

# The Lance

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## EDITORIAL

### An Explanation

Opinions and letters on last week's editorial indicated that the attempt to get across a certain idea both succeeded and failed. An idea did get across but, regretfully, the wrong one. Much of the confusion undoubtedly arose from the poor wording of last week's editorial. Clarification of the whole editorial is necessary.

First, no personal attack on the former editor was intended. There was instead an attempt to indicate disagreement with some of the former editor's policies. While there is a very fine line between a person and his policies, a distinction can be made. Policies are only inadequate reflections of the person himself. This is true of everyone's policies. The "knife in the back" was not premeditated; it arose from the inappropriate wording of the editorial. The former editor was a good friend and it is hoped that he will continue to be one.

Second, when the editorship of a paper changes, there is always a change in some policies simply because the old editor and the new are different people. This is not to say, however, that certain policies cannot remain if it is the desire of the majority. Instead it indicates that there are always changes in some policies.

In conclusion, no belittlement of the former editor was intended. He and his staff worked hard at getting THE LANCE off the press. There is, however, disagreement with some of his policies. Realizing that the editorial was worded very poorly, and that the line between the policies and the person is a very fine one, an apology is offered to the former editor and his staff, for the "knife in the back."

### Bacchanalia Festival

This week has been no ordinary one on the St. Andrews campus! Monday we were entertained by canoe races on Lake Ansley Moore. Tuesday the more aquatic members of the St. Andrews community were involved in a water-logged display of chicken fighting. Wednesday, wheelies risked their lives in the obstacle races by the lake. Today we have the egg toss and balloon races at 5:45. Finals will take place this Friday, beginning also at 5:45. All this will come to a climax with "Brice Street" playing Friday night at the Student Union. Further entertainment will be provided by fifteen kegs of beer. Bacchanalia festivities will come to a close Saturday night with the Launching, which will take place on De Tumble Terrace and features "The Seventh of May." Mixers and ice will be on sale at the dance. Tickets are now on sale at lunch and dinner at the Student Union. This, however, should be of no concern for seniors, since they will be admitted free of charge!

### Election Results

Dolge, Dr. Spann, and Bubba McAllister. Competing for the senior positions on the Faculty Appellate Board are Benny Cox, Earle Roberts, and Casey Middleditch. Unopposed for the junior position is Jon D. Rossi.

The many candidates for PIRG are: Jim Conyers, Weatherly Hardy, Cheri Shapiro, John Patton, Kathie Devane, Lin Thompson, Carol Wall, Peg Kays, and Cathy Davidson.

Elections Board Chairman Stuart Swain said that the voting will take place in every dorm lounge today from 9 to 5 p.m. At this point the vote will be counted and taken to the WSAP station where they will be rechecked for accuracy and the final results will be tallied.

Live election coverage of the election results begins at 7 p.m. on WSAP, 640 AM and 91.1 FM-cable.

## LETTERS

### 'Crusty' Old Ideas Inappropriate

To The Editor:

I was more than a bit upset by the editorial published in the LANCE last Thursday. I felt that the comments made were completely unfair and thought that the LANCE had rid itself once this year of this type of closed-minded audacity. It seems, however, that a certain spirit has mysteriously resurrected itself.

I do not wish to concentrate entirely on the incapacity displayed by the new editor, but to express my feelings concerning the previous editor. It is my opinion, and I share this opinion with others, that John Patton did a great job while he was the editor. John

was open to new ideas and published a paper which was constructed on a broad base; providing our community a sensitive picture of the diverse activities occurring within the community. John was able to break away from "crusty" old ideas and made an effort to seek out and report on the kinds of activities which presented a more complete picture of St. Andrews.

It is disturbing to find this type of creativity being criticized by a fellow worker and student who is beginning to expose his own lack of openness and about whom there is a shadow of doubt being cast on his own originality.

I hope that you, as editor, will reconsider your accusations and begin to focus on ideas other than those of "crusty" old publishers and editors.

Sincerely,  
Johnny McNair

### More Imagination Needed

To the Editor:

Your editorial in last week's paper passed the bounds of decency and propriety. You accuse the previous editor of not printing news. You accuse the previous editor of not printing news. Is that any worse than filling an editorial column with the sensationalism of libel and outright rudeness? I, for one, considered the paper worth more than "something to wrap fish in." I also enjoyed the viewpoint of the Farm News Service.

Your slur of "fading counter-cultural guru" was an unnecessary cut against a set of values which many people on this campus—myself included—are trying to hold on to. I suggest that if the new editor had more imagination, and an appreciation for anything beyond the status quo, he would have realized the late paper's contribution to St. Andrews. There was, admittedly, less news than previously, but there was instead a refreshing air to the paper that a pure news format misses. If the Lance really aspires to be an interesting, creative newspaper, it would do well to integrate some of John Patton's insight with the traditional news reporting.

Elizabeth Scott

### Some In Return

Dear Editor,

I was very disappointed in your editorial, "LANCE Prints News Again" of April 14. The way to start a new job is not to strengthen your own position by belittling your predecessor. This is a low and conniving trick used by politicians and advertising

Perhaps the paper did tend to stray from the SAPC news, but this does not mean what was printed was not news. Those "canned homilies of a fading counter culture guru" and "trivialities of self-indulgence of an SAS class" are news. The only difference is between the values and criterion placed on what is to fill the newsprint. As for the SAS happening, it was an event drawing everyone at lunch that day together. It was an expression of creativity and freedom, which are reputed to be vital to this college.

In "This Week" I saw no mention of the cultural events, such as the Translation Festival or 6½ cent films. The events here are not all athletic.

Here's a little hell for you!

Sincerely,  
Wynne Segal

### Science Center

When We Begin to Probe the Brain?" At 8 Thursday evening, Dr. Donald Huisling, a North Carolina State University biologist, will talk on "Environment and Energy."

Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30, the St. Andrews Associates will meet in Avinger Auditorium to hear a program on "Interaction of Science and Government and Its Impact on Liberal Education." The principal speaker for this will be the Hon. James G. Martin, a North Carolina congressman and one of two members of the U. S. Congress with doctorates in a physical science. Martin, a resident of Davidson, has a Princeton doctorate in chemistry and had been a college professor before going to Congress.

## Expressive Art Important

To The Editor:

Because of my respect for an open, creative paper I feel it is necessary to respond to the editorial which was printed in the previous Lance. John Patton took over the editorship of the Lance after Lin Thompson resigned for reasons such as not getting enough recognition for his effort. No student in a voluntary post in the school is given sufficient recognition for the hard work he or she may put in, and I'm sure that John receive no more than Lin. John was concerned, however, with involving students in the paper and in using the paper as an outlet for the creative expression of students.

For the first time in several years the Lance, under the direction of John Patton, was open to the creativity to which the printed word can expand.

On a small campus a paper does not necessarily have to conform to the traditional ideas that "crusty old Michigan publishers in the last century" set down for the running of a paper. It can transcend the political and athletic informative aspect and become a work, not only of news, but of expressive art. This I feel was the ideal of John Patton. The backstabbing, slanderous crap that is implied in saying the paper wasn't worth "wrapping fish in" is totally out of context with responsible journalism and I, personally, would not wrap fish in it.

Billy Howard

## Alumni Day

### April 30

Alumni Day, a rite of Spring on the campus, is planned for Saturday, April 30, when it is hoped many alumni will come to St. Andrews to renew friendships and to revitalize their relationship with the college.

Mini-courses with St. Andrews professors are being planned, and members of the Class of '67 are making preparations for a Saturday evening dance in the tradition of their days on campus.

Robert Anderson '67, president of the alumni association, will preside at the business meeting, which will be a part of the luncheon program this year.

### CETA Funding

Funding for a \$63,740 project to train 18 unemployed persons as attendants for handicapped and/or ill people has been made available through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). Vice President for Development Bruce Frye announced the project confirmation earlier this month.

The educational program, directed and coordinated by the Burriss Rehabilitation Center at St. Andrews, involved a consortium of health care institutions in Scotland County

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