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Distinguished Scholars here this weekend

Each year St. Andrews selects 10 of its most outstanding freshmen applicants for the Distinguished Scholar Awards. Those selected for this honor receive annual grants of \$2,000 each, applicable to tuition and fees at St. Andrews for a total of \$8,000 for the four years. These awards are based on academic excellence, extracurricular activities and community involvement. This weekend, 32 semifinalists have been invited to come to the campus for two days of visiting, which includes an interview with a faculty/student committee for final selection of the awards. The semifinalists are:

William (Bill) Baker, Lewiston, New York
 John Bell, Wingate, North Carolina
 Robin Bowers, Medicine Lodge, Kansas
 Andrew Chronister, Charlottesville, Virginia
 Jenny Clark, Abingdon, Virginia
 William (Bill) Corbin, Clarksburg, Pennsylvania
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 Lloyd Tapp, Laurel Hill, North Carolina
 John Townes, Malvern, Pennsylvania
 David Webb, Raleigh, North Carolina
 Sharon Woods, Sumter, South Carolina

To the Editor:

I am appalled that once again our yearbook is in trouble and might not be published. Because of this and last year's fiasco, I applaud the Student Life Committee's initiative to put tighter controls on the publication of our yearbook.

However, I am shocked that the Student Life Committee is considering putting the same tight controls on THE LANCE. The problem lies with the Lamp & Shield; The Lance has never shown problems in publication and should not be restricted because of the shield's faults.

For the Student Life Committee to have control of the choice of an editor is a dangerous precedent. Once it is acknowledged that the Student Life Committee should make the editorial selection, the complete freedom of the paper is in doubt.

In the two years I have been on the staff of The Lance we have performed a responsible and credible job. Our staff is hardworking and dedicated and the publication has been constant and reliable. To regulate the paper where no regulation is needed is incomprehensible. Thanks, but no thanks; we are quite capable of choosing our own editors.

Sincerely,
 Steven J. Kunkle

EDITORIAL

The Senate puts it together

A few compliments are in order this week. The first one obviously goes to the Senate, which seems finally to have gotten its collective act together. Sitting and watching this august body actually conduct serious debate in an adult manner has to rate as one of the year's biggest thrills.

Next in line is Senate President Bob Haley. Few student government officials have been called upon to make such a sacrifice of power voluntarily. We recall that Bob has been one of the people pushing for Senate revisions all year. And even though those revisions have stripped him of debating powers in the Senate, Bob has accepted this as one of the costs of such progress and implemented the decision with the same uncommon good humor and grace which he has brought to his position all year.

The entire Senate Revision Committee should receive a well-deserved round of applause for finishing a job which needed starting two years ago.

Likewise plaudits to the Budget Committee. Steve Kunkle, Lin Thompson, and Joanie Reback managed to skirt a lot of unpleasant alternatives and come up with an imaginative compromise.

An extra-special vote of praise is due the committee for the Granville-Wilmington Extravaganza. The final four page proposal which they sent to the Senate should become a standard for organizations requesting money.

All in all, yesterday's Senate meeting reflected credit on just about everybody.

...and speaking of Graduation

We have heard a lot of talk around the campus about the memorandum sent out by the Graduation Committee this week. It lists the persons the committee has recommended to President Perkinson to be asked to be graduation speaker, and gives some of the details for the ushering out of class 1978.

The one problem people seem to be having is that they don't know who that many of the people recommended for speaker are. To the committee's credit, the list is made up of people of considerable accomplishment rather than celebrities, but one of the sad facts of life today is that such people tend not to be lionized by the press the way the Cheryl ZTiegs and Billy Caters are. Here then, is a capsule sketch of the nominees for speaker: First choices: Jesse Jackson - Chicago civil rights activist now involved in a variety of community development projects which have a self-help bent to them and have enjoyed a large measure of success. Also noted as a newspaper columnist (appears occasionally in the Charlotte Observer).

Carl Sagan-Professor of Astronomy and SpaceScience at Cornell. A young and immensely engaging intellect, Sagan has been a consultant to Viking Missions in designing the experiments that sought life on the red planet. His books, *The Cosmic Connection* (dealing with the possibility of life on other planets or other space systems) and *The Dragons of Eden* (speculative look at the origins of human intelligence) have both been best sellers.

Stewart Mott-Heir to a huge fortune, Stewart Mott, whose grandfather helped start General Motors, has made a name for himself as the chief philanthropist of the left, first coming to real national prominence for his sizable contributions to George McGovern in 1972.

Second list:

Rev. William Sloane Coffin - Controversial chaplain at Yale in the 1960's; author, lecturer, columnist.

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Diment projects future of dorm life

By Greg Piccola

What will dorm life be like next year? Certain changes are in store, or at least pending.

Ron Diment, Assistant Dean for Residential Life, has been projecting into the future of resident hall staff and management. His proposals are now under consideration and study by the Student Life Committee. The only proposal that has been OKed by The Committee, however, is the section of the overall package that mandates a key deposit and residence hall fee of \$5.00 each for all incoming students. The key deposit will be refunded at the end of each year but their residence hall fee is to be paid to each dorm council and used for entertainment, or the like, throughout the academic

Library policy

will be returned on time when students get caught on the idea of "Thursday being the Book Day."

Books are circulated every 3-4 weeks and they are only due on Thursday (this does not apply at the end of semester). The policy was made to help lessen students' everyday burden of reminding themselves to return books.

In order for a student to take a maximum advantage of the fine collection and utilize the library actively, it only takes a simple reminding that "Thursday is Book Day."

year.

Along with the entertainment aspect of the residence hall fee comes an added use of the money by making it a pot from which damage bills for the entire dorm will be deducted. This is part of the "give and take relationship" that this mandatory fee will initiate. Diment hopes that vandalism in dorms will decrease as a result of this 'give' measure.

Another proposed change for next year (this one concerning hall staff) is the proposed reinstatement of the Resident Assistant position in the dorms. In addition to the Resident Director, one Assistant will be assigned to each dorm. Projecting years into the future Diment said that with an expanded budget he hopes to have an adequate number of RAs so that having two to a floor, in two story dorms, will be a common occurrence. Next year, however, only six RAs on campus will be afforded.

Also next year, RD positions will be hard to come by, for students, as graduate students serving internships are being sought after by Diment. He says he wants a staff with "better credentials, more life experiences and preferably a major or interest in the social or behavioral sciences." Interested faculty members are also being considered.

Diment is definitely planning for the future and is striving to make the "poorly administered" Student Life Office a thing of the past.

"Clockwork Orange" to be shown this week

The C.U.B. Movie of the Week:

"A Clockwork Orange," with Malcolm McDowell Directed by Stanley Kubrick

"A Clockwork Orange" was one of the most controversial films of the 1960's. Based on the novel by Anthony Burgess, the film depicts a not too far in the future vision of a world plagued by random acts of violence. With a dazzling soundtrack by Walter Carlos and his synthesizer, "Clockwork" is clearly destined to be rated as one of the great films of all time.

Sunday at 7 p.m. in Avinger Auditorium. Admission is 25 cents.

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