

Editorial

From the Editor's Desk: Dean's Job is Difficult



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Editor

A Lance staff reporter recently attempted to speak with Dean Greer about her reasons for leaving the college and future plans. She declined to comment, and at first I was annoyed that she would be so uncooperative. But, as I read through this issue's Causewalk Comments, which are in response

to the question "Now that Dean Greer has announced her resignation, what qualities would you like to see in her successor?" I began to wonder whether it was realistically possible for a dean of students to ever be "popular."

Simply by nature of the job, I think that it is unrealistic for students to expect a dean to be both liberal, that is "open-minded," and yet also to strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of the college. The dean of students may serve as a "pawn" of the administration in many cases, and is often left to handle some of the more unpleasant student/administrative problems.

By saying this I am not condoning or disagreeing with the decisions of Dean Greer, but rather trying to point out that a position such as that of

dean of students is not one that can always be carried out in such a way as to please everyone. Unfortunately, in many cases it is the students who suffer.

I personally feel that Dean Greer's successor may face many of the same difficulties that she did. Hopefully he or she will be both a diplomat and a dean, but I find the combination unlikely. Those whose job it is to enforce rules and regulations are seldom met with open arms and joyous smiles, rather they are viewed suspiciously and skeptically.

I do not feel that we, as students, necessarily have to "like" our dean as much as we must respect him or her. I only ask that the student body be objective and realistic as St. Andrews begins its search for a successor to Dean Greer.

Causewalk Comments: Now that Dean Greer has announced her resignation, what qualities would you like to see in her successor?

► "I would like someone who would be open-minded and yet very strong in carrying out rules and regulations. Also somebody who depends on the students and will not make any rules without the approval of the students." *Candi Cann, Senior.*

► "I'd like a dean who works with the student body and will do what's best for the student body. One that will be more

involved in recreation on campus. The new dean should have more environmental awareness and would set up more projects and would support the students in their efforts." *David Carter, Sophomore.*

► "I would like to see someone who is a little more open. I'd also like to see someone with an open mind in dealing with things that are not necessarily in the main stream. I

would also like to see someone more open-minded to the students and giving more expectations to the students. Someone who would be less manipulative of our judicial system. Basically, I would like to see that person there for us whenever we may need them—someone who will leave us alone when it comes to our own personal lives." *Harrison Goodman, Senior.*

The Eternal Quest for the Free Lunch

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What would you do for a free lunch? Would you suck it up? Would you swallow your pride? Fill your belly on someone else's pocket change? Would you scrounge through garbage bins? Grapple with swine? Would you f— the rotting souls of the morally bankrupt? Would you perform some unnamed nefarious act bound to condemn your essence to outer darkness where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth for all eternity, Amen?

The actual cost of a burger and fries is subjective; dependant upon the need and will of the consumer. What you would do for a million dollars don't mean much when you've got a little jingle on you. What you would do for a square meal when the peptic acids are gnawing at your innards means something more.

It is our lot. "From the sweat of thy brow ..." Unfortunately there's no real market for sweat these days - (unless it's conjugal - and you can get it on film) Entertainment sells.

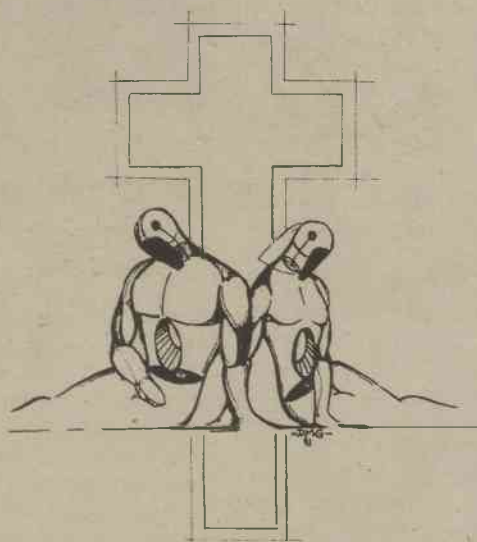
But real sweat, sweat, the sweat you sweat digging in the dirt, raising barns - you can't make a living with that kind of sweat. Factory sweat, repetitive, musty, mass-produced, indoor, pencil-pushing, nervous, jaundiced, unhealthy sweat - that'll put meat on the table.

Of course there's always the Free Ride. The one that takes you from nowhere to nowhere. Keeps you scrapin' for exact change so you can pay up the difference and get the Hell off at the next stop. There is that great railway extravaganza - WELFARE. But it's not so much a free ride as a barter. What you save in sweat you pay for in height, in heart, and if you haven't got a tight enough grip, you cash in your soul as well.

Poverty can suck your possibilities from before your eyes

and teach you to look at your feet. And watch your back. And look to heaven for your salvation. And that there's nothing up ahead that you haven't waded through before.

What will you allow poverty? Will you let it bring you down? Will you let it swallow you up? Will you let it turn all your moral fiber into pocket lint? Would you feed yourself to the statisticians - all for a free lunch? Or would you blow it off? Find something constructive to do for an hour or two?



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Dwayne Gooding

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