

PUBLISHING POLICY

THE LANCE will be published weekly this year, following last year's policy. However, as often as the news allows and the budget permits, the newspaper will appear in the metropolitan size, as the first paper of this term was. The editorial staff unanimously supports the publication of the metropolitan over the tabloid, when possible. We believe that the larger edition better communicates the story of St. Andrews through larger pictures and more extensive copy. Yet if the news does not merit the larger size, then such will not appear simply for the sake of the size.

Freshman Hours Cause Confusion

If registration wasn't enough to completely confuse freshmen, the freshmen womens' hours are surely the end of the line. Freshmen women have been told so many conflicting rules concerning hours, that it wouldn't be surprising if the next disher-out of rules finds a pie in his face.

Last Spring, the Inter-dormitory Council recommended 12:00 p.m. as the week-day closing hour for the womens' dorms. This hour would include freshmen, as well as upperclassmen. The Student Life Committee passed this recommendation and it was sent on to President Moore, who neither agreed nor disagreed with the decision of both groups.

However, when the 1968-69 handbooks were published, it was a startling fact to almost everyone that some perceptive body had viewed the situation differently and had re-written the freshmen hours. This group, the Administrative Staff, which is composed entirely of males, who have no college-age daughters, decided among themselves, with only one disenter, that it was better to require the freshmen women to be in at 11:00 p.m. on week nights. Some members of this group felt that this restriction on the freshmen gave the upperclassmen a feeling of "priority."

The I.D.C. is very opposed to the change by the Administrative Staff. In fact, last week the I.D.C. again recommended that the freshmen hours be changed and be made uniform (week-ends excepted) with the upperclassmen hours.

There are some very practical reasons that the I.D.C. recommends so very strongly that freshmen week-day hours be the same as upperclassmen hours. First of all, it is impossible for the dorm officials to enforce this double standard rule. With the doors remaining open for another hour beyond the 11:00 freshmen curfew, it is most difficult to force the freshmen women to be back in the dorm when no one else, including the men students, are not required to be in at a specified time. This also creates a difficulty for freshmen women. What boy wants to date a girl who has to be in an hour earlier than her friends in the dorm? St. Andrews girls are discriminated enough anyway and any added impediment, such as restricted curfew, certainly does nothing for enhancing the happiness of the freshmen.

Granted, five years ago, St. Andrews women may have needed a rule to guide them to their bedtime. But 1968 is a new year with a new generation of students. Higher board scores, along with the most practical reason of all--these girls came to St. Andrews from homes with a more liberal curfew anyway---, is proof enough that these girls should at least be allowed to make up their own minds concerning the time they come in at night.

And then, too, the old argument arises again--why are the freshmen girls required to have a curfew when their male classmates have never had such restrictions?

Everyone is concerned about the academic success of these freshmen, and hopefully this was foremost in the minds of the Administrative Staff when they switched the curfew hour. No one is as interested in his grades and academic success as much as the freshman himself, and he should at least be given the opportunity or freedom, if you wish, to decide for herself her bedtime. With the virtual impossibility of enforcing the 11:00 freshmen womens' curfew, it is difficult to understand why such a rule was made in the first place.

LINDA SUSONG

ORIENTATION SUCCESS

No college student has ever managed to sneak by the rigors of orientation, or more aptly, the fanciful high speed introduction to the college campus.

One arrives as a frosh and quickly finds out what it means to be at just such a level in society. They find themselves subjected to the imagination of sophomores, the disinterest of juniors and seniors, and the stares of everyone as they amble down South Main, merrily scooping up garbage.

The annual beanle hunt at St. Andrews became last year the standing symbol of a program that had seen better days and was assured a fitting resting place at the bottom of the lake.

Yet the beanle remains in this the fall of 1968. Hopefully it has faded to a great enough degree, enabling freshman to look upon it as an enjoyable repast, rather than highlighting the week's activities. And the garbage will be collected and David's Florist will delight the masses with a bonus of Coke.

Sliding to the forefront of the festivities this season is the academic angle on orientation.

Combining faculty and upperclassmen into advisory groups that discuss their particular discipline or major with the freshmen students as an important stride forward in recognizing students and faculty as co-members of the same community.

Through the efforts of Sandy Gaddis and Rick Walker, as well as Deans Davidson and Decker, and secretaries Peggy Tapp and Diane Lovin, the program has the ring of a winner for future freshmen at this college.

JOE JUNOD

SCB Speaks Out

Main Lounge Found Lacking

BY PETE COOK

"The main lounge of the Student Center is a disgrace to the St. Andrews student body. The Scotland Trading Post has furniture that's in better shape than the furniture we have in our main lounge."

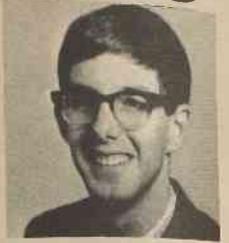
It sounds pretty bad, huh? These are the words of Student Center Board President Ted McCormack. This slight exaggeration was offered yesterday as McCormack sat in the main lounge of the student center reminiscing about what it used to look like. He was obviously a little displeased about the barrenness of the main lounge.

"A lot of the furniture and carpets that used to be in the main lounge were scavenged to furnish the Student Affairs Office and the new counselor's office. We (The Student Center Board) think that they should have at least consulted us before they took all of that furniture," said McCormack.

"Rumors were heard that Dean Decker had even seen invoices for new carpets, and a sign was posted that new carpets and furniture would come. The sign was signed by the Student Affairs Office," he continued. "We met with Dean Decker twice last year. He said that he had called Vaughn (Silas Vaughn, St. Andrews Business Manager), written Vaughn -- but nothing ever happened. He (Vaughn) said that if the students would take care of dorms, we would get some furniture in the main lounge."

To this writer, at least, this whole affair sounds pretty ridiculous. Why should Ted McCormack, the Student Center Board, or any student who pays \$2,500.00-plus to attend St. Andrews Presbyterian College have to go begging Silas Vaughn or any body else for furniture and carpeting for the main lounge of the student center? The main lounge of the student center is the place where visitors most often come. What must our wealthiest donors think when they visit the student center? What must Mr. Odell, the architect who designed the award-winning student center, think when he walks through the barren waste-land called by some the main lounge?

Mrs. Dove would like to have her desk replaced or returned. The students would like their sofas back and their carpeting



replaced. Are these requests just too much for our poverty-stricken business manager to fill?

Why is it that furniture is taken out of the student center lounge, and used to furnish offices, etc., that are not student offices. Why is it that when the Student Association needs a desk, it has to purchase one from one of the local used furniture dealers?

It's time something was done about this situation. Sure, there will be an addition to the student center in the next few years, but we who attend this school now can't walk on that addition. Neither can we sit comfortably on it.

Ted McCormack says that the "Student Center Board is begging students whose fathers can help, or local citizens who can help re-furnish the student center, to please come to our aid." He also wants to thank the Ingraham Co., for the clocks which the Student Center Board had to beg them for, so that people in the main lounge and the cafeteria could have some idea of what time it was. "We have been trying to get the school to purchase a clock for the cafeteria for three years now," McCormack said.

It is indeed a disgrace that student organizations have to go begging for things which the school has failed to furnish. Things like furniture, clocks and carpets. What's up, St. Andrews? Where are you spending our money?



Brockwell Named Admissions Head At High Point

During the month of July Benny Brockwell left the St. Andrews campus to take the Director of Admissions job at High Point College in High Point. The vacancy has been filled by another SA grad, Bob Chaiken, and hopes are high he will perform well in the position of Director of Financial Aid.

While he is presently one of the youngest directors of admissions in the county at 26, he was one of the oldest and most well liked people on this campus. No student presently enrolled ever remembers SA without Brockwell. In three years as a member of the business office staff, he endeared himself to many while contributing much. The recent successes in soccer and basketball are due in part to the recruiting he did. He could not offer scholarships to prospective students but did a fine job selling the school to all comers, whether athletically inclined or not.

I talked with Benny on Tuesday and asked him why he left St. Andrews for High Point. He replied that "sufficient lack of opportunity and need to get my feet on the ground with a solid job" were the main reasons. Asking him what High Point had in store for him, I received the news that the college is sending him in pursuit of his masters in Education and Guidance Counseling at UNC at Greensboro or Carolina this coming spring. Upon closing, Benny asked about the soccer squad and how things were shaping up. When told that the team is looking to the nationals, Benny wished them all the luck in the world. One could easily detect a note of longing in his voice.

Joe Junod.

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