

On Campus

Student Association Report

Julie Norem

What do you want in the Gathering Place? The Gathering Place Committee, chaired by Amy Heavner, wants to know. Thanks goes out for those who responded to the survey. Ideas that came out was that the food be between \$2-3, with french fries, fruits, pizzas, and other sorts of foods. Bannigan's style of decor was the majority's opinion for the decor: with plants, windows, wooden benches, were just a few of the ideas. A television and possibly a VCR would be welcome, say the surveys.

Not many people turned in the survey. The Gathering Place committee urges your support. You are the student body, and it is YOUR gathering place.

Security is a major problem to which the Senate has devoted a lot of time. What should be done? Recommended ideas under consideration were: close the academic side of campus to all traffic after midnight; place a guard house at the residential entrance to monitor traffic after dark. Please help out. If you have any ideas or comments, please see your senator.

The Student Life Committee

passed a new Substance Abuse Policy which the Senate will to review. It has definite guidelines on possession, first offense, second offense, and felony crimes dealing with substance abuse. A copy will be given to the student body when it is finalized.

John Newman proposed student support for a program to "save our lake." The current proposal is to introduce carp into the lake. Presently the plants are taking over the lake. The carp would eat the plants and save the lake. John proposes that \$250 of the \$1000 won by the dorms during the 100% for St. Andrews campaign be put toward the "Save the Lake" project. All that is needed is student support. Amy Heavner voices "student support would be shown more through a petition than through \$250 given by the Senate?" Please voice your opinion to your friends and Senators. The lake is very important to all of St. Andrews.

Remember, the Senate of St. Andrews is for YOU the students of St. Andrews. Please see your Senator for any questions or comments. GET INVOLVED.

From the President's Desk

Letter to the St. Andrews Community

Dear Friends:

With thanks to the Editor for this space, I want to express to each member of the St. Andrews community, and particularly to each St. Andrews student, my gratitude for the life which my family and I have enjoyed with you for the past twelve years. By the time the next Lance issue appears, my term as your president will have concluded.

As I look back over these dozen years, the most satisfying aspect for me is the relationship which I have enjoyed with students. I have now been privileged to witness the matriculation and graduation of almost half St. Andrews alumni. I am proud to number as friends many of the alumni and current students, and very pleased about their many accomplishments, which reflect favorably on each individual and on the College as a whole.

I leave St. Andrews believing that the College's golden years are still ahead. While St. Andrews has grown in substance, reputation and numbers over the past twelve years, these gains really should be viewed as the foundation for much greater progress in the future. It is on the basis of diligent students and quality members of the faculty that St. Andrews has grown and prospered in recent years.

You who are students here today are part of a legacy, a dedication to quality and excellence that dates back almost one hundred years to the founding of Flora Macdonald College. Out of that rich tradition has emerged one of the nation's truly fine liberal arts, church-related colleges.

As St. Andrews grows and prospers over the years, each alumnus and alumna and every future student will benefit from that progress. I call on each of you who are currently students here to be play an important part in supporting the College in the years ahead.

Although it will take new forms in the years ahead, my commitment to St. Andrews will continue to be one of the central commitments of my life. I know that Ellen, Al, Ken, John, and David — each of whom has attended St. Andrews — share in that commitment.

Let me take this opportunity to wish for each of you every success in the years ahead. And, more immediately, I wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With affection,

A. P. Perkinson, Jr.
President

WSAP Still Off Air

Denise Peck

The airwaves of the campus radio station WSAP went dead Tuesday, November 17. Bryce Williams, chief engineer for local stations WEWO and WSTS pronounced the station equipment "dead on arrival" after inspecting the damage.

Lee Huber, manager of the campus radio since spring of last year, explained that the cue amp card, a plate of transistors that run part of the control board, burned up and resulted in the failure of many other systems. Smoke appeared from behind the control board.

On the airwaves that day the result of the explosion was silence, a silence that the radio staff fears will last too long. WSAP has a history of past electrical problems.

"Over the summer the station was struck by lightning," said Huber. "This blew up a set of transistor cards controlling the external speaker amp, but Williams was able to fix that and we were on the air by fall break."

For three years Williams has voluntarily done the engineering for WSAP, sometimes even making his own parts to fit the outdated 1960's McMartin equipment. Replacement parts simply are not available

to fit the needs of the station since McMartin went out of business. The current damage is beyond repair.

All the equipment in the radio station is original, and some was purchased used, except for two new cassette decks from the last two years. Turntables, cart machines and other things should have been replaced 10 years ago, Huber said.

Confusing markings on the transistor cards tell a story of the stations numerous problems and repairs. For periods of months and even years at a time the station has been on and off the air.

"Our budget is \$1,200 this year, which is not comparable to the budget of the early radio station and it is not enough to make the needed repairs," said Huber.

It will require \$16,000 to replace the studio or at least \$4,500 to return the station to the air. Donations of used equipment may also be a solution to returning the station temporarily.

"Too many people have worked too hard at restoring a regularly broadcasting station for this to happen now," said Huber. "There were many signs of progress for the radio," Huber said, "including a newly redecorated station, advertising accounts, and a flow of promotional rec-

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