

Commuter Student Issues:

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Commuter Lounge Problems Cited

by Lester Brigman

After talking to several different commuters, I have found that they, like me, see many problems with the commuter student lounge.

One of the most important issues raised is the security, or rather the insecurity, of commuter student mail boxes. Anyone, at anytime, could very easily go into commuter's boxes and take our mail. Despite the fact that stealing someone else's mail is a federal crime and a violation of the honor code, the temptation to do so is ever present. The commuter students should be provided with mailboxes similar to those of on-campus students.

Also, commuter students often complain about not receiving their mail. Many find their mail in empty boxes or on top of the mailboxes themselves. Box numbers are sometimes changed without the student ever being notified of the change for several weeks.

The commuter students would also like to see the present carpeting removed and replaced with a darker colored carpet.

The commuters have been very fortunate to have Mrs. Amy McDonald as one of their representatives this year. Mrs. McDonald has been very helpful in bringing the commuter students problems to the attention of the student government as well as those in administration. She was also instrumental in having the mailboxes in the lounge relabeled.

Are you aware of commuters?

by Amy McDonald

In the past two weeks the commuter lounge has undergone a change in appearance. The off-campus representatives, Amy McDonald and Whit McMillan, have been trying to improve the lounge and the services provided to commuters. The old "cubby wall", which only served as an obstacle, was removed and the furniture rearranged. The result is a more open and spacious atmosphere.

It is hoped that another couch and comfortable chair can be acquired in the future. In addition to the telephone that was installed earlier this semester, a clock and more lockers have been placed in the lounge. Commuters have suggested that some other decorations be considered, such as plants and wall hangings, as well as a new carpet to replace the present badly stained one.

Another area in need of some improvement is the mail situation. Commuters frequently receive mail late and in a random manner. Much is misplaced in other boxes or simply laid on the table with the hope that it will find its way into the correct box.

The representatives met with Wini Gay and discussed this as well as other areas of concern, and they have received good advice to help them address the problems. Commuters represent a significant portion of the student body and are entitled to equal attention. Often they are forgotten and do not receive consideration for their uniqueness and contribution to the St. Andrews community.

With the holidays fastly approaching Christmas will be here before you know it. It is a special time for friends as well as loved ones. On Thursday, December 11, SAGA invites you to spend dinner with one of the most important assets in life... your friends. For many of you it will be the last time you will see each other until next year so for that reason we want to make dinner a little more special and a little different. We are doing our best to have a little something for everyone. The menu for dinner will be as follows:

Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Ham, Barbeque Ribs, Vegetarian Entree, Wild Rice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Green Bean Casserole, Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Watergate Salad, Apple Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Chocolate Cake, Cherry Delight, Chocolate Decadance, and Individual Jello.

For the young at heart there will be mistletoe. As an added attraction, for the kid in all of us, SANTA will be on hand to give out presents. Dinner will be from 5:00-6:30 that night. Presents will be given out from 5:30-6:00. The family at SAGA sincerely hopes that all of you enjoy dinner and we wish you all a Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

(Note: The tables will be arranged banquet style and placesettings will already be on the tables at 5:00. If you would like for Santa Claus to deliver a gift to your friend(s) please take the gift to SAGA between 12:00 and 2:00 on December 11th. You will receive a receipt for the gift and please make sure that you have the gift labeled well).



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