

St. Andrews Debates Issues On-Line

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On Sunday October 25, 1995 St. Andrews conducted its first IssuesForum over the internet. This forum is used so students can voice their opinion on certain issues. As a part of the Philosophy of Mass Communications class, students established a computerized forum through the notice board function in PEGASUS Email.

The effect of the forum was unique. Responding to the issue of quiet hours, nearly 20 people voiced their opinions on how quiet hours should be implemented at the college. As it reads now, the *Saltire* states that quiet hours are supposed to be from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday through

Thursday and 1 a.m. through 11 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. However, many people at St. Andrews do not like this rule so they expressed their opinion during the forum. Opinions on this issue were quite interesting and varied with the individual. Some people believed that the *Saltire* rules were fair, such as Kellam Parks, president of the Student Government Association. Others even stated that they feel that quiet hours should be extended till noon so that those people who do not have morning classes can sleep better.

However, their main consensus was that each individual suite should determine

their quiet hours. The first person to suggest this was Lance McCord who stated that each suite should determine their own hours because the suite could best assess their own needs. This was supported by others who also agreed with McCord to have each suite decide. The most interesting idea was brought by Joe Bowers who believed we could decide this issue in a federalistic manner. Mr. Bowers feels that the suite should not have a set rule, in stead they should adjust their hours to a particular situation. If that situation can not be resolved then it is the suite's job to handle it, not the dorm or the school. Some people who participated in the

forum also expressed a view that the quiet hours are pointless. They felt that listening to music is an expression of College freedom and that people should get used to it rather than fight it.

If you are interested in participating in the forum all you need to have is an account with Computer Services. The forum is held on Sundays at eight p.m. and IssuesForum topics are open for the next week. This experiment will take place throughout the semester. Jesse Walker, president of the forum, feels that "this will be a great service to the school by the students expressing their opinions on individual issues." Periodically, the *Lance* will discuss the results of the IssuesForum.

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are a reflection of the college's attempt to create an atmosphere that allows for adaptation to this new environment in addition to the legal and insurance necessities.

Headmaster Bushoven negotiated the removal of the curfew and the visitation policy for the Spring Term for the Academy students from the beginning. Such an effort strikes me not as "corruption," to quote the editorial, of the ideals of St. Andrews, but as the maintenance of the strong commitment to explore and become a part of our dynamic community. The "goals and ethics that were established more than thirty years ago," that of academic and social excellence and the seeking of human diversity, seem to be not only maintained but strengthened by the Academy.

S.A. Alum Talks About Career

Coming soon to a Career Services forum near you is Reeta Roy, a St. Andrews politics major who now works for Bristol-Myers -Squibb in New York.

The multi-lingual Roy (she speaks Indonesian, Malay and Mandarin) manages the Department Issues Management where she analyzes socio-political trends which are used to guide company policy and strategy on various international issues. "In short," Roy said, "my job is making sure that how the company conducts its business is in tune with social expectations and global trends so we continue to remain competitive." Over the last year she has been managing a strategic companywide project

to develop a business plan to address the emerging women's health market.

Roy said that she had always been interested in international affairs but initially thought she could only pursue this interest through a career in the United Nations. While in graduate school at Tufts University, where she received her Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, a class she was taking covered the ways that the private sector utilized international affairs analysts.

However, Roy did work for the United Nations for two years before joining Bristol-Myers-Squibb as the project manager in the

Economic, Social Development and Human Rights Programs Division.

Look for Roy on November 9 in Orange Main Lounge at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Social and Behavioral Sciences department and Career Services. Also as part of the Career Services forum, on November 8 at 7 p.m. in Orange Main Lounge, the Science department is featuring a former alum. Nathalie Martin '84, was a chemistry major who now works for Glaxo-Wellcome in their Development Division working on formulating new Asthma medication.

Penny Harris of Laurinburg's Abbot Chemicals is coming to speak on the same night.