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## St. Andrews Hooks New Dean of Students

You almost wouldn't expect such a revolutionary person to be drawn by a siren song to Laurinburg, NC, but the new Dean of Students, Martha Nance willingly followed the music to St. Andrews.

"All the conditions said 'me,'" she explained, referring to the job description that first sparked her interest in S.A.

So Nance left her job at Dean College in Massachusetts to become our visionary, risk-taking Dean of Students.

"I didn't so much leave Dean

as come to St. Andrews," Nance said.

And come she did, but perhaps this isn't the biggest risk Nance has ever taken.

Always at the cutting edge, she coached women's basketball at a time when women had to fulfill a higher criteria in order to be endorsed.

Raised in the Mid-West, she majored in physical education and speech drama in undergraduate school.

"Phys. Ed. to coach, speech drama to teach," she said.

Nance taught high school and coached in Iowa and Nebraska.

At one point in time she was the only female basketball coach in Iowa.

"I've always felt like a pioneer," said Nance.

She eventually got her Master's in Counseling. Nance was inspired by the lives of her players. She realized that the way to be more helpful to students was to get involved in student activities.

After a stint as a student

activities director, Nance knew that she wanted to be a Dean.

"I'm a Dean of Students because I'm a student advocate," said Nance.

She explained that being a student advocate meant placing emphasis on student responsibility and rights and ensuring that there is a consistency in dealing with students.

St. Andrews can only look forward to the new things to come.

## Security Issue Resolved

### Letter from Marsha Nance

There seems to have been a lot of emotion created around the issues of the enforcement responsibilities of the Office of Public Safety/Campus Police and student rights and responsibilities on the St. Andrews campus. Let me try to clarify those issues a bit more by specifically identifying the role and function of the Office of Public Safety/Campus Police

for which I am the responsible Senior Administrator, and the conditions for community membership at St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Public Safety/Campus Police officers on our campus play a dual role. They are employees of the institution who are responsible to serve and support the entire educational environment. Their purpose is not

solely to operate a law enforcement entity, but in addition, to provide a broad range of safety, security and crime prevention services within this unique and complex environment of an academic institution. They are also certified officers of the State of North Carolina, sworn to uphold and enforce the laws of the State. This dual responsibility oftentimes puts them in a

difficult position.

What police officers have that allows them to confront that difficulty is what is termed *discretion*. This element of discretionary power is what allows colleges to employ sworn officers of the State as officers of the institution's public safety function. The enforcement of college policy lies within their (continued on p. 6)

## Student Government Leaders Speak Out

BY REBECCA STACY

If "re-envisioning" is the new St. Andrews buzz word for change, then the Student Government Association is definitely "re-envisioning" its goals, purposes and role in student life.

Kellam Parks, president, and Lauren Schumacher, vice president, have spent much time deciding what needs to be changed and improved in order for SGA to truly be effective.

In recent interviews, both Schumacher and Parks highlighted their plan for this academic year.

Interestingly enough, both cite improvements in communication as top ranking priorities for this

academic year, though both approach this problem from different angles.

"We're trying to keep the students involved with the changing of the college," Parks said, "the school is seriously changing and we need to inform students of these changes."

Parks also explained that a lack of student involvement had an effect on communication levels.

Parks hopes that a massive increase in information available to students will also increase the interest S.A. students exhibit.

"I want to get students involved

more," Parks emphasized.

He used the previous election and its poor turn out as an example. "No one knew about it," he said.

Parks hopes that the next elections will have better publication of official duties as well as debates and candidates with tangible issues.

As for Parks, this year he'll be working hard implementing a new message board through campus E-Mail.

"It will be a forum for discussion," he explained. The president will hopefully have access (continued on page 6)

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