

Opinion

Lighting Inadequate

A good friend of ours was attacked near the LA Building parking lot this past weekend. Tires and convertible tops have been slashed on the residential side of the lake, and rooms have been broken into [see related article, page 2]. Members of the St. Andrews community have been harassed by some residents of the town. Most of these incidents have taken place after dark.

These events point up two long standing problem at this college; the poor relationship that St. Andrews students have traditionally had with those we affectionately refer to as the "townies", and the lack of adequate security and lighting around campus buildings.

One of these problems we can cure virtually overnight. The other might take a little longer.

There needs to be an immediate investigation of the outside lighting problem. Several new and brighter lights were installed over the summer but obviously, it was not enough. If someone had enough confidence brazenly to attack a student on campus, there simply aren't enough lights.

Another problem is the fact that there are not enough full-time professional security guards to insure the safety of this campus. Sadly, a great deal of their time is spent policing campus pranksters.

The students of this college must become aware and take responsibility for their own actions. The administration of this college must do whatever is necessary to insure the safety of the students. The entire community must become aware of the fact that we occupy the same general piece of real estate.

It would be very sad to see St. Andrews become a campus gripped by fear, as so many larger campuses have. We must act now.

Letters To The Editor

A Few Minutes is All it Takes

To The Editor:

Today's college students are not well informed about current events. From my experience I realize that my main resource for getting the day's world news is through word from my peers, and a well informed friend is hard to find.

Some people may not feel that this is a problem, but don't kid yourself. Newspapers across the country distribute thousands of copies to homes and businesses for a reason. Very few newspaper customers are students. Why should we not be informed?

For those of you who can't read,

the local television stations broadcast current local and national news in the morning, around lunchtime, at dinnertime, and at 11:00 p.m.

Don't be ignorant of religious, political, and social issues of today. We will be the leaders of our nation and world in the near future. To be well informed is to become better educated, and that is our purpose for being in college.

Take a few minutes to read the headlines or watch the newsbreak. You'll feel a lot better about your lack of ignorance.

Jim Terrell

I'm Not Mad, Just Upset

Dear Person who entered my room on Saturday, Oct. 17, 1987,

What ever possessed you to come into my room and violate my living space? And then after that you had to steal! What right do you have doing this? Maybe you are mad because someone stole things that belonged to you. However, two wrongs don't make it right. Did stealing my personal belongings make you feel better?

If you did not steal out of anger towards someone else, did you steal out of anger towards me? What have I done to you to warrant this? Did you steal out of need? If that was the case, why not just ask me. I would have tried to help in some way. You can keep the watch, bracelet, and necklace. Those I can replace. But my rings cannot be

replaced. The high school ring has so many memories and the peridot I have owned since grade school. However, the ring that I really want back is the diamond wedding band. That was given to me by someone very special and holds more memories than anything else you took (in addition, the other high school ring did not belong to me, so please return it to its rightful owner). Keep the rest of it, no questions asked, just return my band.

How would you feel if someone stole the things that you gave your lover? Would you be upset? Would they be upset? Well, now you know how I feel. Please return the rings that you stole, I will ask no questions. I will just be very thankful. I'm not mad, just upset.

Sharon L. Fields

"Gotcha" Game Questioned

To the editor:

The College Christian Union is a campus-wide organization which coordinates programs which further the spiritual growth of the college community, promotes better college and community relations, and sponsors the activities of its various standing committees (Worship Committee, Bread for the World, Fellowship Committee, Prophetic/Political Committee, Community Outreach Committee, and the Gospel Choir).

Every student at St. Andrews belongs to CCU, and many students chose to be active members by serving on these committees and helping with various events throughout the year. The leadership for the CCU is made up of a council composed of the elected officers and all the committee leaders.

Over the course of the past two CCU Council meetings, a number of concerns have been raised regarding the Assassination Game (later renamed "Gotcha"), a campus-wide activity planned and organized by a business class. We have continually commented how ironic it is that the promotion of such a "game" is occurring

during the very week which has been deemed Relationship Violence Awareness Week.

Listed in the college catalog are a number of aims of this college. They include the expectations that students will gain increased sensitivity to human needs and concern for social justice. We asked the question, "How does such a game promote such sensitivities and concerns?" We were unable to answer this question.

Other questions we have raised include the following: Does this game reflect the values encouraged here at St. Andrews? Does this game portray the perception we want to instill in those who visit our campus and those who live in the community? Does this game reflect a level of maturity similar to other colleges and universities? Is it beneficial and prudent to market such a game for the betterment of our community?

We would encourage the rest of the student body to ponder these questions. We do not mean to "condemn" these games, but we do feel that these are legitimate questions to ask about a game which is based on such an unethical model.

There Were Two Blues

To the editor:

I enjoyed reading the October 15th issue of the Lance, particularly the article on John Blue and the John Blue Festival.

As a matter of clarification, it should be pointed out that there were actually two John Blues. John Blue, Sr. was the founder of the farm implement manufacturing company bearing his name and the builder of the beautiful Victorian house

where the festival is held.

His son, John Blue, Jr., was the one who supported St. Andrews in its early years and for whom the John Blue laboratory is named. The portrait in the lobby of the Morgan-Jones Science building is that of John Blue, Jr.

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