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Editorial

Yes, Virginia, There Is Still A Lance

To all of those students who were curious about the exclusion of the college newspaper from the newly arrived yearbook, let the word go forth: We're still here. We are inclined to protest with vigor this omission, however, in light of the number of groups who did manage to find their way into the volume. WSAP did, as did the College Christian Council, the St. Andrews studies course and several others. Needless to say, we do not begrudge their good fortune. What makes us cruious is why Lighthouse, a Laurinburg counseling service with no connections to St. Andrews at all other than that a few students work there, got a page, and why an another entire page was occupied by songs of praise of parachuting. If such extraneous material can find its place in the yearbook at the expense of regular college organizations, it may be well to see just how valuable the large investment of student funds the annual requires is.

Yearbooks are the sort of things that tend to be treated with studied indifference most of the time. Here, for example, a large, shamefully large, number of students don't even bother to have their picture taken to be included in this bound volume of nostalgia. Question its existence, however, and the response is usually swift and loud in its favor. Yet question we will-why do we need one? It costs a greal deal, but its quality cannot be guaranteed by the expense. Gathering a staff is always a problem, as it was this year. Many people don't even pick their copy up.

As late as it is this year, there is no chance of any real examination of this question this year or next. Their needs to be, though. There are bound to be cheaper alternatives, or at least ways to ensure that the yearbook will cover those things which are important on campus-such as The Lance, which publishes twenty-two or more issues every year in spite ofan appalling budget and a small staff, or the Student Association government, which appropriates the funds for them to use in the first place. Some of the optimists on the staff of The Lance note that it could have been worse-we were at least quoted twice. True enough, but if you see the source of the quote and aren't connected with the college, how do you know what The Lance is? An important function of a yearbook is topresentthe college an its activities to the public, and entirely too many things were left out. Short staffedness is undboutedly a problem, but not to the extent of the incompleteness of the yearbook. Be that as it may, though, rest assured there is a Lance. yearbook or not.

McNair Wins Grant

DEAN McNAIR

Assistant Dean of Students David McNair has recently been awarded a Graduate Alumni Fellowship from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dean McNair, who holds a BS degree from Fayetteville State and an MA from Columbia University, will be working on his doctorate degree in the field of counseling and plans to return to St. Andrews for the 1976-77 year.

Letters . . .

To The Editor:

Unfair politics cost the winter soccer team its rightful place in the state playoffs last week. Despite everything that happened in the post season play, however, I am sure that St. Andrews will field a winter soccer team again next year. Although this is more than Goldsboro's unit can claim, it comes as small consolation to the St. Andrews squad in the wake of Goldsboro's last-ditch effort to put Fayetteville in the playoffs.

I was under the impression that the St. Andrews team was going to Chapel Hill last Tuesday. Sandy Quillen read me a nasty letter from the coach of the Goldsboro group concerning all the troubles of his team. He included comments about their forfeit to us but did not come close to admitting that they did not even have a field suitable for play. The coach also as much as said that St. Andrews cheated its way to a 3-1 victory over Fayetteville April 13. It seems that the whole Goldsboro team is little more than a bunch of fools bordering on the baby stage who will never grow up and play soccer as it should be played. The league would be well advised and gratefully thanked by many to expel this bunch of characters at once.

Quillen could give me no results from Chapel Hill beyond echoing last week's statements. Fayetteville tried to tell us that they scored an equal number of goals in their match with us, claiming a 3-1 victory instead of the actual 2-1 count it was. Everyone knows 4 doesn't equal 3.

SA showed up on time ready to play all of its games. The college provided a lined field and well designated penalty areas. Sandy Quillen might have found the opposition's politics "distasteful", but there can be nothing distasteful about the efforts of his winter soccer team.

Sincerely
Kim Phillips

To the Editor:

I would like to reply to the editorial entitled "The Triumph of the Few" which was printed in the April 24 issue of The Lance. I am doing so because a newspaper should print facts, not inaccurate assumptions. Even an editorial should be based on investigated facts, and to print an editorial so clearly unresearched as the one to which I am refering is an act of irresponsible journalism.

Had the editor looked into the history of the development of the new pasture (even into the immediate past history) he would have found that most of the printed assumptions have little factual basis. The college granted the Riding Club permission to develop a pasture in 1971. This was done because, even at the earliest stages of Riding Club activities it was obvious that the temporary facilities by the Development office were inadequate for keeping the club horses. That the pasture is becoming a reality only after a period of four years reflects the careful land use analysis which preceeded development. The site behind Granville and one other site far back in the woods were found by soil conservationists to be the land most suited for pasture. School officials decided not to opt for the development of land far back in the woods because of the security risks involved. The site was not, then, chosen for convenience and to suit "the whims of a marginal percentage of the study body." Rather, it was chosen after a long land use study by experts from Soil Conservation, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Wildlife, and Fisheries, and representatives from U.S. Forest Service.

I might add that environmentalists and soil conservationists have been consulted at every stage of development to insure that the land and lake will not suffer environmental damage. Proper planting and fertilizing techniques and materials were determined by consulting such experts. Furthermore, the club will adhere strictly to the recommendation that one horse can be safely supported per acre of land using the recommended fertilization program. Not only to bring aesthic pleasure, but also to insure the health of the horses, the club will not allow the pasture to become "A great dustbin".

In the spring of 1971, a long awaited club goal began to become a reality. Club members and students concerned with the environmental impact of the pasture development cleared, plowed, and seeded the new pasture area. Had the editor been at St. Andrews before this school year he would know that the area he now praises as "one of the nicer places in the residence area" was not always the "large grassy...area" he now finds it to be. Before the club cleared and planted the area, it was covered in tree stumps, low lying scrub foliage and pine straw. It was only the very development he opposes which now allows the editor to praise the area as one so beautiful that it should not be fenced. Furthermore, before the clearing, the land was too entagled in scrub growth to attract most sunbathers and frizbee throwers.

In answer to the change that the pasture will deprive trailor "residents access to an area just beyond their doorstep", two facts are in order. First, the pasture area was cleared and planted before the HUD project was begun (at least in its physical stages). Infact, one of the trailors was actually built on land originally to be included in the pasture. However, the club does not intend to run its fence directly beside the trailors. Rather, the fence will be farther from the trailors in question on the lake saide than are the other two trailors on the other side.

The editorial charges that, once fenced, the pasture will be inaccessible and ugly to students. This is not true. Students can continue to read and walk through the pasture once horses are there (acutally, I do not believe any students are presently sunbathing in the pasture area. The pasture goes to the service road above the lake, not to the lake. The editor may well be assuming that popular lakesdie areas will be fenced in. They will not.) It is possible that the area may be more appealing to observe with horses than it is now. I know of few people who cringe at the sight of horses grazing in a well cared for pasture.

Finally, the Riding Club is not an elite group as the editorial implies. Membership is available to all students. Non-members can also enjoy the club horses when accompanied, for reasons of safety, by club members. Three of the horses to be living in the pasture are club horses used both for trail riding and for physical education instructions. Far from wishing to be an elite society, the St. Andrews Riding Club welcomes interested, willing, and participating members.

Thank you very much,
Beverly Beck
Secretary St. Andrews Riding Club
(Editor's note: Touché!)

To The Editor:

The Lance has been well uplifted by from the dark depths of touchy-feely, artsy stories (no offense) to the spiraling heights of jhournalism as it should be: informative.

One suggestion, though, and it really doesn't concern the paper. Next year, why not run a contest called, "Find the Error"? That way, if you make on (rare as they are these days) you can say it was all part of the plan. Instead of getting three angry letters with each writer blaming the other for what they themselves did (better read that again for clarity), you'd be able to announce the names of the vigilant souls who found the randomly scattered mistakes that week. It would also cause more people to read The Lance and get involved in it. I think it is an idea well worth considering.

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Now on the matter of errors in the way a newspaper is done, as far as I'm concerned, the rule of thumb should be that famous old quote, "To err is the norm; to not let it bother you should be the norm also." Good job, Lin.

Sincerely,
Clay Hamilton.