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## Black Student Union Fosters Black Identity

BY JACKIE DOVE

During the month of January, the Black students on St. Andrews' campus, bogged down in the dreary boredom of unpronounced apathy, saw the urgent need for a new source of energy and strength. A unifying force that would not only facilitate our non-commitment, but would also give us the incentive to speak out against the wrong of whiteness in which we were uncomfortably imbedded. The answer? A union of Black students -- formally called The Black Student Union (BSU).

The purpose of The Black Student Union is to allow its members to work to foster the idea of Black Identity, to promote the true spirit of Black Unity, and to insure effective participation in decision-making processes that are of fundamental concern to the organization's members as well as the community at large (Taken from BSU Constitution). Black students, for a long time have felt the need for a more definite understanding of who we are and where we are headed in relationship to the rest of the college community. It is hoped that with the establishment of the BSU, we will now be able to make the answers to these questions.

Some of the activities of our organization include: 1.) tutorial groups for students needing help in English and science, 2.) advisory committees for students needing assistance in choosing pertinent courses, 3.) an activity committee to bring more of the Black cultural experience to the S.A. campus, 4.) a publications committee to produce bulletins for distribution so that other Blacks can know that we are here and what we are about, and 5.) a community liaison committee to let the Laurinburg/Scotland community know that Black stu-

### In Brief

The last big campus-wide party will be held Friday, April 28 behind Kings Mountain and Mecklenburg dorms. There will be a softball game at 3:00 p.m., and beer will be served beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be 20 kegs. From 5:00-7:00 p.m. dinner will be served beside Kings Mountain (hot dogs and hamburgers). At 8:00 p.m. music will begin, provided by St. Elmo's Fire, and accompanied by a light show.

Admission is 50¢ per person.

There is a group of students on campus who are interested in having Italian 111 and 112-113 (Italian Language I, II, and III) offered during the academic year 1973-1974. So far, eleven students have expressed interest in studying Italian. Dr. Schenk is qualified to teach Italian and has expressed the desire to do so. Anyone interested, get in touch with Glenda Buck, ext. 247.

dents on S.A.'s campus are involved in their struggles.

Black students have taken it upon themselves to pressure admissions into seeking better academically qualified Black students for future enrollment. Students who will be able to adjust to a white, upper middle-class environment and educational liberality without so great a psychological trauma that they can not stand alone against the pressure. For this purpose, the BSU has suggested that S.A. employ a Black or Minority Admissions recruiter. This person will be better able to relate the Black experience on S.A.'s campus to prospective Blacks, thereby assuring Blacks of exactly what situations they will face if they choose to come here.

We, as Black students at St. Andrews, are aware of the constant pressures and insecurities being faced by Blacks who dare to seek matriculation on the campuses of white colleges in the U.S. We are now in the process of alleviating some of those pressures. Now that there is a mobilization of Black involvement on S.A.'s campus, we realize both the advantage and the necessity of the Black Student Union.

Incidentally, the BSU is open to the entire S.A. student body (taken also from the BSU Constitution).



John Bryan, above, resigned yesterday in protest of FEC inaction.



Hugh Helm, former Elections Board official.



David Smith, denied proper qualifications by FEC and Senate.

## Election Complications Now Include Resignations

BY JEFF NEILL

New complications have beset the election procedures dated for Friday, and has caused one candidate to be declared ineligible to run for Vice-President of the student association and brought about the resignation of three members of the Elections Board.

The controversy arose Tuesday when the Faculty Executive Committee deferred ruling on the Constitutional Amendment passed on Monday in a student referendum and approved by Student Life.

The Constitutional Amendment, which would have invalidated Article III, Section 2(a) of the Constitution requiring candidates running for the office of President or Vice-President of the student association to have held a prior elected position within the student association, needed the approval of the faculty before it could go into affect.

Since the faculty's next regularly scheduled meeting is not until May, and elections must be completed by the end of April -- according to the Constitution -- the Amendment was presented to the Faculty Executive Committee who has the authority to act in place of the faculty should the need arise. Tuesday, in a closed session,

the F.E.C. deferred to act on the Elections Board request for F.E.C. action. According to one member of the F.E.C. the group felt there was no issue present that could not wait until the regularly scheduled meeting of the faculty. As a result no action was taken on the Amendment.

Stemming from the F.E.C.'s inaction on the amendment, three members of the Election Board have resigned (see letter on page 2).

They are Dave Bunn, Hugh Helm, and John Bryan.

Also affected by the F.E.C.'s unwillingness to act is David Smith, a sophomore, who wanted to run for vice-president of the student association.

David Kelly, who was one of the two students who raised the controversy over Article III, Section 2(a) and brought about the referendum was not affected by the F.E.C. decision as he did not re-self-nominate himself for President of the student association yesterday.

David Smith, in an attempt to circumvent the red tape, asked the Senate to appoint him to the position on the men's residence court which was vacated yesterday when Dave Gibbs resigned. Appointment to that position would have allowed Mr. Smith to qualify as he would hold an elected position in the

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## Presidential Candidates Plan Changes In Several Areas Of Campus Next Year



President Hartke?

My name is Keith Hartke. I am a Junior running for President of the student body. I am running for President because I feel that several important things can be done for the students of St. Andrews. I feel that some new ideas could be introduced so that St. Andrews does not remain in this stagnant pool of "everything fine". Right now our student government is being run by many of my opponents. It has been practically non-existent to the individual student this year. Yet one of the student government's primary concerns should be in keeping the students informed and doing what they want the best it can.

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President McLawhorn?

I offer three things: experience, interest, and ideas. As a member of the Cabinet this past year, I've used the opportunity to see first-hand which channels work for student legislation and which do not. Some committees (and some members) are noted for their ineffectiveness, for their inability to release recommendations and evaluations. Where have all the complaints about the health service gone? Just last Monday one of our doctors failed to diagnose a broken bone . . . again. What about the proposal to exclude physical education from the grade point ratio?

You've seen me working on

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President Bender?

The Student Government elections are finally upon us, and it is at this time that I have the opportunity to express my position on certain ideas and about some of the things I would like to accomplish.

One thing that will be facing the new administration in the fall will be the required revision of the constitution. The problems of the spring elections have convinced me that there are some definite steps that need to be taken to remove the vagueness from our constitution. The specific areas in need of revision which immediately come to mind include qualifications of all officers

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President Smith?

Originally my motivation for self-nominating myself for President of the Student Association was a dissatisfaction with the students' attitude toward their government. It appeared that students were interested in the power of their governmental structure only so long as it does not interfere with their social activities. In my three years at St. Andrews I can think of only a few occasions where student interest was significant enough to push through major changes. The open dorm policy is the most obvious example of this; yet it is sufficient indication that the student government is capable of powerful action if it can

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