

## THE LANCE

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## A Statement of Purpose

What is the LANCE? Is it, as argued in a recent Dialogue, the personification of apathetic campus attitudes? Or is it, conversely, the result of a campus which is irrelevant and unconcerned? The LANCE is only as good as the people who put it out. And here, in our opinion, is where the problem lies. Charges have been leveled that our subjects are "mediocre", our articles "asinine." We agree up to a point, although a careful reading of some Lance articles may prove that we are not totally lost in an abyss of irrelevance.

The problem is two-fold - a lack of responsible writers and a lack of controversial subjects. It is practically impossible for a 5 man staff to fill a paper with interesting, relevant material when (a) we get no response from the campus on anything except general calls for ending mediocrity and (b) writers hesitate to come to the LANCE for publication.

Enough of our problems. We leave it to the students to question themselves as to their role in putting out a relevant paper.

The new staff foresees a revitalization of the Lance format and content, as well as a personalized approach to writers. We will no longer attempt to cover only campus news; our scope will be broadened considerably. Hopefully the LANCE will cover national news items relevant to the campus in three forms - straight news, editorial comment, and features. This will not entirely preclude campus news, but will replace that which is less "newsworthy".

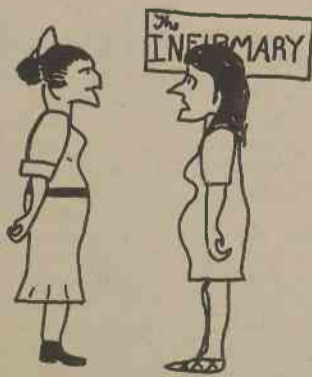
We affirm a policy of non-censorship of any articles submitted, guided only by the statement pertaining to media from the Code of Responsibility and the recognition that the author of an article is responsible for its content. We are constantly open to, and actively seek, articles which will be controversial and searching.

The LANCE aims only for a channeling of news to students, not for exclusive rights to determine the entire content of the paper. Our primary concern is for relevance and timeliness and openness. Our plans for next year include subscription to a nationally based, college-oriented news service, a larger paper, possibly political cartoons, and campus-wide appeal through features, editorials and efficient news stories.

Finally, in expressing both our high hopes and our deep need for campus interest, we can only repeat what a former editor of the LANCE Bill Patterson, wrote in the last issue in the first of S.A.'s existence:

"The LANCE asks that you, the student body, be both critical and tolerant of our work next year. When we are wrong, it is your duty to both your intellect and to St. Andrews to let us know it. Constructive criticism and the free exchange of ideas is the cornerstone of progress - at the same time, please do not become so engrossed in the mistakes that we shall inevitably make that you lose sight of anything worthwhile that we may have to say."

SARA LEE



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# Susga Sandbox Rejected; No Political Orientation

The seventeenth annual Southern Universities Student Government Association Convention (SUSGA) was held April 23-25 in Memphis, Tennessee. St. Andrews sent as its delegates, Bette Boykin, SGA Secretary, and Joe Grebner, SGA Treasurer. "The main objective of SUSGA is to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas concerning student government and life". Joe and Bette, however, felt that SUSGA is unable to fulfill this role, and urge the Student Cabinet to withdraw its membership for the coming year. Upon returning, it appears that next year's expectations will not surpass last year's meager accomplishments.

SUSGA cannot act as the intermediary for the Southern Universities since it supports less than 150 colleges and universities in twelve southern states, only eleven being from North Carolina. Such larger universities as Duke, Wake Forest, State, and UNC do not consider SUSGA worthy of their membership. As of now, ECU stands as the only large North Carolina University in membership. After a series of discussions, they, too, decided to withdraw from the organization along with St. Andrews, Pembroke, Catawba, and Campbell exemplify the affiliated North Carolina colleges. Association with such a contingency cannot prove to be particularly advantageous.

Even though St. Andrews is a small college, it does not share the "small school concerns" voiced by the other schools. With our liberal dorm and administrative policies, St. Andrews has already solved the now "important" SUSGA issues. Joe stated "We must agree with the St. Andrews delegates to SUSGA conventions in the past. In discussion groups, we found ourselves playing the role of 'contributor' to the other schools, and have returned somewhat more pleased with our own Student Government".

Also, SUSGA absolutely refuses to become politically involved--an up and coming S.A. concern," continued Bette. Other larger and more active national organizations such as

the (National Student Assoc.) and (American Student Government) accept political roles, and better fulfill our needs. We now belong to NSA and are considering joining the other. Not only would these organizations be more meaningful, but they would also be less costly to the school. Dues for NSA are only \$25 per annum, whereas SUSGA demands \$115, and does not afford four times as much benefit.

Growth has been slow and

sporadic since its 1953 birth. This was exemplified at the recent convention when little more than fifty percent of the member schools attended, and with a negligible number of schools requesting admittance. "The dominant topic or discussion outside of scheduled meetings seemed to be the common disappointment with the organization. The desire to withdraw was a prevalent attitude throughout the convention", our delegates concluded.

## An Undeclared War; What Has It Meant ?

- \* It means a conflict that has escalated from a small force of 600 American technicians to over a half-million men.
- \* It means at least 45,000 American men killed.
- \* It means 255,000 Americans wounded.
- \* It means at least 75,000 troops of the South Vietnamese regime killed.
- \* It means, according to the Pentagon, 450,000 North Vietnamese and National Liberation Front (Viet Cong) soldiers killed.
- \* It means countless civilians--innocent men, women, and children--killed and wounded.
- \* It means the destruction of entire villages and towns by American bombers.
- \* It means the destruction of crops by American napalm and chemical warfare.
- \* It means the killing of many more black men than the black proportion of our population.
- \* It means colonialism in Vietnam while black people are colonized in America.
- \* It means persecution of brown-skinned Vietnamese people.
- \* It means spending \$300,000 to kill each soldier.
- \* It means spending more than \$30 billion a year.
- \* It means a risk that America will have more "Vietnams," and indeed American troops are already operating in the neighboring countries of Laos, Thailand and Cambodia.
- \* It means a war tax on American workers, inflation and high prices which mostly hurts poor people and workers.
- \* It means dangerous powers for the President, without the approval of Congress.
- \* It means the first war in American history fought not only on the battlefield, but also brought into the American living room every day, spreading hate and violence.
- \* It means threats, injury and death to young men through the military draft system, which especially oppresses the poor and black. Six out of every ten Americans now admit that the war against Vietnam was a mistake, and they have raised challenges within Congress, in colleges and high schools, in the press, in the poor and black communities, and in the military itself. The people are now demanding that Mr. Nixon admit the mistake and end the war now.

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