

On Campus



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Yesterday I had the fortunate chance to go into the Detamble Library for some research purposes. I, contrary to most on this campus, find the library a vast cauldron of knowledge, just waiting for someone to jump in and partake of the goods inside. It is a fountain spew-

ing forth great quantities of books and writings which beg us to read and learn. Now just because most of it has nothing to do with any class you or I have taken or will ever take means nothing. It is the thought that counts.

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Anyway, as I sauntered through the highly advanced step-on-the-black-pad-and-maybe-it-will-open sliding doors, my attention was immediately riveted to the decor inside, and the extremely nice lighting that bled down from 40,000 fluorescent light fixtures. Thus I pushed aside

the bar, that seems to serve no other purpose but to impede your lust for knowledge. It is actually a highly advanced secret means of telling how many people come in and out each day. Past this first barrier, you come face to face with your

next test. Shall I use the manual finger flicking card catalogue, or the new super-duper computer catalogue. Of course I go for the computer, because not only is it fun to punch buttons, and try to mess the computer up with words too long to spell, but the monotone voice in stereo that tells you things an idiot would know, is good for chuckles too.

So the book is found, printed out on the paper, you start your long walk upstairs, and stairs, and stairs. You see the elevator is restricted to personnel and wheelies, because not only do you learn here at Detamble, you get fat. Once up to the third floor, where the books are conveniently located, you start your long and usually fruitless search for the book you saw in the catalog. Thus once several options are tried, like banging your head and using choice words to describe the book you're after, come to no avail, you move back down the stairs to the circulation desk to find help. If this help comes in the form of a student, you're out of luck because they usually know less than you. If though you happen to be lucky enough to come in contact with Elaine Franz, then you have entered the realm of pure knowledge. She will not only inform you of where your book is and what country it is in, but also give you everything from the Congressional indexes to what to do if the library explodes. It is an experience everyone should share, and fortunately for all, we are forced to share due to SAGE - a wonderful course.

Once it has been established how much money it

will cost to bring the book you want to Detamble, then you should do, as I always do, look around. The first floor is devoted to several different areas. Over to the

extreme right, as you face the expansive circulation desk and the blank stares from behind it, there is the computer lab. A nice place if you have any talent for computers. I don't. On the far left is the card catalog, (manual), plus two or three fun computer catalogues and general information books. Maps and atlases are also on this spacious floor as well as a printer that works when it feels like it.

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The second floor contains the magazines, newspapers, desks, and the highly prized micro-film area. A highly organized and complete collection of the most varied topics you can think of. With most that is the only thing you will be able to do. The third floor, as before mentioned, is the book section. Very attractively done.

So, as you can see, the Detamble library is a place you should see and visit. It is a fountain of knowledge in subjects you'll probably never hear of again. So this is a once in a lifetime chance to see a library so packed with special stuff they forgot to include the general topics. Oh and on the way out, make sure you use the exit bar, not the emergency exit bar. They are pretty picky about that.

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is short of manpower. "Ten years I've been fighting for more help," said Young.

Two officers are especially needed between the hours of 9p.m. and 3a.m. on weekends when activity on campus increases. On Saturdays, officers will pull a ten hour shift, and twelve hours on Sundays. These officers are paid by salary, and not an hourly wage. "I'm dreaming of another uniformed officer and an investigator to follow up on incidents. That is my ideal," said Young.

St. Andrews is under a five year safety plan. Various ideas are planned for the future. Some have already been implemented. Lights have been placed on Magnolia Lane. Lights will also be installed on Dogwood Mile in the coming weeks. Emergency lighting is being placed within the two-story residence halls during the summers. New locks, much like Granville's, are being placed throughout the halls to provide more security than the present locks.

The security house has also been built, but is only used during large events on campus, as a means of information and safety checks of visitors. Campus Safety does not have enough manpower to use it at all times. Young is hoping to use the house more frequently. He hopes that if it is used periodically, unwelcomed visitors will be stopped.

The security house will not solve all the safety problems. The campus can be entered from a variety of places, and Campus Safety cannot be there at all times. It is very difficult for two security officers to be at the right place at the right time, since both sides of the lake must be patrolled. The parking lot near the Liberal Arts building must be cleared, and during the Winter the boilers in the physical plant must be checked periodically.

Cynthia Greer, Dean of Students, also expressed concern over the problems

within the residence halls. Campus Safety officers believe that many times an off-campus visitor of a student is guilty of breaking into rooms. Greer believes that visitation hours need to be more strictly enforced. She does not want to change the current policy, but understands that it has been lenient in the past. "We are not doing this for moral reasons, but for security reasons," said Greer. Greer plans to start discussing the issue with residence hall

Directors. "I want students to realize this built-in security problem," she said. Both Young and Greer are also aware of the problems students are facing off campus. Young has spoken with the Laurinburg Police Chief, and both realize that tension is erupting. Young admits, "It scares me. It can blow up to be something serious." Greer advises students to act like adults, and stay away from confrontations. "Let it cool down. Those people are just looking for a fight."

Young reinforced the need to call Campus Safety if anyone sees anything suspicious. He would rather see too many calls come in than not enough. The best route to contacting a safety officer is through the walkie-talkie number, which is 276-8767. He stressed that if a call is not answered within five rings, hang up and dial again. An officer will only hear the walkie-talkie beep three times, no matter how many times the phone rings. Many times they will not hear a beep because they are in a noisy area, or already handling a situation.

The city police department has been asked to patrol the campus more frequently. Campus Safety is doing the best it can at the present time. But the help of the student body is greatly needed to make the St. Andrews community as safe as it should be.