

# Opinion

This letter was delivered to Dean Franz on April 3. The author is curious as to why no apparent action has been taken.

To: Dean Franz

Re: Results of Student Elections

Dear Sir:

I recently learned the results of the SGA elections and I believe there is something that should be brought to your attention. One of the candidates for honor court has been caught in flagrant violation of the Saltire, specifically the community code. This person lied to his dorm council about his suite's vote with regard to entertainment preference. Actually, he relayed the decision of a unanimous decision for a band instead of a DJ. In reality, the suite was never asked their opinion on the matter. Later, it came to the attention of dorm council that this person booked the band prior to the dorm council's vote. This is in direct violation of the SGA mission statement (pg. 133 of the Saltire). Even though the dorm council found out about this deception, they decided not to take action; however, these are not the actions expected of a member of the honor court. I had hoped that this letter would not be necessary, but I would feel extremely uncomfortable knowing that a known liar would be responsible for the judgement of fellow students. Please feel free to direct any questions toward the dorm council. Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Editor's note: The name and dorm in question were given to the Dean.*

Dear Seniors,

The time is now upon us when we must go out into the world, each of us concerned with our own pursuits. It is a time we must ask ourselves deeply about what we are doing with our lives. I am writing to you out of concern for the world we all live in as well as the concern of our own well-being. As we each go out into the world we must ask ourselves, as responsible human beings, about the consequences of our pursuits as we leave St. Andrews. In doing so there seems to be one vital question which we all must address; "Are we pursuing paths which are directed towards bringing about goodness in the world, or are we pursuing paths of our own selfish interest?" This question seems to lie at the root of finding our own happiness as well as the effect our lives will have on the world in which we all must live. In trying to decide for myself what

This letter to the editor is written as an appeal to the St. Andrews students of the future. It is a reminder to all of you that you have permission to move the furniture.

There was once a time when St. Andrews was referred to not as a college but rather, as a community. It was a community made up of legends which many of you as incoming freshpeople will not even know of or possibly remember. It was a community where the administrative bureaucracy on this campus was limited and accepted only upon approval of the students that reside here on campus. A majority of the people that have graduated from this college were unique individuals in their own sense be-

kind of life will bring happiness, I have observed the lives of men and women out in our society in an attempt to see who I consider truly happy. In doing so, I know of no individual who has found any real sense of happiness through self interested pursuits. It is in our own benefit as well as in the benefit of all living things to live unselfishly and to pursue a life of goodness and virtue. To realize the value of acting unselfishly is to realize the source of our own happiness. If you direct your life in such a way you are helping people you don't even know. Our world faces many problems today, many resulting from the pursuits of self interested individuals, and is in dire need of people who are leading lives rooted in the strength of compassion for humankind. We are responsible as human beings to be conscious of our actions and of who we are as a privi-

cause they had voices that were heard, and today those voices only echo beneath the levels of paint that have been used year after year to cover the Wall. I passed the Wall the other day and read the following inscription, "St. Andrews please help, as I get older I get more immature." I commend the people who wrote these words. However, I disagree. There is an old saying that goes, "only the good die young...." Well, dear friends of St. Andrews College, the good died young and the so-called St. Andrews community is no more.

How many of you remember Doby, Skippy Lee, John Cox, Ped, Svend Deal, Bently Crabtree, John Sellers, James Dullin, Pat Savage, Nils Peterson, John Wheeler, Dee, or Julia?

lege in being alive. We must be responsible for the sake of the future of the world we live in and for the sake of the world we shall bring our children into. I am not suggesting that we all must go out and join the peace corps, for we each have pursued our own means by which we shall earn our livelihood. What I am suggesting is that in whatever we are doing, that we are doing it in a sense of goodness and with a sense of personal virtue directed towards the benefit of humankind. It really does not matter what you are doing, what matters is the person who you are when doing it. If you are pursuing business, be a businessperson who is conscious of the welfare of the world in which we live, just as if you find yourself waiting tables, wait on them in a manner of kindness and personal integrity. What is of importance is the value of action which one lives daily life in

Some of you remember only a few of these people, some of you have heard their names, stories about them, or maybe you know them all. Some of you just don't know.

James Dullin, the mad streaker who always streaked and was hardly ever fully clothed. A stranger in himself, he was an individual and a member of what used to be the St. Andrews community. Dullin to most was crazy, but his voice was heard. And he made us all laugh when his senior year he lead the Ganza streakers in a tuxedo.

Or how about Doby? Even today when I see him he is full of cheer, and his one wheel on his wheelchair is still all bent out of shape from the last time he played

accordance to, in whatever you are doing and wherever you are. Prosperous action has an effect that ripples through the hearts and minds of humanity stronger than one can imagine. We must realize the fact that we are a part of this world and that our own well being, and our own happiness is determined by the well being and happiness of the world surrounding us. Recognizing this fact it seems clear that to give of ourselves towards the benefit of others is precisely what is beneficial to our own feelings of goodness. When you leave St. Andrews please consider these things in the path you choose for yourself, for the sake of this world and for the sake of your own heart. I wish for you the strength to fulfill your pursuits and hope you do find the happiness that life can offer.

Sincerely,

A fellow classmate.

wheelchair football here. Or maybe John Cox, one of the great debaters who got us in the Guinness Book of World Records last year for our world record debating time.

How about those good old days? The T-shirts made with slogans such as "If it's broke don't fix it," or "Ditch the Witch!" Most of you have never seen these T-shirts and if you have, you are barely familiar with the symbolism behind them. Sadly enough, you are not even willing to ask.

St. Andrews has always been an environment where student voices were heard, and I greatly emphasize "were." How many of you remember the events that transpired

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