

## Saltire Gets A Facelift

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He tells us that the *Saltire* will be a "significant, vital, and integral part of the St. Andrews community."

One of the main focuses of the revised *Saltire* will be a change of focus from specifically on the needs of the student to the needs of the St. Andrews community as a whole. The community consists of all current students, faculty, staff and administration. All registered guests will be looked upon as temporary members of the St. Andrews community.

Teri Beasley, a senior History major on the committee, feels the purpose of the *Saltire* is to supply "general human codes and laws."

"Responsibility and respect for human beings should dictate anyone's actions." She feels that St. Andrews is in a state of chaos. "We're not responsive to other students, we're not respectful to other students. That has to change."

Another point that is being stressed in the revised *Saltire* is termed the "chain of responsibility". This trickle down theory of responsibility begins with the individual. If a problem occurs in a suite, the people involved would first be expected to deal with it and assert their conflict resolution skills. If no compromise is made, the problem would then go to the suite leader and so forth up the hierarchy. This in-house focus should eliminate unnecessary involvement of higher supervisors.

The distribution of the *Saltire* is also up for change. This year, new students had no "backbone"

from the beginning. One possible solution is to have the *Saltire* checked in and checked out with arriving students. Says Beasley, "You get your bedframe, your desk, and you get your *Saltire*. That way, every student has one."

Another possibility is to administer the handbook when registration occurs, in order to verify that commuter students receive their copy. The "community code," St. Andrews' membership pledge, will also gain emphasis in the future.

Mike Lake says, "The handbook is designed to, essentially, guarantee and to protect the members of the community with specific regard to the student. We want to do it in such a way that the students still benefit, yet there is still ample safeguard to allow for any disturbances to be removed."

This year's committee takes part in regular weekly meetings and scheduled workshop days. According to Kellam Parks, who was on the Handbook Committee last year, they did not meet at all, the year prior to that they met only once. The older *Saltires* and suggestions from different areas will be "melded together into one cohesive, viable document," Lake goes on. Changes in the *Saltire* must be approved by Student Government, Senate, Cabinet, and the Student Life Committee.

All's one. Good faith, how foolish are our minds!

--Shakespeare

## Gathering O' the Clubs

BY BRANDI MISS

"Just sign here, please..."

If perhaps you got close enough to one of the tables set up outside of Belk on Wednesday, September 20, you more than likely heard these words along with "and don't forget your extension and box number..." Why? Because the club fair was in progress, recruiting new members for both the old and the new clubs. As usual, things got off to a slow start, but as word of Spanky's Blow Pops (talk about a bribery scheme) spread, more people began to wander out to see what was happening. Despite the hot, blinding sun, there were people milling around while being served juicy speeches containing all of a particular club's information and why it would be to their benefit to join. Several clubs including CFA, Math and Computer Science, World Cultures, Debate, Model UN, Symposium, Psychology, Island Dancing, Eco Action, Ganza Core, Unexplained Phenomena, Kendo, Pathways, and Rugby were represented by their top-level members.

For some, choosing a club or two was no problem, but for others it was a real dilemma. When asked to join the Math and Computer Science Club, Isaac Roush responded with, "Would you hold it against me if I said I have already spread myself too thin?" Different people had different reasons for joining different clubs. "I joined the World Cultures Club for the enriching opportunity of journeying far from St. Andrews to experience new cultures," said Paul DeVoursney. And still Kris Swain had another motive for joining Ganza Core, "I joined Ganza Core because I know of a band I want to bring here." Whatever the reasons, many clubs' memberships increased, however not everyone saw the fair as an overwhelming success. "This year there was a much poorer showing than the past few years. I believe it shows the apathy for activities on campus and how this school is becoming another suitcase college," said Jesse Walker. This sounds like a problem, guys.

Now that the club fair is over and done with, what next? Which club is going to be the one that everyone signs up for next fall because it is "THE" club that is active and has a good time being active? Which club is going to do the most for the St. Andrews Community? How nice it would be for every club to get moving in a positive direction and exist in more than name only, but for this to happen, you have to get involved... you have to pull your club or clubs out of the club slump!

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