

Opinion

To the Editor,

During almost ten years with St. Andrews I have never felt it necessary to respond to any article in The Lance even though at times some were written without facts being checked out or given to the readers.

The item written by Susan Russo in the December issue entitled "Co-Hab Incident Causes Community Friction" should raise some concern in the minds of anyone with an interest in the security of our students on campus. The article misrepresents the situation in that it does not state some facts clearly and does not include facts that Russo may not have known. I wish to address the facts of the incident and not the issue of friction within the Residence Hall.

The article states that the student, after finding two "townies" in the room, called Security without first waking her roommate. This incident occurred at 10 a.m.. The roommate had gone to class and left the two individuals in the room. The student upon entering the room saw two males, whom she did not know, asleep in the bed. It is inconceivable to expect her to spend time looking for her suite leader, or anyone else, to get permission to call and report this. I ask Ms. Russo, if she opened her door at 10 in the morning and saw two men she did not know sleeping in her bed, would she spend time looking for the Hall president to get their permission to report the incident? Another disturbing fact is that these two "townies" had been regular overnight trespassers in this Hall.

These individuals are referred to as minors in the article, but in the eyes of the state they are adults subject to the laws of the state. One of them already has a criminal record that includes Breaking and Entering, Larceny, and Larceny from a Coin Operated Machine. He is now on supervised probation and is serving a suspended sentence. He was also arrested two nights after this incident for trespassing the same area from which he was barred.

The writer also states that she felt "violated" and this was a situation which should have been "handled" by the Residence Hall Council. As an individual interested in the security of all of the students at St. Andrews, that attitude frightens me somewhat. When individuals of the type found in the room are allowed to take up residence in our community, it is the concern of all of us.

One last item: The article, somewhat sarcastically, states that Dean Greer and her "guards" were GIVEN control of the situation. A situation such as the incident in question does not require us being GIVEN control. It, in fact, dictates that some responsible individual assume control. Again, any friction within the Residence Hall caused by this incident is regrettable, but as Chief of Campus Police, I feel the situation was properly handled.

Therion H. Young

Dear Editor,

Recently, the College Union Board voted to change its name to Student Activities Union (S.A.U.). There were a couple of valid reasons that provoked this change. One reason being that there is no physical structure that represents a College Union on campus.

Another reason for changing the name is the result of the Fall Activities Survey. The survey showed that most people did not know what the letters C.U.B. stood for, nor its purpose. In not understanding the purpose, it, in turn, hampered the effectiveness of the organization in not being able to produce the quality functions that this campus had been accustomed to in the past.

Therefore, to better reflect the purpose and the new direction of our organization, the C.U.B. voted to change the name to S.A.U. Hopefully, this change will spark new life and interest into a much needed and valued organization.

The Student Activities Union meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Life Conference Room (Resource Library). We welcome your input and attendance at the meetings.

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