

# Knight views

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## Students Need

## To Clean Up Their Act

By BILL LIDE

On Wednesday night, two weeks, ago, I participated in the bonfire given by Granville Dorm. It was a great idea and it was nice to sit with my friends around a fire. The group of people I was with outlasted everyone and we didn't leave until shortly before 12:00 PM. When we were preparing to leave we were stunned to find the beach area looking like a dump.

There were empty beer cans, blankets, cups and numerous marshmallow packages strewn all over the beach, but the most amazing thing was that there were several garbage cans there, but they were no more than half full. Before we left we attempted to clean up a little, but the place still looked like a wreck.

When I returned to the scene the following morning the area had been cleaned up by some unknown students, that need to be commended.

If we, the students, expect the administration to allow us to have anymore of these outdoor gatherings then we must show more responsibility, as a whole, and clean up what we mess up.

The lack of responsibility of the students to keep St. Andrews clean seems to be a problem that stretches clear across campus. If you look around any of the dorms you will most likely find unnecessary trash that could have been put in a trash can with little effort.

The maintenance crew is hired by the school to keep the grounds clean, but that does not mean that the students can neglect their responsibility to keep their own community clean.

Last year Winston-Salem Dorm had a "clean-up" day to cleanse the area around that dorm of debris. It was a success and there was a healthy turnout by the residents of that dorm. With this example, I encourage all dorms to have similar activities and we should look seriously at having a campus wide "clean-up" day.

The way a community looks is a reflection on the self-esteem of the inhabitants of that community. Do we want visitors to think that we have no self-esteem and respect for our surroundings? Of course we don't, so let's act together and make St. Andrews a cleaner and better place to live.

### GRIPES TO THE ADMINISTRATION

1) Why do the library and Belk Center's outside lights stay on all day and then get turned off at night?

2) Why, since the Administration has buckled down on allowing students to drive on the grass, do they let the maintenance crew make a shambles of the grassy areas by letting them make their garbage runs in any area of campus?

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## Roving Reporter:

### The Nuclear Arms Race

By PAUL WEBB

The threat of nuclear war is becoming more evident every day. Many people are afraid that in the near future, a nuclear devastation will take place. Many believe that a freeze should be placed on nuclear arms, while others take the opposite stance and believe that nuclear arms build up is a necessary part of the U.S. defense system. Recently some St. Andrews students were asked to give their opinions on this controversial issue:

**Ray White:** Ray believes that the U.S. is much more powerful than the Soviet Union and that the U.S. could probably blow up the U.S.S.R. with no problem. Ray also believes that the defense spending of the U.S. is necessary to insure safety in the U.S. Although he believes the U.S. is strong enough to overcome any opposition, he does not think a nuclear war will break out.

**Jean Jones:** Jean said that any nuclear war would bring on total devastation and that any thought of such a war would be totally suicidal. He believes that a nuclear war with Russia, or anyone else, would be totally futile. Jean also said that he is completely against any form of warfare.

**Stuart Brantley:** Stuart believes that anything is possible. He expressed his resentment to a world war, but at the same time emphasized the need for some kind of defense plan. Stuart also believes that the Soviets have more nuclear weapons than they are accounting for. He said that the Soviets will not get the upper hand on the U.S.

## For Your Information

When one thinks of "Hat Days" gone by, some may recall... the procession of hats across the lake... hat and shades boogies... the memorable lightbulb hat of Anne Woodson... the "Best Hat" award winners... and a trip to South of the Border, complete with sombreros and two tickets to sombrero tower... boy, those were the days!

Happy days are here again, because "Hat Day" is back and in all of its' glory. It is time for all of you mad hatters to come out of the closet and show us your stuff. Awards will be presented at THE BIG picture for the biggest hat, the most colorful hat, the ugliest hat, and the coveted best all around hat.

Be a part of the excitement on Tuesday be sure to include your sneaks and shades to polish off the whole look.

TO: All Students  
FROM: DeTamble Library  
Circulation Desk  
DATE: Sept. 30, 1982  
SUBJECT: Fines

This fall the library has instituted some new policies concerning circulating books and we wish to call your attention to a reduction in our fine rate. Books are due on the date stamped in the back and the charge will be 10 cents per day overdue but there will no longer be a grace period. We think we will all benefit from these changes and ask for your cooperation.

The Young Democrats Club of Scotland County is in its organizational stages. Any registered Democrats between the ages of 18-35 are eligible. The first meeting will take place on October the 20th, 1982 (place and time to be announced). Anyone who has questions can contact Carl McIntyre, campus mail, P.O. Box 660.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I read with interest your coverage of the dormitory renovation and the issues involved. The reports raise crucial issues on a subject I had not thought much about and for that you are to be commended.

Nevertheless, I protest the easy analogy between Beirut and Mecklenberg dormitory. As one guilty of many bad jokes and poor analogies in my lectures I am well qualified to recognize my faults in others. I pray that none of the St. Andrews community ever has to go through what Beirut is going through and that our students will come to understand the difference between the hellish ravages of war and the gradual deterioration of a college's physical plant.

Respectively,  
Jack Roper

The CCU hopes that the Montreat Retreat of Oct. 22nd-24th will promote awareness of blacks and whites' perception of one another. We would like to create an awakening, and an enlightenment, to the historical and intellectual background of these perceptions. Through this awareness we wish to give birth to a sense of empathy for racial stress. This retreat should be a springboard from which to continue black and white interaction, both formal and informal, here on this campus. We believe the retreat will provide focus for action, rather than mere contemplation, using participants as a grass-roots group for genuine interracial community living.

I thank you,  
Katy Weatherington