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102 Hours, Debate Team Breaks Record

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At 8:42 p.m. on Monday Night, November 20, it happened. Pandemonium erupted as over two-hundred observers witness a world record. Bobby Simpson, John Cox, Shannon Gill, and Todd Jones, representing the St. Andrews Debate Team, debated on the topic of World Hunger for 102 hours. This broke the previous mark in the Guinness Book of World Records set by Vassar College. With John Cox at the podium, the mass of visitors, onlookers, witnesses, and supporters counted down the last ten seconds. A thunderous ovation filled

the room, as the new record-holders doused each other with symbolic champagne. Corks flew, flash bulbs snapped, and firm embraces were passed around, as the debaters carried on a celebration.

"This is insane," said Bobby Simpson just before the record achievement. "This is something I'll never forget. The support and backing that we've received during this whole debate just reinforces the positive qualities of this campus," he said. Before taking the podium to set the new record, John Cox stated, "I'm sort of in a dream state. This is like

bringing home a national championship. It's the same atmosphere and the same electricity." While Cox's word to describe the event was "monumental", the word for Todd Jones was "grueling." "There has been so much community support," said Jones. "Everyone has been very helpful, and this has really pulled people together. It's unlike anything that I've seen in my four years here." Team member Shannon Gill described the experience as "basically incredible." "Before we started, I knew we would break the record. We

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Security: Questions Raised

Jennifer Woodward

Thursday Night, November 9, three cars were broken into and items were stolen. Early Friday morning, November 10, three rooms in Concord Hall were entered by a stranger, and items were stolen. There have also been a series of fights involving St. Andrews students and members of the Laurinburg community. Why is this happening, and how can this be prevented?

Many students are asking this very question? Many are outraged because they believe that Campus Safety is not doing its job. Theiron Young, head of Campus Safety, believes that he and his officers are doing the best they can. He admits that there are problems with the system, but they are being worked out. However, the biggest problem Campus Safety faces is stu-

dent apathy. "Any police department is only as good as the community it protects," said Young. Because of the various incidents that have occurred within the St. Andrews community, Young believes that students have become more conscious of the need for safety and security within the campus. "The help of the students is needed desperately," Young stated.

The Campus Safety staff is small. There are only four uniformed officers, and four student officers. These officers are all graduates of the North Carolina Law Enforcement Training Course. There are currently three officers working on campus. A fourth is expected to graduate in December. Officers from Laurinburg are helping out with the shortage. Young admits the staff

The Wall Crumbles

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On November 9, the East German government made a decision to open its borders and allow its citizens to travel freely without hindrance. This may be one of the most amazing, historic occurrences of our time. As a result of this decision, the Berlin Wall is being torn down. Berlin has been a divided city since the end of World War II, when the Allies (United States, Great Britain, France, and USSR) split into sections. Each country was to occupy its quarter. The areas occupied by France, the United States and Great Britain (the Western powers) are now known as West Berlin, while the area occupied by the Soviet Union is East Berlin. The entire country of Germany was also split into East Germany (also, German Democratic Republic

or GDR), which is part of the Warsaw Pact military alliance, and West Germany (also, Federal Republic of Germany), under influence of the West. Berlin is situated in the middle of East Germany.

In the late 1940's, differing ideologies began to be a problem in the management of Berlin. The Soviets wanted Berlin to be entirely part of East Germany. Needless to say, the Western powers were not inclined to renounce their claims. Increasing tensions between East and West led to the blockade of West Berlin. The blockade of Berlin lasted 11 months and led to the "Berlin Airlift," in which supplies ranging from food and medicine to coal and candy were flown in by Western governments to support the Western part

of the city. An agreement was reached and the blockade ended, but tensions remained high. These tensions, plus the slow leak of East Germans to the West through West Berlin led to the construction of the Berlin Wall in August of 1961. All ties between the two sides were broken. Families were divided. Phone lines were destroyed. Buildings too close to the Wall were torn down. It is difficult to realize the impact of this artificial division. Try to imagine Washington, D.C. (or your favorite large city), with a wall through the middle - or encompassing one half.

Since the 1970's, relations have been improving in the city. Initially, West Berliners were forbidden to travel to the Eastern region, but in

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