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Freshman Students Compete In Canoe Race

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St. Andy's students honest say merchants

In the past there has been talk of various forms of tension between the town and St. Andrews. The town-gown split, as it has been called, centers around several issues, but the two that are closest to the heart, and the pocket-book of the community, are shoplifting and bad checks.

The stereotype of the college student who writes bad checks to local merchants and leaves the store with bulging pockets of stolen merchandise is a misrepresentation, at least according to store managers in the Saint Andrews area.

The managers of K-Mart, Harris Teeter, and Eckerds all agreed that bad checks written by St. Andrews students is a minor problem. The few checks that do bounce seem to be the result of honest errors rather than premeditated attempt to get something for nothing. "You would be surprised how many college students can't add and subtract," comments Harris Teeter manager Grady Greshan.

Manager Ed Leachworth of Eckerds added that he gets fewer bad checks, percentage-wise, from students, than from the rest of his customers.

Shoplifting also seems to be a minor problem. Shoplifting is harder to detect and keep track of than bad checks, but

the general opinion of all three managers was that it was no more of a problem with students than with any other group.

Grady Greshan notes that his store had a problem, a little over a year ago, but says that it has almost completely cleared up now that they have adopted a policy of consistent prosecution. He adds, with a smile, that it helps to have a Deputy Sheriff working in the meat department.

There are, however, S.A. students that have been arrested and prosecuted for shoplifting; one case involved a student who stole a tube of toothpaste and a package of luncheon meats.

All the managers interviewed said they thought that the community was generally supportive of St. Andrews, the success of fund-raising drives and the economic benefits that Laurinburg reaps from the St. Andrews faculty and staff.

"We can tell when school starts by the increase in our business," noted the K-Mart manager.

Two of the three stores have employed students in the last year. Both praised the capability and honesty of the student employees.

Stanley heads admissions

Jim Stanley, already a familiar face at St. Andrews, has taken over a new office. Formerly Director of Financial Aid, Stanley will now head both offices.

Stanley said St. Andrews is well prepared to deal with competition from larger schools in the 80's. "The problem here," stated Jim, "is that most people don't know about us. St. Andrews has been called the best-kept secret in North Carolina."

He went on to explain that while the overall college-age population will drop during the 80's, this decline shouldn't be a problem on the Eastern Seaboard, where the population is concentrating in increasing numbers.

In fact, colleges from the Midwest, where the population is less dense, should be recruiting in this area. Stanley observed that the competition

shouldn't be any problem, as long as St. Andrews maintains their strong base in North Carolina.

But does this optimistic news actually mean that the quality of students will decline? Jim Stanley's answer is a firm negative. "People are looking for a quality education. If we lowered our standards, we might have short term gains, but in the long run it would kill us."

Stanley further commented that, while he has been on a tight schedule during registration week, he hopes to be able to deal personally with students throughout the year. "I'm looking forward to lots of student and faculty input," he concluded. "I think the relations between admissions and the rest of the St. Andrews community will be very positive."

Students subject to new food stamp law

New regulations are going to make it more difficult for students to receive food stamps. Effective September 1, 1980, students enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher learning will not be eligible to receive food stamps unless they meet one of the following criteria:

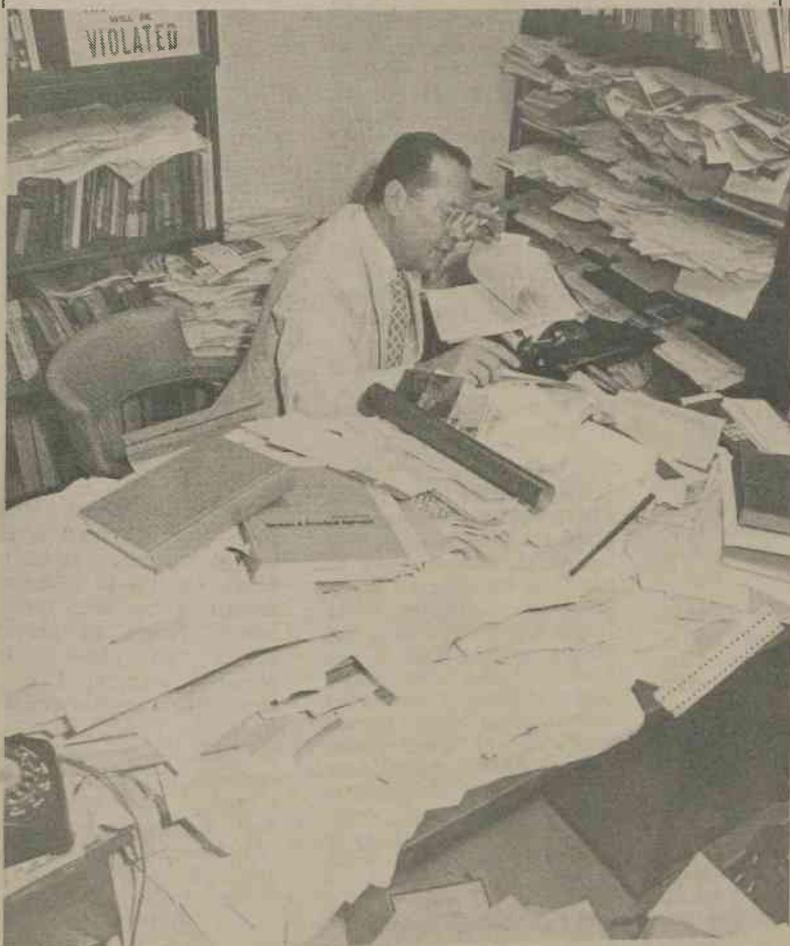
- Be employed 20 hours a week;
- Participate in a Federally financed work study program;

-Be the head of a household or spouse containing at least one other dependent; or

-Be enrolled in school through a Work Incentive Program.

If you fall into one of the above categories, you may want to apply at your local department of social services. Students not meeting the criteria will, under Federal law, be ineligible.

Entropy at work



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Admissions soar

There are more new faces than ever before at St. Andrews, as approximately 200 freshmen and 85 transfers swell college enrollment to 747 students. This is an increase from 620 last fall—the largest increase, both in numbers and percentage, (19%), in the history of St. Andrews.

Registrar Jim Stevens said, "I don't know of any college ever to have that kind of an increase, and we're still registering this week." Stevens said

this new trend could have a bandwagon effect, which could lead to further increases next year—theoretically—until there is no more dorm space. These changes will have a positive financial effect on the college.

The freshmen are primarily from North and South Carolina, with a mean SAT score of 907, slightly lower than last year. The male/female ratio is 50/50.

Highlight

By Jennifer Solt

One of St. Andrews most valuable resources is the College Archives, located in room L.A. A-7, the office of Dr. Carl W. Geffert. Dr. Geffert, keeper of the Archives, is a professor of German at St. Andrews. The "Archives", consisting of a huge mountain of letters, memos and other papers dating back to 1964, is the personal collection of Dr. Geffert, an accumulation of his seventeen years at St.

Andrews.

Geffert explained to The Lance that when he was at the University of Chicago, one of the professors there would pile each day's paperwork on the front page of the Chicago Tribune, thus creating a dated desk-sized file. Dr. Geffert intended to do the same thing here. "But," said Geffert, with a smile, "I never got the newspaper."

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