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The Way We See It

BY SKIP TAYLOR

Since before Spring break, a controversy has been waging over the proposed pasture behind Granville dormitory. Many persons feel the proposed site was poorly chosen by the riding club and its officials. The Riding Club has essentially disagreed with these persons and has gone ahead with their plans to turn this area into a fenced in pasture. The controversy centered around the position of the site chosen and not as are seemed to indicate whether a pasture should or should not be made. Those against the present site claimed it a poor choice because of ecological reasons. Their argument centered on the contour of the land - they claiming the severe slope would lead to erosion, and to pollution of by fertilizers like Ansley Moore. The Riding Club disclaimed these theories on the basis of supposed experts' claims of its safety to the environment. Some persons, however, also with appropriate knowledge and training in the area supported those against the present pasture site.

Despite this controversy the Riding Club has continued with its original plans for the pasture and before spring break they contracted a bulldozer to clear the area behind granville dorm. The area being partially clear, the riding club tilled most of it with the maintenance tractor and equipment. The land at present is still not completely clear and several rather unattractive brush piles still mark the landscape. There is still a great deal of picking up of brush, liter, debris, and assorted other articles before the pasture can be planted. Those persons originally objecting before the site were told the site were told the area would be planted with break period. It has not, as of this writing nothing apparently has been done. The area is still only partially cleared, no grass has been planted, and I assume - according to the principles of land conservation - the "pasture" is slowly being washed into our already polluted lake.

Awhile back a dialogue was circulated, its author saying something about care of horses. It doesn't appear as though the horses, or the campus is being cared for very responsibly. I do not, I'm sure

need to mention the danger to the ecological environment by leaving this slope unprotected, not to mention the marring of this campus beauty by this large patch of sand. And however needless to say; horses can't eat sand, anymore than the displace animals can continue to live on the barren sandy slope, it currently benefits nothing.

I personally agree with these who felt the present site a bad choice, but that completely aside. As long as the natural ground cover has already been removed, it is certain that the area requires, by its very contour, immediate attention by one party or another.

At present, rumors fly about on all sides, usually, however to the pessimistic result. I would prefer to believe they are unfounded. I would prefer to believe that the pasture will be completed although I can see no evidence of it, and I would prefer to think it will be done shortly. I would hope that I have heard false about the Riding Clubs possible disbandment at the end of this concerning the Club's lack of sufficient funds to finish the project is to completely unfounded. For if the last mentioned whispering is true, some investigation is certainly in order by the proper student gov. organization.

I call upon the officials of evidence of their position to the student body, either by statement of mouth, or by statement in deed. It is their responsibility as far as I can discern to make plain their actions which have concerned, and daily concern the campus as a whole.

I would also like to make plain I write this as a concerned individual, with no organization prompting or dictating what has been said.

April Showers

Cool Spring showers may be good for flowers, but taking one doesn't make it. There are very few things as unpleasant as waking up in the morning and heading to the shower only to find that there is no hot water available. This is especially so, of course on a cool morning; but no matter the weather, it promises to be

a bad start to any day. Yes, perhaps we have been spoiled with limitless hot water all our lives. Certainly an occasional cold shower does no one any harm. However, the hot water situation here at St. Andrews has been so unpredictable in recent weeks that some sort of investigation was definitely in order. Students who were here over Winter Term may well remember with some distaste the numerous occasions that there was no hot water. It has continued, though not as frequently, during this semester.

Wade Hendricks, the Physical Plant Director, was very sympathetic and apologetic concerning the water problem. He pointed out that it was not a question of conserving heating fuel, although the temperature of the water has been cut by about ten degrees. "There is supposed to be hot water for showers all of the time," he said, discounting the possibility that during certain times of the day the heating is cut down. Mr. Hendricks went on to explain what the problem actually is. The boilers at the Physical Plant are thirteen years old, which evidently explains a frequency of equipment breakdown. Furthermore, with the cut-backs in college personnel, maintenance has been cut from a day and a night shift to only a day shift during warmer weather. In other words, when one of the boilers breaks down for some reason during the night, there is nothing that can be done until the day shift comes on duty. Even then, it takes a while for the water to reheat, and at times spare parts must be gotten for repairs.

Cold showers will remain irritating. But it is not the fault of anything but faulty equipment and a lack of qualified help due to the precarious financial position of the college.

BY ERIC LAWSON

Letters

I hope your policy will allow you to print the enclosed article in the April 11 issue of THE LANCE. Members of the local League of Women Voters know that many college students are well informed about the political process and want to express their feelings. We feel that this petition is any opportunity for constructive participation--and it is painless (little time and no money involved).

Should you require additional information please call me. I should also appreciate notification if you are unable to use this material, either as an article or a letter to the editor, since I must find a means to notify the college community about the petition.

Let me thank you in advance for your consideration and attention in this matter.

Representatives of the Scotland County League of Women Voters will be in the college cafeteria during the evening meal, Tuesday, April 16 with a petition for campaign financing reform. Leagues across the United States are launching similar drives to notify Congress that there is grass roots support for reform of campaign financing.

Although there is a new

federal election campaign law, the League feels it is inadequate and still allows heavy contributors more influence in elections than ordinary citizens. To break the link between big money and politics, the League sponsors the following changes:

1. Private and public financing
 - fair and optional access to public funds
 - small private contributions
 - fair and optional access to public funds
2. Strict limits
 - limits on individual giving
 - measures to close loopholes for concealing giving
 - reasonable ceilings on spending
3. Full disclosure
 - a central campaign committee for each candidate
 - disclosure of contributions and expenditures
4. Independent enforcement
 - unified enforcement, free of incumbent and party pressures
 - enforcement with punishments that fit the crime

Nearly everyone recognizes that we must break the link between big money and politics if we are to combat corruption, restore confidence in elected officials and ensure broad citizen participation in our political process. It is also clear in view of Watergate and related scandals that the time for action is now. The public-in polls, studies, and recent elections--has made known both its disillusionment with the present system of financing campaigns and its desire for reform. Legislation that would go far to break the insidious links between money and politics while preserving and promoting needed political competition is now before the Congress. But Congress may not act as all, or may produce only a superficial law, unless there is a real and substantial outpouring of citizen opinion. The League of Women Voters urges interested members of the St. Andrews College community to take advantage of this opportunity to play a constructive role in the political and governmental process.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Clarence E. Styron,
 Jr.
 276-1657

In February a number of us became interested in lending St. Andrews' support to a boycott of Iceburg lettuce organized by the United Farm Workers, Caesar Chavez's organization. At that time the local management of Epicure Food Service agreed to our proposal that if a majority of those who regularly eat in the cafeteria requested it, they would stop serving Iceburg lettuce and instead serve about one half the regular quantity of other, more costly, non-boycotted leaf lettuce.

With this agreement we set out to educate the campus community as to the issues involved through a radio forum, a slide presentation, and mass leafleting, all of which preceded a door-to-door circulation of a petition for the boycott. The response was overwhelming and gratifying. Roughly 80% of those presented with the petition signed it. After collecting over 350 signatures we stopped circulating the petition, having far more than the

majority called for, and Epicure as per their agreement, changed to non-Iceburg lettuce.

As you may have noticed, just prior to Spring break, the cafeteria began again to serve Iceburg lettuce. Evidently some grumblings on the part of students convinced them that the path of least resistance would be no renege on their agreement.

We demand to know why Epicure has broken its agreement with our committee by disregarding the expressed wishes of a wide majority of our community. Epicure: you owe St. Andrews a clear and honest explanation.

- Elaine Thomas
- Holly M. Cook
- Rosalind E. Banbury
- Ruth Lancaster
- Jett Holland
- Richard C. Prust
- Matthew Wood
- Beth Buffington
- Jane Miller
- Glen Kennedy
- Marti Newbold
- Malia Hill
- Bill Mansfield
- Emily R. Cheney
- Denese Lacks
- Donnil Hiller
- Mark Stuhles
- Margaret Godwin
- Mo Newton
- Beth Lyon

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ter receiving his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee. A graduate of West Virginia University, he received his master's at Marshall University.

As registrar he will be responsible for registration and student records, degree requirement information and counseling, and student information data.

Valentine, now assistant professor of Spanish, will become assistant dean on August 1. In the new position in the Office of the Dean of the College, Valentine will work with Dean Arnold in student academic problems, student-faculty communications, and coordination of high school and two-year college programs with those of St. Andrews. He will continue to teach advanced courses in Spanish.

Valentine, who earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Brigham Young University, joined the faculty last year. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Duke University.

Pauley, a Hampden-Sydney graduate with B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, returned to St. Andrews as registrar in 1971 after work with the Admissions Office from 1960 to 1963. In the interval he was registrar at King College and a doctoral student at Emory University.

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Dean Rodger Decker praised the work of Mrs. Wright indicating she provided the motivation, information, and support to many students as they made the transition from the college campus--to positions in the professions, business, and industry. "We are indebted to Mrs. Wright for developing an excellent program which has been a great asset to the college," Decker concluded.