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EDITORIAL

LANCE Printing News Again

This week THE LANCE returns to the business of putting out a newspaper worth something more than wrapping fish in. We hope that you as readers are as pleased with the transformation as we are.

The function of a newspaper was best expressed by Wilbur F. Story, a crusty old Michigan publisher in the last century, when he said it was the duty of a paper "to print the news and raise hell."

That is what THE LANCE used to do. It served several vital functions: it was the only communications link between all member-of the St. Andrews community; it served as a calendar for the future and a recorder of the past. It encouraged debate with a lively editorial section and always contained a thought-provoking letter or two.

In recent times those functions were cast away. It ceased to be an effective link between the various elements of the campus community because there was little in it worth reading. This term we have experienced two debilitating power failures, an extensive hepatitis alert, and the hacking away of a major portion of the music program, and not a word about any of this appeared in the pages of this journal. The calendar enabling the reader to see the week's events at a glance was first relegated to the back page and then done away with. Editorial comment was replaced by the canned homilies of a fading counterculture guru, and the hard-won independence of THE LANCE was traded away the week before break when it was given over to the trivialities and self-indulgence of an SAS class.

We aim to try to raise THE LANCE back to the standard it used to live up to. We hope that the new commitment here will be met by a new commitment to support our efforts by the campus community: more money this fall to offset declining ad revenues; course credit granted by the college as an incentive for writers and photographers to spend what often amounts to the time an extra course or two would take up in researching and writing the material that weekly appears in these pages.

We hope, too, to be called to account when we err in fact or judgement. Your responses are a week to week form of quality control when you choose to exercise your opinions; without them we cannot tell whether or not we are reaching our goal of "printing the news and raising hell"

Bachanalia Festivities

ween the week's winning teams. (This is a little different from last year when the final games were held Saturday morning.) People's hard-work for the week will not go unrewarded - there will be prizes! Top prize is a keg of beer, and second prize will be a pony-keg.

Friday evening will see the return of a St. Andrews favorite - Brice Street - playing as usual in the steps of the college union. Of course, the festivities would not be

complete without "The Launching." "The Seventh of May" will be providing the music for this April 23rd dance, which has been explained in the past as the celebration for St. Andrews seniors as they are about to be "launched" into the "real world" (whether they want to be "launched" or not is never questioned.)

All in all, Bacchanalia and The Launching usually provide lots of enjoyment, so join a team, or come out and support one.

LETTERS

Upcoming Elections

Dear Editor,

With Student Government elections to be held in the next week, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about this year's Government and about the forthcoming elections.

First, I simply want to thank the more than 70 students who have participated in Student Government this year either in elected or in appointed positions. Each of them has worked hard and provided valuable input into decision-making at St. Andrews; jobs capably and well done.

Second, I want to encourage all students to take time to vote in the Student Government elections for next year. Given the tremendous number of changes that have taken place this year as well

as those that are sure to take place next year, it is essential that the individuals elected to all Student Government positions not only be strong advocates for student concerns but also be open to working closely and willingly with faculty and administrators. Without this dual commitment to advocacy and openness, the effectiveness of Student Government can be severely undercut.

Once again, then, thanks to all the students who gave their time and energy to making this a productive year for Student Government.

Sincerely,
Paul Baldasare
President, Student Association

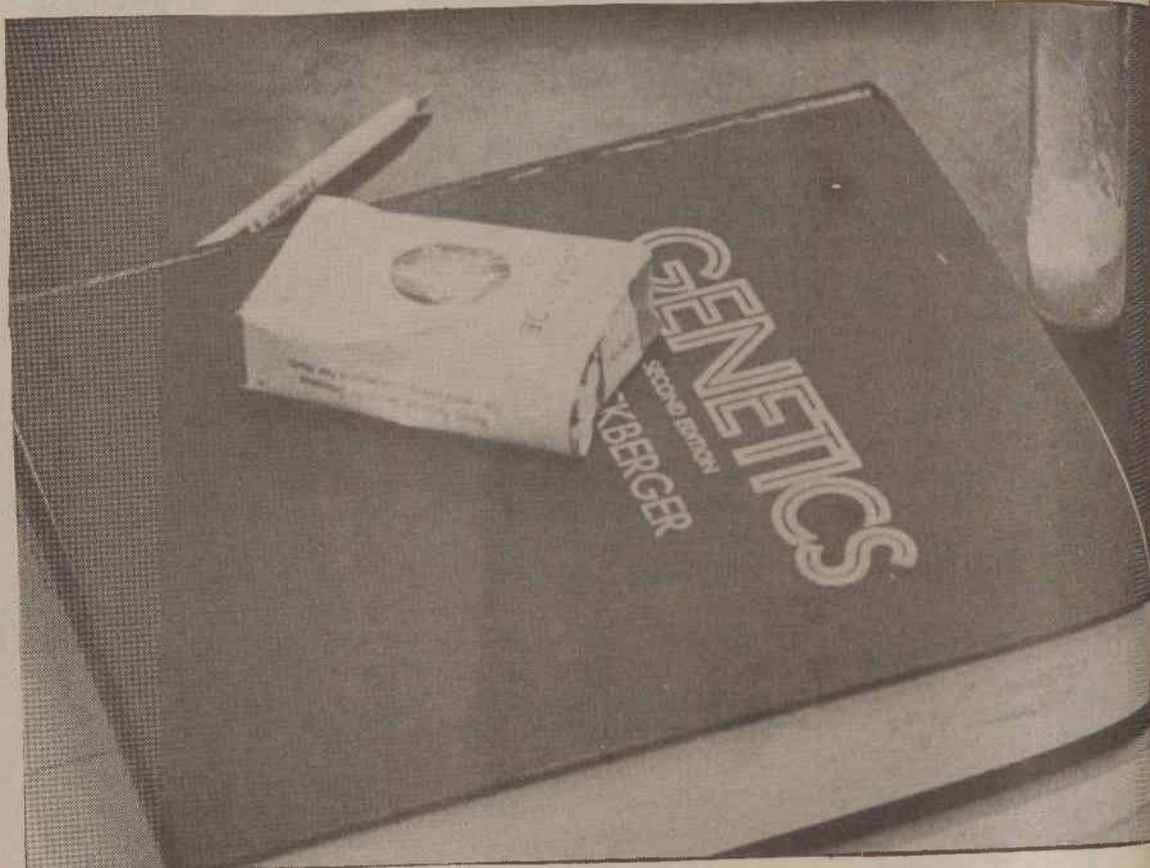
WSAP Covers

Elections Live

was presented to the Elections Board at a meeting last night.

Board chairman Stuart Swain expressed pleasure at the arrangement, which allows for the board to tabulate election results in a secure room at the station and convey periodic totals to station staffers as they run their shows Thursday night.

"This should add some color and excitement to the elections process, Swain said, and should help relieve the burden of suspense and anxiety that builds up on candidates, their staff, and the voters at large as they have to wait, often late into the night, for the results to be posted in the College Union."



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Elections

Elections Board Chairman Stuart Swain announced today that dorm forums had been scheduled for next Tuesday night. One is scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Wilmington main lounge and another is scheduled for 9 p.m. in the Mecklenburg main lounge.

The polls will officially open at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, and will be open until 11 p.m. Students must vote in the dorm in which they live. In order to disseminate the final results, live election coverage has arranged. St. Andrews radio station WSAP has agreed to broadcast the results as they are finalized.

Contract Major

Contract Majors, and then finding two faculty advisors, one of the principle advisor; together they outline the thematic major, having certain courses, independent studies, and experiences, all contributing to the program.

The thematic major will allow for the large expansion of the faculty teaching capabilities, without having to add new staff members. All professors will find it possible to teach outside of their disciplines in their other fields of interest. Possible thematic majors include Horticulture, Southern Studies, Art History, and Children's Theatre.

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