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Uniqueness in Faculty

After one has been a student at St. Andrews for a couple of years or more, he may recognize a uniqueness in the student-faculty relationships here.

The faculty of this campus has an open mind to any difficulty in which a student may find himself. Our faculty seems to savor on their rapport with the students. Student difficulties is just one way a St. Andrews scholar may stumble onto this happy realization that his professor cares.

The professors are not only interested in those students as people. We suppose that our student-faculty harmony is a benefit of our small school environment, but I can't help but think that the professors have even more to do with it. There are few, if any, St. Andrews professors who enjoy the image of a classroom tyrant. Most of our faculty is only too happy to help a student, or to become his friend—because this is an added benefit of his profession—he enjoys his students.

Several representative professors who attended a recent I.D.C. meeting, offered to come up to any suite for an informed personal visit, if he were invited. These people actually are willing to come to our side of the campus and walk up to our suites just to get to know us—out of the classroom on a more personal level.

Not a week goes by that some professor doesn't invite students into his home for a get-together or a meal with his family. At night many professors come to their offices and make themselves available to students for conferences or just talking.

Our profs are only too eager to assist those hopefuls applying for admission into graduate schools. Even the administration goes beyond its normal duty. The administrative committees now have students to sit in at their meetings.

There is something very special and beautiful within the structured courses and concrete buildings of this campus. The professors of St. Andrews care about their students, not only in their academic pursuits,

but in their daily and future concerns. Of them we are proud and recognize their uniqueness.

Vaughn On Budget Problems

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On this rather ominous note, I thanked Mr. Vaughn for the interview and took my leave. From what Mr. Vaughn said, three things may be concluded. First, the miscalculation of the student agencies can be tracked back to two direct origins. One, the miscalculation of the Student Life Committee in the spring of 1968 and two, the failure of the Business Office and student government to update the spending priorities within the general service fee

monies. Second, the entire school is suffering an economic drought—no immediate help can be expected by the student agencies. And third, the student body must actively support the student agencies in their campaign to gain a larger percentage of the general service fee in the future. While Mr. Vaughn argues that the institution is expanding on all fronts, he in actuality, is less concerned about the student agencies than other larger programs.

Letter to the Editor

Little Interest In Democratic Club

To The Editor:

The first meeting of the St. Andrews Democrats was far from a success. Last Monday night, State Senator Voit Gilmore, the Democratic Congressional candidate from this district, came to St. Andrews to help organize our organization.

Although a number of faculty members were present, very few students seemed interested. There is a definite function of a Democratic club, although very few people are motivated by this realization. If there were concern, the club would serve primarily to acquaint students with political trends, and to engender within them an intel-

ligent sense of political responsibility. It would prepare students to vote through an exposure to the two, or now three sides of the political spectrum by presenting a rational outlook on national politics. Students should accept their role in politics and the responsibility involved by taking a stand in these events. If they are completely indifferent, their neutrality should be based on an evaluation of the candidates. This evaluation should not be founded on popular opinion, but on factual knowledge of their strengths, and weaknesses.

Secondly, the club was organized to campaign for the Democratic nominees. The Democratic Coalition on campus supposedly supports the Democratic party, yet the members feel that they cannot accept the Humphrey-Muskie ticket. In my mind, this defeats the purpose of the organization. A Democratic club should support any representative of their party.

When Senator Gilmore was asked why there was so much apathy in the Democratic Party, he found fault with this assumption. He replied that the Party was most certainly very energetic, and that in schools, there was an equal, if not more enthusiastic Democratic incli-

nation. He remarked, however, that St. Andrews, in his knowledge, was one of the few schools with such apathy. If this is an accurate indictment, then we should do something to change it. In our meeting, references were made to the small number of supporters. One of Gilmore's representatives encouraged us with Kennedy's famous quotation that a march of a thousand miles begins with a single step. This statement has little application to us for this organization could hardly attempt to recast the disposition of the entire campus.

Whether students can have an affect on politics is questionable, but as future voters and leaders, we could make significant contributions.

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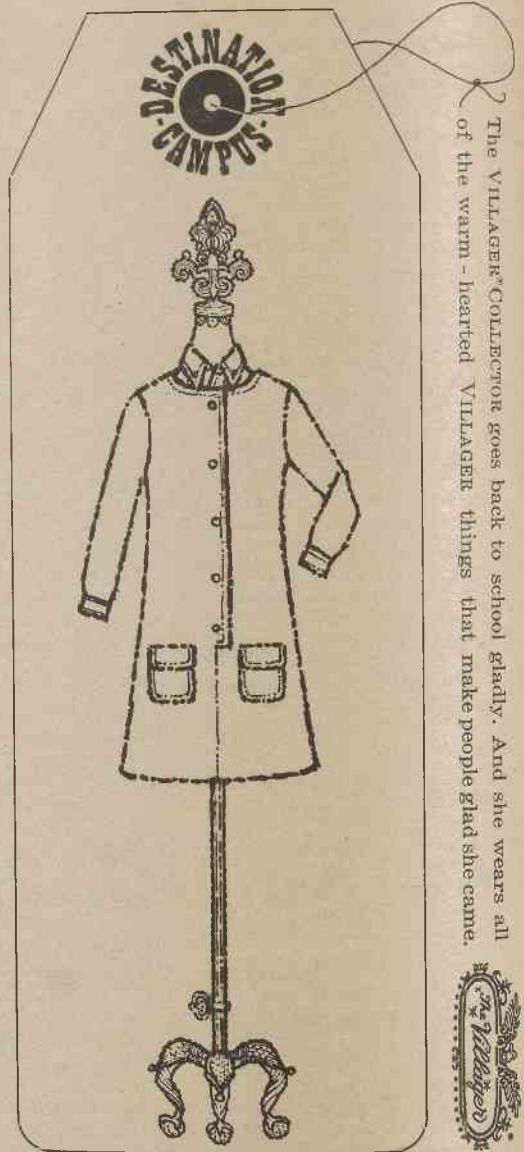


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