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Drugs — Where's The Problem?

Dean Decker, in speaking before Wilmington Dorm Tuesday on the problems of drug usage strongly implied that a failure within student government had at least partially contributed to the situation now before us. That is, public knowledge of drug usage at St. Andrews as well as the increasing number of students involved in drug abuse have led to a concentrated program to eliminate the problem and to notify students exactly what the college's position is.

This is a necessary step for the protection of the school and students. But I would raise two questions about Dean Decker's statement. I would strongly deny his implication that student government has failed to meet the problem. The college's past policy was very general: all civil laws are to be obeyed. The general impression left the student body and student government was, if you use drugs, be discreet and don't get caught. There was no explicit demand for cessation of drug usage from the college. Student government could not be expected to enforce what Student Affairs could not even state. Neither could Student government be reasonably expected to legislate on a matter

like drug usage without some knowledge that their previous assumptions were incorrect, e.g. that the unstated policy was not simply one of discretion. Student government cannot be blamed for Student Affairs' failure.

Decker, as well, called for students who had or knew of drug problems to consult the college counselors -- Davenport, Overholser, Joines. While these three are exceptionally competent people and counselors, there is strong doubt whether any of them have used drugs or have had lengthy contacts with those who do. Here they'll pull the maxim that you don't have to be sick to be a doctor. But experience with people who are stoned or tripping is invaluable in trying to help put their heads together later on. If students on this campus do have a "drug problem" there should be an alternative to the suite system (which usually isn't much help) or college counselors who owe allegiance, after all, to the school itself. The only alternative available now for students is the Laurinburg/Scotland County Drug Alert. How about a student group to perform the same kind of function?

The "New" Saga

With this business of marking through letters on the back of ID's and allowing no entrance through the exit door, SAGA has reached its final absurdity. These elaborate security precautions would do justice to Ft. Knox or a maximum security prison. They are just plain silly here.

Obviously, there is a problem with off-campus students and visitors mooching off the student who pays for his meals. Just as obviously, however, is the fact that many paying students miss meals that they are not reimbursed for. We are to

assume then that SAGA's concern is to feed as few students as possible (and this generally takes place in as long a time as possible with the poorest possible food offered). Something needs to be done. Suggestions often given are meal tickets, possibly transferable, or direct payment for individual meals. Although, granted, this does not offer SAGA planning or financial freedom, we doubt if the food, service or serving time would deteriorate and at least there would be less hassle and fewer sets of paranoia among people in line.

Environment And The Student

What Can The St. Andrews Student Do To Protect The Environment?

1. Become informed, concerned, and active.
2. Plan to have a maximum of two children and adopt more if you wish; encourage your friends to do the same.
3. Ride bikes instead of drive cars for trips of five miles or less.
4. Use only lead-free or low-lead gasoline.

5. Use soap flakes and washing soda instead of detergents.
6. Encourage your Congressman to support abortion laws and population-control measures.
7. Turn off all unnecessary lights.
8. Keep the grounds free from trash.
9. Boycott non-degradable plastic containers.
10. Petition for the use of bottled soda.

Beale Explains The Background Of His Speech On Drug Experience

BY CHARLIE PRATT

David Beale addressed the local Jay-Cees in an impromptu speech Monday night. His topic was his own drug experiences, how drugs had affected him, and what feelings he had about drug usage. He was invited to speak informally on his experiences with drugs when his brother Norman was unable to participate in the program. Jim Hardee, who is minister at Caledonia Baptist Church, in Laurinburg, invited Beale to speak, along with himself, on the drug issue of today.

During his talk, Beale spoke about his personal experiences with LSD and mescaline -- how, until last July, he had had periodic flashbacks in response to his first experiments with LSD. He described his feelings and actions, as best he could, with the emphasis that drugs made him act "immaturely" and not like himself. He decided that drugs were not for him. In addition, Beale mentioned a friend of his who had begun with marijuana and finally wound up using heroin. "He did not have the strength of character to resist taking up the heroin."

As a sequel, Beale said, "a lot of people whom I know used drugs on a regular basis; it is equivalent to having an

occasional beer, with different side-effects. Drugs are available for people who want them-- at the high school, in the community, at the college."

Speaking with this reporter, Beale related that "the Jay-Cees were most interested in my personal involvement with drugs. They were too ready to back up their myths with statistics." He went on to say the fact that, although statistics show heroin addicts use marijuana previously, there are only insignificant statistics revealing the number of marijuana users who eventually move on to heroin.

In regard to a question whether his speech reflected poorly on the school, he said, "I didn't mean it to be; the speech was an impromptu affair, not a prepared talk. The purpose of the speech was to fill in people on the knowledge of drugs. If I said anything about any bad (drug) users on this campus, I was relating everything to my personal experience, not to anyone else, or to the college."

During his speech, Beale said that he made no accusations against anyone or any group. "I didn't mention any names, nor did I imply any failure on the part of the school administration to control drug usage on campus."

NSA Peace Treaty With Vietnamese

On February 20th and 21st 1971, GI's United Ft. Bragg will sponsor a conference on a treaty negotiated by Vietnamese and American students to end the war in Vietnam. The conference will be held at the Haymarket Square coffeehouse in Fayetteville and anti-war groups and individuals from throughout the state are invited.

The "Joint Treaty of Peace Between the Peoples of North Vietnam and the United States" was recently negotiated in North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Paris by representatives of the United States National Student Association and the South Vietnam National Union of Students, North Vietnam Union of Students and the South Vietnam Liberation Student Union.

The Conference is being held in an attempt to draw publicity to the treaty and to inform individuals of its specifics. This will be the first step in gathering popular support for the treaty.

Be it known that the American and Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the names of the people of the United States and South Vietnam but without consent. It destroys the land and people of Vietnam. It drains America of its resources, its youth and its honor.

We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms, so that both peoples can live under the joy of independence

and can devote themselves to building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth.

1. The Americans agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam and publicly to set the date by which all American forces will be removed.

The Vietnamese pledge that as soon as the U. S. Government publicly sets a date for total withdrawal:

2. They will enter discussions to secure the release of all American prisoners, including pilots captured while bombing North Vietnam.

3. There will be an immediate cease-fire between U. S. forces and those led by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

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Campus Drugs

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changing the "drug problem" do exist and are not being used fully. Noting that the continuance of St. Andrews as the institution it is may be endangered by drug usage Decker called for a return to the roommate, suite leader, dorm officer chain of discussion as well as to the wide variety of counseling services available to students. He also noted the absence of any further policy statement on drug usage from the Committee for the Implementation of the Code of Responsibility.

Packwood

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with special reference to his deep distrust and dislike of any legislation that would demand compulsory population control.

The Senator then opened the rest of the time allotted to questioning. During that time he stated his support of the volunteer army legislation, but noted he would not end conscription. He justified this contradictory stand by optimistically affirming Defense Secretary Laird's statement that in 2 1/2 years the draft call would be zero. However, in answering a question by Dr. White he stated that conscription was not a characteristic of democracy.

Dr. Pedigo was insistent about getting a response from the Senator as to why he would not support legislation that would include compulsory population control. Sen. Packwood responded by restating his firm stand on the rights of individuals and then noting that even the more conservative methods of population control were still untried.

Senator Packwood said that the actions of the Vice President during the recent election hurt the Republican Party. When asked if he would vote for Edmund Muskie in 1972 he replied that he would exercise his right of the private ballot box, thus leaving open the question of whether or not he will vote for Richard Nixon.

The Senator, though showing an astute awareness of the problems facing the nation, particularly in the area of population, showed an unwillingness to support compulsory population control.

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