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## Parting Shots

Richard Coyle, representing a group of seniors, presented the Senate at its last meeting before spring break with a series of criticisms and concerns about the operation of the Graduation Committee. Included among the problems he outlined were the method of choosing Professor Humphrey as speaker, the two votes taken on the same questions, the inconsistency involved in the operations of the committee in its open and closed meetings and vacillations on matters such as whether graduation would be held outside or inside, and the question of which seniors would be on the final list for election as senior class speaker. Many of his arguments were well taken and deserved discussion and suggestions. He suggested that the Senate either disband the present Graduation Committee or make strong recommendations to the present committee on its approach. After long and weary debate the Senate did neither. The student decision-making body appointed a student who just happened to be at the meeting to fill an open position on the committee, although Coyle had listed other students who shared his concerns and who had indicated a willingness to serve on the committee. As soon as they had appointed the new member, several Senators left, leaving recommendations to be made feebly without even the force of a quorum.

The Senate, which is invested with the power to consider and act on such matters, failed to do so responsibly with no concern for the expressed feelings of a sizable group of seniors. It is time now for seniors to take matters into their own hands since it is their graduation only a month away.

The Graduation Committee, granted, had few precedents or guidelines for their operation. Yet they are failing in their major purpose, to plan a graduation ceremony which will be responsive to the desires of seniors, organized and meaningful to the students participating in it and to their families. It cannot be said too strongly that, although what is done is done, it is not too late for seniors to have a voice in their graduation. An open meeting of all seniors would seem to be the best way of accomplishing this and seniors are urged to suggest this to members of the committee.

For next year the new Senate would be well advised to clarify the now-existing statement on the Graduation Committee in the By-Laws of the Constitution and to provide guidelines for the new committee. The best way to handle these kinds of problems would seem to be stopping them before they arise.

Kudos and congratulations to the zpg group who are making a vigorous and sustained effort to raise the consciousness of this campus about ecology. Ecological disaster may be only a few years away. It behooves each of us to aid in averting it, not only here but in the great big world out there. And the time is now.

This is it, the long-awaited moment, when the present staff of the Lance steps down and or out and a new staff is faced with the whole tangle of difficulties that publishing a paper entails. We think that next year's staff is a strong and capable one and we wish them luck.

You'll excuse a few descents into nostalgia. Remember that first issue with all the freshman comments, and the accompanying uproar? How about the campus reaction to the military recruiter picketing, the April Fools issue, the infamous picture of Dick Prust?

It's been a beautifully harrowing year. We gratefully acknowledge the caustic and invaluable suggestions from the campus, up to and including the f--- off comment in our suggestion box and the delightful responses to the Senate polls.

We thank you for your patience, strained though it may have been. And to those people who have managed to wade through the b.s., a double thank you, and we hope you've learned from it along with us.

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# Police Search Brings Arrest; Question Of Jeopardy Arises

BY SARA LEE

There was a bust on this campus Tuesday night, conducted by the Scotland County sheriffs office and Jack Reville, campus security officer. Dean Decker was called in only after the episode had begun. The student involved was charged with three felonies, and bond was set at fourteen hundred dollars.

Thus St. Andrews has had two situations in which students were exposed to two different types of search involving drugs: one conducted by college officials and one made by civil authorities. As must be evident this puts students in an extremely precarious position of double jeopardy, subject to both college and civil search.

Students who use drugs cannot expect to be totally unrestricted within the boundaries of the college. They can not expect to be protected by the college either and they have, in fact, been more than adequately warned about the risks of drug possession and usage.

The situation of double jeopardy, however, is undefined. The Code of Responsibility specifies that all local, state, and national laws be observed, but it does not specify that local, state, and federal officers must enforce them independently from college officials; in fact the Code states very explicitly the procedure for search on campus. What role can the college play in exercising restraint over what happens on college property? More importantly, who makes the decisions, who bears the responsibility for initiating a bust? What powers and responsibilities does Dean Decker have in the case of an actual bust?

The Committee on the Implementation of the Code of Responsibility seems best suited for providing guidelines for this situation. We would suggest a sub-committee be formed from that committee to receive re-

## DC March Focus Of "Offensive"

The National Student Association in conjunction with many other groups has planned another "spring offensive" with its main impact beginning this weekend.

The NSA "is calling for a full spring calendar of activity around the country in opposition to the illegal and immoral aims of the "Nixon Doctrine" and the so-called "Vietnamization" program. We urge our fellow students to come to Washington, D.C. on April 24, to demand a complete end of our involvement in Indochina, and to participate in the non-violent civil disobedience planned for later that week. For those who are unable to come to Washington, we urged that they help organize a nation-wide cessation of "business as usual" on May 5--in order to take the People's Peace Treaty, which has been signed by the National Student Unions of South Vietnam, North Vietnam and the United States--to their communities. The treaty allows for a simple and just end to our involvement in Indochina, politically and militarily, leaving the people of that area free to determine their own destiny.

More information on the spring movement is posted on the LANCE door.

commendations and proposals from students, administrators and the campus security police. This needs to be done immediately. Students deserve to know what kind of response they can expect from the college in drug cases, and the question of double jeopardy must be clarified.

A further question this incident raises is the nature of the campus "security" officers. Precisely what does their job entail? Is it what the name implies--a position of securing the safety of the people and property of the college--or does the job also include the further duties of investigating and arrest? In other words, is there a distinction to be made between "security" and "policing" and who is to make such a distinction?

Presently the chain of com-

mand operates from the security officers to Mr. Babcock to Dr. Davis, the College's business manager. This seems inadequate for security officers who come into everyday contact with what is popularly known as "student affairs." Instead we recommend to Dr. Hart as President of this institution a thorough re-evaluation of the priorities and responsibilities of the campus security officers and a public announcement of any decisions made in connection with this matter. And we also recommend that the Dean of Students or some member of the Student Personnel Services office be included in at least the informational chain of command and ideally in the chain of decision-making involving the security of some or all students.

## Youth Conference Turns Out As Nixon's Problem

By Marshall Gravely

Each national administration holds from time to time during its term of office a series of White Conferences about the needs and interests of various groups of Americans. The Nixon administration has already held two--on children and the aged--and this week began another one--on youth. The first two were held in Washington, but this conference has been moved to Estes Park, Colorado. Estes Park is an isolated spot in the Rocky Mountains north of Denver, a perfect spot for a conference especially a potentially hostile one composed of young people, not known as the best friends of the current administration.

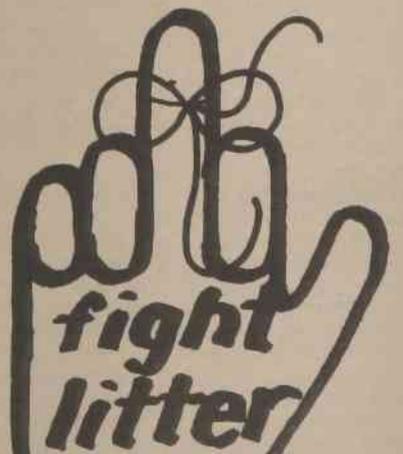
Many of the one thousand delegates realized this attempt at co-opting this conference before it ever began, and spoke out publicly about the need for response on Nixon's part, not patronization. The administration spokesman at the conference quickly disavowed these

charges, but they weren't able to change the sentiment. One delegate took the microphone away from HEW Secretary Richardson and spoke about the mistrust evident at the conference, concluding by asking for the immediate resignation of Nixon and his Cabinet.

The mood of distrust seemed widespread. On the first day the conference passed resolutions calling for the end of the Indochina war by U.S. withdrawal, the legalization of marijuana with certain restrictions, and the end of capital punishment. These resolutions are almost certain to be rejected by the President, but the reaction is also sure to be one more sign of the isolation of Nixon from youth.

The "model youth" invited to Estes Park smelled a rip-off; the results show that it didn't work. Nixon may be able to schedule a conference in the Colorado mountains far from Washington, but it seems he cannot isolate it from the concerns of American youth.

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