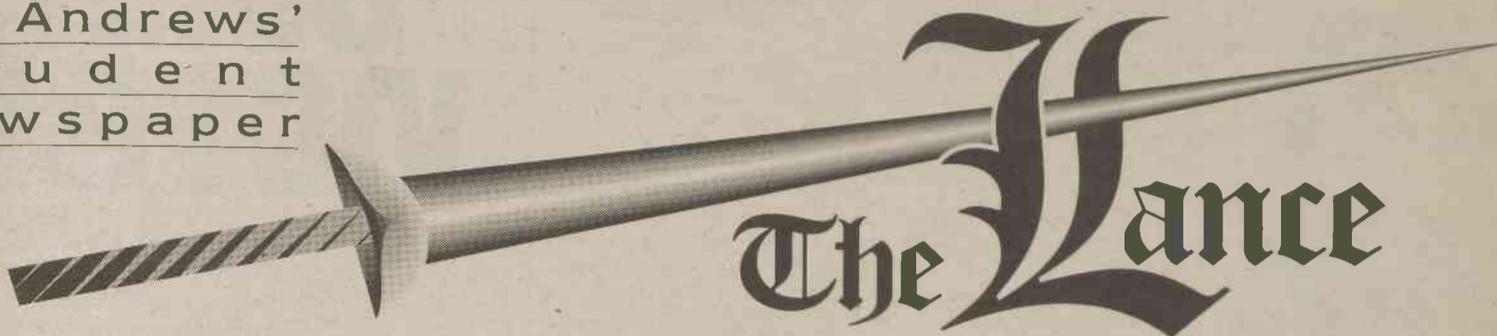


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## Work On New Wellness Center May Begin As Early As December

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Potential plans call for work to start as early as December on a new wellness center in the Physical Education Center on the St. Andrews campus. This project, to be run by Scotland Memorial Hospital, would include a new nautilus room, an aerobics area, a cardiac rehabilitation station and new office space. In addition, various facilities in the current P.E. building would be removed. "This situation is one more example of how the community and our school have come together over the last few years. This project should prove to be most beneficial to the St. Andrews and Laurinburg communities," said Gary Swanson, assistant athletic director and one of the project coordinators.

The wellness center as planned would not impede the use of any facility currently available to the St. Andrews students. Solely, the defunct bowling alley would be sacrificed to provide the wellness center with the majority of its

space. Portions of the existing P.E. Center, such as the pool, would be shared. "In the P.E. complex, the students and the athletic teams would remain the number one priority," said Suzanne Senning, Scotland Memorial project coordinator. "We will meet monthly with the athletic director to coordinate plans and insure this priority scale."

"One of the nice things about this project is that all the money involved would go back into the P.E. building," said President Reuschling. Physical upgrades to the building would most likely include repairs to the roof, improvements in the locker rooms, refurbishments in the pool and auxiliary gym and renovations to the racquetball courts which would reduce them to regulation size. Also, several benefits would be reaped by the student body itself. According to Reuschling, opportunities could include student jobs and internships, increased therapy and exercise options for the disabled, and with the new traffic from town, an enhanced bond with the community.

Ideally, the wellness center would begin selling memberships in May, with an eventual opening date to fall sometime during the summer. According to Swanson, a model plan for running the two facilities would have the P.E. /wellness complex open at 6 a.m. instead of the current 8 a.m. time, allowing students the use of both facilities until 3 p.m. From 3-7 p.m., peak hours, the wellness center would be reserved for member families until the students again receive full access from 7-10 p.m. Expanded hours of access to the pool and possibly the weight room also appear likely if plans fall into place.

The final decision process of both the hospital and the school will begin as The Lance goes to press. Founding of the center will end a six-year search Scotland Memorial. Past potential sites have included the old Belks building downtown and the hospital itself. With enrollment down, space available, and the S.A.F.E. club already in place, it appears as if St. Andrews will fit the bill.



S.A. Student Lauren McDevitt relaxes during a rugby game.

## Benson Visits Hong Kong

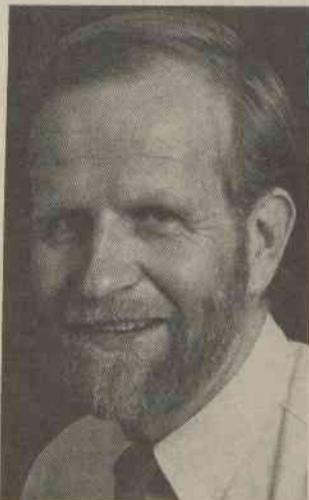
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What will Hong Kong be like when it reverts to Chinese rule in 1997? Thomas L. Benson, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at St. Andrews Presbyterian College visited Asia this month to discuss this issue with officials in government and higher education.

Benson, who is also a professor of philosophy, also participated as a trustee of the United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia in a consultation on the future of Hong Kong. Benson was elected to the Board of Trustees for the United Board in 1990. He was appointed earlier this year as chairman of the board's Development Committee.

The United Board is a non-sectarian foundation that promotes non-sectarian interaction between American and Asian colleges and universities and provides financial support to universities throughout Asia.

Following a consultation in Hong Kong, Benson and five other trustees visited a number of prominent universities in south China, including institutions in Xiamen, Fuzhou and Guangzhou. The consultations in China focused on the work that institutions have accomplished with the grants they have received from the United Board.



Dean Thomas Benson

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## Search For New Dean of Students Begins On St. Andrews Campus

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Now that Dean Greer has resigned, effective November 30, the big challenge remaining is to find her replacement. Many students are probably curious as to what criterion is being looked for in a replacement, how a replacement will be found, how students will be involved, if in any way at all.

In the eyes of St. Andrews President Tom Reuschling, the person chosen to replace Dean Greer should be "comfortable with the St. Andrews environment," or should at least be able to develop an understanding of it. Reuschling believes that Student Life is important to academics at St. Andrews, and wants a student life policy that is "congruent and reinforcing of the academic programs and a positive learning environment." Reuschling also desires the new dean to be

"willing to be a proponent of the students, and fair and tough when necessary."

Reuschling believes that the Saltire, the student handbook of rules and regulations of St. Andrews, should be a big concern to whomever becomes the new dean. He wants the new dean to be familiar with The Saltire and the regulations stated inside it, but to be able "to enforce those regulations in an enlightened way."

Alcohol consumption (use and abuse) is also a big concern of the president. Reuschling said that he would like the new dean to advocate the wellness program at St. Andrews, one that "gives students choices on non-alcoholic events as well as alcohol-related ones.

Overall, Reuschling believes that, with things the way they are now, student life at St. Andrews is going quite well. "I wouldn't see any radical changes as we move to new

leadership," he said.

To find a replacement for Dean Greer, Reuschling first wants to look inside St. Andrews. Reuschling said that if no current St. Andrews staff member is selected to temporarily fill the position, that a search committee would be then be formed, and the position be advertised nationally. However, Reuschling admits that the search could take several months.

Reuschling said that whether or not students would be involved in the search process depends on (1) the length of time a replacement is chosen for, and (2) whether or not the chosen replacement is already working for St. Andrews. For example, if a short term replacement was chosen (to serve from now until June), Reuschling would talk to student leaders, but would make the final decision on his own. If

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## Student Loans Delayed By Law

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First-year and transfer students nationwide are feeling the crunch of the federal government's new legislation regulating student loans this year. Under the new law, students will have to wait until halfway through the semester to pick up their Stafford and Supplemental Student Loan checks.

The focus of the regulation, lawmakers say, is to stop stu-

dents from defaulting on student loans and dropping out of school.

"The government feels if students are not allowed to pick up the funds until halfway through the semester, more students will stay in school and the government will save interest on loans," says Cheryl Judson, director of financial aid at Metropolitan State College of Denver. Judson says the new law has

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