

In The News Stories off campus

Pot is Hot, and Hemp is Hip

The reemergence of the positive uses of marijuana in American culture has sparked a film to be made on the scented, Baby Boomer plant.

Director Richard Linklater who directed the critically acclaimed film "Slacker" has released "Dazed and Confused", a film that follows a group of students on the last day of high school in the year 1976 smoking pot and clearly enjoying it. The film was released September 24.

Smokey is 50

All over the country celebrations are being prepared for Smokey the Bear 50th anniversary.

All over the country Smokey and his supporters will be appearing at major events, such as Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Rose Bowl Parade.

Smokey the Bear is second only to Santa Claus in name recognition, and he is known to Canadians and Australians where there are no native bears.

Agreements to NAFTA Signed

Last Tuesday, President Clinton signed several supplemental agreements to NAFTA, which will create the world's largest free trade zone.

Behind Clinton are four former U.S. presidents, all state governors and American Nobel Prize winners in economics.

The agreement would open U.S. markets in Mexico and Canada, secure 2,630,000 U.S. jobs more tightly, create new jobs for 200,000 people in the U.S. and eliminate 10 to 20 percent of the Mexican penalty on U.S. goods.

Signing the agreements were President Clinton and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Dr. Reuschling Is Set to Resign

On August 12 of this year, Dr. Thomas L. Reuschling, president of St. Andrews announced to faculty and staff that he was resigning by the end of the upcoming academic year.

Reuschling has served as president of the college since 1988, he said that his resignation comes after an assessment of personal goals. He also stated that his resignation will be in effect no later than May 1994. He plans to stay through the academic year to ensure a smooth transition.

When asked about his presidency, President Reuschling called it the most challenging time of his pro-



Dr. Thomas Reuschling

fessional career. During his time as president, Reuschling paid close attention to the fiscal areas of the college, especially in a rigorous

"With the belief that the future of St. Andrews looks bright I plan to pursue different challenges for myself."

Dr. Thomas L. Reuschling

analysis of the budget and resources of the college.

Reuschling was quick to commend the accomplishments of St. Andrews faculty and staff over the past five years. During his presidency, new innovations were begun including a satellite degree program in Pinchurst for adult students; a Scottish Heritage Center at the college; and the SAILL program, or St.

Andrews Institute for Life-long Learning, which brought closer ties to Scotia village, which joins the campus.

Former N.C. governor James E. Holshouser Jr., chairman of the college's board of trustees, said that he would expect the search process to begin "fairly quickly."

"He has had a positive and significant presidency and we wish him well. The recent completion

of the capital campaign has provided a foundation on which the college can build for the future," Holshouser said.

Dr. Reuschling is a native of Ohio, and St. Andrews fourth president. Before coming to St. Andrews, he was dean of the business school at the University of Virginia and taught marketing at Kent State.

He is a graduate of Hiram College in Ohio, received a master's degree in business administration from Kent State University in 1966 and completed his doctorate of business administration from the University of Colorado in 1970.

China's Olympic Bid Is Topic Of Thesis

The rest of the world watched as "a more open China" sought the 2000 Olympics. Selection of Beijing as host city for the international sporting event could have done much to erase bloody memories of Tiananmen Square and to herald full arrival of China into the world community. Instead, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in late September chose Sydney, Australia from among five competing cities.

Brandon Rowe, a senior at St. Andrews who is researching China's use of sports for political purposes, expressed little surprise at the decision. Brandon spent January through May of this year in China, and he remembers the enormous propaganda effort by the government on behalf of the Olympic bid

Banners and posters in both Chinese characters and English hung throughout the city, stating that Beijing eagerly awaited the 2000 Olympics.

His curiosity piqued by what he witnessed last Spring, Rowe selected China's political use of sport

ing events as the topic for an Asian studies thesis he must write at St. Andrews. The Charlotte native is completing a double major in Asian studies and history, and would like to return to Asia after graduation to teach English.

While he was in Beijing last Spring, Brandon taught spoken English to Chinese adults.

"Because the class was conversational English, most of our time was spent in free talk. I got to know a great deal about them, not by the way I answered them but by the questions they asked me," Rowe said.

Rowe said that the dependence on coal and lead for car fuels cause a layer of soot to cover Beijing. Sydney packaged their Olympic effort as "the green bid."

Other problems that Rowe believed foreshadowed the IOC's decision include human rights violations, political instability, food, sanitation and transportation systems that are inefficient by Western standards.

Rowe is curious to see if China makes good on an earlier threat to boycott



Senior Brandon Rowe, above, is researching China's use of sports for political purposes. He sits beside a flag that he brought back from China, depicting the 2000 Olympic games in Beijing

the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, this came last summer when Congress passed a resolution which opposed Beijing's bid because of China's human rights record.

Rowe attended the first Western professional boxing match held in China, dubbed by its promoters as "The Brawl at the Wall."

Among those present to promote the match was Muhammad Ali. Although editorials in the communist paper, "China Daily," criticized boxing as too violent and stated it should not be allowed there, Rowe said the capacity crowd at the People's Stadium "seemed to enjoy it."

Every student completing an Asian studies major at St. Andrews participates in an overseas program of study in Asia for at least one semester and writes a senior thesis on a topic approved by the Asian Studies Committee.

The college's Asian studies program is designed to enable students to cultivate a life-long enthusiasm for study of Asia, appreciate the importance of Asia's cultural contributions to the world, use encounters with Asia to reflect on and interpret their own culture, and identify Asian careers.

What's up Next Time?

The next issue of The Lance will include sections for Sports, The Back Page, more editorials and other interesting articles for the students, faculty and staff to enjoy.