

Point Blank with Chris Wood

Just a quick note to thank Manager Harold Medlin and the staff of the Laurinburg version of Dominoe's Pizza.

I don't think one should "give blood" in pursuit of tangible rewards. I think that if you are able, you should do it because it is an easy way to help somebody. However, in an effort to attract more donors for the recent St. Andrews blood-drive, I got in touch with Mrs. Grace Long, the director of our local Red Cross. I asked her if a reward could be rustled up for the dorm(s) with the biggest turnout for the bloodmobile. She suggested a pizza party, and that I ask Dominoe's, because she thought they would probably be the most willing to give us a donation.

Mr. Medlin gave us twenty pizzas for our purpose, and he did it without the air of someone doing a great favor. It was a very good favor, one that was certainly appreciated. That is the reason I want to thank him, and Dominoe's Pizza in general.

A couple of Lance episodes ago, there appeared an article with my name in the author's slot. I did write one of the letters to the editor, but Eric Eubank wrote the article concerning our switch from the NCAA to the NAIA. I mentioned this to one of the staff members a while before the most recent issue made its appearance, but could find no evidence of it in there, so this time I'm going to try to make sure Eric finally gets his deserved recognition.

As long as I'm on the subject of "The Switch", let me state that while I'm not completely against it, my feelings toward it are rather lukewarm. As one who has participated in four official athletic seasons here, I do feel athletes are worthy of compensation in some form. One concern I have is I think we need to be careful to not let this be a first step towards us becoming an institution that is primar-

ily, or even close to "jock-oriented". I like to think of our college as a place where people do things because they are "into" them, not because they are getting compensated for doing them. One way to help ensure this, to help instill a little sense of seniority around here, and provide rewards for athletic participation, would be to give scholarships to athletes after they've participated in it for a year, with slightly larger awards for those athletes in their third and fourth seasons. A high school senior may be thinking in short-terms, not thinking much beyond "next year", and in those cases we lose some of the "attractiveness" to prospectives I sense these scholarships are here to provide. For that reason, and perhaps others, I doubt this idea will be implemented, but I think it would be a good reason to do it, because if a person doesn't want to be a student here if he/she can't get immediate scholarship compensation for athletics, they probably aren't the kind of people who need to be at St. Andrews anyway.

The issue of the Gleaner pointed out that there are a lot of decisions around here that affect students without students having had any affect on these decisions. Sometimes I feel the general student morale on this campus is not as good as it was a few years ago. If there is truth to my perception, it might have something to do with today's students, contrasting their predecessors, who feel like there isn't much difference they can make. I'm not sure whether or not I can include this decision in the category described at the top of this paragraph. However, I do believe it is the SORT of thing we students need to at least be asked for some input on. To concur with Lane Moore and his recent letter to the editor, a student's opinion will not always be asked for, so there comes a time when they need to go ahead and state it.

Carter's Letter Inspires Executive Donation

Wednesday, April 27, was a very exciting day for St. Andrews sophomore Darryl Carter and for Ellen Walters, director of the Supplemental Writing Program and former academic aide. On that day, Darryl was contacted by Everest & Jennings, a leading wheelchair manufacturer, in response to a letter he composed, with Mrs. Walters' assistance, in March to the company's president. In the letter, Darryl asked President Bruce Havuka to consider giving to the St. Andrews Rehabilitation Program a gift—new electric wheelchairs for wheelchair-bound students to use at times when their chairs are being

serviced and for others to use in learning to operate an electric chair. A new Marathon power drive wheelchair will be presented to the college on Tuesday, May 10, by a representative of Everest & Jennings. This gift is the happy result of the joint efforts of the students at Highland Hall, particularly Darryl Carter and Mike Murray, whose original ideas led to the formulation of the letter, and Ellen Walters, who encouraged and supported their ideas as friend, academic aide, and writing program director.

We are all so pleased by the outcome of the letter, which follows:

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Timbreza Bids Fond Farewell

To the Editor:

Please spare a space for some special acknowledgments and expressions of gratitude to colleagues, friends, and students who have in one way or the other made my teaching at St. Andrews not only self-enriching but memorable as well.

My deep regret in leaving St. Andrews at this time is that I did not have enough time to work and share common tasks and responsibilities with our new, able, and esteemed President, Dr. Reuschling. At any rate, your first three weeks in office, Sir, have started very well and, as one American saying goes, "Everything that begins well ends well." So I wish you the best of luck, Mr. President. You may yet prove to be one of the best presidents that St. Andrews has ever had and will ever have.

We would like to acknowledge our indebtedness to our College Dean and Vice-President Tom Benson not only for giving me an opportunity to teach in this prestigious College but also for providing us with all the comforts and financial assistance that have made our stay here very rewarding and beyond forgetting. If not for Tom, I would not have been assigned to this Institution. Hence, in the future when I will recall my months and days at St. Andrews I will never fail to reminisce about the generous friendship and concern of Tom and his beautiful fiancée, Glenna. Tom and Glenna, thank you so much.

I am grateful also to Dr. Bill Alexander and his very thoughtful better half, Kay, for their love and concern for us. Bill and Kay have been our sociological parents ever since our arrival in Laurinburg. They have generously attended to our needs in times of illness and accident. They were always there when we needed their help. Bill, please tell Kay we will never forget your goodness to us.

Million thanks to the sweet-loving couple, Carl and Margaret Bennett, for lending us their car for several months. Carl and Margaret, you are so wonderful and magnanimous that you will always occupy a special place in our hearts.

We are also indebted to Edna N. Loftus for lending us a t.v. set. In fact, Edna herself delivered it to our living room. Edna, how can we ever forget such a gesture of concern and love? God knows. Thank you so much.

Likewise, we are grateful to Carl Walters and his exceptionally beautiful better half, Ellen, who drove us around the city of Laurinburg upon our arrival. We remember very well the time when Carl and Ellen introduced us to "hush puppies" at Jimmy's Seafood. Carl and Ellen, we shall always treasure the warmth of your friendship.

My good friend, Bob Hopkins, thanks to you for my participation in the Elderhostel program. Dick Prust, my most worthy friend, thanks for your generosity and professional help as a knowledgeable

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The Lance would like to thank Jack Ferren and Allison Bird for all of the time and effort that they have contributed to make The Lance great in 1988!

THANK YOU!

