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## Loftus Accepts Interim Position

By RICK HANNA

"When the position was first broached to me it was a hard decision to make. I thought long and hard for a few days. Once I made my decision I was pleased with it. All the uncertainty is gone and I felt I made the right decision," said Dr. William Loftus, the interim dean of students for the 1983-84 academic year.

The decision was a difficult one for Loftus because while serving as dean he will not be teaching any courses. "This is a totally new change and adjustment for me. If I was to teach, I feel that it would only cause me to give less time to the office or less time to the courses." Loftus' absence in the foreign language and SAGE programs will certainly be a loss.

Orientation was Loftus' first job as dean and he said, "Craig (Hannas) has set up a great program and everything went very well. Everyone in the Student Life Office took the plan and worked together. I was very impressed."

Turning towards the new year, Loftus said, "The immediate problem is the Safe Roads Act, which changes the laws concerning the pur-

chasing and consumption of alcohol."

"This affects St. Andrews directly. Student parties will have change to bring us in compliance with that law within the month." Loftus characterized the problem as everyone's not, "just an institutional one." The Safe Roads Act goes into affect on October 1.

In order to insure compliance with the law, Loftus, the Student Life Committee and Laurey Murphy, assistant to the dean of students, are working together very closely. Mrs. Murphy and a student representative are scheduled to attend a conference at Duke University, which will address the question of how the law affects a college campus.

"My major concern, as it was with my predecessors, is to bring student and academic life closer together. Secondly, I would like to expand the idea of what student activities means. I will work with Laurey Murphy and student groups. There will be no radical changes."

Loftus encourages people to offer him assistance and to realize that his doors are always open to advice from students, faculty and administration.



*No it's not the New York Stock Exchange, it's Fall Registration!*

## Convocation Opens School

By Beth Davison

To the music of the bagpipes marched the somewhat anxious freshmen that were succeeded by the faculty dressed in their colorful robes. This procession marked the beginning of the twenty-second opening Convocation for the Class of 1987 held in Avinger Auditorium. Only four years later will the faculty and these students march in this fashion again, remarked Dean Ronald Crossley.

The Convocation was given by Dr. W. D. White followed by Rev. Dr. Robert Martin, Jr. who gave the Invocation. President A. P. Perkinson then welcomed the Class of 1987 to an "interesting, vibrant, and caring community," and expressed to everyone that Saint Andrews exist to serve the students and help the individual expand horizons, reach for goals, and share the journey.

Dr. William Loftus, introduced as the dean of students to replace Dean Craig Hannas, said "Saint Andrews is an excellent place to live, learn, and to grow." Dr. Neal Bushoven spoke briefly to pass on information to parents concerning meeting places following Convocation

Next, the President of the Student Association, David Saunier, spoke on the importance of getting involved and voicing one's opinion. David feels with the newly created environment at Saint Andrews, there is a greater

responsibility to become involved by taking advantage of opportunities.

Dr. William Alexander gave the address entitled "The Foreign Car Competition in Higher Education: Or, Why You Are Getting So Much Junk Mail." In his speech he talked of how colleges make false promises and claims, such as guarantees of jobs, and social success "by providing the right contacts", in order to compete with the competition. Alexander claimed

Saint Andrews does not promise these "myths", instead, "we can promise the opportunities to learn, which was pointed out through the naming of Saint Andrews' distinguished professors and their accomplishments.

Dean Ronald Crossley said a few words stating that one was "well come" if he is eager to learn, willing to take risks, and open to new experiences. The Convocation was ended by the Benediction given by Rev. Laurey Murphy.

## Saunier Stresses Communication

Christie Williams

Breaking down traditional barriers with an emphasis on communication is a main point included in student life president's, David Saunier's, plan for this year.

"Students should know exactly what is going on, and who plays what role in our government system," said Saunier.

Before long term goals are looked into, immediate attention is being given to internal organization.

"Our officers need to *feel their way around* in their new duties and with the new constitution they will be working with," said Saunier. "Elections still need to be held for dorm social chairpersons. Then we can look to breaking down barriers between students and faculty, and

within the student body itself."

Besides working with a new constitution, the student government is also operating with a new dean of students, Dr. William Loftus. And with North Carolina's new liquor law, the government will be up against a lot of new aspects to deal with and incorporate.

"A lot of positive things can be done to change St. Andrews; but the ones that will last must be generated by the students themselves," said Saunier, "So much can be done if both the faculty and students realize we are all working toward the same common goal."

Already the government

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