

Student Perspectives

'Have you seen America?'

Since the presidential election of the previous fall, it has become noticeably apparent that a significant change is being pushed by a minority segment of the American public. This new attitude has been fermenting for many years, but with the entry of a liberal democrat into the White House, the advocates of this viewpoint have crawled out of the woodwork.

To myself and many other Americans, it would seem that these persons (dare I call them Americans) are attempting to alter the history of our nation. Even more importantly though, they are attempting to alter our national spirit and pride.

The United States of America was founded upon the premises that we all hold certain unalienable rights, which no man can put assunder. All of these rights, too numerous to mention here in such limited space, but hopefully known to us all, lend

to create the most valuable resource we have—individuality.

It was the small businessman and the individual entrepreneurs that carried this country to the world status it now claims. Yankee (or American) ingenuity is what brought the world the automobile, the telephone, the computer, and other marvels of technology. And it was many of these industries which employed millions of our relatives and friends. These men and women worked with one purpose in mind—to become financially self-sufficient. There was a time in America when it was unthinkable and injurious to one's own pride to accept a handout of any kind.

Yet, forty years after the New Deal and the introduction of the welfare state, we now have people in this nation who would rather sit on their butts and live off the sweat of hard

working Americans. These people have nothing to offer, other than their services as leeches on the savings of the American taxpayers.

It is because of welfare and other entitlements (government handout programs) that we have a \$4 trillion deficit. En-

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itlements make up over 50% of the budget. When President? Clinton raises our taxes (keep in mind that no tax increase in history has ever decreased the deficit) and refuses to cut spending, this is where the money will go. The deficit will not see one red cent.

It is noteworthy that the children of America have taken to bake sales and other methods of fund raising to raise money to help pay off the enormous deficit. But there are two troubling points about this approach. One is in the logic of it all. Say if these kids can raise \$1.5 million per year, which is entirely possible, to contribute to the war on the deficit. It will take 2.8 million years to erase the \$4.2 trillion hole we have dug for ourselves. They have good intentions, but elementary school children do not have the ability to grasp such a vast sum of money.

(For all those who have a liking to H. Ross Perot, where is he with his billions to stand alongside these industrious children?) The second trouble spot is that the current administration knows these contributions will not help, yet it keeps the money. Quite possibly to pay for President Clinton's new White House

jogging track?

The point in all of this is to remember that the democrats have been in control of Congress since 1948, and during that same time period, only four out of eight presidents have been republican. It has been the democrats at the helm of this sinking ship, and through their rhetoric they refuse the republicans entry to the bridge. The money has not gone into the pockets of the upper and middle classes, yet they are the ones who have earned it. The government eats it all up in taxes and spits it out to the poor.

A fallacy pushed on the American people is that the rich are the greedy persons of the nation. I propose that the truly greedy are the liberal special interest groups and those who think they are owed everything because someone else had the intelligence and will to earn it.

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Enough's Enough!

By Lucian H. Neal II

Who or what gives a person the right to take the law into his or her own hands? "Nothing," I say! Michael Griffin, 31, shot Dr. David Gunn three times in the back at close range, because Dr. Gunn was one of the many doctors who performed abortions in Pensacola, Fla., should have the book thrown at him. Griffin, a member of Rescue America (the group who opposes abortions), staunchly disagrees with abortions. He told Dr. Gunn, "Don't kill anymore babies" before firing several shots from a gun which he had concealed.

I agree with our newly confirmed attorney general, Janet Reno, who said it's "a horrible and tragic crime." If any man or woman kills someone else who doesn't agree with every point of his or her beliefs, then that killer forfeits all the rights that our Constitution gives him or her.

Although this looks like a "Rescue America" plot to get rid of doctors performing abortions, the organization has denounced the killing. "Our commitment to the dignity of life stands for the born as well as the unborn," said Keith Tucci, a Rescue

America member.

Even though the group has denied killing the doctor, abortion rights supporters still blame groups like Rescue America "for creating a violent atmosphere" and held a candle-light vigil, said USA Today. President Clinton even said that no one seeking medical care nor the doctors providing the care "should have to endure harassments, threats, and intimidation."

"They built this climate, and they are responsible," said Patricia Baird-Windle, a Florida abortion rights activist. I strongly agree with Mrs. Baird-Windle. Groups like Rescue America have formed this climate, so let them live with the consequences!

SAGA changes Image

Tanya Evanchik

The mere thought of SAGA, in the past, has not been a pleasant one among most of the student body at St. Andrews, but recently their image has changed for the better.

Student-Manager Dan Albert seems enthusiastic about their "new image" and had this to say about his job, "As an employee, Marriot is a #1 class organization. As a student, there are many things I see which are wrong and need change, and fortunately due to my position I am able to implement such changes and be the eyes and voice for the entire student body."

Many of the students

at St. Andrews often complain about the quality and service they receive at SAGA, but don't bother to voice their opinion and hope for change.

The current staff is continuously working towards improving SAGA and pleasing all the students. "Richard Jacobs, the current Manager, is open and receptive to all suggestions and is willing to accommodate anything asked by the students of St. Andrews," states Albert.

Throughout the years, students have witnessed many changes in SAGA, all due to the voicing of opinions and the workers pushing for a better environment to work in and be enjoyed by all. Today, it is

obvious that the workers are still striving to be better in everyway, and appear more pleasant than ever before.

Many changes have been apparent within the past few years; such as new tables and chairs, better workers, more choices, more efficient system, higher food quality, extended breakfast hours and the accommodation of all St. Andrews students.

Years ago there was no meal exchange plan, no necessary selections for the vegetarians, or any of the great variety of bars they now contain. The pasta bar is new this year and has been a great improvement and love of many, also the potatoe, dessert, and vegetable bars include many

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Get 'high' legally ? Humm

By Lucian H. Neal II

I believe that a way we could reduce our astronomical deficit problem is to legalize certain things, such as marihuana and certain other illegal drugs, and prostitution. I believe this way, because we could, intum, tax these items and help to reduce our extremely high defi-

cit.

Taxation would increase the cost of the said items or service which would help to reduce the large number of offenders, hopefully. If one looks at the problem from a logical perspective, you will likely agree with my view.

My perspective is that the "average" human being (whether male or female, ad-

dict or not) will continue with his or her trait whether it is illegal or not. I'll ask you a question, now: What's one of the first "highs" that a person gets when engaging in an illegal activity? Correct, a "high" of doing something that's considered a "no-no". If you ask anyone who's doing anything illegal, one of the responses will likely be--

"I feel challenged not to get caught, it's fun!" This challenge can be seen as a kind of "high" for most people--young and old alike.

If our government does legalize these things and puts a tax on these goods and services, like everything else, just think of all the revenue that the government will receive.