

Opinion

"Gotcha" controversy Continues

Debate Club Defends Position

To The Editor:

In response to a letter written to the editor by a CCU member, in the last issue of the Lance, I must first acknowledge that the game of "Gotcha" is exactly that—a fund raiser. It is raising funds for the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Debate Team. Yes, that is right, this fine establishment of higher educational learning has a Debate Team, for those who did not read the article on the Debate Team in the last issue of the Lance.

I know that the CCU is an excellent group doing whatever they do, but I must comment on the article printed by a member of the CCU in the Lance.

1) It is a fund raiser for a school organization.

2) In the article it was stated: "How does such a game promote such sensitivities and concerns?" It provides an outlet in which humans can let off steam brought on from over-exertion and stress from studying. If this is not a concern for students then I guess we are participating in a Communist plot to over-take the entire country.

3) The author stated "Does this game reflect the values encouraged here at St. Andrews?" It sure does! It is providing an organization a means through which to raise money to travel so that they may represent the college at events throughout the entire East coast. On "values", Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. states: "The New Leftists believe in the omnipotence of the deed and the irrelevance of the goal."

4) Does this game reflect a level of maturity similar to other colleges and universities? Well Yes!! Let me shed a little "first-hand" experience on the subject. On Oct. 30- Nov. 1 the Debate Team was in a tournament at Columbia University, with other colleges and universities from upper parts of the U.S. Participating were: Princeton, U of Penn., N.Y.U., Brown, Yale, UMBC, Radcliffe, etc.—a host of Ivy League schools. I brought up the situation of the game and not a single one of these schools could believe the stand that the member of the CCU was taking. Everyone of these schools had not only heard of the game, but they had actually played the game. Now I hope the

think that we want to be a part of these outstanding schools both in academic and social recognition status. A little closer to home, before transferring here I attended the College of William and Mary and guess what, the students and faculty play it there.

5) Let me write on you question "Is it beneficial and prudent to market such a game for the betterment of our community?" Obviously, there was no thought on the writing of this question. It provides the community a source of income and revenue from the sale of the instruments needed to participate in this fund raiser. I know that is for the betterment of the community.

6) You find it "ironic" that we

were promoting "Gotcha" during the week deemed Relationship Violence Awareness Week—what about the play *The Deadly Game*? I loved it!

In conclusion, even though there was no mention of the author's name, I feel that the article was not the feeling of the entire CCU. I may be wrong but I feel, perhaps not the entire council, but definitely not the entire CCU. How could it, no one asked for my opinion and I thought that I was a member of the CCU. Don't write without research!!

President, St. Andrews
Debate Team

Scott C. Robert

"Gotcha" Obnoxious

To the Editor:

I wish to address the current "fund raiser" on the St. Andrews campus, the game "Gotcha!". Whose idea was it to make a game out of pretending to be hired killers? I thought that the majority of little boys and girls outgrew "cops and Robbers" by the age of 10. Obviously I was mistaken. I understand that this game is supposed to be a fund-raiser for the Debate Team, but honestly, it is obnoxious and annoying to those who are not playing. I don't find it fun at all to be dodging constantly from people waving water sub-machine guns around like they are mini-Rambos.

I also question the Debate Team's choice of the game itself. The game was originally named the Assassination Game, but it got so much flack that they had to rename it! Come on, boys, maybe this

isn't the right place for a killing game to be played in the first place. This is an "institute of higher learning" after all, not Mafia headquarters. I also realize that it is just a game, and perhaps I may seem a little too Scrooge-like, but I've seen this game played many times before in high school and at UNC-CH, and I have yet to see it played when someone did not get injured.

I don't think that justifying the game as a fund-raiser is valid. That smacks of the Iran-Contra Affair, in that it makes selling the "assassination" of others all right because it made money. Big deal. There are plenty of other ways to make money. Just ask Oral Roberts. I thought perhaps we at St. Andrews were just a little bit above that.

Bonnie L. Blackburn

"Thanks Lance"

To the Editor:

On behalf of the senate and the student body it represents, I would like to send a great big "THANK YOU" to Lance Eller, who this past Friday night, made it big at Las Vegas night. As a result of his winnings there, the Gathering Place now has its first piece of equipment: a microwave oven which Lance bought at the auction at Las Vegas night and then graciously donated to the Gathering Place.

Not only do we really appreciate

this but we'd also like to recognize Lance for the great job he's done in Pate Hall this semester.

Good luck to you, Lance. And thanks again!

On behalf of the senate and the student body,

Amy Heavner
Chair of the Senate Gathering Place
Committee

B.S.U. Brings Smiles to Kids

On Thursday November 29th, the Black Student Union ventured out into the community where they touched the hearts of the youth of the Scotland House Mental Health Organization in celebration of Halloween. Nine members of the B.S.U. participated in the event and reportedly had a very good time. "We had a really good turn-out for the Halloween night," states Erick Payne, president of the organization. "There were nine students from the college, five kids from the Scotland House, and two house parents having a good time."

"It really went well," states Tashima Hawkins, former president of the organization. "We decorated a portion of

the house, ate pizza, told jokes, shared in a spooky story, painted faces, and filled the kids trick-or-treat bags with toys and candies galore. The students were as much into the spirit of Halloween as the kids. We had a great time."

The organization is working on its next project coming up on November 14th. The B.S.U. is having "A Risque' Knight" party featuring the on campus band Risque'. The organization encourages and welcomes everyone to join in this night of dancing, conversation, and activities. For more information on the B.S.U., contact Erick Payne at ext. 466 or S.A.P.C. Box #442.

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