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The Food Situation

Hard as it is for us to believe that anyone would eat in our cafeteria voluntarily, it's apparently true that as many as 50-70 students who aren't paying for the food service have been eating there regularly all semester. All semester. While it stretched our imagination when we were told that ARA doesn't serve stale cake, and even though it dismays us to find out the food service has gotten docked for flies in December, we weren't quite prepared to have it admitted to us that ARA has been ladling out gruel for free.

Still, though it is extremely disturbing, and in some places (not always on the part of ARA, either) verges on negligence, it is apparent that the new manager, Paul Childers does not intend to allow the practice to continue. His reasoning for not beginning to crack down immediately is simple: this near the end of the term, he feels, with exams, the dishwasher, and other problems, it would cause more trouble than it would be worth in the next week.

Mr. Childers brings a refreshingly business-like attitude to the ARA operation, and has admittedly been saddled with the problems of picking up the pieces of somebody else's mess. But he has been here long enough to orient himself to the situation, and we feel that the time has come to start seeing some concrete improvements in the Food Service.

We are also pleased to note that a good number of students have been picking up the ball from the late lamented food committee, whose obituary we carried last week. The organization of yesterday, well-ordered and apparently productive demonstration bespoke a spirit and concern that has not been in evidence by St. Andrews students about their living conditions thus far this year. It can only be hoped that this will not disappear with the Christmas season.

A final culinary note. When you're eating what promises to be a sumptuous Christmas repast, and hopefully listing in on the food interest meeting, take what everybody says with a grain of salt. The Thanksgiving meal alone was evidence that ARA knows how to stage a feast, regardless of the other charges leveled at them. The meals that immediately followed were ample proof that they had not yet mastered ordinary meals.

Strange Business At Poolside

It may not be illegal but it certainly ain't right. That's the feeling we get from an unhappy situation in the Physical Education Department. A student, receiving neither pay nor any credit beyond that of the course itself is teaching the Lifesaving class. Now while St. Andrews apparently never wrote down anywhere that this course would qualify anyone for Red Cross Senior Lifesaving, it's interesting to note that everyone in the class spoken to by THE LANCE indicated that this what they had always been led to believe.

But Doug Riley, the instructor of record, isn't certified to teach Senior Lifesaving. Only because one freshman taking the course, Scott Robertson, is, will these students end up receiving their certification. And while it's easy for the principals involved to shrug their shoulders and say that Riley is teaching the course was offered, in point of fact, THE LANCE has learned it is Robertson who gives and grades tests, and it is Robertson's signature which will allow the members of the class to become certified.

Student involvement is one thing. This is clearly another. We cannot come down hard enough on the side of truth in advertising as far as course offering are concerned. What happens the next time the P.E. Department offers Lifesaving? Will Riley have gotten himself certified? Will we see another unpaid student instructor? Or will we see a new St. Andrews Lifesaving Card, good for Lake Ansley C. Moore and for the three surrounding area ponds?

About The Survey

We ran a survey last week on who the most influential students at St. Andrews are. The survey caused considerable comment, and several people wrote extended responses to it in which they criticized the survey's intent. "We don't want to read about 'the beautiful people,'" one person wrote." We'd

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LANCE Criticisms Mean, Unfair

To the Editor:

Being a student who cares about the publications of this campus, and one who has been aware of the issues surrounding recent criticism of THE LANCE, I feel moved to respond to last weeks editorial.

Jackson Morton's Dialogue, and letter to the Bi-Weekly Bailie, emphasized several times that he was not criticizing any member, or members of THE LANCE, but that he was trying to bring about a change within the campus. By saying that THE LANCE was controlled by opinion. I hope you don't see basically, four people, I believe that Jackson meant

that basically, the writing was done by four people, and the news bureau of course. He never disputed that the editor would have the final say so. I cried quite a few tears over the section where you inform us of your terrific workload, but it makes no sense to bemoan that. I don't believe that Jackson's letter was asking you to cover all the events on campus, just to print some readable news. I myself have found THE LANCE so far, to be an amusingly boring newspaper. But that is my opinion. I hope you don't see my opinion and criticism as invalid too. I really don't think

that you or I have the right to judge whether someone's criticism or opinion is invalid. I feel like the derogatory references to Jackson Morton and Bob Haley are uncalled for. One reference to Jackson that I felt was out of place, was about the budget. He received the information from me, that at the Senate meeting we agreed that we would give THE LANCE an increase. I heard you state at that meeting, that some of the money would go towards more pages in THE LANCE.

I feel like the criticism leveled at Bob, was really not necessary. For one reason, at the Senate meeting held after October break, we set up a regular meeting schedule. For another reason, there was finally something creative, something done by an everyday ordinary student in a news publication, that was really a breath of fresh air in comparison. I consider anything that informs, or entertains us, whether factually or humorously, news, and I don't believe that I am alone.

By the way, would you have paid to go to the dinner-dance, without knowing what the menu was?

Lee Barnhardt

Give A.R.A. A Break!

To The Editor:

Some patience and understanding!

Being a member of the St. Andrews Community for almost two (2) years, and having been to other establishments, I can compare the quality of the food here with institutions such as Duke Hospital, Winston Salem Tech, Durham Business College and North Carolina Central University.

Believe me, the food here at S.A. rates well above the afore mentioned places.

I think the students here are being too impatient with and have a very antagonistic attitude toward the new food service mainly because of the unexpected transition of Managers.

Any newly employed food service needs time to develop and produce quality service, and we're not giving a R.A. a fair chance. I personally know that after eating the food last year and this year, that A.R.A. is doing as well if not better as Cardinal did.

I say this not because I'm an employee of A.R.A., I'm not trying to get any "bronie" points, I don't need them. I am taking this position simply because I can see both sides of the situations.

I have met A.R.A. representatives personally and I know they have the welfare of the students at the top of their list of priorities.

Granted, there are improvements to be made, and I am sure if we can all show a little patience and understanding, that A.R.A. will come through for us.

As far as the Student Food Service committee is concerned, I have received information from a reliable source to the effect that A.R.A. has called at least three (3) (if not more) meetings in which the Student Food service Committee failed to even show up for.

I would like to make one more point, and it concerns the poor response of the students to the fantastic Thanksgiving Dinner we were fortunate enough to partake of.

While certain individuals are quick to write in a number of complaints, not one person, (to my knowledge) bothered saying thanks or writing an appreciation letter to A.R.A. for it's endeavors.

I say "hold your — horses", "and give the service a chance to produce, and it will."

Sincerely,
Tom Ashley

Well, You've Done It Again

To the Editor:

This is going to be a short letter, since I'm sure you've got lots of longer, angrier ones.

Congratulations are in order. THE LANCE has done it again! In one issue you managed to infuriate Jackson Morton, the cheerleaders, the V.P. of the Student Association, the student food

committee, the A. V. reorganization committee, opponents of pyramid power and everyone associated with the Food service and the "Bailie". Ya' know, if you can keep up with this bad habit of telling the truth it won't be long til' you have no friends at all.

Best regards and Shalom.
Brian Dolge

Thanks For A Great Party

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the people in Concord and Highland dorms who gave us the Christmas Dinner Dance. Both my husband, Del, and I enjoyed not only the company, but the atmosphere and food, as well.

We had a great time and appreciate the effort that went into making the event such a success. You can be sure that we'll be there next year!

Thanks again and have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Sincerely,
Kathy Benzaquin
Student Activities

Trolls?

To the Editor:

An alarming situation on the St. Andrews campus has become increasingly more serious and I feel now is the time that someone should speak out about it.

Over the past several months a miniature plague has crept into our midst which has not become apparent except to those with exceptionally keen senses. It is a rare type of terrorism that threatens our very way of life here. Yes, at this time I would like to bring to the public eye the fact that-trolls-are living underneath the lakes' car bridge.

As I'm sure everyone noticed during the earlier part of the semester, townspeople were frequently seen fishing off this bridge. But now how many do you see? Contrary to popular belief it is not the weather turning the townies away, but the trolls! Tell me, would you fish where you were in danger of being molested by a troll, asking for money or your dead fish? Indeed not. Yet another piece of evidence was recovered from the lake. An old canoe paddle, thought to be misplaced, was found along the shoreline with troll-marks in it.

Why hasn't the administration done something about this pestilence? Surely they know! Will the student body allow this curse to torment our Christian environment and surrounding county residents?

Of course not.

I can only hope that THE LANCE will print a warning, to open the eyes of those in positions able to rid us of this menace.

Thank You,
S. Robertson