

Knight views

opinions — editorials

Dear Students,
This is not meant to be an acceptance speech but I do want to take this opportunity to thank the student body for continued support of The Lance. I especially thank the staff for your dedication, hard work, and frantic attempts to meet deadlines.

We've accomplished our foremost goal which was to provide this community a consistent line of communication and entertainment. Now it is time to improve our work and strive towards top quality for every issue.

We will begin by publishing weekly newspapers, which will allow for more updated material. The amazing Ron Bayes has arranged for interested students to receive journalism credit for working on The Lance staff. Sharon Stanley, Kim Becknell, and Dwayne Snowden (although he is a volunteer) and myself are meeting twice a week now as

a class and have much more time to devote to the newspaper. We have many more ideas for continued improvement.

I strongly encourage those of you who can devote any amount of time to The Lance to do so - whether it be reporting, photography, lay-out work, copy reading, cartoon drawing, free lancing, or anything else you can contribute. I also encourage people to send in editorials, suggestions, and information of interest to you to Box 757, for consideration of publication.

We are still committed, as stated in the first issue, to providing you a competent student newspaper. However, we still need your support and help, and appreciate every input you can give us.

In closing (sniff, sniff), I would especially like to thank Libby Turner for guidance during those rare times of sheer ignorance.

TERRI DAVIS

Opportunity Knocks

St. Andrews students will have three chances to earn some of those badly needed beach bucks on Saturday, April 24th, ALUMNI DAY. Students are needed to supervise the Sports Clinic (10 a.m. till 5 p.m.), Day Care Center (8 a.m. till 8 p.m.) and babysit (individual). If you are interested just send

your NAME, BOX #, EXTENSION OR PHONE NO. AND THE HOURS YOU ARE AVAILABLE to STUDENT LIFE for more information.

You can work as many or as few hours as you want. You can spend your day in the pool, on tennis courts, in the Knight Room, or outside AND GET PAID FOR IT!!

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New Beginning continues

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-Legislation is categorized
-SGA Budget passed by the Senate, approved by SGA President

EXECUTIVE:

-President's duties are expanded, clarified
-Cabinet reports monthly to the Senate

-President appoints 3 Cabinet positions

-CUB, CCU Presidents will not serve on the Cabinet

-President gives "state of the campus" address

-President, Cabinet may appoint staff aides

-Cabinet approves charters of student organizations.

-Treasurer is empowered, with Cabinet approval, to freeze SGA funds

JUDICIAL:

-Statement of student rights and responsibilities

-Attorney General has five days to act on alleged violations, after that time the case is turned over to Student Life office

-Attorney General may, at the direction of the Cabinet, initiate legal action on behalf of the Student Association

-Student Judiciary Court (formerly Board) now a jury system, with a Chairperson and Associate Chairperson serving as judges

-Student Faculty Appellate Court composed of four students, one a chairperson appointed by the SGA President, and three faculty selected by the Inter-Dormitory Senate

In short, Dosal explained to the Senate that the new Constitution is basically patterned after our national Constitution and clearly spells out the duties of each branch of government. "The most important function of each branch," said Dosal, "is 1) the Senate, as Legislatures, will play a primary role in making policy, 2) the Executive branch will implement policy, and 3) the Judicial branch will enforce policy. This is a system of checks and balances."

The most controversial issue concerning the new Constitution among the Senators was the idea of the president having the power to appoint 3 secretarial positions to the executive level. The presently elected secretary would also be appointed under the new constitution. The 2 new secretarial positions are: 1) Secretary for Student Services, who would help coordinate and promote activities of all campus organizations, and 2) a Secretary for Student Policy Coordination, whose job would be to make sure that various appointed commit-

tees on campus (such as the Graduation Committee and the Handbook Committee) are carrying out their duties. Representatives from the CCU and CUB would be removed from the executive level. Dosal feels that these representatives have been mostly symbolic because they have no real duties on the committee.

Sharon Stanley, Concord Senator, pointed out that 3 appointed secretaries with voting power would most likely agree with the president on most issues, automatically giving the president a majority of the 7 votes. "There needs to be an equal chance for people on the Cabinet to disagree with the president as well as agree," says Stanley. Dosal then cited five areas in the new constitution where the Cabinet would vote and said that the voting occasions on the executive level are too rare to be concerned over. Ike McRee argued the rationality of this decision by saying that executive branches are administrative bodies, not legislative and they usually operate under consensus.

Mary Dom, Wilmington Senator, then said it seemed the main concern among the Senate was that input on the executive level would become stale with appointed as opposed to elected positions. Dosal, however, perceives the Senate's concern as a fear that the president's power could be abused. "I don't see how any president could abuse the power he/she has when they could easily be removed from office by impeachment or a recall from a majority of students." He believes that the present Constitution allows more room for abuse because the roles of the president are vaguely defined. Dascombe moved that this discussion be closed and commissioned himself, Dosal and McRee to look further into this problem.

Another substantive change which called for lengthy discussion was the reorganization of the

Judicial system. In the proposed Constitution, the "Students' Rights and Responsibilities" section more clearly spells out the rights of students. A student court has also been established with stricter guidelines for operation. For example, students will serve on jury duty and will be chosen randomly for each case. Service will be mandatory except in cases of illness, emergency required academic events, or required athletic events. Reference was made several times to the Ross Barnette case last semester where the student courts were bypassed by the Administration. "Hopefully with this new system," says Dascombe, "we can avoid unfortunate cases like this in the future."

"We hope to put the document up for a vote by the second week of March."

-Paul Dosal

Dosal told the Senate that it would be unfortunate if the student government did not operate another year under the present Constitution, which he feels is really "the Constitution at all." "The Andrews students do not perceive the student government as necessary nor effective and there has been a definite need to legitimize the system," says Dosal. "With the opening of the student government center and a new Constitution, we can become an effective body operating on behalf of students." One of Dosal's goals as SGA President, stated in the first issue of THE LANCE, was to make the student government more professional. "It's exciting to see these goals come true," says Dosal, "and to see student government finally being set on solid ground. This should be a momentous occasion for students."

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