

**Congratulations, Richard!**

Richard Hudson was honored last week by the Mayor of Laurinburg's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Richard was named "Handicapped Student of the Year", and we at THE LANCE want to add our congratulations to those he has already received in great numbers.

Richard came to St. Andrews in the fall of 1974 from N. C. State and quickly became a familiar part of the college community. Involved in a number of campus activities, he has most recently been a mainstay of the wheelchair basketball

team. Last year he was a valued member of the staff of THE LANCE, and those who know him well know that he writes some pretty good poetry, too. His contributions to the St. Andrews, both tangible and intangible, have been positive ones, and were taken note of last week at the awards banquet. As Richard will be graduating at the end of this term, the award is especially timely, a sort of farewell present to a great person. All of us at THE LANCE will miss him, as, no doubt, will the college community at large. Best of luck to him in the future.

**What's going on in the library?**

Of all the petty new rules being bandied about on the others side of the lake, the confiscation policy of the DeTamble Library is unquestionably the most peevish, punitive and absurd of them all.

According to a notice on the stairs, the library is feeling the crush of increased use. Consequently table space is at a premium, the staff says. Their response is that materials left on a table for a protracted period will be confiscated to free the table space.

We disagree. Spot checks by the editor of THE LANCE over the last week - at various times, day and night - do not support the library's contentions. 30 to 40 carrels were open at all times, and at most, three large tables were covered by one

person's sprawl. Closer examination in these cases revealed term papers in progress.

The function of a library is to facilitate research and learning. It is not to be a spotless example of good housekeeping. There is no reason why a student, working out of nine or ten books and pages and pages of notes, should have to pack up everything and take it with him every time he leaves.

Let the protests fly. Student Association President Keith Gribble should fill the student seats on the Library Committee - no one self-nominated for them in September - with a blue ribbon group of student leaders. It is obvious the Library needs close watching.

**Do something about the Mother Earth greenhouse**

Dean Arnold suggested that it was a manifestation of the Mother Earth fad that swept the campus last fall, and he seems to have been right. The Mother Earth greenhouse was first conceptualized as a contribution by the school to the Mother Earth Fair, held last October by various events committees and the Mother Earth News Service. The greenhouse got off to a late start, though, and the construction dragged on for quite a while before it was finally finished. It has been more or less empty ever since. There was a garden planted outside the structure last spring; it has since been harvested and has given way to a riot of weeds. What we wonder is under whose jurisdiction does the greenhouse fall, and what do they plan to do with it?

We see moving the greenhouse to another location as the best initial action on the road to putting it to constructive use. It is presently located behind the WSAP/Farrago building, a location that can at best be described as out of the way. It is the sandy road and the weed choked path to it, and it is a security risk, being so far from any regularly traveled ways. We are frankly surprised that the large of glass which cover the front of the structure have survived as long as they have, given the isolation of the area and the fondness of most vandals for reducing large expanses of glass to slivers.

A New Year's Resolution: decide who it belongs to and what's going to be done with it.

**... And whatever happened to the Energy contest?**

It was going to be quite a deal, the Residence Energy Contest. THE LANCE ran a front page story about it on February 28, complete with praiseworthy remarks by Deans McNair and Doubles on its goals and motives.

Simply stated, the Residence Energy Contest was to be a contest of indefinite duration to see which dorm could use the least energy. Figures on energy use were to be compiled, awards given to the most frugal dorm, and veritable megawatts of energy saved.

After the initial information given through the article of

February 28, however, the REC was never again heard from. Not a peep. Not even the hum of a stray kilowatt hour coursing through the wires to a dorm which had left an unnecessary light on.

This seems odd, considering just how much money might actually be saved by a savings campaign, especially when the administration is willing to do (just about) anything to save money. Therefore, we propose another New Year's Resolution: find out what happened to the REC, at least as a matter of public record. If possible rehabilitate it.

**Giving credit where it's due**

St. Andrews should be proud of its student government. No one can accuse them of acting upon anything in undue haste. This week, for example, they got around to having elections for off campus Senate and College Union Board representatives, as well as the constitutional amendment passed by the Senate several months ago. Enough people remembered what the amendment was about to pass it, but the Elections Board, allowing that the entire student body shouldn't have been permitted to vote for off-campus candidates, had to throw out the Senate and CUB elections. Members of those two bodies are urged, if the representatives are ever elected, to bring them quickly up to date on all the things they missed the first half of the year...

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**Letters . . .**

December 2, 1975  
Mr. Robert W. Gillenwater  
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Campus Mail

Dear Mr. Gillenwater:

In response to your proposals set forth in your letter published in the November 20 issue of The Lance, let me say categorically that your proposals will receive precisely the kind of consideration they deserve!

However, I must confess to some skepticism as to whether your proposals constitute the most convenient way to move all of us in comfort back and forth across the lake. In fact, if I am to believe the reports of the faculty and students who spend so much time in the Science Center, I am not sure they need a causewalk to get across the lake. Those who are unable to walk on the water have shown clearly the capability of devising computer programs that would clearly identify for

them the location of every stump in the lake, making possible safe crossings with water rising no higher than the knees.

But assuming, as you do, that more comfortable and convenient access is needed, perhaps we should consider the possibility of constructing a chairlift system, with all cars being fully enclosed and heated. This system would have the added advantage of being useful for the skiers on campus, in the event we ever had a snow or a hill on campus.

On reflection, a monorail might be more appropriate, with loading stations being constructed in the main lounges of each dormitory. The monorail might be more in keeping with our architectural style, and the construction of loading arrangements in the dorm lounges would certainly con-

**Vardell exhibit**

Vardell Gallery, for the week of Monday December 8 - Wednesday December 17, is hosting a collection of prints, paintings, light designs and pottery by Christopher and Karen Payne-Taylor.

The Payne-Taylor, both seniors at St. Andrews, aim to integrate both idea and function into their work. The two disagree that art is a spontaneous feeling: "Art is not a whim, a fantasy, or a dream; art must have a function. In order for art to exist, it must have an idea. This idea is either a statement about the meaning of life or a way to enhance the quality of life."

Furthermore, the Payne-Taylor agree that the present generation, geared towards cynicism and apathy, should become more aware of the work and methods involved in the production of good art: "Its time for people to create a statement or idea; we've said nothing long enough. The Renaissance must come." The current opinion of life having no purpose is disdained by the Payne-Taylor also: "When the artist says life has no meaning and continues to live, he should be dead." In fact, the artist, according to the two, is the leader of the society and should, therefore, be geared to action, enlightenment and motivation: "The artist's function is to lead the intelligensia of society. Without him no one would be concerned with the ideals of humanity."

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stitute a more productive use of those rooms than some now being employed.

As you can see from my letter, this administration is open to every suggestion and is willing to approach the solution of all problems with imaginations rampant.

Keep those cards and letters coming in.

Sincerely,  
A.P. Perkinson, Jr.  
President  
cc: Mr. Lin Thompson

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