

# Opinion

Dear Editor,

## Students Should Not Have To Drive On Easter Sunday To Get Back To St Andrews For Monday's Classes!

As opposed to past years, this year classes will resume after Spring break on Monday, the day after Easter Sunday. This means that students who live more than a few hours away from St Andrews will be required to leave their Easter festivities with friends and family, and drive back to the college campus on Easter Sunday.

I do not think that a college that is religiously-backed should require roughly twenty percent of its student body to drive back to its campus on such an important day of the year. Many of us will not be able to attend Easter service, or be able to eat that special meal with family and visiting relatives.

This point has been brought up to the administration, but has received little interest. It seems that the calendar for the year has been made, and it is now too late to change it. Attempts to open the dorms late Saturday night, so that students could at least attend Easter service with their Laurinburg church families, has been rebuked for financial reasons. We have also attempted to get the administration to simply move the scheduled calendar one day forward, giving us Monday, March 27 as our "travel day," but this idea has likewise not been well received.

Enough gripe! Now let us focus on action. For this year, we are too late to change this problem. For the record, however, we should let the administration know that their foresight and judgement were very poor in having classes start the day after Easter Sunday, and that this should not occur again in the future.

Sincerely,  
Chris Walker

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A large group of people seem to find this word offensive and subversive. However, I fail to see how believing that women and men should have equal opportunity and rights economically, socially and politically could upset anyone. Anyone, that is, who does not have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo. Because I do not believe that this country makes it possible for women to have opportunities or exercise their rights.

One way that this can be seen is in the fact that women are underrepresented in student governments nationwide and they do not have an equal say in the allocation of student fees, even though they pay at least one-half of those fees. In a 1988 survey conducted by a women's rights group, The Fund for the Feminist Majority, 54 percent of college undergraduates were found to be women. But women only comprised 24.5 percent of student government presidents, 32.9 percent of the executive boards, and 37.8 percent of the legislative bodies.

I do not understand how such a policy of deliberate sexism can be allowed in a country that seems to pride itself on the diversity of opinions that can be expressed. I hear people saying that the reason the figures are so appalling low is because women do not run for office or vote for other women. If that is the case, then I ask you, "Why?"

Why are women discouraged from assuming a more active role in the political sphere, a role that is their duty as citizens living in a democratic society?

Why are women socialized to find rivals and enemies in members of their own sex, encouraged to believe that, while Brotherhood of Man is possible, Sisterhood of Women is not?

I believe that more women entering the electoral process, as candidates for office and as voters, will be beneficial for the entire campus. The student body and the administration will profit from having both sexes and all races take advantage of this chance to have their voices heard.

As students in a quasi-democratic system, we all have certain rights and responsibilities. It is time that we learn to exercise these rights, before someone comes and takes them away.

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