

General Honors Stresses Service

by Dave Snyder

Thirty-nine members of this year's incoming class are bringing life to the virgin structures and concepts of St. Andrews' General Honors Program.

Honors students entered one of two distinct Honors SAGE 101 sections this fall. Because Honors SAGE 101 meets the writing requirements of SAGE 102 also, Honors students will do community service projects in lieu of SAGE 102 next spring. At the sophomore level the program consists of a fall breadth seminar in the natural sciences and a spring breadth seminar in the social and behavioral sciences. The last phase of General Honors is in the fall term of the junior year. Honors students will be expected to relate the theme with their service projects, honors classes and academic majors and integrate it all into a one credit term paper.

The criteria for entry are a high school grade point average of 3.2 or better, a combined SAT score of at least 1100 and the demonstration of service and leadership. This program is designed to provide an extra challenge to these outstanding students.

In the words of General Honors Director Mel Bringle, it is "an attempt to give them an opportunity to see just how far they can be pushed."

Being able to attract better students, St. Andrews is assuring itself a place among other competitive colleges which offer an honors program. But it is doing so in a distinctly St. Andrews style.

The inaugural theme of the honors program is "Individual and Community." Its every phase centers around this theme. The breadth seminar in the natural sciences, for example, considers the role of individuality, cooperation, tradition and innovation in the construction of fact and theory by a community of scientists.

Anti-Apartheid Campaign Launched

by Bonnie Blackburn

A campaign entitled "Unlock Apartheid's Jails" has been launched by actor and activist Bill Cosby and several mayors. Designed to help raise the awareness of Americans nationwide, the campaign asks Americans to show their support for political prisoners in South Africa by collecting keys and sign petitions which will be presented as a symbolic gesture to the South African consulate on Oct. 13, and to the South African Embassy in Washington on Dec. 10.

According to a report in The Charlotte Observer, Bill Cosby, the honorary chair of the campaign, is quoted as saying: "I am not the star. Everyone is suffering and the news is not out." Cosby is supported in the campaign by Kansas City, Mo., Mayor

Richard Berkley, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and by mayors Ed Koch, New York City, Raymond Flynn, Boston, and Marion Barry, Washington, who gave the keys to their cities to show their support.

St. Andrews campus is also showing support for the campaign. Members of Dr. Robert Martin's class on South Africa will be going door-to-door during next week to gather signatures and keys from St. Andrews students, faculty, and staff. The collected keys and signatures will be sent to South African President P.W. Botha along with a demand that he immediately release all political prisoners and detainees, in order to show St. Andrews' support for the effort to free South African political prisoners and its moral opposition to the system of apartheid.

Even the community service project reflects a St. Andrews propensity for clever acronyms (like SAGE and SAIL). It is called Community Out-Reach Public Service, or CORPS. (Note: it is neither Community Out-reach Public Service, COPS, nor Community Out-Reach Public Service Experience, CORPSE.) The CORPS Program is an attempt to link privilege with obligation.

"We want them to think about the responsibilities that they have as members of various communities and to train them practically as well as intellectually for fulfilling the commitments and the responsibilities they will have throughout life," said Bringle.

"Tying together the social and academic lives" of honors students and giving them an "opportunity to recreate with one another in a variety of settings" is another goal of the program, explained Bringle. Toward that end the program includes the Honors Student Association. Bringle envisions the club sponsoring events for the campus community at large.

Bringle believes the specific nature of the St. Andrews program avoids the exclusive elitism that could accompany the school's attempt to compete for students in the open market. Honors students are segregated for only one class per term.

"We considered separate housing like they have at some of the bigger universities, but very quickly dismissed the idea," she explained.

Dr. Martha Knight expressed mixed feelings about the possible dangers of "encouraging a sense of exclusiveness that we try to discourage here at St. Andrews, for instance, by having no fraternities or sororities." For her in the end, however, "the potential benefits are worth giving it a try."

Education Update

by Brian Rodgers

John Daughtrey has been a contributor to the St. Andrews Education Program for many years. Last semester, on May 8, there was a ceremony in the south courtyard to show the school's appreciation for his long and dedicated service to St. Andrews. The ceremony also served as the inauguration of the new John P. Daughtrey center, previously known as the curriculum lab. The Board of Trustees was represented at the ceremony, as

well as many of the faculty, staff, students, and people of our community. It was nice to see Dr. Daughtrey get the recognition for his many years of service to our program and the college. Thanks for everything you've done, John!

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Windows On The World... Musings from Bob Martin

The first "open call" for Winter Term International course offerings and detailed presentation of the "St Andrews in Beijing" Spring Term was well attended on Sunday, September 27. All four of the Winter Term courses had high student interest. Students who were unable to attend "Open Call" should make a beeline to the sponsoring professors: Greece - Dr. Prust; Switzerland - Dr. Mel Bringle; Vancouver - Dr. White and Venezuela - Dr. Torres. Registration for these courses is on Thursday, October 15 and deposits are due that day! We scheduled both on that day to give students time to do some "negotiations" over Fall Break.

It is exciting to see the growing interest in the wonderful opportunity to study in Beijing! The rising role of the People's Republic of China throughout the world community makes this new "window" of immediate and long-term value for each participant. Applications can be picked up from Wini Gay. The deadline for completed applications is October 13.

While mentioning financial "negotiations" related to international expenses, let me repeat what I said Sunday evening. The individual student

is the best personal development office there is! rather than assuming that the only potential resources there are are parents and SAPC, think about who believes in you and would be immediately interested in advocating resources for you — a high school teacher, principal, someone you have worked for, priest, pastor, etc. No telling what social agencies, community organizations or business/corporation funds they have available for request. Write to them first and then follow up with a visit or a phone call. Tell them what the total cost is and what you already have on hand. Think hard about this and go for it!

Welcome back Stephanie Porter! Neal Bushoven was on campus Monday. He leaves for Egypt in mid-November. Color me "Green." Good reports from Brunnenburg '87. The trip to Firenze was marvelous, a half day in Sienna was also great! got a good note from Drew Hayes '85. Drew is spending an intern-year in Seoul, South Korea. He has completed two years at the San Francisco Seminary.

Keep the windows open to the worlds far away and close in to our life in community.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER Find out why?

Come to the OPEN HOUSE MEETING

To be held: **Belk Center Lounge**
on: **October 15th at 6:30 p.m.**

Don't ruffle your feathers —

the meeting will be short.

For any questions call: Beth or Jill at ext. 475 or call:
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