

# The Lance

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# Letters . . .

## Conference

## Getting Maintenance Moving

Slow down, you move too fast got to make the morning last...  
 -Simon and Garfunkel, "The 59th Street Bridge Song"

The hiring of a new Director of the College Plant (Maintenance) last week to replace Karl Mattson will hopefully, also spur a reevaluation of that department's effectiveness.

Because of its responsibility-care and maintenance of the campus grounds and buildings, the department is one of the key agencies of the college. It has not, however, by any stretch of the imagination, lived up to its responsibilities.

Maintenance's general inefficiency has become a St. Andrews legend. Students on workshop with that department constantly amaze their fellows with tales of how for example, changing light bulbs in a dorm courtyard can take half a day. Recently it took nearly a week to rake the cut grass from the soccer field, with the result being the playing of a match on the practice field. Two students in one dorm have had a non-working lock on their door since classes began a month ago. A work order for repair of a door in Mecklenburg Hall was submitted two years ago and has yet to be attended to.

This kind of slipshod work is inexcusable on so large and continuous a scale. The new director should take a long, hard look at his operation and personnel with a view toward improvement-soon.

To the Editor:

An informal group has been meeting to consider how we will continue learning about the food we eat. We are: Bety Lyon, Terry Clark, Elizabeth Scott, Glen Kennedy & Kathleen Newsom Simmons. The five of us began reading and thinking about nutrition and food production last year in connection with the Food Day observance held across the country. Where does food come from? Why do we eat different foods? What does food do in our bodies? — To continue with these questions is a priority for the five of us, and we invite anyone else interested to get in touch with us.

At this point (thh beginning) we would like to make it clear that, collectiely, we have not the money, time, nor inclination to establish any sort of organizational or group structure in the sense that issues are most often formally dealt with. We are not going to stuff mailboxes with pictures of hungry-bellied babies. (Although we do certainly bear in mind that they exist.) — What we do have to offer, & ask you to join us in, is:

1. To share and expand our personal research; included would be a resource display and bibliography in thh book store, and a reserve shelf in the library.

2. To make our participation available to more formally organized groups on campus. We foresee this taking two forms.

A. Helping to plan special programs for regularly scheduled campus gatherings (for exaaple, a Whet Wednesday on the Politics of Food Production and Distribution).

B. Utilizing the research & resources of NC-PIRG, ECOS & the Food Committee (ie. getting some off-campus speakers through the Research groups).

3. To plan a series of events the week-end just prior to Thanksgiving. These events will include:

A. Presenting some short films, a panel discussion by food producers from our area, some workshops on "how to's" (ie. how to plan better and simpler diets, and how to shop between the aisles at the food store...etc.)

B. Thinking together on the theme of events, namely, "How can we become more aware of how (and whom) we eat?"

4. To evaluate personal and institutional (specially St. Andrews) alternatives to our present eating habits and food production process. (This is going to be the hardest part. — We see this weekend to be a particular time to reflect creatively as well as critically together; not to get all of us mired in depression or guilt, but to begin to identify some options toward which we, as a community, can begin to act.)

5. To begin implementation of the options generated.

All of these words are ideas now. We will be scratching around in the words and ideas again on Monday night at ten P.M. in the Wilmington Main Lounge. We ask you to work with us to make the ideas shared experiences.

Kathleen Newsom Simmons & Glen Kennedy (for Beth Lyon, Terry Clark, Elizabeth Scott, Glen Kennedy, & Kathleen Newsom Simmons)

Two St. Andrews students, Kathy Lunsford and Laura Drumheller, attended the recent convention of the North Carolina Rehabilitation Association in Asheville. The only student members of the organization, the students participated in the convention's fiftieth anniversary look at rehabilitation programs in the state. Even though progress has been slow in the field, it was pointed out by a number of speakers that North Carolina's programs are among the most advanced in the nation.

While at the convention, the students attended presentations on the new field of rehabilitation engineering, new communications devices for the deaf and blind, and certification of rehabilitation counselors they also discussed with professors from East Carolina University and UNC-Chapel Hill the graduate study opportunities in rehabilitation counseling.

## We Goofed!

Last Week's article on recent Judicial Committee appointments contained a typographical error—an extra comma—that made it appear that David Southcomb is chairman of that board. He is not. The actual chairman is Libby Floweree. THE LANCE apologizes for the error.

## Amendment

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"No elected officer may be an employee of Student Personnel Services;" the amendment would, if passed, change the section to read:

"(a) No elected officer may be employed by Student Personnel Services as Dormitory Resident Director, Dormitory Assistant Residence Director, or Director of the College Union.

"(b) No appointed member of the Judicial Branch of the Student Association may be employed by Student Personnel Services as Dormitory Residence Director, Dormitory Assistant Resident Director, or Director of the Student Union."

Houge resigned his CCC post after Senate passage of the amendment. A vote of the amendment, the CCC vacancy, and a successor to recently resigned Student Association Secretary Lisa Tillson, will be held as soon as a Elections Board is appointed by Student Association President Keith Gribble.



## At The Movies

THE IMMORTAL STORY,

directed by Orson Welles. Starring Orson Welles and Jeanne Moreau. An old man's power and wealth appear to bring an old sea tale to life, only to disappear with the suicide of the principle character. A fable of the absolute corruption of absolute power, the film is a worthy product of the maker of "Citizen Kane." 7:00 p.m.

Sunday in Avinger Auditorium.

## On The Other Hand: More On Murphy's Laws

Murphy's laws explain why things go wrong. Eight of them were run in THE LANCE last spring, and are rerun here for the benefit of those unfamiliar with them.

1. In any field of endeavor, anything that can go wrong will go wrong.

2. Left to themselves, things always go from bad to worse.

3. If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will go wrong is the one that will do the most damage.

4. Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.

5. Life is a bitch. (Whittington's Corollary)

6. If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

7. If any two people are in agreement, they must be talking about different things. (Vaughn's Corollary)

8. Entropy is increasing. (Tyler Miller's Rule)

One might well think, as this reporter did, that this compendium of cynicism could explain anything. We were wrong, folks. There's more.

Mackay Asbury, a '75 SA graduate, former attorney general and soccer star for the Knights, sends me a clipping this week which carries the results of a lengthy search for the complete Murphy's Laws by a New York management consultant firm.

Charles Yulish Associates announced recently the results of their research into the man Murphy and his laws. The search for information led the to a garage in Toledo, an inventor's junk left in Alequippo, Pa., the home of a retired female blackmailer in Sarasoto, Fla., and some other places as well.

It was learned that Murphy had no first name, never held a job, and that his letters were invariably returned by the post office for insufficient postage and added the researchers, "we learned that Irish whiskey definitely deteriorates writing paper."

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Yulish search was the discovery of eight more laws. Knowing the average SA student's desire to always be on the cutting edge of new knowledge, we present Laws 9-16 as a public service.

9. Nothing is ever as simple as it first seems.

10. Everything you decide to do costs more than you first estimated.

11. Every activity takes more time than you have.

12. It's easier to make a commitment or to get involved in something than it is to get out of it.

13. Whatever you set out to do, something else must be done first.

14. If you improve or tinker with something long enough, eventually it will break.

15. By making something absolutely clear, somebody will be confused.

16. You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, and that is usually sufficient.

Lin Thompson

## HENRY V

An Outstanding Film Starring Lawrence Olivier  
 Wednesday Night  
 7:30 P. M.  
 Avinger Auditorium