

Knight views

Welcome To Winter Term

By BILL LIDE

Winter term is upon us once again and as usual it is a unique experience. We all hope for some snow to help divert our imaginations from wandering to the places that our peers are. From Switzerland to sunny Florida, we know that some St. Andrews students are having a lifetime experience now.

It would be easy for us to feel less fortunate than those abroad, but spending the term at St. Andrews has some qualities that one could never find while traevlling.

Students who stay here have the opportunity to take specialized classes that would not be found on the Fall and Spring curriculums. There are also the chances to take classes from professors that do not teach full time at the college.

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It is also the time that brings less stress from the classes. Since the term only lasts a few weeks most classes are less rigorous than those in the longer semesters. There is usually more time to spend on extracurricular activities such as sports or minicourses that are offered in the evenings.

But with all these good things there are also some bad things that help make the Winter term a unique experience. Cold showers ar all right in the late summer and spring, but in the winter they are unbearable and quite frequent.

Heating, or should I say lack of heating, seems to create quite an uproar in the winter term. When we think of our friends in Florida, while we are in our heatless rooms we have a desire to break up our desks and start a bonfire in our rooms.

For good or for bad, the winter term at St. Andrews surely is a unique and lifelong experience, so enjoy it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: St. Andrews professors continue to receive prestigious awards and positions that are outside of their usual activities. Professor Ron Bayes was awarded the Diploma of Merit by the Italian Academy for his contributions to twentieth century poetry. James Linehan, professor of art, won the 11th annual Competition for North Carolina Artists and Stuart Marks, professor of anthropology and environmental studies, was named the staff consultant to the Forestry Program of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. These awards prove again that at St. Andrews the students are exposed to some of the most qualified people in the nation in their specialized fields.

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Nationwide : Housing is Substandard

Nearly 25,000 college students lived in substandard campus housing -- dorms or apartments which failed to pass fire and health inspections, were structurally unsafe, had no usable toilets, bathtubs or showers, or lacked basic hot and cold running water - during the 1980-81 school year, a just-completed study reveals.

The survey, conducted by the American Council on Education for the U.S. Education Department, found that of the estimated 2.4 million students living in college-operated housing, slightly over one percent lived in substandard facilities.

"Generally, colleges have been doing an excellent job of running a multi-billion dollar business," says study director Charles Anderson. "But we did find a very low percentage (of schools) where there were problems and concerns."

The "one-shot study,"

Anderson says, found that of the 25,000 students living in substandard facilities, "the highest percentage were in the four-year school sector, where for both public and private schools it was nearly one-and-one-half percent."

All of the 407 institutions surveyed, however, gave a high priority to repairing the inadequate housing.

In raking priorities for the next two years, 40 percent of the schools gave top priority to rehabilitation, 29 percent to energy conservation projects, 21 percent to construction of new facilities, and 10 percent to "other spending" on housing.

They spend a lot already. Over 2500 colleges and universities provided housing for students and spent an estimated \$2.5 billion on housing during 1981, the study reveals. It was an average of \$1078 per student.

Thirty-two percent of the students at public institutions live in college housing, com-

pared with 52 percent at private schools. And among all four-year intitutions, the study reports, the average occupancy rate for student housing exceeded the designed capacity by one percent.

Monthly charges for campus housing averaged \$194 for single students and \$162 for couples.

Poetry Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize will be awarded in the Eighth Annual Poetry Competition sponsored by World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 99 other cash or merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.

Rules and official entry forms are available from the World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Dept. G, Sacramento, California.

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Draft and Financial Aid Do Battle

The new law that would deny financial aid to men who haven't registered for the draft will meet its first legal challenge in January.

the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) has sued the government, claiming the draft-aid law violates students' constitutional rights.

The law is supposed to go into effect next July 1.

"We're challenging the law on four grounds," says MPIRG Executive Director Jim Miller.

MPIRG claims Congress is "stepping into the duties of

the courts by legislatively dictating the guilt for a crime and then punishing the alleged violators.

Miller says the law illegally forces a student to incriminate himself and, since it applies only to males who can't afford to go to school without financial aid, violates constitutional guarantees of equal protection under the law.

The law also "violates the Privacy Act of 1974 by collecting excessive and unnecessary amounts of personal information not specifically related to financial aid," he asserts.

Selective Service spokeswoman Betty Alexander says her agency still plans to implement the law this summer since "it has already been passed by Congress.

MPIRG's call for an injunction against the law will be heard in federal court in January, Miller says, "but we anticipate an appeal no matter which way (the suit) is decided."

running oak ridge would bring prestige, money and great scientists, they say but it could also bring "fantastic political trouble