

## Hamilton Letter

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and the people who have made it destructively plain that they disagree with others. I think this is cowardly and useless in making a constructive effort toward resolving the present conflict. Sincerely,  
Clay Hamilton

## Editor

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turned into a propaganda sheet favoring one faction over another.

It must also be taken into consideration that THE LANCE is the only campus-wide communications and information medium. This imposes upon us the responsibility to report as accurately as possible the views of all segments of the St. Andrews community student, faculty, administrative, or what have you. We must be committed to the definition of newspaper itself, and that is a commitment to the truth as best we can discern it. The Smith affair has aroused such violent emotions and has become so complex that you can find in it something for every point of view. We have to sift through them all and try to find out what the facts are, leaving the interpretation up to the reader except when we offer, for the furthering of debate on an issue, an opinion which we see as valid. These opinions should be taken as such and as nothing more.

To the extent that any institution is run by people it will always fall short of its aims, and for our shortcomings in the coverage of this matter we expect to be called to account. But we also expect to be judged fairly, the absence of which in this instance has created the need for this response. I plan to say no more in my defense and hope that my critics will similarly drop me as an issue and get back to the larger ones already at hand.

Sincerely,  
Lin Thompson, Editor

## Track Ready

This year's track team is busy preparing for their spring campaign. Under the direction of Coaches Floyd Blackwell and Dean Betts, the squad should be prepared for the upcoming Methodist Invitational Track and Field Meet next weekend. Heading the list of returning lettermen are Jim Thwaite and Mike Jones. Jones is the school record holder in the triple jump while Thwaite is a standout in the javlin, the shotput and discus. Hampton Peele returns as the top pole vaulter while Jake Jacobs and Bill Owens were tops in sprint events last year. Bob Pelon and Cyril Spann were the top long distance runners last season.

Track and field meets are usually not won on the strength of a few individuals. The added dimension of this long distance runners last the amount of able bodies competing. There is ample year's team over last year's is depth in each event. Sprinters Brothers, Jagne, Richardson and Bowman while middle distance men include Potts, Peterson, Goodwin and Howard. The hurdling events seem to be the strongest aspect of the harriers this year with Don Rookard, Tim Griggs, Peele and Owens competing in both the 120 yrd. and 440 intermediate hurdles. At this stage in the game, it is

in the field events where the team is weakest. At present, Rookard is the only high jumper, Peele the sole pole vaulter, Jones the only triple and longer jumper and Thwaite the single shot putter. The discus and javlin are the only field events where the Knights have depth. Butch Keller, Thwaite and Griggs provide ample support in these categories.

The one major problem in track and field this year is that about one third of the individuals on the squad also compete in other spring varsity athletics such as baseball, soccer and golf. Training time to the select few could be limited. The important factor is for each man to keep in shape and avoid injury.

Track and field competition is growing in interest around the country, especially in this, an Olympic year. The Dixie conference level of competition is by no means as strong as NCAA Division I competition but the personal sacrifice is the same. The events in track and field are grueling, punishing and fulfilling. This year's track and field team has a demanding schedule but the rewards can be great. If injury can be avoided or kept to a minimum this year should produce a winning campaign.

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## Taylor Joins N. C. Paper

Former editor of THE LANCE Skip Taylor has been named Ad Manager and Reporter for "The Highlander" in Highlands, North Carolina.

A 1975 graduate of St. Andrews, Taylor was involved with THE LANCE for most of the four years he was at the college and served as editor from 1973-74. An English and literature major, he had several short stories and poems published in "New South Writing," "St. Andrews Review," and several other publications. Taylor is also an accomplished photographer who, recalls editor Lin Thompson, came through innumerable times with photos during last spring's severe staff shortages.

Taylor also edited the St. Andrews Newsletter, worked with "The Robesonian" in Lumberton, and spent a summer as editor of the "White County News" in Cleveland, Georgia. Between graduation last year and joining "The Highlander" in January, Taylor worked with a newspaper in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

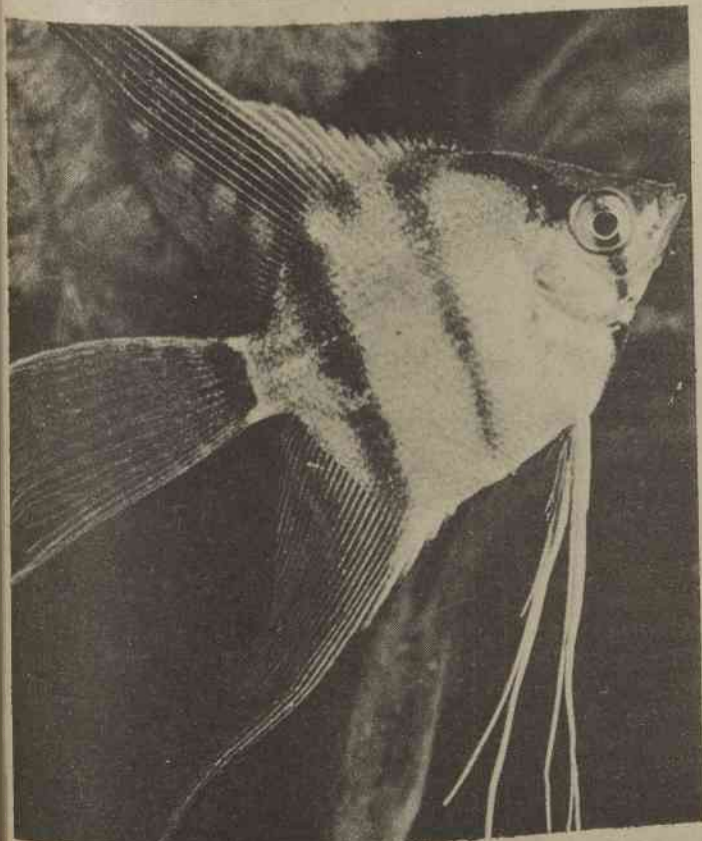


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