

The Lance St. Andrews Presbyterian College

Strides of Unity: Peace For All

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On March 1, 1984, five people began a pilgrimage to the East that would everntually bring them to St. Andrews and beyond. They are the group embarking on "A Walk For The People -- Pilgrimage For Life". They left from a windswept California beach at sunset that day.

Over seven months later, the group arrived for a three-day stay in Pate Hall on the St. Andrews campus. On September 9, the group conducted a fireside chat, initiated by college Pastor Bob Martin. At that meeting the purpose being the walk was discussed. As the name implies, it is a mission of peace. Yet, it is more. It is a sharing of ideas between people of different backgrounds. "We are collecting pictures from school groups around the country and sharing them in a scrapbook with not just children in other parts of the country, but also with children in other parts of the world," said James Outhouse, the leader of the group.

Outhouse, a New York native, introduced the rest of the group. They were Adele Kushner, from Atlanta, Ga.; Andy Rector, from Mobile, Al.; Kevin Shay, from Dallas, Tx.; and Barbara Hirshwitz, from San Francisco, Ca. During the meeting, the group pointed out that, as a group, they support no particular political party or ideal. Each individual makes his own choices. The only thing they officially share is the



Group Walks Towards Goal of Peace

desire to see a safer world emerge; a world without nuclear weapons. Among the literature the group brought to pass out were leaflets on the effects of nuclear war, and what meager attempts have been made in the area of civilian defense. "The only way to survive a nuclear war is not to have one" was the major

theme behind most of the group's information.

The following night, September 10, the group allowed a private interview to be conducted. The following is a text of that interview:

Lance: How many peace walks have you been involved in?

St. Andrews Cosponsors Concert Series

On October 4, St. Andrews and the Scotland Arts Council cosponsored a Loonis McGlohon Trio concert at Scotland County High School.

The trio, which has been seen on "Entertainment Tonight", "20/20", and CBS "Sunday Morning", performed jazz and modern music from 1900 to the present.

Among the worked featured were tunes by Irving Berlin, Chopin, Duke Ellington, and McGlohon himself. The group also has composed and performed the music for "On the Road With Charles Kuralt".

Quite a number of St. Andrews students and faculty attended the

concert. "I was very impressed with their ability to improvise, especially with the song for the kid," said Senior John Conyers, alluding to the trio's on-stage creation of a song dedicated to a small boy in the front row. "They were very professional," Conyers continued. "They played very seriously, yet in a relaxed manner. I really enjoyed listening."

Freshman Lee Huber was a bit more technical in his remarks. "They blended well together. The bass player was using a new bass, which sounded great in the hall. The drummer's set-up was perfectly tuned for acoustics. The only set back was Loonis' microphone on the

piano wasn't turned up loud enough. The improvisation of these three was superb. I was greatly impressed with their overall musicianship and quality of sound."

McGlohon included the audience by including bits of background and trivia before nearly every piece. The audience responded by calling them back for an oncore.

Events yet to come on the Arts Council's agenda are "The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra" on November 13, "The Jubilee Singers of Fisk University" on March 7, 1985 and "Easy Moving Company Dances" on April 18, 1985.

Dale: This is the eighth since 1980. They've mostly been directed towards the arms race, but a few were directed toward Native Indian rights or local issues.

Lance: Tell me about your first peace walk.

Adele: It was a walk to the Savannah River Nuclear Plant. I felt strange and scared. None of the group had ever been to a demonstration before. But is was exhilarating. It turned me on to demonstrating.

Lance: Briefly tell what led to your joining the walk.

Andy: Just the realization that a war with the U.S.S.R. is possible and planned. I attended a workshop and was trained to be a fallout shelter manager. I felt then that the only civil defense was to stop the war.

Lance: How do you feel about what the group is trying to do?

Kevin: I've been in it for four months now, and I wouldn't be if I didn't believe in what we're doing. I used to be a writer, and I was employed by four newspapers, one full-time and three free-lance. When I heard about this group in a newspaper article it just struck me as a way to find out what problems there are out there and what can be done. It's a learning process. I've learned a lot about peace and institute.

Lance: Tell me about your peace walk experiences.

Barbara: There are four walks going on right now, and I've walked with two of the others. I hope to walk with the last one, which is called European Peace Pilgrimage.

Lance: Does the group follow any political views at all?

Dale: Each individual has his own views, but as a group were not taking a partisan view on any issue such as the freeze. We only want our voices heard. We don't feel the need for politicians or "experts" to make our decisions for us. We are our own best experts.

Lance: What is your route and timeline?

Andy: We're going through all the capital cities between here and New York. We'll stay in D.C. about a week. From D.C. to N.Y. we've scheduled three weeks and hope to arrive on December 14. Then we'll take some time off. Then we hope to be in Dublin, Ireland on January 20 and begin our European leg of the

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