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S.A. Appeals NCATE Decision

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North Carolina has recently changed its method of teacher-education accreditation. In 1985 the state legislature decided that some additional means of teacher accreditation needed to be implemented. The National Committee for Accreditation (NCATE), a private organization, was chosen for the job.

Schools in North Carolina must now go through two organizations in order to have their teacher-education programs accredited at the state level, by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), and by NCATE, for national accreditation.

The St. Andrews' teacher-education program has been accredited at the state level, by the NCDPI, but not yet accepted into membership by the private organization, NCATE. NCATE "membership" acceptance is based upon a review of each school's teacher-education program. "Membership," however is mandatory for national accreditation, and also requires an "application" fee as well as yearly "dues."

"This is something new for all schools," said Bob Hopkins, Associate Professor of Business and Economics, "We have never been part of that organization before." "This is their [NCATE] first look at us, as well as our initial effort to work with the standards set by NCATE," Hopkins noted.

Education Departmental Chair, Judy McPherson sent out this message to education faculty and students upon notification that St. Andrews had not received NCATE accreditation; "Please be assured that this decision in no way affects the status of currently enrolled students. You will be completing your program as scheduled. Upon successful completion of the education program requirements, you will be recommended for and receive initial N.C. State certification in your major."

"We haven't been accepted into the NCATE membership yet," commented McPherson, "N.C. is one of the few states that requires a buy-

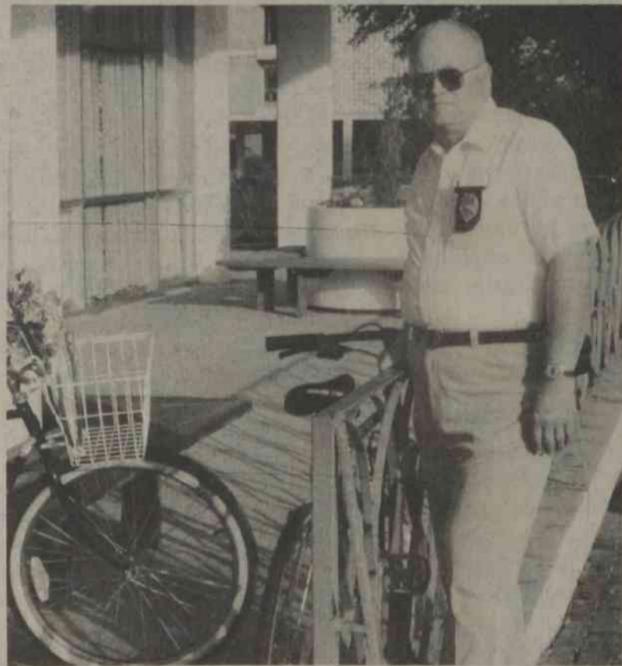
in membership."

"Our initial attempt to obtain NCATE program approval based on specifically identified criteria has been denied. An appeal process is currently underway in an attempt to reverse the decision. It is a complex and multistage process in which we are strongly supported by the administration," said McPherson in a memo following NCATE's denial of membership.

"Plans are underway to remedy this situation. We have tremendous support from the N.C. State Department of Public Instruction, as well as from the administration at St. Andrews."

St. Andrews was one of three schools that came under the scrutiny of NCATE this year, and will have until 1992 to correct any weaknesses in the program. "I think they're going to see that we have a very strong program when they re-evaluate us," McPherson said.

Dean of College Tom Benson could not be reached for comment by telephone.



(Photo by Jane Karpenske)

Stolen Bicycles: Big Problem for S.A. Security

By Jennifer Woodward
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A total of 12 bicycles have been stolen from the St. Andrews campus in the past month. According to Head of Security Theiron Young, "This has been the biggest problem this year."

The bikes are being stolen by people from off-campus. The St. Andrews security force has been working closely with the Laurinburg Police Department to help nab the thieves. Seven of the 12 bikes have been recovered and three of those bikes have been found by the city. Two adults and three juveniles have already been charged with theft.

Young explains that the youngsters who steal the bicycles mainly use the bikes so that they can interchange the parts with their own bikes. The youngsters are more likely to steal the bicycles that are not secured.

However, the bikes that are secured are more than likely being stolen by adults or juveniles who plan to sell the bike. Bikes today are more expensive than ever before, especially the mountain bikes which are a popular item. "A bike is easy to dispose,"

adds Young, explaining that no records are needed when a bicycle is brought to a local pawn shop.

The main reason that the bicycles are being stolen, is simply the lack of being safely secured. Of the 12 bikes that have been stolen, only two were locked and two were registered. According to Young, "A registered bicycle helps us to identify and besides, it makes a thief stop and think." He explains that only 20-30 percent of the bicycles on campus are registered. He notes, "I visited each hall for Operation I.D., and I did not register one bike!"

Young asks that students report a stolen bicycle right away, "Time is crucial." He points out that the biggest problem is when students assume a friend borrowed the bike, therefore they don't report it missing until it's too late. "The longer you wait, the least likely it will be recovered." Young adds, "Don't assume it's a friend, report it right away. If it

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(Photo by Jane Karpenske)

KINEXUS A World of Opportunity

By Jennifer Woodward
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According to a recent national study, job openings for college graduates has dropped 13.3% in the last year. This is by far the one of the worst years since World War II.

Planning ahead is crucial for any college student who wants to find a job once they graduate. Betty Matheson, of the Career Planning and Placement, is there to help any student who may need the guidance. Many opportunities exist through Career Plan-

ning and Placement including, interview and resume workshops, job fair information, on-campus interviews, resume referral service, job vacancy listings, a career library, and the new KINEXUS computer system.

Matheson reported that last week alone, 25 students took advantage of the new system. KINEXUS is simply a computerized Job Candidate Information system that provides information about yourself to local and na-

tional employers. The system is free to use. However, one must provide their own computer disk.

St. Andrews received the system last April and it was installed in May. The computer was given to the school from the College Placement Council, a national association promoting professionalism in career planning, placement, and recruitment.

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