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Letters . . .

Dear Editor,

I was saddened to read Lindsay Thompson's editorial on the current state of the Mother Earth Greenhouse. Since most of the people who were heavily involved are now elsewhere, I suppose that the responsibility for the Greenhouse and its continued existence devolve on me.

The Greenhouse was conceived in the fervor of the Mother Earth Fair, it is true, but proved to develop a separate existence. I really don't think that any of us had any idea of the complexity of building a structure like a greenhouse, but near the end of spring term, the structure was complete and only lacked shelves, and a few other amenities. The shelves have since been installed, and measures are being taken to correct other deficiencies.

The Greenhouse was, and still is, a monument to an alternative construction of a useful structure. This was due to several factors, not the least of which was the lack of any money whatsoever. However, glass was wheedled from LOF, lumber was obtained from a local lumberyard, and a demolished residence in Maxton was scavenged for brick and cinderblock. The structure is internally sound, and is watertight. The design for it was taken from an already existing structure in the Smokey Mtns. It is now, and has been, ready to use.

Or was. Due to some overanxiousness on the part of Maintenance, a frame which I had built for a solar collector and some forty feet of PVC tubing that went with it, plus some wood and other supplies, got cleaned up. The tubing I later located on a pile of similar material behind Main-

tenance. The frame is nowhere to be found, not even where Maintenance told me it should be.

I do not want the Greenhouse to suffer the same fate as the dome. Considerable effort, time, money, and blood on the part of many people went into its construction. Most of these people are no longer here, but their involvement still exists. I have noted some renewed interest in the Greenhouse, which I won't pretend didn't surprise me. I would like to invite any of the St. Andrews Community to visit, or better yet, use the Greenhouse. The point of all this is that the structure works and is available for anyone to use. The Greenhouse will be maintained.

Many people consider the Greenhouse to be incredibly ugly. I won't argue. It does lack some of the niceties that come with unlimited money and material. On the other hand, some people think the structure is an elegant example of what can be done with time, patience, and a love for green things. Among them, me.

Thank you,
James M. Putnam

Dear Editor,

I am concerned with the way in which notices are distributed on campus, or should I say, the way paper is wasted on short announcements. Two solutions are: 1) use your extra 3/4 of the sheet for letter writing and score keeping; or 2) use sheets cut in halves or thirds or smaller and put notices up in poster form in areas where students will not miss them.

Thank you,
Susan Anderson

Lance Classifieds

The Lance will run your classifieds free for four weeks, or until you tell us to stop, whichever comes first. Write them down and send them to Box 757 campus mail, or leave them in the News Bureau in the LA Building.

FOR SALE: My old green golf cart for \$150.00. My newer blue golf cart for \$200.00. Both run good—Never walk across the lake again. Contact Tom Hicks, Box 611, or Suite 5 orange, or 276-5743.

REWARD: \$5.00 offered for return of gold chain necklance lost Saturday night (Jan. 17) somewhere between Wilmington Dorm and the circle in front of Student Union. If found please contact Garnett Conaway, Box 51.

NEEDED: The following books!!! "Quantification in American History," "Slavery and the Numbers Game," and "Living in the Environment: Concepts, Problems, and Alternatives." If interested in selling or lending these books please contact Paula Hinson, Box 79.

FOR SALE: 2 pairs of oddly shaped jeans. (Levi's boot leg) waist 30, leg 29; \$8 each or \$15 the pair. Good shape, 3 months old, slightly faded. Lisa, Orange - Rm. 110.

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SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

With Stage agencies are being offered this summer. Seniors and juniors will be given preference, but anyone may apply. These internships are in a variety of fields: history, computer science, politics, math, natural science, etc. Most are paid internships and may be taken for course credit with instructor's approval. See George Fouke (Politics Dept.) for applications. All applications must be received between February 1 and March 1, 1976.



Editorial

Thanks!

Books are in for the spring term, as most of you realize, and besides being expensive (I guess they always are!), some of the selections amazed me when I first saw them. One book in particular caught my attention; it was James McCrimmon's "Writing with a Purpose," which is being used in all classes of St. Andrews Studies (SAS) 102. Upon examination of the book's table of contents, I discovered, to my apparent horror, that the book contained the same items that I had previously encountered in my tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade high school English classes. However, after some consideration, I decided that the SAS professors must have had a specific reason, or reasons, for selecting this book. It is possible that after the professors had read the works of the freshmen and freshmen during SAS 101 fall term, they saw a definite need for a good English text to serve as a foundation for writing; or, maybe, the professors thought that this book was an excellent reference text and this was a good chance to get every freshman and freshman to purchase a copy. For whatever reason, or combination of reasons, the book was selected, I am grateful that such a text was chosen. Many freshpersons have made comments on the book ranging from the book is an easy to understand text useful for all occasions—to—that is an outrageous cost to pay for a book!

My only hope is that McCrimmon's "Writing with a Purpose" will be used more than Ken McCrorie's "Telling Writing," the English text for SAS fall term 1975, was used. Also, it would seem a little more logical to have used McCrimmon's text fall term and McCrorie's book spring term since McCrimmon's text is far superior to McCrorie's book. In the long run, however, the purpose outweighs the time of purchase, so THANKS SAS 102 professors!

MICHAEL GREENE

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