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## Editorial

### Keeping An Eye on Student Life

Ever since Mr. Perkinson assumed the presidency six months ago, there have been rumblings about student life and the image it has "given the college.

Too many parties, too much drinking, hours too loosely set, etc.

If, When, and How a crackdown on such things, be they real or imagined, would be set into motion has been the subject of considerable talk among students. Perhaps the vehicle has surfaced in the form of the Faculty Executive Committee's request for a study of student life and housing by the Student Life Committee, for it will certainly examine these matters.

Such an examination will call for objectiveness and restraint on the part of the committee to avoid letting personal opinions get in their ways, as well as to avoid letting the discovery of undesirable situations lead to oversized curtailments of student freedom, as is feared in some quarters of the SA community. It will call for attentiveness on the part of the student body in following the committee's progress and responsibility in seeking out and expressing opinions to Student Life Committee members. They are listed below this editorial.

For its part, THE LANCE will cover the activities of the study as it negotiates its way toward its January 22 deadline, reporting them as they develop.

The SLC report will be a substantial and influential document. Make sure your views are heard while it is in the making.

#### Student Life Committee Faculty Members

John Clausz  
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 William Loftus

David McLean  
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## Here's The Text Of The Dean's Letter

Dr. David McLean, Chairman  
 Student Life Committee

Dr. Malcolm C. Doubles  
 Dean of Students

Dear Drs. McLean and Doubles:

The Faculty Executive Committee requests that the Student Life Committee study:

1. The Student Housing Program, its purpose, structure, and non-structures and its philosophy of Student Life.

2. Student attitudes toward the quality of Student Life, academic and social.

The Committee is asked to delineate the positive features of the Housing Program as well as the shortcomings and inadequacies of the program.

We would hope that the Committee in its report will articulate its philosophy of Student Life and its recommendations for a Housing Program consistent with and complimentary to that philosophy. To be of any functional use, the Committee's recommendations must also be consistent with reasonable expectations as to college resources.

The evaluation and survey of student attitudes as to the quality of Student Life should provide an identification of those qualities and characteristics of the student experience at St. Andrews which we should strive to preserve. At the same time, we would hope that the evaluation and survey would identify those shortcomings

and undesirable characteristics in Student Life which we should strive to eliminate or minimize.

I am enclosing copies of a search of the literature on student residence studies and problems made by Dean David McNair. You may want to make sure that Committee members read this study and that there is some agreement as to what is understood to be the professional attitude toward the role of the student's dormitory life and his wider college experiences. So that the Committee's study and report may be of use in our long range planning, we request that it be filed with the Faculty Executive Committee no later than November 5th, 1975.

Sincerely yours,  
 Victor C. Arnold  
 Vice President for Academic Affairs  
 Chairman, Faculty Executive Committee

## More on Sharks

Dear Editor;

I am probably relieved like yourself to learn that Mr. Bradley is alive and well. But this does not detract from the seriousness of the impending danger of a St. Andrews "JAWS". Why just the other day I heard a student making light of sharks. Here is what he said:

"Why did the shark paint his victim orange? So he could tell his kids they were eating at Howard Johnson's." He continued, "Why do sharks have flat noses? From running into parked barracudas."

Now Mr. Courtney may be able to gain a ha ha from the dilemma but I promise you this is serious. Where is Ms. (sic) Neylans? The number of people disappearing is growing greater everyday.

Has anybody seen or heard from Donald Hart? No, The time is now for all good students to come to the aide of their school. The shark is there I know it! You've got to help me find him and kill him.

The easy way to kill a shark that I know of is to feed it something poisonous. Mrs. Pete perhaps? (Maybe delete that, Lin) Dean Doubles? We

We must act now or forever be a serving dish to an oversized swimming hold.

Sincerely,  
 Peter Benchley

#### LAUGHLIN

really wanted to clean up the monetary and banking system in Italy."

"Economic," said the New Directions publisher, "was the obsession of Pound's life. If the city of New York had started listening to 'Uncle Ez' 20 years ago, they wouldn't be about to default on their bonds."

In spite of his high praise for the poet's intellect and wisdom, Laughlin said he felt that Pound's alleged anti-semitism was a matter of "mental disease," rather than simple prejudice, and added that psychiatrists had confirmed this view when they examined Pound after he was taken into custody by the U.S. government following World War II.

Daylight Savings Time, or rather, its departure, has upset numerous biologic clocks here. Attendance at breakfast has been up—people who awake an hour early. Clocks in the LA building are back to their old ways—each reading a different time. Hopefully they'll be fixed soon.

LIN THOMPSON

## On The Other Hand:

Mr. Chuck Westburg's appointment as head of the maintenance seems to be producing results.

Veteran holes in the pavement are being patched. A contractor has been hired to do some roofing repair long deferred.

The golf course is thriving. It looks like a course again after a summer of neglect. Greens are being cross-cut; they've been aerated and fertilized. The bunkers have been weeded and filled with new sand. Hundreds of divots mark the fairways, but it will take a while to fix that. Tom Whiteley's beginning golf class had a head start.

Things seem to be on the move.

The President had another party this week, this one for James Laughlin and Mrs. L.A. number of students were invited, as has been the case at all the functions he's had at his home. It is a good practice; the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. It keeps the chief in touch with his constituency.

The Presidential lawn by the way, has sprouted its winter grass and is blindingly green compared to the subdued reds and browns of the residence. Two pots of marigolds flank the front steps, making little blazes of color. Drive by sometime. It's a sight to see. 612 South Main, on your right as you go into town.

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