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## Blessings . . . Pope

As a senior, I feel it necessary to defend the college that I chose to give me my education.

In the four years that I have gone to school here and called this campus my home, I have heard all kinds of critics complain about St. Andrews. Most of what they had to say is pure BUNK.

I remember the big threat open dorms presented to the college. People outside our community criticized the administration for being too easy on its students. Accused them of harboring immorality. How foolish.

As a sophomore, during the period of strongest criticism, I wrote a column proclaiming all students at St. Andrews virgins. I thought that it was the simplest way of protecting the school's reputation.

But outside critics did not see the tongue and in cheek suggestion as humor. Instead many of the advertisers canceled ads and the paper faced serious trouble.

No one really knows what goes on in the dorms at all times. I assume that a little "playing around" does exist, but it is not overt. Much more sex (Lord help us for using that word) was going on in the minds of those who did not live in the dorms.

For myself, I think open dorms is a nice convenience. It is nice to be able to give a party or have friends up to talk and not have to worry about an eight o'clock closing time or anything that ridiculous. (Yes, world, it is possible to have a Platonic relationship with a member of the opposite sex.)

I also resent the critics on campus who say they do not like the St. Andrews student because he does not get involved. Again BUNK.

The St. Andrews student does get involved, but he does not like to be pushed into anything. Pushy professor activists can cause more resentment than good feeling on this side of the lake. A professor should worry more about what goes on inside his classroom than he does about what goes on this side of the lake.

I'm not saying that St. Andrews is perfect. Certainly faults exist here, if they didn't I would not have had anything to write about all year. But these things cannot outweigh the pleasure that I have found here.

When I personally have found at St. Andrews many not interest many people, but to me they are important. This school has offered me the freedom to be myself, not someone manufactured for the pleasure of others. Anyone who expects everyone to like him is a fool. But I have learned that the few people who don't like you for being you, make up for all the people who look at you funny.

I have received a valuable education here, yes, even in the classroom. It took me almost three years to realize that there was one available here. I am not sorry that it took me that long, because it is a lot of fun to learn and to play with the minds of other people. But I am glad that I learned it. There are many seniors who will receive their degrees on May 21 and they have not found this and never will. It is possible to go through four years of college without learning a thing; and I suppose it is possible to go through life without learning a thing. How sad.

In another week the life of Blessings . . . Pope will come to a close. My closing remarks are personal, and directed to a group of people that I will always remember no matter how miles and years I am away from St. Andrews -- the drama group.

They are temperamental, sensitive, critical people, but the greatest group of friends that a person could ask for. When you work with and get to know this group you have friends that you can count on for anything.

Sure, some think they are kooks because they like to act, put on make-up in order to become someone else, sing, dance but even more importantly, they like to laugh and they like to give of themselves to anyone who is willing to sit down and be entertained. I love them.

(I know this column is the drippy, Miss America speech type. But, in two weeks I will be a graduate and I look forward to it with expectations and with a sense of loss. A loss for the place where I grew up.

(Some of you may not appreciate this, but I am not writing for you this week. I am writing for those who will appreciate it, those that I will miss.)

# Elections Board Challenged; Appeal For Student Support

BY GLENDA BUCK

During the WSAP elections forum last Thursday night, the Elections Board was publicly challenged as acting unconstitutionally in scheduling the Student Association elections. The Constitutional Article in question is Article XII, Section 1, which states that "The officers of the Student Association with the exception of off-campus representatives to the IDS are elected in a general election before the end of April. . . ." The grounds for the challenge are based on the following points: 1) The run-off election of President of Student Association held on Monday, May 1, fell after the April 30th deadline and is, therefore, unconstitutional; and 2) since Article XII, Section 1, specifies off-campus representatives to the IDS as the only exceptions to the April 30th deadline, the scheduling of elections of dorm officers violates the deadline set in the Constitution.

The reasons I challenged the validity of the schedule set by the Elections Board are complex, but they basically center around the absurdity of an Elections Board which knowingly acts unconstitutionally on one point, but refuses to act unconstitutionally on another, i.e., the postponement of all election procedure until the faculty could act on the referendum concerning the qualifications for the office of President and Vice-President, an act which ignored the expressed desire of the student body as shown in the petition and referendum. I did not have confidence in the structure of student government as outlined in the Constitution; however, I did have faith in the student body of St. Andrews to be concerned and seek resolution in this questionable situation.

Now I'm not so optimistic about S.A.'s student body. Since I made that challenge which so drastically affects the election

of Student Association officers, only a handful of students have even approached me about my position. Whether anyone agreed or disagreed with my action is not important. But whether or not anyone was concerned enough to question me about an action that bears directly on his/her representation in student government is of utmost importance.

This is an appeal to the Student body to make themselves heard. Next year brings the revision of a Constitution which, as is now obvious, is ineffective and ambivalent. If the student body of St. Andrews expects a workable, effective Constitution to exist after the revision, each student must take an active interest in the revision by expressing to his/her representatives in the Student Association his/her opinions, suggestions, and insights, or else be willing to accept a dictatorship by officers who must work only with their own opinions and insights.

# Presidential Primary May 6; Voters Urged To Participate

BY MARSHALL GRAVELY

North Carolina will hold its first Presidential preference primary this Saturday, May 6th, and the results will be important for a number of reasons. Also on the ballot will be races for Democratic and Republican nominations for governor, lieutenant governor, U.S. Senator, and U.S. House of Representatives. The major interest, though, lies in the Presidential race.

The primary will feature for the first time this election year a head-to-head contest between two Southern candidates who, by their own admission, represent the two poles of Southern political opinion. Former N.C. Governor Terry Sanford and Alabama Gov. George Wallace are the two candidates. This is Sanford's first primary since he declared his candidacy for the Presidency last month. Wallace has been in all the primaries thus far and was the landslide winner in the Florida primary earlier this year.

These two candidates represent the two poles of Southern politics -- Wallace on the right and Sanford in the center of the Democratic spectrum. Wallace has gained many votes because of his outspoken stands against busing and for a revamping of the tax system. Sanford is well known for his terms as Governor during which many advances were made in the field of public education on all levels, and for his book on desegregation in the South, "Storm Over The States". He is currently President of Duke University.

The main point of the North Carolina campaign has centered on the relative chances that each man has for gaining the national recognition needed for nomination. Wallace is much better known nationally, while Sanford says he has the new approach needed to gain solutions to national problems. Sanford has admitted that his showing

here could also make him a viable candidate for Vice-President should Hubert Humphrey or George McGovern gain the nomination. On the Republican side, President Nixon is running unopposed, as he has since his two Congressional challengers dropped out of the race. On the Democratic ballot, there will appear the names Chisolm, Jackson, and Muskie, but the main race is between Sanford and Wallace.

On the statewide level, several close races have developed in the primary. Lt. Governor Pat Taylor and St. Sen. Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles are the main candidates for Governor on the Democratic side, and they will very likely participate in a later runoff for the votes that go to the other candidates. Also running are Wilbur Hobby, State AFL-CIO President; Dr. Reginald Hawkins, a black Charlotte dentist; and a number of lesser candidates. On the Republican side, businessman Jim Gardner and state GOP chairman Jim Holshouser are running hard for their party's nomination. The race is considered too close to call in most polls.

Sen. B. Everett Jordan is

being strongly challenged by Rep. Nick Galifianakis for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator. Polls give Jordan a slight edge at this time for renomination. On the Republican ticket, ultraconservative journalist Jesse Helms is holding a commanding lead for the nomination over several lesser candidates. No runoff in either race is expected.

In the race for Lieutenant Governor, Democrats Jim Hunt and Roy Sowers are the major candidates with Margaret Harper and Reginald Frazier also running. The Hunt-Sowers race is considered very close at this time.

There are other positions being contested in the state and a number of Congressional offices are up for nomination. These are too numerous to review here, but the major races already mentioned are of greatest interest. A number of St. Andrews students will be voting either here in Laurinburg or at their homes throughout the state, many for the first time. This primary will be an opportunity to participate in all levels of voting. If you are eligible and registered, don't miss the opportunity.

## Bowles For Governor

Dear Editor:

Here are some reasons to consider voting for Bowles for Governor in Saturday's primary election:

1. "The Environmental Bill of Rights," which he introduced and wishes to see as a Constitutional pledge.
2. A proposal for No-Fault auto insurance which would help all people cut their insurance premiums 20 to 30 per cent. The plan would be based on other states where the plan already exists.
3. Career Education, because " . . . our schools have looked down on a man who works with his hands . . ." and so that

" . . . the 80 out of 100 young men and women who do not go to college can get good jobs and raise our per capita income. . . ."

4. With Career Education and the rise in per capita income there will be no need for a rise in taxes. "I am absolutely positively opposed to any new or increased taxes of any kind." If you are registered in North Carolina and haven't voted by absentee ballot then please go home on Saturday, May 6 and vote. If you can see that Bowles has something constructive to offer, please vote for him. If not, vote anyway.

- Chip French