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An Open Letter to the St. Andrews Community

By Sally Schiel

In less than three months, on May 13th, the 130 members of the senior class will march across the lake to graduate.

The upcoming commencement exercise is going to have one major difference from past St. Andrews commencement ceremonies.

On Sunday February 19th, the graduation committee announced to the senior class that we would not have an outside speaker at commencement.

This year, along with the usual election of a student speaker, the seniors will vote for a faculty member to speak in place of an outside speaker. President Perkinson will then select the faculty speaker from the top three vote getters.

Several legitimate reasons were given for this policy change on the part of the administration.

In the past, those attending the graduation ceremony have been held a captive audience to some less-than-inspiring speakers. Some speakers that we have had in recent years have been fairly

boring. They have been known to ramble for hours on subjects which the audience did not seem to be at all interested.

Also, a school the size of St. Andrews does not have the resources to attract speakers of national import. It is unreasonable to expect such speakers as Alan Alda or Erma Bombeck--speakers that students are quick to suggest as possibilities.

Despite the small turnout at Sunday's meeting, there was plenty of sentiment against this change in policy--and with good reason.

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Colorado Governor Fourth Evans Fellow

By Maureen Ingalls

Governor Richard Lamm, in an address delivered on Wednesday, February 15 in Avinger Auditorium, as part of the Evans Fellows Program, examined the current situation of "Politics and Economics in a Static Pie." The afternoon lecture was the culmination of several days of informal discussions held with the St. Andrews and surrounding Laurinburg communities.

Lamm's address dealt with the economic realities and implications of the last fifteen years resulting in a "staggering loss of income" for the U.S. During this period of economic crisis according to Lamm, the U.S. has fallen to fourth or fifth in international per capita income levels. Events and public policy of the last several decades, such as the 1970 "export hold on commodities," also under act the national economy said Lamm.

The Governor targeted several areas requiring reform in the "path to a sustainable society." Among those highlighted were a renewed focus upon the domestic educational system, increased accountability within health care to taxpayers, as well as an intense examination of natural resource policy.

The U.S., said Lamm, has committed itself to a destructive policy of "unilateral economic disarmament" with an emphasis upon the "politics of consumption" rather than the "politics of production." The critical point has been reached in the economy, said Lamm because American policy-makers have lost their "freedom to allocate (moneys to) new social programs."

With the cutback on such programs imperative given present economic conditions, ethical concerns must also be addressed said the Governor. He cited as particularly problematic, immigration which no longer has an "applicable" political solution and such programs as health care which have been, for the last several decades, for "bypassing public policy."

Governor Lamm's prescription for redefining the "parameters of the new world" was based upon significant "axiomatic" policy changes. According to him, both the public and private sectors will recognize that the "problems of the 1980's" have been addressed thus far with a "political grasp of the 1960's." The proper function of politics and policy-making said Lamm, involves proper "management of expectations" to continually "retool" and "rejuvenate" the American economic system.

N.C.A.A. Shortens Knights' Season

By Bill Lide

The Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference announced on Wednesday, February 15 that because a Knight basketball player accepted a \$200 loan from a Laurinburg physician the St. Andrews men's basketball team had to forfeit four conference games of the 1984 season and that the team would be ineligible for the DIAC and the NCAA post season tournaments this season.

The actions were handed down by the DIAC after it was learned that Bert Joseph, a sophomore, had accepted a \$200 loan from Dr. Tom French, of Laurinburg, early in the 1983 season. No agreement had been made between Joseph and Dr. French as to when and how the loan was to be repayed.

The school found out about the loan when Ms. Shelby French, a part-time member of the St. Andrews staff, overheard Dr. French mention the loan in a conversation.

Ms. French informed Dr. Juliam Smith, St. Andrews Athletic Director, of the conversation and Dr. Smith then relayed the message to Dean Ronald Crossley. After reviewing the case and interviewing both Joseph and Dr. Smith, Crossley sent the findings to Thomas E. Yeager, A NCAA legislative assistant.

Later, Yeager informed the college that the player in question, Joseph, had broken NCAA rule 3-1-(g)-15 and that he would be immediately ineligible. The DIAC then informed the Knights that they would have to forfeit all conference games that Joseph played in this year and that the team was no longer eligible for post season play.

The loan was a rules violation for two main reason. Because Dr. French was the team physician and a strong supporter of the Knight's Club he was considered to be "a representative of athletic interests" and therefore he could not help an athletic financially in any way.

Secondly, Joseph failed to inform Vicki King, head of St. Andrews Financial Aid Office, of the loan. This constitutes a violation in both the NCAA and St. Andrews financial aid policies.

Because the loan was made last year the Knights must notify all opponenets from last year's season and offer to forfeit all the games that Joseph played in. Jim McDuffie, head of the St. Andrews news department said that no teams had called up and accepted the proposed forfeitures.

In a published statement Crossley said that both Joseph and Dr. French had told him that Coach Doug Riley had known of the loan.

"Coach Riley indicated both to Dr. Smith and to me that he had no knowledge of the loan. Both the physician and Mr. Joseph indicated that Coach Riley was aware of the loan. Subsequently Coach Riley has submitted a written statement denying knowledge of the transaction," said Crossley.

When questioned by THE LANCE concerning Coach Riley's knowledge of the loan Joseph said, "Coach Riley did not have any knowledge of me receiving the loan."

In response to Joseph's latter comments concerning Coach Riley, Dean Crossley said, "I will stick to the things that I said in my published statement."

In closing his statement Dean Crossley said, "while not condoning their action or excusing their ignorance of the rules, I believe the physician and Mr. Joseph were acting on good intentions."

"Despite their intent, their actions clearly constitute violation which we are bound by honor and agreement to report."

"I don't think the conference had any choice," said Dr. Smith. "We brought it upon ourselves, but I think that the conference and St. Andrews handled the situation in good faith."

Rabbi Friedman to Visit St. Andrews

Rabbi John S. Friedman, of Judea Reform Congregation, will visit St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina, on Tuesday, March 13. He will address an assembly on the topic of "History and Basic Beliefs of Judaism," which will be held at 12:40 p.m. in Avinger Auditorium. The entire St. Andrews and Laurinburg communities are invited.

The rabbi lectures on college campuses under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua

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