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New Developments

By NANCY HENRY

Wandering through the halls of the L.A. building recently, you may have noticed the huge blueprint on the bulletin board near the development office. If the purple lines and squares surrounding the immediate academic campus appear a bit alien to you, do not be surprised. They are not a representation of the present campus, but the shape of things to come. Bruce Frye, President for Vice

development of St. Andrews, explained the reasons behind these projected develop-

In their bid for the college, the city of Laurinburg offered St. Andrews 820 acres of land; far over the necessary allotment for the campus. This was done with the future development in mind--development that would provide income to the college and also benefit the Laurinburg community. A master plan was drawn up by the trustees, the first phase of which was the shopping center. The plan has progressed further as in February St. Andrews sold 40 acres of land to the trustees of Scotland Memorial Hospital for their new medical facility. This is a large tract of land bounded on the north side by the U.S. 74 by-pass. Construction of the hospital is scheduled to begin in December of this year, with completion in mid '82. Plans for medical support facilities convenient to the hospital are currently being studied by the trustees. It is conceivable that the proximity of the

medical complex will directly benefit individual students in some cases, through close part-time work and internships.

The hospital has agreed, also, to sponsor construction of a road running from behind K-Mart to the water treatment plant, to provide access to their facilities. This will open up the land for construction of the next development phase--a residential seciton, beginning with condominiums and multi-family dwellings.

"I don't think these

developments will encroach on the campus environment" stated Frye. He went on to explain that several studies had been done on the environmental impact of these plants on the campus. If you take a look at the blueprint you will notice there will still be no thru traffic directly up to the college, which would be unpleasant and potentially dangerous. Instead the residential development will

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PIRG Issue

by JOHN H. KRANTZ

A recent "Dialogue" by Ed Cashwell has raised some serious charges against N.C. These charges surround the way that PIRG handles refunds. Last fall PIRG did not set up to hand out any refunds as it is required to do.

PIRG is a student funded organization. Each student is billed two dollars a semester to go to PIRG. During the first four weeks of the semester, PIRG must set up a time and place where a student may request a refund, which is applied as a credit to the students next bill.

It is the handling of refunds that Ed Cashwell, PIRG state board representative, has his major complaint. He feels that the nonexistent refund system makes it easy for the student to get "ripped off." He points out that not only is the system set up in a bad way, but when PIRG shows up it is during inconvenient hours and only two or three signs are put up.

Anne Hinnent, last year's state representative, confirmed this and pointed to the fact that the state board pushed this strategy. Anne defended the move by stating that the local PIRG board staged "PIRG DAYS" and she had written a "Dialogue" to get the students aware of PIRG. The student reaction was so apathetic that they feared the students would get refunds even if they were not against PIRG.

Anne still feels the refund system is wrong. She pointed to one college where the students are sent a letter describing PIRG and then the student decides whether or not to pay. Ed noted that

this school is Davidson and the system came only by the action of the College President. Ed favors such a system because he feels that "if students are not interested they shouldn't pay. It should be their choice.

Ed feels that PIRG can be very good for the school, but he does not like the move from local interest to national interests. Anne recognized the importance of local interest, but feels that PIRG must inform students about larger interests. She also states that an active local PIRG board is needed to bring out local interests. The local board is comprised of seven elected students and is responsible for knowing student interests. This board also takes campus action.

Both Ed and Anne feel that PIRG can be good. They both feel the refund system is wrong. With an active local board PIRG can be into the local issues, but if it is not active, PIRG becomes distant and unheard as this year shows.

Exchange Program

By JOHN DONEY

Final agreement is all but assured now for the establishment of an exchange program between St. Andrews and Kansai Gaidai University in Japan beginning in the 1980-81 academic

George Hlawatsch, a professor of History at Kansai University, was at St. Andrews February 15, to both iron out the agreement with the administration, and to speak to interested students about the program. Hlawatsch reported that



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pending the approval of the program, one student from each college will be exchanged for one school year Kansai Gaidai, as Hlawatsch explained, has approximately 60 international students and exchange programs with about 20 American Colleges throughout the U.S.

The program is set up such that the student chosen from St. Andrews will attend the Japanese University, but pay St. Andrews College fees. Kansai Gaidai University, an English speaking school, has an academic program designed especially for the foreign student. The exchange student at Kansai Gaidai will be required to take a Japanese language course and will be free to choose from a number of elective courses in a broad area of disciplines. Academic credit for St. Andrews will depend on work completed successfully.

To ensure a cultural experience exchange students to the Japanese university will be living with a Japanese family in the community. Students are also expected to

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This Week:

Thursday, February 28-Writers' Reading 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 29-Mike Reid 9:00 p.m. Belk Lounge (Scholarship Weekend Begins) Monday, March 3-Cross Currents 7:30

Film Siberian Ladv Macbeth 8:00 p.m. Vardell Tuesday, March 4—Dangling Conversation 6:15 Wednesday, March 5-Recital: Herbert Horn & David Chapel 6:15 Underwood 8:00 p.m. Vardell Thursday, March 6-Food For Thought 12:00-1:00

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