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Blessings. . .Pope

I am not a complete reactionary, but I do believe that when something from the past is missing from the present we should bring it back.

What I am proposing is that we bring back the days of Jewel Peacock.

The Business Office needs her desperately.

No longer is it possible to go there and get a check cashed and know that someone is waiting on you.

Peacock, as she signed her little notes, always let you know that she was helping you.

Now all we get is a complete impersonal transaction.

The other day I went to the office to get a check cashed and the lady who helped (?) me acted as if I had interrupted something really important. (Lord knows it must be important because they do it behind frosted doors.)

I don't know what goes on behind those frosted doors, but when Peacock was there and in the open all you had to do was walk into the office and she was talking to you.

Now, they do all of their work in the inner sanctum and only deal with the public when necessary.

That's why I call for the return of the good old days. I am dying to see a note on a drink machine reading: "Out of order! Peacock."

Maintenance fixed my next-door-neighbor's air conditioner. Well, they only kinda fixed it.

What they did was put in a new motor, but it still doesn't work.

But that's okay, it was nice seeing a maintenance man in the dorm for a change.

They still haven't been by to see about mine, of course it is possible that they read the paper and know that a suite-mate fixed it.

Back to the Business office Got a notice from the business office the other day. Seems they made a clerical error and undercharged the seniors for rooms.

Never happened when Peacock was here. I contend that we learn from our errors.

After all this is what school is all about. I never sent a professor a notice saying that I had made a clerical error on an exam and would correct it on the next one.

C'est la guerre!

Question Asks Why

Last year the Lance became concerned over the way St. Andrews treats non-academic employees. At that time we learned that two maids had retired and SA was not rehiring replacements, therefore six had to do the work of eight in less than forty hours and for \$1.65 an hour. Though many of us at St. Andrews--students, faculty, administrator--express empathy for the poverty that surrounds SA we refuse to see how we aid and abett it. How? By paying maids a wage that forces them to straddle the poverty line; but not providing unemployment compensation before state law required it; by not providing for some type of retirement plan for non-academic employees. Though the same people who express empathy demand representation in the forms of specific interest oriented committees and special forms of job or student security (i. e. tenure) we refuse representative groups, representation on existing committees, or even insurances of job security to those members of the SA community who keep the campus together and functioning. Why is that Dr. Hart and Dr. Davis? Why?

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News Analysis

Real Attica Issue Should Be Need of Prison Reform

BY CHUCK GADINIS

From September 9 until 15, prisoners at Attica State Prison in New York held guards and other prison officials hostage while demanding complete amnesty. After the prisoners had turned down an ultimatum to free their hostages, a full-

scale assault on the prison was ordered by State Correction Commissioner Russell G. Oswald, with the full consent and support of Governor Rockefeller. Seventeen hundred state troopers, national guardsmen and sheriff's deputies stormed the entrance of the recreation area of the prison. The results

of the ensuing action were devastating. Over thirty prisoners were killed in the melee of gunfire and bottle-throwing. Eight hostages lay dead beside them. At least eighty more people were injured badly enough to require hospitalization.

Reaction to this catastrophic event, the most bloody prison revolt in United States history, was extremely typical. A government official decreed, "the corrupt and sick who dwell in the U.S. are continually attempting to usurp the decency upon which our nation stands." A.C.L.U. lawyer William Kintler voiced his contrary opinion when he queried, "When will they learn to be patient?"

When one comprehends the fact that two hostages were found to have been murdered before the prison assault began, one realizes that prudent action on the part of the correction authorities was necessary. On the other hand, harsh and imprudent reaction against the prisoners (the ones holding hostages happened to have been all black) would merely intensify the dilemma. The real issue which should pervade the minds of all Americans is not what should be done to the guilty inmates; rather what should be done to bring about immediate prison reform. The majority of the nation, including the incumbent administration, simply refuses to recognize how horrid our present civil rehabilitation system is. Living areas continue to be squalid, psychiatric care is desperately lacking, and inmate-prison official relationship is dangerously tense. Unless the innumerable problematic conditions which have come about due to our antiquated prison system are immediately obliterated, Attica will not be the last tragedy which occurs within the confines of our prisons.

Women Fight Social Fee

BY KAREN KENNEDY
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Recently a controversy arose in Wilmington Dorm concerning a required \$1.50 so-

cial fee, which the dorm council had passed at the beginning of the year. In collecting the fee, it became evident that a sizeable minority of the dorm was opposed to the fee. The dorm council met again and the fee was again passed with two suite leaders absent and only one dissenting. Following this action those who still refused to pay the fee were informed that if they did not pay, they would have to be taken before dorm court for breaking a dorm policy. They were also told that the only verdict possible would be guilty, since the court could only rule on the question of breaking a policy.

Although this issue is now being considered again by the whole dorm, the deeper implications of this must serve to bring up the question of what function a dorm council really serves. Is the function of an elite minority in a particular

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Long Letter

Editor:

Are you opposed to the quality of the food you are getting in the cafeteria? How do you feel about the fact that you must pay for this food whether you like it or not? Do you complain about the food? Well, if you are concerned, the time is right to do something about it. The food service committee, I have heard, is trying to rectify this situation. However, they alone are not enough. They need the support of the student body, faculty, and parents (who happen to supply most of the money). If popular support is not given to a movement to improve the food situation it will probably fail.

So what can you do? First of all, think about how you feel. Is it the taste of the food that bothers you, or perhaps the way you feel after you have eaten? Do you feel that you are not getting the proper nutrition? Talk to people and see how they feel about the existing situation. Then act accordingly.

One of the most effective lines of action would be to inform the people who pay much of the school expenses (i.e., the parents); supporters of the school; people with influence, like board members; the politically influential, and the Presbyterian churches of North Carolina. A short letter could make a great impact--an investment of 8¢ and a few minutes. A talk with the Deans of Student Personnel or President Hart might turn the tide. It is easy and simple to do something and your opinions do mean something. It is important. So, please make your opinions heard. Take action, now.

-Randy Long

Thanks For Help

Editor:

The St. Andrews Riding Club wishes to express its thanks to all the members of the community who gave their time and aid during our weekend emergency. Your tremendous response enabled us to maintain continuous care for Noel throughout the weekend.

Mr. Fowler Dugger
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