

# The Lance

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## Editorial

### They'll Listen If You Talk

There is an old Chinese curse that goes, "May you live in interesting times."

These are such times at St. Andrews. The president is shaping the outlines of his first budget, drawing new priorities, rearranging old. Extensive faculty self-examination, particularly of the advisor system, is underway.

What is of immediate importance to the student community is the work of the Student Life and Retention committees. The recommendations they make from their research and input received from members of the college as a whole may well cause radical changes in how students live, and in their relationships with each other and the faculty and administration.

This is one of those rare times when what you think can have an immediate impact.

Follow the committees' work. Badger their members to tell you what they're doing. Tell them what you think. Fill out those questionnaires, honestly. The results will be taken seriously.

The climate for change will be short-lived. It will not be seen again most likely - during the stay of any student here. Speak up now, or, as they say in the marriage game, forever hold your piece. These "interesting times" will be what you make them.

### Thanks For The Plaudits

All of us with THE LANCE have greatly appreciated all the praise and favorable notices received from students, faculty and administration on the new format and special features instituted over the past two issues. They are the kinds of things we promised last spring and again this fall at the budget hearing, and it's good to know most people seem to feel they're getting their money's worth.

## College Receives Two Bequests

During August the College was the recipient of two bequests, one for \$10,000 from the estate of Mr. Gibson C. Seymour of Aberdeen, and one for \$1,000 from the estate of Mr. Merton L. Corey of Tampa, Florida. These both came at a time when the College was renewing its efforts to develop the whole area of deferred giving and estate planning. On September 1, J. Allan Smyth, Director of Church Relations, was given the additional responsibility of Director of Deferred Giving, and will devote half-time to developing and marketing various deferred giving opportunities in support of the College.

Upon receipt of the bequests, J. Bruce Frye, Vice President for Development, commented, "The College was aware of its inclusion in the wills of both Mr. Seymour and Mr. Corey. In fact, these both came about in part by the deliberate effort of the College in earlier years to seek inclusion in the wills of friends who believe in St. Andrews and wanted to help insure its future beyond their death. Our decision to renew our efforts in deferred giving is based on the fact that this remains, the greatest resource for potential support of the College".

## On The Other Hand:

# Look What My Sister's Done!

This article by Kays Gary from Tuesday's Charlotte Observer may be thought too personal to be put even in a column, but how many times has your sister done anything like this? How many?

Shelby's T.J. "Tommy" Thompson has a bit of a swagger to his walk these days and it isn't because he is going through the change or becoming a grandfather or anything like that.

His daughter, Ginny, 16, has been selected as a finalist in the Miss Teen-Age America Pageant to be televised by NBC Nov. 15 from Tulsa, Okla.

Pageants are changing. Ginny didn't get picked just because she is a pretty girl. For this contest she took a written test prepared by World Book Encyclopedia. The test score, personality, academic accomplishments and special achievements are heaviest factors in the judging. Ginny is on the A honor roll. She's a musician, an award-winning swimmer, a Future Homemaker, Future Teacher, president of the Ecology Club. In short, Ginny's a winner.

#### NO FIRE EATING

Of course a \$10,000 scholarship is up for grabs and Ginny Of course a \$10,000 scholarship is up for grabs and Ginny won't have to eat fire or twirl a baton to have a crack at it.

### Committee

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they relate to student attrition. It will be working closely with the Student Life Committee's investigation of the quality of student life over the next two months. Other members of the Retention Committee are students Karen Hardison and Sandy Hart, faculty members Ron Crossley and Tyler Miller, and Financial Aid Director Mac McMillan.

All Committee members are seeking student and faculty total participation by the students. "There are two ways they can help us," he said. "One, by just filling it out we can get an overall attrition average for St. Andrews. Two, by filling it out and voluntarily signing their names to the questionnaire, the students will help us pinpoint each student's likelihood of leaving St. Andrews early and try to head it off."

The Retention Committee, chaired by Stephens, was appointed by President Perkinson early this fall to look at the college's operations as and opinion on the attrition question. Faculty and staff members can be reached in their offices, and student members Karen Hardison and Sandy Hart live at 119 Albemarle and 317 Old Meck, respectively. Crossley, Stephens and Hart will also be attending a national conference reducing attrition sponsored by the National Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges in St. Louis November 21 and 22.



MY SISTER

I wonder if finalists will be required to answer questions. Usually, those questions are pretty silly and I've always thought parents should be allowed to make them up. I'd pick a Miss Teen-Age America, for example, on the basis of her answer to questions like:

"Identify the following: Needle, Brillo pad. Vacuum cleaner. Clothes hamper."

"Define 'cute boy' without using the words, 'You know.'"

"Name three parts of a car requiring maintenance besides the gas tank, tires and a boy."

"Name three edible vegetables aside from french fries."

"How long should each

"How long should each member of the family be allowed to use the bathroom every morning?"

#### WINNERS ALREADY

"Can you wash, dry and curl your hair in less time than it takes Richard Petty to

win the World 600?"

"What is the major problem of society today aside from pimples, parents, little brothers and the price of blue jeans?"

The answers to such questions would reveal qualities of the true Miss Teen-Age America.

There's even a candidate at my house. She'd crash on some of the questions and she may think "Clair de Lune" is a new hair rinse, but she can whip up a dandy meat loaf and scrub a broiler pan, which is a strong score in any teen-age talent competition. Maybe someday...

Meanwhile, remember Nov. 15 and root for Ginny and the Tommy Thompsons. It seems they're already big winners even without a \$10,000 scholarship.

Official commendations:

President Perkinson: "It's too bad the looks couldn't have been more evenly distributed in your family." News Bureau Manager Mary Jo McCall: "She looks a heck of a lot better than her brother."

English Dept. Chairman Carl Bennett: "I agree with the President."

Suite 4, New Meck: "When is she coming to visit you?"

LIN THOMPSON

Editor, THE LANCE  
 Campus Mail  
 Dear Lin

Congratulations on the last two issues of THE LANCE - the best two issues I have seen in my six years at St. Andrews.

Sincerely,  
 George Fouke  
 Politics Dept.

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