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Editorial
The Triumph Of The Few

This week freshman STMS students concluded a study of land use planning. Unfortunately, they missed a chance to see an example of land misuse right here on campus.

The area in question is a large, grassy, tree-covered area. It is bounded roughly by the woods behind Granville Hall, the mobile home project, the kennel road, the dam road, and the lake. The issue in question is whether or not the area should be enclosed and used as a pasture for horses.

It should not. To do so would be a gross injustice to the St. Andrews community. As is, the area is one of the nicer places in the residence area. On sunny afternoons one can see people out there lying in the sun, tossing a frisbee, reading, or just walking around. It offers a moment's respite from the pressures of the day, an escape from the loud stereo in the room next door, a chance to think. It is convenient to get to. Everyone enjoys access to it. Or did.

As noted previously, the fate of the area is to be fenced in and used to store horses. It will replace the current enclosure next to the Development Offices across the lake. Here again the reasoning is convenience. It would bring the horses closer to the riders. One now faces the big question-who shall benefit-many or few.

To fence in that area is to deprive everyone of access for the exclusive use of a small group. It is to surrender to the whims of a marginal percentage of the student body who feel compelled to have an animal on twenty-four hour call for their amusement and diversion. It is a triumph of the notion that all men are created equal but that some are more equal than others.

It will run right up to the trailers, depriving their residents access to an area just beyond their doorstep. Every window on the other side of the lake will open not onto a grassy meadow but a great dustbin enclosed by decaying railroad ties and wire. If access to the lake is provided one can add a large mudhole to the scenic vista this project will create.

From the standpoint of beauty, then, as well as consideration for people who will have to live around it, and from the idea of the greatest good for the greatest number, this land use intent is bad. There is no reason why it has to be put there on a campus this big. This pasture represents the interests of the student body being twisted to suit the interests of the few.

In point of fact, this is a protest more than anything else. It is too late to alter the situation. for it was decided last year. The railroad ties are already laid in place. Stakes are in the groun. It is just distressing, though, to find that the beauty and the quality of life have fallen so easily before the clarion call of convenience, and that the privilege mentality is yet so strong at St. Andrews. All we can say is enjoy, enjoy. Tomorrow you'll probably be fenced out.

Consumer Advocate To Appear

Noted consumer advocate Lillian Woo will speak at Pembroke University, on April 28, on the subjects of the energy crisis and protections for the North Carolina citizen. Now head of the Consumer Center in Raleigh, NC, Mrs. Woo is a former member of the North Carolina Milk Commission. She also served in the NC Consumer Protection Agency under former Attorney General Jim Carson. The event on the Pembroke campus is being jointly sponsored by the Pembroke student government, the woman's faculty and wives of faculty there. It will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Cafeteria. The public is invited.

Letters . . .

To the Editor:

There is no such book by Dick Bakken as "Phallus in Dallas." (The Lance, April 17) "Phallus in Dallas" is an epic poem I am writing concerning Dick Gregory's investigation of the Kennedy slaying and will never be published in the month of February. I wrote that title on Suzanne Hogg's notes of the evening to test its visual effect. Suzanne, being the dear ex-friend she was, knew it was a joke. It, along with "apologies to the couple in the corner", a smiley face, and "Korea 1957" were written on that page of blue ink notes in notorious black ink and when your reporters borrowed them they assumed that the black ink parts were about things that had been said before they arrived. I am not real mad, though, even though the President of the United States has been accused of not being able to walk an chew gum at the same time. However, I hope this mistake will not be seen by anyone as a slur on Dick Bakken's character. I for one thoroughly enjoyed his presentation as well as Mr. Sullivan's and Mr. Pudassic's. The real book that was published in February was "Miracle Finger", which is a work of lasting value. I have read it and it is definitely better than my now worthless aforementioned poem. I think what I have been trying to say all along is beautifully summed up by a friend of mine who said at dinner the other day: "Face it, some people out there don't know their elbow from their ——."

Formerly,
Clay Hamilton,
now,
Mud

(Editor's note: The reporters in question have registered yesterday for a guided independent study in anatomy under the Art Department faculty.)

To The Editor:

While standing in The Laurinburg Exchange office last week I happened to glance at The Lance which was just off the press, horror filled my soul. "Phallus in Dallas" is not, was not and may never be a book by Dick Bakken. Dick Puclassic is, in reality, Joe Pudassic. He has not written a book called "Phallus in Dallas" either. In the future I will avoid sitting next to people with roving fingers. My apologies to you, the staff, readers and especially Vanessa Holdsworth.

Suzanne M. Hogg

Bless you, Suzanne.—Vanessa Holdsworth

SOCCER

Soccer is the world's leading sport. The International Football Association estimates there are more than 16 million soccer players in at least 300,000 football clubs in 150 countries today. There are 11 players on each soccer team and only the goal-keeper can touch the ball with his hands.

More On Apathy

In the April 10 issue of The Lance, Michael Kahn submitted a letter to the editor expressing his dislike for a previous editorial which chided the student body for its apathy toward student elections. He seemed further insensed at the sweeping claims of apathy, or a non-commital attitude among the student body toward the SA community which circulates so frequently on this campus, saying: "I defend the student's right to apathy; his right to select his own goals."

Mr. Kahn has made a valid statement in pointing up the fact that students while involved in their own interests need not be involved in student government, or any other organization, if it is meaningless and ineffectual for them. But the question of apathy at S.A. is not one of involvement. Everyone is involved in something here on campus whether it be student government, theater, athletics, or the lounge televisions. There is no one on campus so dull as to be involved in absolutely nothing. With respect to the organizational involvement, there really is no apathy.

Apathy, here, is seen in the lack of concern for an effectual expression of our interests. St. Andrews has the potential for stimulating an intense degree of creativity; creativity in the arts, creativity in intellectual thought, and creativity especially in the sciences. For the most part, there exists a most incredibly energetic means for the student's self expression. But few of us are willing to express our own personal discoveries and perspectives to the community.

Not ignoring the fact that creative expression does take place, it seems often to be mostly faculty oriented or initiated. We as students so often, seem to be willing to settle for whatever effort gets us by. Once we've got our hands on that degree, our worries are over. That may be pushing a point too far, but in any case there is too little effort to communicate ideas in order to give input to our environment. Here at St. Andrews we so often play the institutional game instead of challenging that game's rules or creating new institutions.

So, apathy is not a question of involvement, but rather is a question of why there is so little communication of ideas which may further our discovery and enlightenment and thus our humanity. Such apathy is the defeating aspect of this school and can and must be overcome by a greater expenditure of individual energy, not toward a directed goal, but toward unforseen possibilities. Only then can St. Andrews reach its full potential as one of the more unique institutions in this country.

Thank you,
Walter Kuentzel

Student Attends Seminar

Charlie Barber, a student at St. Andrews, recently attended a session of the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, DC, as part of the college's Upward Bound program.

A week-long introduction to the workings of the federal government, the Presidential Classroom program's origins date back to the early 1960's when two pioneer projects in the area of non-partisan educational programs for youth in the area of politics and government were first established. One of these was the White House Seminars, which were begun in 1962 and evolved into the current summer intern program for college students. The other was Widening Horizons, a program sponsored by wives of Cabinet members. The success of these programs led to a reassessment of their organization in the mid 1960's, and culminated in the development of the independent Presidential Classroom structure.

The curriculum of the Classroom, each session of which lasts one week, is designed so that each student can draw upon a wide variety of resources to form a personal perspective on the workings of government–its issues, institutions, and people. These resources range from background material provided to the students to nationally known periodicals and journals to seminars and discussions between students, staff members, and guest speakers. The format also includes on-site briefings at such sites as the Department of Justice, the Capitol, and the Central Intelligence Agency. Topics covered included Power in Washington, The House of Representatives, The Senate, The Presidency, Pressure Groups, The News Media, Political Parties, and Foreign Policy.

Barber said the group was addressed by such nationally known figures as Senator John Tunney (D-Cal.), Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), and former New York City mayor John Lindsay. His experiences at the Classroom ended with a banquet addressed by Assistant Secretary of State Virginia Allen. Joining some six thousand alumni of the Classroom's six year existence, Barber characterized his experience as "extremely valuable. I wish everyone could take part because it is intended to help all young Americans better understand their government."