whose recent hits are "With This Ring," and "Sweet Sweet Lovin' " were organized thirteen years ago by Buck Ram, their arranger-manager, and Herbert Reed, the bass singer.

They were propelled to fame a dozen years ago during a wave of rock-and-roll music, and are one of the groups which began at that time to still be able to draw a full house.

**The Candidates And Their Issues**

A most unique situation prevails in our Student Association elections this year which can be added to the list of unique experiences St. Andrews has to offer. An election is occurring in which student apathy is at an all time low, and hopefully is facing from the overall picture of student involvement at St. Andrews. For the first time all candidates for the major student government positions are opposed and since campaigning time has been brief, confined to a three day period of speeches and open hearings, the opportunity has arisen to weigh the issues of the candidates now while the voting polls are still open to student decisions.

This past Monday, candidate for President David Betts, in a speech before 10% of the student body, radically expressed the awareness of an unequal but prevailing force in campus decisions. Faculty and administration, according to Betts, deserve a place in deciding affairs of student life, but not without the equal opportunity of students to voice their opinions in academic affairs. "If the faculty has the right to sit on our Student Life Committee, we should have the right to sit on the Faculty Executive Board." In essence Betts feels that students are not given the credit for the responsibility that they do possess. Thus he runs for president on the key issue that students need to voice their opinions, and not just view them, where all members of the community are concerned. He poses as his main campaign objective the deterioration of the communications gap between student and administration. Betts called for student reaction with an over-emphasized and slightly distorted analogy. We are treated as children in a sandbox. We are striving to crawl free from this sandbox existence with its play government. Yet we cannot gain this freedom, for our parents do not feel we are mature and responsible enough to have this freedom. The parents of course are the administrators and the sandbox is St. Andrews and the rules which govern its members. We have tried to break prevailing attitudes with responsible motions and legislative procedures, but these have been treated as non responsible representations of the existing student feelings. His analogy achieved its purpose, for students often feel that this is the true way of administrators at St. Andrews. But I feel his analogy is an exaggeration of the truth. We are not really treated as irresponsible members of our society. Yet Betts underlying theme is an important one, and that is that communications between students, faculty and administration needs to be linked in a logical manner. His proposed ideas of

incorporating students in matters now controlled by committees of absolute faculty representation are logical and essential for a better quality of student government.

While Betts has concentrated on the sole issue of student faculty communications and the necessities for developing a better system for all concerned, Pete Cook has noted that our key concerns should be within our Constitution and student government structure. Once we have strengthened our immediate structure by viewing the true worth of our dedications, we can concentrate on elements of a secondary nature, such as dress regulations, women's hours, drinking regulations, etc. Cook therefore has not overlooked the areas of concern which have brought about the disintegration of the long existing student apathy at St. Andrews, but feels that extensive probing into these areas is not our primary concern. We must, before we can extend our liberal rules, solidify those that now exist. In particular Cook has noted that our present Constitution is without a bill of rights which protects individual rights of students. It is among his key proposals to change this basic shortcoming.

In contrast to Betts, Cook feels that although the area of communication between students and their own leaders. He stated Monday evening that many students are not aware that their Senate even meets, let alone making critical students decisions for them. Among Cooks objectives is the creation of a student government newsletter, polled by the students recently as a sound communications innovation. Cook also advocates student government spreading into academic affairs, in particular to develop a more rigid teacher and course evaluation program. The most important move St. Andrews has made this year according to Cook is its involvement in the National Student Association program. We can learn from this NSA involvement, and through its influence we can present a more realistic challenge to our individual lives as members of St. Andrews community.

Thus while Betts has campaigned on shortcomings in the area of communication between students and administration, and the implications and restrictions which are imposed upon students because of present poorly conceived concepts of student responsibility, Cook has placed his focus on the more immediate issues which involve students in their government. Once these primary concerns have been altered, we can discuss more sensibly with our administrators the true capacity of our responsibility. Certainly we are primarily con-

cerned with our own errors and shortcomings before we are concerned with broader areas of student involvement. For this reason the staff of the Lance feels that the issues presented in this campaign by Pete Cook are more relevant to student's immediate needs than the issues presented by David Betts.

The staff predicts the following outcome in today's elections, Vice-President, Pete Peery, Secretary, Jane Johns, Treasurer, Todd Davis, Student Christian Council President, George Sherrill.

**Freshman Forum**

This Friday, March 22, there will be a freshman Forum at 9:00 a.m. in the small gym, following a continental breakfast, to recognize campus leaders and to consider projects for the coming academic year.

Professor Malcolm Doubles will moderate the breakfast discussion hour which will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Alcove of the cafeteria. Featured in the discussion will be plans for the newly oriented 4-1-4 program to be initiated in the fall.

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