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EDITORIAL

Fledgling Traditions Worth Keeping

As the new year gets under way, there are a number of institutions under scrutiny as a consequence of the long range planning study done over the course of the summer. We have been scrutinizing a few ourselves, and have a few in mind which look to be in danger of dying away or at best being sadly neglected.

1. High Tables. These gatherings over dinner were begun by former Dean of Students Malcolm Doubles, who imported them from his days at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. They were generally well received during the time the Dean was here to encourage them; it would be well to keep them going as much as a tribute to Doubles and his mark on St. Andrews as for the social value they have.

2. Dinners in the dorms. These were a sort of Son of High Table, on a more frequent and regular basis. They were most often employed in Granville, where they were prized as a means of getting the dorm together and keeping the feeling of closeness the members have enjoyed over the years in spite of their peregrinations about the campus. Some sort of problem arose last year and the price was raised to a rather prohibitive level; it would be good for there to be negotiations to see if the practice could not be restored, perhaps with a supplemental appropriation from the Cabinet or the Senate to offset the increased cost.

3. Town Meetings. These were the brainchildren of a group of last year's seniors and were lost in the mass of meetings on the Smith tenure case. Their intent was to provide a forum for the discussion of issues of importance to the students and the college, and it was a well-conceived idea. For new group to assume the aegis for these would be a salutary contribution to the climate of public discussion at St. Andrews.

4. Presidential meetings. This is one that never got off the ground. The President offered to meet on a scheduled basis with the Cabinet or the Senate or both shortly after he got here. No action was ever taken by either body to indicate they were interested, if indeed they were at all. Still, the idea has merit, and deserves to be put into effect if the President is willing, but rather as a public forum in which the entire college community could participate.

The beauty of these things is that they can produce good results without costing much. We hope that the St. Andrews community will take a look at keeping them going.

Between The Lines

POLITICS . . . Political years always seem to see St. Andrews people involved in the goings-on. This year has been no exception. In the Democratic primary for governor August 17, St. Andrews benefactor Ed O'Herron (he built the indoor pool) ran second to Lt. Governor Jim Hunt. Since he's worth \$22 million, O'Herron's \$628,000 campaign bill was mere chickenfeed. Hardest hit by defeat was the number three finisher, George Wood. Father of SA grad Natt Wood, Wood spent \$998,000 of his own money; he listed his net worth at \$1.7 million...Lillian Woo, the 1975 graduation speaker at SA, has forced State Auditor Henry Bridges into a runoff, his first since being elected in 1948...Locally, math professor Bill Morgan is in a runoff for

reelection to the county commissioners. Morgan finished six votes ahead of challenger Laroy Marks. All you Democrats hustle up the vote for our man September 14...Keeping local politics honest is Elections Board honcho Donald Barnes, on SA chemistry professor.

OTHER KINDS OF POLITICS...Displaced by the relocation of the Development office in the LA Building, Archaeology professor David McLean drove a hard bargain. not only does he get a new office in the Science Building, he gets a museum room and a storage room for miscellaneous artifacts. Professors getting ready to renegotiate contracts should consider retaining McLean as a consultant.

Things The Lance Can Do For You

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sis of the coming week's activities. Your event can be listed there if you'll let us know the facts. Contact Ed

Nealy in 321 Mecklenburg. The same deadlines as for classifieds apply.

EVENT COVERAGE. Want a

Alterations Underway In SAS Program

A five point effort to restructure the St. Andrews Studies program will bring about a major increase in student participation in the direction of the three year core course, under a plan devised this summer by newly appointed SAS director Neal Bushoven.

Under the plan, the SAS program will be directed by a Steering Committee, to be composed of seven students and eight faculty members. The faculty members will be the six SAS chairmen (one for each term of the SAS program), one at-large faculty member of the faculty with no assigned duties, and Bushoven. In addition to serving as members of the Steering Committee, the students will serve as the entire membership of the SAS Evaluation Committee, charged with responsibility for monitoring the performance of the program in achieving its stated goals.

Bushoven, a professor of politics, was chosen in mid-summer to replace Ron Crossley, who was appointed last spring to become Dean of the College. Crossley succeeded Victor C. Arnold, who is currently serving as an academic consultant to the administration.

In his August 13 report to the faculty on the state of the SAS program, Bushoven set forth five goals for the short-term operation of the program. These goals, in addition to calling for more student involvement in the program, would bring about:

1. Establishment of a three stage precess of decision making (planning, implementation, and evaluation) for all levels of the SAS concept, from modules, tutorials

and seminars on up to the total program.

2. Sponsoring a variety of regular programs of educational interest to the college community along the lines of the Common Experience programs of the last two years.

3. Raising the overall effectiveness of the SAS program.

4. Increasing the familiarity of each member of the SAS faculty with all aspects of the program to improve their individuals teaching performances. (For example, seeking out those members receiving high student evaluations as a resource in strengthening courses getting lower ratings).

The Bushoven report went on to indicate those areas in the 100, 200, and 400 levels of the program which are in need of improvement. SAS 200-201, the Sophomore Disciplinary Studies, came in for the most criticism for not receiving the full efforts of its team members. "A great deal of student unhappiness with SDA," the report noted, "and their concomitant reduction in effort might be a response to their sense of the depth of the faculty commitment and effort. We may be putting SDS too far down our list of teaching priorities and relying too much on "winging it" to encourage a vigorous student interest".

Bushoven told THE LANCE that so far progress in reaching his goals has been good and that faculty responses has been positive. Signs of unrest have been spotted among members of the SAS faculty, however, over what one called "the authoritarian tone" of Bushoven has loosed since the constant flow of memoranda assuming his past, and his tendency to gauge everything in terms of statistics, without considering the "unmeasurable human elements" of teaching. Whether or not the two points of view will come into public conflict remains to be seen.

Cannon

Following Cannon by a week will be Duke University professor Wallace Fowlie. World renowned for his translations of the French poets Jean Cocteau and Arthur Rimbaud, Fowlie's most recent work in print is a collection of his correspondence with author Henry Miller published by the Grove Press. At 7:30 p.m. on September 15, Fowlie will discuss "New Views of Marcel Proust" in Granville Hall.

September 22 will feature the works of poet Anne Deagon, who read at St. Andrews for the first time last spring. Appearing on the 29th will be author Lewis Leary, who will discuss "Mark Twain's Sell-Out." Both events will take place in Granville Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Writers Reading program will double as the first four events in the Whet Wednesday series, a weekly forum held by members of Granville Dorm under the direction of Neal Bushoven.

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