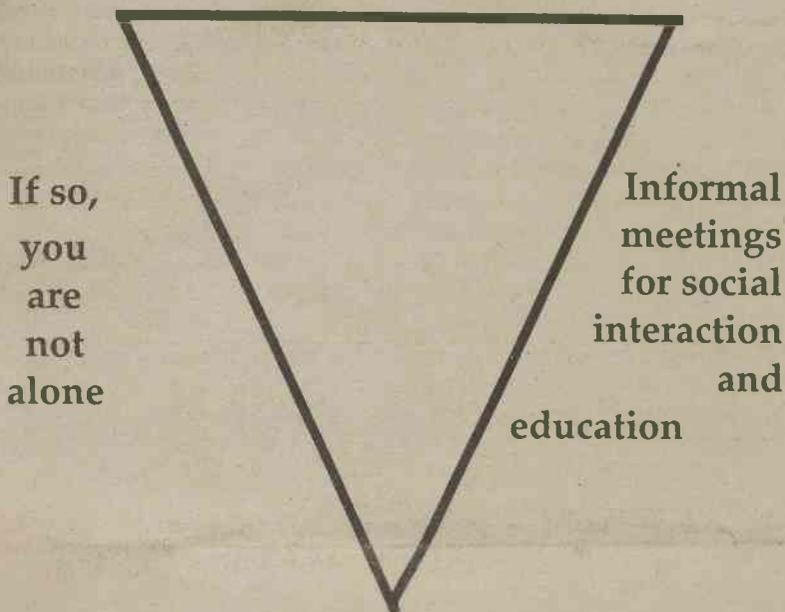


2 out of 10 SAPC students are GAY/BISEXUAL

Are you among us?



These signs recently appeared on campus but quickly vanished.

Activity Fee Increase Said To Boost Club Allocations

Steve Skinner

A proposal submitted by former Student Association Treasurer Nathan West and other members of the cabinet has grabbed the attention of President Thomas Reuschling. With strong support from senior college administrators, Reuschling granted the treasury a \$10 per student increase in student allocations to the campus activity fund.

This increase brings allocations from student tuition payments up from \$65 a student to \$75 a student for the 1988-89 school year.

President Reuschling announced the good news in an April 7 letter to President Charles Brown. This modest increase, pushed by the Student Government Association earlier in the year, comes in the wake of the stringent budget-cutting and a recent budget freeze induced by the new administration under Reuschling's guidance.

The officers had complained on behalf of the student body over the low "fee" to the activity fund which had seen no increase in real terms since 1967. The

monies within the fund are allocated each year to finance campus clubs, organizations, and activities.

President Reuschling in his letter to the former Student Government officers and administrative leaders, committed to raising the student activity fee by \$5 a year for each student per year until it caps off at \$90 per student per year in the 1991-92 school year.

According to Reuschling, initially the increase will mean a \$4000 per semester increase in the student activity budget which amounted to roughly \$19,500 this spring semester.

On what will be done with additional funds, former Treasurer Nathan West replied, "Most all student clubs could well use a boost such as this. Some have remained in the red over the last several years with the low allocations. The additional funds should be allocated appropriately by next year's treasurer and budget committee, according to club needs and requests."

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Pink Paper Controversy: Reactions Are Mixed

Deborah Kelly

Pink flyers proclaiming "Two out of ten people at St. Andrews are gay or bisexual — are you one of us?" appeared on bathroom doors and walls across campus last week. The notice included a phone number and a campus mailbox that could be used to obtain more information about the gay students' group that organized the flyer campaign.

Reactions from the student body have been mixed, including the taking of the posters down. According to Christian Century's July 1987 issue, the national reaction to such groups has led to outbreaks of prejudice and violence on campuses across the country against homosexuals.

"I thought it was a rude joke aimed at a certain individual and wasn't quite sure if it was for real," commented one freshman. Another student thought it was from "some fanatical outside group interested in that sort of thing."

The gay students' group has begun with a core of eight individuals, evenly split between male and female, that began meeting before spring break. "We are not promoting homosexuality or finger pointing. We envision it as a homogeneous but quiet group."

"There is much stress involved in being 'not the norm.' This is a group to be yourself without the pressure of exposure. We want to educate ourselves and the campus. We are not pressuring anyone who wants to stay 'in the closet,'" according to one member.

That same member said that there is a possibility of an eventual charter in Fall 88. The charter lists the group purpose as mainly a social and action-oriented group involved in marches and education that also deals with AIDS. "The paranoia of AIDS drives people 'into the closet' and brings homophobia out. It is not just a gay plague, it effects heterosexuals too," they said.

Another member differs about the social aspect of the charter. "I see it as a more action-oriented group involving the marches during Gay Pride Week, education, legislation for rights and information. Chapel Hill had a group of homosexual students that received funding like a regular club, but the school wanted to cut

it. This organization we have started, is in a process of changing minds to educate the campus who would in turn educate the communities they go out into

someday and therefore, bring about social changes."

One student who heard about but never saw the posters commented that he was very interested and glad that the issue came up. "It is important that this issue came up. It is crucial that people are made to aware because there are a lot of homophobes on this campus. This will really smoke the homophobes out," he said.

The most negative comments stemmed from the fact that the notice proclaimed a two out of ten ratio of homosexuals on campus. "The numbers are too high. The numbers are not factual. Everyone knows, but no one gets upset until it (campus homosexuality) is brought to their attention. We need to have an organization, but they need to find another strategy to send out information," said one St. Andrews staff member.

One group member countered this objection, "These figures are according to the national average. Out of 800 students plus the faculty and administration, it is a strong possibility that two out of ten have had an experience or a leaning toward homosexuality."

Still others remained unconvinced. One senior mentions that the topic brought was brought up in a group situation. He said that no one claimed to be

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