

Ganza: Whatever Happened to Madam X?

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Now that Extravaganza '88's car bashing, raft racing, and inflatable dinosaur tossing has come and gone, St. Andrews students and faculty can look back and ask how and when this annual tradition began.

St. Andrews students thought they had a good thing back in '62 when the first "Fling" Weekend spring party was held. Among other events, there was a Luau at the National Guard Armory followed by a campus coffee.

"It's a tremendous beginning for a tradition," The Lance said of the party.

In 1968, the school held a March Mardi Gras that featured a well-known Motown group. The Platters had just finished a world tour when they played on the St. Andrews campus.

In the early '70s, Bacchanalia was the spring event. At the first of these annual events, kegs were set up behind first base at the Underground World Series softball game.

The Lance, in an April issue that year, reported that "Madam X was released and the ensuing chase that followed is too unbelievable to describe."

The next Bacchanalia's games included tug-of-war, motorcycle races, foot races, and a softball tournament.

"Prizes cannot be named," The Lance stated, "But it is known that they will be bottled and given away by the half-dozen."

When drinking on campus was banned, residents of Mecklenburg dorm organized their own party — off-campus. In the spring of 1974, St. Andrews students flocked to a barbecue somewhere near the school.

That year marked the beginning of the spring party tradition by now called Extravaganza.

Mecklenburg later closed for renovations, and many of its residents moved to Granville, changing the name behind the party's coordinators, which now include Wilmington residents. But the annual festivity continues over a decade later.

"I was glad to see campus bands playing as well as the bigger names," remarked one 'Ganza-goer.

Campus bands Free Acid, Sinai, and Brian Green played next to SAGA on Saturday. The Pressure Boys (progressive/alternative), Gaston Brothers (top-40/funk), and Mulletts (classic rock) visited St. Andrews throughout the weekend.

All I want to know is, what ever happened to Madam X?



Students gather on Granville Beach for entertainment by the Mulletts.

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Business/Economics year end wrap up A big week for Tim Voige, major award winner at the Honors Convocation on Friday...Tim was interviewed as part of the article reporting the results of the 1987 Economic Impact Study for the John Blue Festival last fall. Other B/E major award winners... April Lynn Comer, Amanda Joelle Heavner, Eric Lien, Jim Rollen, Brian Greene and Jock Wheeler. A sellout for the opera on Friday night in LA Auditorium... Thea did it, winning honorary top marks in "Event Marketing" ..Denise Peck raised the patronage funds for the opera programs, Guillaume Tredway cinq did the desktop publishing. Denise was so successful, there was financial support for the reception after the last performance... Kat Huntington back on campus Saturday... first return since the Granville Halloween do... Great Cricket match on the weekend to wrap up International Week. Modesty precludes publishing the results. Cajetan Chukwulozie, Dana Kuebler, and the rest of the newly formed World Culture Club set standards that will be hard to top... variety, cultural exchange, participation and turnout plus of course, the food... to commemorate the event, a cookbook is due out soon, (Tredway/Lien Production) the recipe for the coconut rice is worth the price.... Hold Sept. 20 open, the Business Club is sponsoring a "Meet the President" open forum on campus... an Amerman/Hartley Production live in the Belk Center.

At Last...The End of Fiction and Fact...

New Rules !!! The first entry "over the door" of LA B12 with all the correct

answers wins: an autograph picture, suitable for framing of Eric Threets, a pair of free tickets to the opener of the '89 Granville courtyard soccer match and two free pizzas from SHOWTIME...

- 1) The University of Toronto has a special association with the first Stanley Cup, why?
- 2) Can you name the beverage that owns the Montreal Canadiens?
- 3) What is Anders Hedburg's nickname?
- 4) This Redwing has scored more short-handed goals in Stanley Cup play than any other player in history, his name?
- 5) What was Stan Mikita's name before he moved to Canada?
- 6) Who lead a one-man, one-game strike ten years ago to protest the "violence" in the NHL?
- 7) Who hit the last homerun off the pitching of 18-year veteran Woodie Fryman? *hint:* Woodie was pitching for a Canadian team at the time.
- 8) What special place in Davidson College athletic history do St. Andrews Professors Alexander and Melton hold?
- 9) Who lead the '88 Knights in home runs?
- 10) If you were to look on the door of room 118, Albemarle, what other number would you see?
- 11) Name an "Elaine" at St. Andrews who lives on "Electra Lane" in the same town as "Little Mary".
- 12) This St. Andrews student from Westminster, Md. is the only person who has managed to play for both the '87 DIAC champion volleyball "Coots" when they won the home opener and the '88-'89 great Knight basketball team that also won at home over UNC Greensboro Jan. 25, 1988 seconds... Who is it?



"Ganza '88 : The ultimate party is finally over.