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Editorial Come Home, Gerry Ford

Gerald Ford should stay at home. Two attempts on his life in as many weeks are reason enough. Besides that, political junketing doesn't work.

The principal rationale for these excursions is that they keep the President in touch with his people, but they don't. Speeches before carefully selected audiences, mass rallies and airport press conferences are no way to find out what people think or to communicate with them en masse. Television offers a larger and safer forum.

Hugh Sidey, Time magazine's president-watcher, has written that "since the 1960s, presidential politicking has largely been for the enjoyment of the Presidents. They get to use their airplanes and helicopters more than ever. They love those machines and the sense of authority they bring. At 37,000 ft. or out in the unruffled spaces of Winner, S.Dak., the world is blissfully manageable. Adulation from masses of people actually changes their psyche. President-watchers have seen the cheeks of Johnson and Nixon tone from gray to pink as the strains of "Hail to The Chief" and the cheers of the crowd washed over them.

"That kind of campaign is basically a mindless operation - thus an escape from real work. No decisions are required, no memos need be digested, no concentration is necessary. A President can roll effortlessly from place, to place mounting the same old baloney. There is sometimes a kind of sensual gratification from handshaking, being pressed by crowds, waving arms and slapping backs...."

"...The amount of time and energy required for study and analysis of the array of problems now before the President precludes the old minstrel style of politics."

It is time to park the jets. People would rather vote for a working President than a traveling one.

Surface Appointed to Head CUB

Jerry Surface, a 1975 St. Andrews alumnus, the 1975-76 director of the College Union. In addition to being residence director of Winston Salem Hall, Surface advises the College Union Board and organizes the monthly calendar as part of his Union duties. He said his job mainly relies on communicating and working with student suggestions. Surface wants to have more activities in the College Union Building; the bridge and chess clubs are two examples which are already underway. He also said that all posters going on College Union boards should be initialed by him, to avoid the clutter and disorder that characterized last

year's boards.

One of Surface's current projects is restoring Farrago as a social center. He and Dave Niblock are working together in an effort to get Farrago open at least three weeks a month. Surface is also looking into organizing parties better so they won't be the usual "beer bust muck."

"What I need most is suggestions," Surface said. "I would like to plan more activities in the college union but I need ideas from people who are willing to participate."

Past President of Winston Salem, Surface was a literature major and plans to enter graduate school next year.

Letters . . .

Dear Editor;

I write these words with the deepest concern. Has anybody seen Nancy Sullivan or Phil Bradley? What of Jeff Gross? Has anyone noticed the mysterious blood stains on the picnic tables by the science building? Where is the St. Andrews rowboat? And the sailboat? Are the shreds of metal and fiberglass that have washed ashore by the spillway the only remnants? Of the college fleet? Why has fishing been so poor lately?

It is with a careful reviewing of all the evidence that I come to a conclusion. There is a 25-foot great white shark in Lake Ansley C. Moore. Something needs to be done immediately. Let's not let tragedy strike here, too. What bothers me is—why has the Administration been so hush-hush about the whole affair? Are they trying to keep admissions up instead of saving lives? Meanwhile, DON'T SWIM IN THE LAKE! THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN! Where is Sam Happy Dog?

Sincerely,
Peter Benchley

Dear Lin:

October 15 marks the date on which the suite telephones will be removed. As this will constitute a change from the present system I should be most appreciative if you would help publicize the date of the change-over. We are anxious to minimize the confusion as much as possible.

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As the President has explained, the new system is more closely parallel to that in use at other colleges and universities where students are allowed to have private telephones if so desired. Anyone here wishing to have a private telephone installed should go down to the Southern Bell offices on Cronly Street as soon as possible and make the appropriate application. They are expecting our students. I would also ask that as students have telephones installed they let us in Student Personnel Services know their numbers that we may communicate these to the various offices on campus.

Finally I wish to thank you for whatever you can do to assist in making this transition as smooth as possible. You might wish to point out that this new system relieves students from any dependency on the hours during which the switch-board operates, as folks will have their own telephones. Furthermore, this makes possible direct dialing of long distance calls, something which will produce a 30% saving per call for our students.

Thanking you for your attention, I am.

Sincerely yours,
Malcolm C. Doubles
Dean of Students

To the Editor:

Your comments on the Saltire were justified in one respect. Mistakes in names, such as substitution of Cartwright for Crawford is pretty blatant and lacking in good taste. But the reasons for error far outweigh the complaints a person could make.

It seems that unlike previous years, the Student Association government failed to appoint a Saltire committee in the spring. As a matter of fact, it was not until near graduation that a three-man committee was appointed to work on it that summer. Of those three only one got any information on what exactly was supposed to be done. This information consisted of a five minute talk with (Ex-Saltire chairman)

Susan Hamill, who kept saying, "It's real simple."

That committee began working during the first summer session when nobody was here to ask about who was what. The committee never really even met. About three days after the printer had begun to get angry the whole kaboodle was abandoned in front of Student Personnel. Dean Doubles then, doing the best he possibly could (having no assistance) saved the Saltire from being non-existent this year. So in our opinion it is better to have a few errors and a Saltire than no Saltire at all.

Sincerely,
The Saltire Committee
Steve Chasson
Clay Hamilton
Richard Hudson

On The Other Hand:

Lin Thompson

THE LANCE

The test problem:

"Inconvenience or no, though, money has to be saved somewhere and the student body would be well advised to accept the fact..."

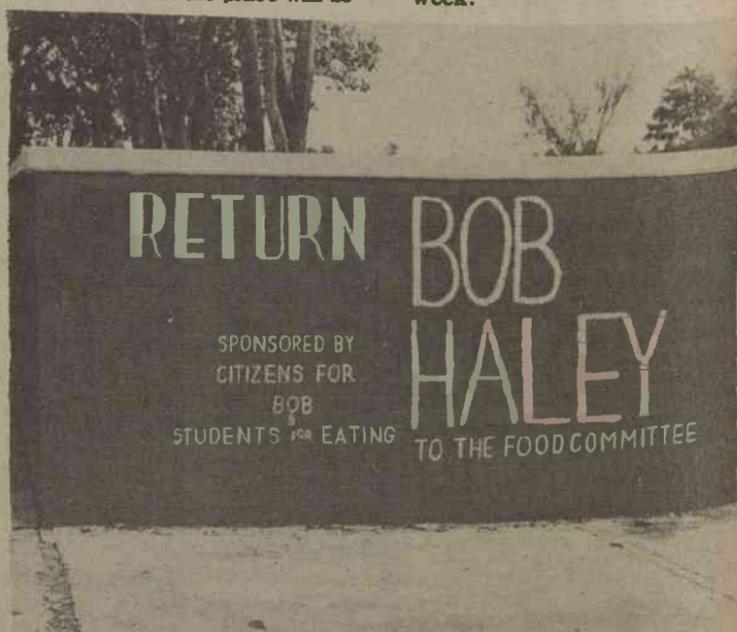
"Pretty dubious reasoning, coming from THE LANCE editor whose budget was "increased" this year!"

Your point, Dick.

Word has it St. Andrews' circulation librarian, Mrs. June Chay, is getting ready to open a store in the Brooks Shopping Center in town. She'd be dealing in wines, cheeses, and such things. No word on what the place will be

called, though. Suggestions: Chay's Cheese; or, taking a French approach, Chez Chay; or, more informally, Chay's Lounge. No charge for those, Mrs. C.—use them as you like.

Finally, "The Lance" hereby casts its endorsement in the ring for the re-appointment of Bob Haley to the Student Association Food Committee. The re-appointment, which as the support of such diverse groups as Citizens for Bob, Atty. Gen. Bill Wilmot, and Students for Eating (see photograph) comes up for Cabinet Consideration this week.



One of the informal fallacies of reasoning taught by Dick Prust in his Intro to Logic class is the circumstantial argument, in which a person's argument is discredited because of some activity or involvement one might expect to color his judgment. For example: a textile manufacturer's argument for higher tariffs on imported cloth being rejected by his listeners on the grounds that he would naturally favor high tariffs. The example used by clever Dick on a recent test drew on interesting line from my editorial on telephone service two weeks ago and my efforts to secure a bigger budget for -