

EDITORIAL

Support The PIRG Hike

PIRG has done many good things since it was established at St. Andrews. Its members have conducted wide ranging investigations, touching many diverse areas of our lives: working conditions in textile milles, pesticide regulation, voter registration discrimination against college students, drug pricing policies, and court procedures.

Like everyone else, the staff of PIRG, both here and in the central office in Durham, find that current revenues don't go as far as they once did. For this reason the St. Andrews chapter of PIRG has placed on the ballot a proposal to raise the student subscription rate fifty cents per term, from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

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While PIRG's findings are not always widely publicized in the news media-save THE LANCE, which has devoted much space to PIRG's activities this year - their influence in state government is substantial. Their track record shows they are a good investment. We recommend approval of the PIRG referendum.

On The Committee Letters

Today's paper carries statements from the faculty committee on Leaves, Promotions and tenure and an ad hoc committee of the Faculty Executive Committee about last week's editorial on Smith tenure case. THE LANCE welcomes the points of clarification offered by the two groups and apologizes for a rather crucial phrase which was omitted from the report of the Personnel Subcommittee on Mr. Smith when the report was set into type. Notice was made of the omission at the dorm forums on April 15, but THE LANCE apologizes all the same for the omission.

Bushoven Reports

On Carter Eloquence

to: Editor: The Lance
from: Travelling Political Correspondent Neal Bushoven.

While in New Hampshire, I taped Jimmy Carter speaking at the Carpenter Hotel in Manchester, Feb. 22. This is a portion of that tape.

Jimmy Carter: . . . The most important single issue in this campaign that is going to be decided in 1976 is the relationship . . .

A person in the crowd: Mr. Carter, what is your position on hand guns?

Jimmy Carter: Okay, could you wait just a minute.

The person again: No, it's important.

Jimmy Carter: Look Mac, keep quiet just a minute. The current issue is this campaign is the proper relationship between the government and us people, because in the last few years we have been deeply hurt. We have lost something precious in our government, a competence and an ability. We have seen the veils of secrecy surround the government, and we have lost a belief that the government can be decent, and honest, and truthful, and fair, and a source of pride and inspiration.

Sorry I am so late, chief. I'll try and get my report of the Wallace rally on March 20th in as soon as I can. O.K.?

Bayes On PR Materials

To The Editor:

I wish to speak briefly about occasional spoken and written pot-shots taken at the promotional material now used by Admissions to advise-in overview-potential St. Andrews students. And I wish to flatly state that I think that notions that they are uncreative or sell a false image are hogwash.

The materials are provided needed, initial (i.e., pre-visit), accurate information about us and our geography. If the pieces are flawed by lack of creativity-and I do not think that they are-that is my fault-for I gave over my own writing last summer to work on campus in Laurinburg to formulate them, in cooperation with various experts. The ef-

fort was to try to stress the exciting truths that are multiplex, and which are in sum St. Andrews. St. Andrews the creative and St. Andrews the practical and the concert that we are and can be.

Obviously I am sticking my head out of the trench because I am proud of my work and I think that I am quite willing to take any flack anybody wants to aim my way. Besides, selfishly, I think that just a little analysis will give the "3 not-so-easy pieces" many more merits than demerits.

To cite Ezra Pound once more: "Above all to be precise/ At the gulf's edge or on thin ice."

Sincerely,
Ron Bayes
Writer-in-Residence

Letters . . .

Dean Doubles: Rhetoric Inappropriate

To the Editor:

The most recent issue of THE LANCE (April 15) as well as other comments which I am beginning to hear impels me to write this letter on the "Mark Smith issue." I have tried to avoid any participation in the debate since introducing my motion to the Faculty to re-open the case but the tenor of the discussion has begun to take on overtones which I can no longer ignore. The imputations of maliciousness and professional malfeasance which are now being suggested are inappropriate and unworthy of a disagreement within a community which is both scholarly and ecclesiastical. It is important that what is said be formulated with greatest care to the end that everyone have as clear an understanding of positions as possible. My concern has an added personal dimension as no decision by the College since I joined the faculty has so depressed me. The enormity of this is reinforced in my mind by the conviction that all involved have acted in good conscience but that the sequences of their actions will bear only evil for the entire community.

For Mark Smith it means the trauma of having been denied the opportunity to continue more than another year as a part of the academic community within which he has begun to develop into a nationally recognized sculptor and to which he has devoted much of his time and energy. Furthermore, it constitutes the kind of professional rejection which is always difficult to accept and which, if allowed, can affect a person's life and work detrimentally from that point on. What is said therefore must reflect careful and concerned analysis.

For the President, it has meant that the reactions to a decision taken in good faith and on the same evidential basis as others of its kind have been so heated that he has had to spend much valuable time responding to them when he should be otherwise engaged. Furthermore, his credibility with both Faculty and Studen-

ts may have been damaged. Certainly he has tried to indicate his commitment to fairness by requesting the Faculty Committee on Tenure to review the current procedures and to propose safe-guards for the future. However, I think the President also feels that you can only "march up the hill" once with a recommendation to a Board of Trustees; to request reconsideration of a matter by that body usually must be done with resignation in hand. What is said must therefore reflect an awareness of this aspect of the total situation.

For the Dean, a decision of his is being challenged which he believes was made in the best interests of both the individual involved and the community. I think that he is firmly convinced that Professor Smith's professional career needs the stimulus of other locations and that the different experiences gained through such a move will advance his artistic career significantly. Beyond that, I believe that he is convinced that the Board of Trustees might have rejected the entire concept of tenure if the Ad-

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Committee Investigating Lance Issues Report

Leaves Committee Clarifies Report

To The Editor:

The Faculty Executive Committee met this afternoon, (April 20) drafted the statement below, and instructed me to hand it on to you with the attached Report of the ad hoc committee to the Executive Committee. The statement follows:

On April 16 the Faculty Executive Committee appointed an ad hoc committee to review statements in the April 15 issue of THE LANCE which appeared to be misconstructions of the Report of the 1975-76 Faculty Personnel Subcommittee on the Smith tenure case, and to prepare a response if appropriate. The membership of this ad hoc committee consists of the faculty members who wrote the Personnel Subcommittee Report. The ad hoc committee has sent to the Faculty Executive Committee the following statement, which the Executive Committee wishes to bring to the attention of the college through the services of THE LANCE.

The members of the Executive Committee would appreciate very much your printing both the statement above and the attached Report

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To The Editor:

THE LANCE of April 15 reflects the college community's concern about several tenure issues. The faculty members of the Committee on Leaves, Promotion and Tenure wish to speak to some of those issues. We recognize that different members and segments of the community have legitimately different and sometimes conflicting points of view. We further believe that these differences, conflicts, and even errors may arise because of lack of understanding rather than from base motives. We hope that the following will help to clarify some of the issues in the tenure decision on Professor Mark Smith.

1) Statements cited in the report of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Faculty Executive Committee were not taken from letters but are extended comments taken from evaluation forms routinely completed by faculty members as part of the tenure process.

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