

Housekeeping Working to Study

By Deborah Kelly

Last year a new program, housekeeping, was introduced into the work study department. The new program provides more jobs for those students in need of financial assistance. The program also benefits the school as well. Maintenance costs are kept down because there are fewer salaries being paid outside the school.

The number of students working in housekeeping has greatly increased this year. During the Fall semester, 60 students were assigned to housekeeping. Currently, the number has risen to 75 due to new students and those who have applied for financial assistance in the spring. Approximately half of the students work in the dorms and the other half work in administrative buildings, including the P.E. Center.

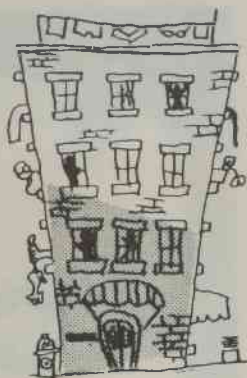
Duties for the typical housekeeper include emptying trash and ashtrays. Dust must be removed from all angles, seen and unseen. Walls, windows and doors must be washed thoroughly as well as desks and radiators. The hall, suite lounges, and class rooms must be mopped and vacuumed. The bathrooms must be sanitized and dispenser items restocked. Cobwebs must be removed from corners and high places. All this plus various odd jobs must be completed on a daily basis in order to pass inspection.

Dianne Dyches, in her third year as Director of College Work Study, has felt there has been a marked improvement over last year because of the increased supervision over student workers. Since it has been successful and is still growing, Mrs. Dyches claims that housekeeping is "here to stay and will be even better in the upcoming year." Students required to clean the dorms during the fall semester numbered at thirty-two. Of those original thirty-two, twenty-two are left. Seventeen new people have joined the program. In the beginning, students in housekeeping had many obstacles to overcome. There were not enough supplies to go around and then workers lacked the equipment to properly accomplish their assignments. Nonetheless, these problems were overcome and there has been an upswing in that area of housekeeping.

Patsy Webb, Director of Housing, says that the number of students working in the dorms is adequate, but that ideally the program should have one student per suite. This would give the department more flexibility and time to get special projects done.

Mrs. Dyches and Ms. Webb both agree that housekeeping is a good idea that is primarily for the well-being of students. The student workers are provided with needed financial assistance, while the entire student body is provided with a comfortable and clean place to live and study.

A task force committee consisting of three resident directors, four students, Dianne Dyches, Patsy Webb and Juri Kirs met over winter term to seek improvements in the housekeeping department. They



discussed the problems of staffing, supervision and availability of students. They also would like to give housekeeping students the choice to return to the program next year. This would save a lot of time because these students are experienced and do not have to go through a training session. The committee would also like to give some kind of recognition to those students who have excelled in their areas of work.

One of the major problems dealing with housekeeping is not the working aspects of the job, but the attitude and lack of consideration demonstrated by non-housekeeping students. Many housekeeping students feel that they are looked down upon because of the jobs that they perform. It takes a special kind of person to endure the physically tiring and often monotonous job duties.

Members of the St. Andrews' community have taken advantage of the fact that someone else will eventually clean up after them. Coffee cups are jammed into ashtrays; soda cans are strewn across classrooms, and suite lounges are constantly left in shambles. Energies must be turned to unnecessary labor when they could best be put to use on constructive projects. Students and faculty alike should keep in mind that it is the people with whom they have daily interaction who must clean up the unnecessary trash and careless spills. The person who has to clean up may even be your friend. Why make the job harder than it already is? By the same token, the housekeeper has the responsibility to fulfill his/her obligation by working the full number of scheduled hours and to perform quality work.

If everyone makes an effort to cooperate and work together then we all will benefit.

INNOVATIONS: Student Task Force

by Heidi Jernigan

The work study program at St. Andrews continues to break new ground with the formation of a student task force. The task force will be an extension of the housekeeping and maintenance departments with the hourly wages set at \$3.50. Students can work up to eight hours on Saturdays, and therefore, devote the extra hours during the week to their studies. Mr. Juri Kirs, new director of physical plant activities, feels that a minimum of 12 students

is needed to make the program viable. The new work will include campus beautification, painting and other work that can not normally be done by regular housekeeping and maintenance workers. Dr. Bill Loftus is the head of the committee studying the new task force. Students interested in joining the task force should contact their current work supervisors, Dianne Dyches, or Mr. Kirs.

PROFILE:

Mr. Juri Kirs

by Deborah Kelly

Operations at the physical plant and in the housekeeping department have undergone many positive changes with the arrival of Mr. Juri Kirs, the new director of the physical plant. Mr. Kirs was born in Stockholm, Sweden. At the age of five, he moved to Canada with his family, and later moved to the United States. Mr. Kirs, a Vietnam Veteran, received his degree in Business Management from Erie County Tech. His last position of employment was as Operations Manager of the Charleston Town Center, a multi-

story shopping center in Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. Kirs finds the people at St. Andrews pleasant to work with, and he is quite impressed by the beauty of our campus. Mr. Kirs said, "The people at the physical plant have done more than what is expected." Mr. Kirs looks forward to the challenges he will face as the new directors.

Along with Mr. Kirs, we welcome his wife Maureen, son Christopher, and two daughters, Tonya and Katie to the area. Best wishes for a long and successful future!

Politics, Economics And Education: Building a Stronger Nation?

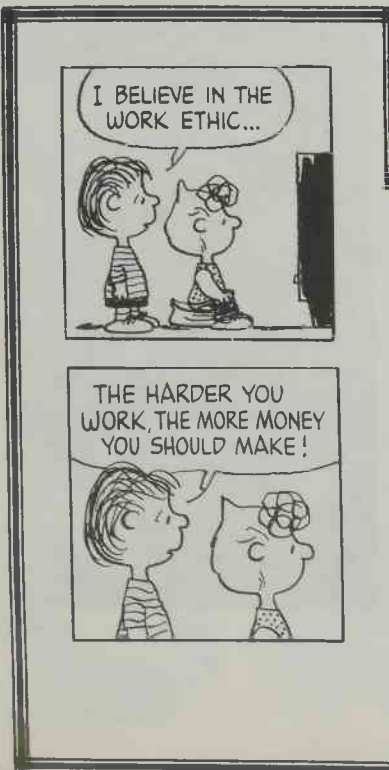
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President Reagan has released his budget proposals for the 1986-87 fiscal year, and college students are the big losers. Reagan has proposed that \$2.5 billion be cut from federal aid to college financial aid programs. What does this mean? To begin with, 20% of the students now getting grants or loans would be ineligible during the 86-87 period. The number of students receiving federal aid would fall from 5.6 million in 1985 to 4.3 million in 1987. \$25 million would be cut from college work study programs. The results of such a cut could be increased competition for entrance into lower cost, state supported colleges and universities, and possibly a decline in the number of students entering college after high school graduation. College budgets

would have to allocate more money to fundraising activities, thus taking funds away from on campus projects.

The announcement of a tuition increase at St. Andrews has students wondering how they will once again make ends meet. Comfort comes only from the fact that there are similarly small, private colleges experiencing 8-12% increases in the coming year while ours increases by about 3.5%.

There can be no doubt that the fate of Reagan's proposed budget cuts to college aid will affect many of us here at St. Andrews. Each of us should take the time to let our elected officials know how we as individuals feel about the President's proposed budget.



PEANUTS

by Charles M. Schulz

