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Intimidation One Source Of Student Apathy

BY JEFF NEILL

Much of what gets done poorly around here is blamed on apathy. And rightly so. Most of us readily label something as being motivated by apathy but few have given the cause of apathy serious thought. Without understanding the causes little constructive action can be taken.

To us apathy is a fluid matter that quickly solidifies to bring about inactivity. We have recently become aware that one source of apathy on this campus stems from intimidation-- both real and imagined -- from faculty members, administrators, and peers. Many students hesitate to challenge some action they feel is inappropriate because of the consequences. Heads get turned the other way when they see cheating for fear taking action might create antagonisms and lose friends for them.

One faculty member we have heard of, antagonized by a student, actually voiced mild threats toward that student through other students. Another faculty member employed subtler means of intimidation when he was antagonized by not teaching a tutorial that had already been agreed upon.

Still another case, and more serious, happened when a group of students approached one professor about another professor whose course they had then recently completed. They expressed concern over what they considered to have been consistent irresponsibility on the part of the instructor and over whether he should be allowed to offer a similar course.

The professor they spoke to said he would do what he could about the instructor in question and would do all he could to protect the students. He warned, though, that there was no way he could protect them fully. Revenge could be gotten in one way or another. They were concerned enough not to drop the whole matter. Other students, we feel, would have been intimidated into submissiveness.

What's to be done?

Finger: A Good Choice

Last night the Senate appointed Paul Finger as the new Vice-President of the Student Association. They appear to have made a good selection.

Knowing nothing more about Finger than we observed last night we believe he will exhibit responsible leadership and lend a sense of direction to the Senate this year.

Cabinet Posts, Community Relations Senate Topics

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in the Student Association," Tom Warren, president of Granville, stated optimism stemming from a recent community relations meeting he attended in Laurinburg. He stated the organization was a progressive idea with plans to establish a rumor control center and to open the lines of communication. Funds to support various projects are expected from the government.

A central group shall be established with 33 members - 3 from each of the ten precincts and 3 from SA. A meeting will be held soon to find out who from SA might be interested in serving in such a committee.

Approval of the proposed budget met with little opposition, Rod Brown, Student Association

tion Treasurer, requested \$400 be made available to donate to the Chapbook series--printings of original works by two SA students to be printed this year.

The Senate, following Browns' recommendations, allocated the funds. Cuts were: \$300 from the summer school program, \$25 from ZPG, and \$75 from the Student Union Board.

Bob Chaiken, Director of the Student Union, directed that funds be available from his office to pay for student summer coordinators which would thereby allow the \$300 taken from the summer programs to be replaced. An attempt to select a President Pro-Tem for the senate was tabled until the next meeting.

Project Funds To Be Shifted To Other Recruiting Project

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retention rate should be attributed to the students' inability to adjust to their extremely middle class and highly competitive environment. This means that the majority of students left for non-academic reasons. The decision to discontinue the project came when St. Andrews administrators found themselves unable to finance it adequately. It is estimated that after three years St. Andrews alone had spent \$80,000 for aid, recruitment, testing, and test processing. They were able to receive only \$15,000 from foundations and \$125,000 from the federal government. The total cost of

the project for three years was \$220,000. Because most of the project members remaining here were black, included in this decision to cancel the plan was pressure from the black students already here, to recruit more non-project blacks along with complaints that project identification was causing psychological pressures on non-project participants. Since Project Creativity was such a high risk program, administrators decided that it would be more beneficial to use the previously appropriated project funds to recruit more minority students who could more easily assimilate both academically and socially into the St. Andrews community. This plan was initiated for the 72-73 year.

After reviewing the administrative techniques applied to the project, advisors admit weaknesses in the following areas: lack of paid tutors, lack of expert guidance, inadequate selection techniques, lack of special reading and writing programs, and lack of funds for psychiatric consultation.

Even though there is little hope for the reinstatement of the Project Creativity program, the administration does not consider it to have been a complete failure. St. Andrews is looking into a Special Services program that will function in the same manner as Project Creativity--but, with the above improvements implemented along

with more financial assistance from the federal government. After speaking to some of the Project Creativity students, it was found that some of the students considered it to be a worthwhile endeavor while others took a very negative stand. The success of the future program is yet to be seen.

Investigation

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details. The recommendation was never acted upon, however, leaving Brown with "full administrative authority," according to Bender.

Further facts thus revealed show requisition forms for \$63.13 for hired help -- half of which went to a non-S. A. student--and \$253.44 paid directly to Brown -- \$174.69 of this was for the end of the spring semester "for services rendered."

Bender stated that in his opinion the sums "were a bit excessive" and that "I think he (Brown) has over stepped his bounds and needs a rap on the hands by the Cabinet."

Foell raised the issue of the pay rate at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday and was met with complete silence from all those present except for Brown.

Brown contends the pay rate was justified because of the hard work involved and also because he could not get anyone to work for less.

Who Knows?

(CPS) -- Representative, Moorhead of Pennsylvania recently released figures which indicate that the U. S. Government spends twice as much money

hiding information than handing it out. A total of \$126.3 million is spent for classification while only \$64 million is spent for information programs.

Of course, the congressman's figures may exclude a lot of secret funding of secrecy programs

Senate Adjusts Annual Budget Chooses Compromise Format

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to be considered a competent representative of the student body.

I hope you will choose to accept this resignation."

Sincerely yours,
 Patricia Smith

The resignation was accepted by consensus of the Senate. As Vice President of Student Association, Miles Weaver, became President of the Student Association when the Senate approved the resignation of Patricia Smith. Before turning the meeting over, Paul Finger, President Pro-Tem of the Senate, notified the Senate that they would have to appoint a new Vice President as the Senate would fill all vacancies. It was recommended and approved that this appointment would be tabled until the Senate meeting on the 27th of September. Paul Finger then assumed the chair.

Also, the Student Life Committee met on September 20th to discuss the yearbook situation. The committee directed the Lamp and Shield and Publications Board to use any extra money allotted to them by the Senate to make changes in their planned format that would reflect the desires of the Student Body as shown in the recent Senate annual poll. At the Senate meeting it was decided that an increase in the budget be allotted to Lamp and Shield. There followed a lengthy debate as to how much and for what purpose money be allotted.

By vote from the Senate next year's yearbook format will be: 8 1/2" x 11" in size, 200 pages, bristol board form.

Other business which was discussed was the Community Relations Organization which is a board of thirteen people that

was formed to improve better understanding and relations between the community and schools in Laurinburg. It was recently decided that it would be necessary to expand the board by having representatives from each of the ten community districts in Laurinburg. Miles Weaver received word from the Co-Chairman of the Community Relations to send student representatives from Saint Andrews. Those who attended the meeting on September the 26th were: Bill Asher (M), Warren (M), Tommy Warren (G), Stevie Daniels (W), and Paul Finger (W-S).

Tommy Warren brought up the possibilities of having a Jazz Festival this year. The Senate discussed the amount of money to be spent on the festival and that if anyone had any feelings of questions toward this matter to contact Dr. Joyner, who is in charge of planning the festival.

Dean Decker requested that if any student on campus sees a stranger roaming around the suites or campus to call security. Also, he felt that everybody should lock their doors for their own protection.

Future meetings were discussed as to where they would be held so that any student who is interested in student government could attend. Several suggestions were made as to where these meetings could be held. Suggestions were:

1. the Gym
2. Student Center
3. Dorm Lounges

The members of the Senate voted to hold the meetings in the different dorm lounges.

Finally Sue Everett was approved by the Senate as Junior member of Student Judiciary Board. Also, Jim Bibb is the new Vice-Pres. of Granville Dorm.



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