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Not A Loser

Nobody likes a loser. The petition now being circulated in Scotland County concerning the liquor and package beer referendums does not bear the stamp of loser. The organization has been superb, the enthusiasm genuine. Yet, the real job has not actually started. The names have to be obtained-- a great number of them in fact. Reports indicate that a minimum 40% of the people who vote for Governor on November 5th are needed if the petition is to be considered sending to the vote. Law requires only 25% but examples of other counties in the state indicate that the larger percentage is needed.

Only the conscious effort of all those canvassing for names will secure the victory that this county needs.

Letter To The Editor

Leaders' Lack Of Responsibility

All day Tuesday "student leaders," those holding student government offices, were excused from their classes to attend a re-evaluation retreat at Camp Monroe. Last spring they were elected to fill certain positions responsibly. Others were appointed to their positions because of their so-called responsibility. This fall, approximately fifty or sixty "student leaders" out of over a hundred student positions, found time to attend a conference to re-think and review the ideals, purposes, and directions of their student government positions and, indeed, the St. Andrews Student Government. This show by our leadership at Time Out '68 certainly says something about the quality of our student leaders, and consequently, about the feeble progress that is being made on this campus in the projects and directions of tremendous importance to the future of St. Andrews College and the St.

Andrews community. Can this possibly be responsibility? Can this really be representative of our student leadership? It certainly is!

Within an outlined framework, the program of the retreat proved to be more spontaneous than pre-planned, which heightened and intensified the success and meaningfulness of the day. However, two things dimmed the success of the retreat in the opinion of this writer.

First of all, the slim participation on the part of our elected "student leaders" limited the effectiveness of the retreat. Will these leaders ever know the ideas and feelings of both students and faculty that were brought to the surface on Tuesday? How will this possible majority of irresponsible "student leaders" possibly be able to carry these thoughts into their action in student government decisions and activities? The answer is, they won't!

Several elected and responsible "student leaders" presented the group with tremendously significant thoughts on the directions and moods that now prevail at St. Andrews. Several professors took time from their academic duties to come to this conference and to air their feelings about 'what's happening' at St. Andrews. Pastor Setzer, our only non-college representative from Laurinburg, took time from his pastoral duties to

Letter To The Editor

Nixon Found Incompetent

Dear Mr. Junod,
 I am writing in response to your last editorial, "Mr. Nixon for President". I am writing because I think that you are very mistaken in your analysis of Mr. Nixon and, more important, because I think that America is in a time of crisis and I think that Richard Nixon plays a very important role in that crisis.

We are faced with a war in Vietnam, and we are faced with possible riots in our cities. These are not the only problems which face our country, but they are certainly two of the most important and I, along with probably the majority of Americans, think that they deserve top priority. I will therefore use these two problems facing our nation to discuss your editorial for Richard Nixon, and perhaps present you with at least a portion of my reasons for thinking that Richard Nixon is a serious threat to the welfare of our nation and the world.

You mentioned that Mr. Nixon will help American to "build peace in the world" and not spread fear". I think it would be nice, but Mr. Nixon clearly does not speak this way. I would like to quote Mr. Nixon as he spoke in Pennsylvania on October 24, 1968.

"If we let those who threaten world peace outpace us, in time we will generate tensions which could lead to war -- first by our display of physical weakness and flabby will, and second, by tempting an aggressor to take risks that would compel us to respond."

"Our country has followed policies which now threaten to make America second best both in numbers and qualities of major weapons."

Thus Mr. Nixon's foreign policy is nothing short of instilling the fear of war upon the Soviet Union and keeping the upper hand by having more and bigger weapons. It is a dangerous game, that of an arms race, and the consequences

could mean the destruction of the world. Mr. Nixon's foreign policy is anti-communist -- not pro-peace, not even pro-American, but anti-communist whatever the cost -- even if it means world war. I say this because I think that it is ridiculous to think that we would make a lot of nuclear weapons and then say that we would, under no circumstances, use them.

It is impossible for me to see how stepping up an arms race between the United States and Russia is going to in any way decrease tension in the world and make war any less likely. It will only insure the world of its destruction if world war does break out. I am convinced that this is not the way to insure peace, and I cannot vote for it.

On the domestic scene, I see little evidence that Richard Nixon is capable of dealing with the problems we face in our cities. He concerns himself with the effects of rioting, but does not show me that he is prepared to deal with the causes of rioting and by that I mean the problems of the ghetto, unemployment and racism. He instead levels attacks on the Supreme Court, and declares

that "We should be uncompromising in resisting breaches of the law, whether they take the form of wanton rioting, or civil disobedience in the cause of civil rights, or of illegal strikes against the public health and safety." (Boston, February 15, 1968)

I am firmly convinced that more police, more "law and order", will no more solve the problems of the ghetto which seem to produce riots, than a larger army and more nuclear weapons will bring "law and order" into the world. Mr. Nixon's militarism is not the answer for our American society and it is not the answer for our troubled world and it will certainly not insure peace.

When I vote next Tuesday I cannot vote for Richard Nixon. Frankly, I enjoy my freedoms too much. I will vote for the one candidate of the three running who I think will best serve the cause of peace in the world and relief for the underprivileged in our cities. I will vote for Mr. Hubert Humphrey.

Pete Cook

Two Faculty Speak At Furman

Two St. Andrews faculty members are appearing as guest speakers in the Babcock Foundation Lecture Series at Furman University. W. D. White, chairman of the Language and Literature division, spoke there Monday and Tuesday, and David A. McLean, associate professor of anthropology, will speak next week.

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