

Global Glance

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"blunder" by the Soviets is plainly one that cannot be ignored.

I would never promote counter-aggression as a means of solving the problem existing yet I do believe some shift in public opinion at the international level is necessary. Existing with the Soviets is a seemingly unmanageable task these days. Their belief in the dialectic as opposed to our belief in a more linear and contained sort of growth often almost inevitably puts them on the offensive. However, it seems that both sides will have to learn to talk at a somewhat neutral and diplomatic level if we are to avoid a nuclear war in the end.

We continually face a shrinking world, a world becoming more centralized and paradoxically, one that is politically polarized. Acts such as the Sakhalin Island incident make Soviet sympathizers think twice about what their beliefs really stand for, yet can the world afford to turn their backs on the Soviet Union. They will not somehow cease to exist and the problem remains that we must learn to talk to them and to deal with them or heighten the risk of an apocalypse now.

P.S. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both new and returning students to St. Andrews. I am Attorney General for this school year and will welcome any comments or opinions you have either concerning student government or this editorial.

Forum continued

Dear Editor,

During the past six months there have been two major decisions regarding housing which have been made without the input of the students. The first decision involved the elimination of the R.A. position and the second regarded the closing of Mecklenburg dorm this school year.

I have no gripes with the decisions themselves because although they have adversely affected my life at S.A., the decisions may have been very good ones. I am very distressed, however, with the lack of student input in the decision-making process and the failure of the administrators to give reasons for their actions (especially for closing Mecklenburg).

In the future, I believe that a memo should be sent to the students explaining any decisions which might be made which affect them, giving reasons for the decisions, and asking for input. I'm sure this would lead to better decisions and more harmony on campus. It is much better to have an informed, actively involved and disappointed student body than an ignorant and angry student body.

Sincerely,

Vartan Toma

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to continue, the lake will return to its original state--a swamp.

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In order to understand all the ramifications of maintaining Lake Moore, a series of articles explaining its

origins, its problems, and the possible solutions to those problems will follow in future editions of "The Lance".

Student Association Notebook

By David Saunier

The following is derived from a speech I delivered to the new students at Convocation on September 3rd.

We are the students of St. Andrews. Others among us are known as the faculty, administration, and staff. Together we total about 950 people. We refer to ourselves as the "St. Andrews community. To those among us who work here, and especially to we who live here this is our own little society.

Entering this society as a student gives us particular rights as well we responsibilities. One of our most basic rights as student is the right to an education. We have responsibilities. We have a responsibility to the community of which we are a part, as well as to ourselves

to take an active role in the social, academic, and cultural life of the college.

Any society must have some form of structure. The structure or structures are created by those people who comprise the society or structures are created by those people who comprise the society as the way they have chosen to organize themselves. We have just changed our structures in the Student Life Office and in the Student Association. With these changes comes opportunity. The atmosphere is ripe for new ideas, new approaches, and new people. We have a responsibility to take advantage of these opportunities.

It is within the structures we have created at St. Andrews that decisions are made that greatly affect us. It is within these structures that we must work.

If a decision is made around here and you had nothing to do with it then you actually had a great deal to do with it. If you had chosen to try and influence the decision it may have been decided differently. Your failure to act becomes a very powerful and dangerous form of action that all have a responsibility to avoid.

For four years this is our little society to do with as we wish. The ball is in our court, it's our move, use whatever analogy you wish. It's up to us.

Community Calendar

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| September 9, 10 | "Diary of Adam and Eve," |
| 8:00 p.m. | LA Auditorium |
| September 10 | Hacker's Rating (contact Riding Club) |
| 10:00 a.m. | Singingwood Farm |
| | Cookout and Stock Seat Equitation |
| 12:30 p.m. | Singingwood Farm |
| September 11 | Sunday Vesper Service |
| 7:00 p.m. | Belk Main Lounge |
| September 12 | 1983-84 Yearbook Staff Meeting |
| 5:30 p.m. | Belk Main Lounge |
| September 13 | Lance Staff Meeting |
| 5:30 p.m. | Belk Main Lounge |
| September 14 | Career Workshop |
| 4:00 p.m. | Resource Library |
| September 15 | Women's Caucus |
| 4:00 p.m. | Belk Main Lounge |
| September 19 | Layout Workshop - Lamp and Shield |
| 5:30 p.m. | Blue Dining Room |
| September 21 | Career Workshop |
| 4:00 p.m. | Resource Library |
| September 22 | Women's Caucus |
| 4:00 p.m. | Belk Main Lounge |

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