

## THE LANCE

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## Blessings. . .Pope

I have a confession to make, and I really don't know how to state it.

But I was always told to just come out and tell the truth, so... My freshman year I joined the Young Republicans on campus. In know you must have lost faith in me by now, but please stay with me. I am certain I can come up with a good reason... How about Hubert Humphrey? Course that is no reason, it's just an excuse. Nixon was on the other side.

But I never really expected him to win. Had hoped no one would win that year and we could give ourselves back to England. Well, that was my freshman year and it only lasted until November.

Now, as a senior I see the light. Wonder if England really would take us back?

Anyway, I still receive unsolicited, I swear it, material from the national organization. The latest included a pamphlet advertising a book about winning elections. They suggest if for all Republicans who want to win.

Think I'll order a copy and send it to a Democrat.

The ad says that the book will make the difference in winning or losing an election and if the Democrat didn't win he could always sue.

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So much for true confessions.

Since the semester is almost over, think I'll say something about the Business Office. It's been a while.

They do read the "Lance," cause every time I go in there now, someone makes a point of smiling at me.

Wonder what they are really thinking?

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I think it is wonderful that we have the exam period again. Since everyone is giving take home exams, I'll be able to leave on Friday for Christmas.

For this reason, I am awarding the Blind Hog of the Month Award to the committee that made this decision.

Keep up the good work guys, we all love you.

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Last week the "Lance" asked the question, "What sort of man reads the "Lance.""

In their answer they mentioned that Playboy magazine is widely read and the "Lance" is not.

Could it have something to do with the quality of the pictures?

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I just want to squelch one rumor.

It is not true that the SA security force showed up this week in response to the fireworks.

Come on gang, have a little faith at least.

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That takes care of things at this end until February. I leave you with one thought: "Whether you live a good life or a bad life, the government is still going to get you in the end."

## Maturity And Sport

Monday afternoon, there were signs posted in the student center saying, "If you are not apathetic, come to the basketball game tonight." At the game, no one could call the St. Andrews fans apathetic, yet there should be a question asked about the manner in which they expressed their support for our team. The enjoyment of a very exciting game and a good team effort was lessened for some

by a segment of spectators booing the opposing team and harassing their individual players. This harassment was typified by chants like "1-2-3, Kill the referee!" This action seems to us to exemplify irresponsible high-schoolers, rather than non-athletic college adults. In the future, we hope students will show enthusiastic support for our team without badgering the referees or the opposition.

## Apathy Of Senators Leads To Senate Ineffectiveness

Dear Editor:

From the point of view of an outsider looking in on the activities of the Senate this year, I have become increasingly perturbed by the inefficient and nonchalant attitudes shown by a number of the Senators. Every meeting is dominated by those few Senators who have bothered to do the homework which came along with the job. The remaining members of the group seldom bother to add their comments except on such pressing matters as ... which food machine is MY dorm going to have? or, how are we going to divide up the causewalk so that it may be used by both bicyclers and pedestrians? Admittedly these issues do have some importance for the SA community, but it is difficult to establish how they could possibly be top priority in a student government which conceivably has high potential. Time and again I have heard the priority argument (is this actually what the college needs most?) applied to administrative action, but the Senators do not seem to be able to apply this concept to their own business. I have been told that the Senate really needed to deal with these small issues so that concrete action could be realized over a brief time span, and in such fashion the Senators would alleviate

the apathy and be able to go on to more significant accomplishments. I have some difficulty in accepting this attitude considering the Senate's record on controversial and highly important issues in the past. With enough student pressure and continual effort such things as open dorms and the Code of Responsibility have become reality at SA. The Senate can do the same job with new problems if each member is willing to take the interest.

After the Senate President, Scott Breckinridge, threatened to resign his position due to the unsupportive attitude of his Senate it would be expected that the turnout at the Senate meeting this week would have been substantial. Not so. . . Three dorms were totally unrepresented, meaning that there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum. Since Dr. Hart had come to the meeting to present the plans for the school's chapel, the group heard him but dismissed immediately thereafter because they were unable to handle any business in an official capacity. I cannot help but feel that this lack of interest indicates a severe lack of responsibility and it should not be Mr. Breckinridge who contemplates resigning, but rather members of the Senate themselves.

It is the official responsibility

of these Senators not only to get "feedback" from their dorms but also to initiate action on matters about which they are more knowledgeable than other student body members. This is by no means to leave all the responsibility to them, because if the student body as a whole would demand effective action from their Senators the elected representatives would have no choice but to attend the meetings and participate in the discussion.

Work in the student government does not bring notoriety and at times those involved are the outstanding objects of unwarranted criticism. However, I do not feel that this is the case in Mr. Breckinridge's criticism of the Senators and I hope it is not in mine. Some of these officers seem to be enjoying their figurehead positions without being willing to put forth the necessary work on matters of consequence. Admittedly, much of what is done by this group is completely unknown to the average outsider simply because the very nature of the work requires hours of research. Nonetheless, I am continually impressed by the fact that Mr. Breckinridge deserves both the vote of confidence and active support which he is seeking and some of the Senators deserve neither.

Tricia Smith

## SA Activities Contradict Claims Of Student Apathy

Dear Editor -

"Class action case taken to court"

"Prose and Poetry finalists chosen"

"Guerillas fight battle though ideology uncertain"

"ZPG builds birdhouses"

"SA basketball Defense . . ."

"Wrestler's hopes up. . ."

"Band performs in L. A. A. . ."

"Committee reports given . . ."

"Peace Corps awarded . . ."

"Choir to sing on T. V."

Then look at the Lance staff and contributors sections and start thinking about the 50 odd other organizations on the campus, like: The Lamp and Shield, The Cairn, The College Union Board, The Highland Players, The Gun Club, The Radio Club, The Riding Club, The Sailing Club, ZPG (above also), The Cabinet, The Chorale, The Chamber Singers, The people with workshops, The 20 or 30 committees which have student representation (and even some action), The Bicycle Club, The Young Democrats, The Soccer Team, The Baseball Team, The Track Team, The Cross-Country Team, and even the people who have jobs driving the teams to their games . . . . .

And that ain't all. . . there's Intramural sports, occasional mixed tournaments, the Pakistani Relief drive, the inter-collegiate sports tournament coming up; which reminds me of parties and movies and the big week coming up in the Spring, plus. . . the motorcycle enthusiasts, the several academic clubs (like the business competition club), and then there is the Golf Team and that little crazy, fun band that plays

at some of the games, and The Christian Council, and the dialogue which is used occasionally and even letters to the editor written by someone to say that there is a lot of apathy on this campus. . .

Then there's the academic aspect of St. Andrews which people participate in fairly frequently. But we find that classes more often than not get in the way of a few of the things listed above. . . and this isn't by any means the end of the list. There are those Psych. and Soc. people who put those questionnaires in our mail boxes asking us our height, weight and sex. . . after they just addressed the envelope to John or Sam or Mary. . .

The only people I know who think this campus is apathetic are the people who are trying to recruit other people for a new club, group, project, march, rally or happening only to find out that everyone is too busy. And when you consider that there is more going on than is listed here, you begin to understand why everyone you ask to help you is too busy.

After a normal day at St. Andrews, the only thing you have time for before you go to bed is a brief comment to your roommate on how much apathy there is at St. Andrews.

Sometime during the day you like to take time to eat one, two or three meals and of course complain for five minutes about the food Service. If you take a shower, brush your teeth and do some other things nature demands, you still haven't finished. If you keep fish you have to feed them and

then there is the all-important beer about seven o'clock to help you work up the courage to start your term paper. . . that is of course after you come back from the library trying to find the sources someone else checked out the day before. Sometime during the month you have to buy a new record for your collection, stop by the Sassy Lassie to thumb through the new posters and go by the Party Shoppe to find out which new exotic beer or cigarette Dave is selling. And don't forget to include twenty minutes a month for a "radical -vs- conservative" argument in the suite lounge or a hallway in the L.A.

By now you must admit that there is a little bit to do at St. Andrews and someone is doing it. So, the next time you decide that apathy is running rampant. . . impress yourself with that idea and let the rest of us try to keep up with the multitude of things we have to do. . . one of which is not reading countless complaints about student apathy, or even writing rebuttals to that complaint, or even taking time to read the rebuttal.

Oh Yeah. . . there is also Farago, the Bowling Team, honor society, graduation committee, Student life committee, etc., etc.

Chip French

Editors Note: We cannot help but wonder how many of these organizations are carried by the efforts of a few. Also, we wonder how many students are involved for their own entertainment rather than because of an active concern about the community.

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