

The Lance

"We will express the thoughts, ideas, and wishes of the entire student body and not the views of a minority."

*-Elaine Ward-
First editor of the Lance*

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Highland Players Keep Rolling

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S.A. Alum Billy Murray is working very hard this year to get the St. Andrews Highland Players--a once extremely operative theatre troupe--back in high gear. Already Murray has experienced outstanding success with his Video Production class and his Improvisation course, (which presented *Medieval Mummery* earlier this semester). He and Ken Smith are currently involved with producing the play *Trojan Women*, that will be rehearsed during the Winter Term and presented January 29 and February 1-3 in the L.A. Auditorium.

Although the enthusiastic

instructor brings a high amount of both theatrical and video-production experience to the school, (he has worked in film production, stage set production, video production, and some radio work here at S.A.), Murray has experienced some roadblocks to his total progress here. Already the production of student-written, directed and performed plays (normally planned for the weekend of December 1) has been postponed until May. The directing class he hoped to teach for upper-level theatre students in the spring was also cancelled by the administration, for reasons which they still remain vague.

Murray still hopes, however, that his work, in conjunction with music and theatre professor, Ken Smith, (who is currently dedicating much of his time to the local troupe. Encore, and their production of the *Wizard of Oz*) will open up a "showcase of opportunity" within which the S.A. students can experiment with this kind of art freely and without limit. He feels that there is an abundance of talent here, and he hopes to continue to create a "safe haven" for students to explore their talents and abilities, whether behind the camera, on the stage or in the editing room.



President Board stands with the recently unveiled cover of the 1996 Southern Bell Telephone Directory featuring St. Andrews and our Centennial Celebrations--(Photo by Rooney Coffman).



Celebrants at last night's holiday tree lighting on Chapel Isle joined together in song for a candlelight service. Afterwards, hot chocolate and cookies were served fire side in Orange Main Lounge.

Annual Tree Lighting Binds Community

St. Andrews students, faculty and staff and members of the Laurinburg community all shivered together Sunday night for the annual tree lighting on Chapel Island.

Standing in a circle and holding lit candles, the gatherers remembered the reasons for the season with a little help from Carl Walters, Shelby French, Ann Kurtzman and speakers from the campus Student Christian Fellowship. Temperatures hovered in the mid-twenties.

In the true nature of St. Andrews, the traditions of both Hanukkah and Christmas were celebrated

Led by Liz Meyers and Susie Evans, those that attended sang *Silent Night* and *Joy to the World* while Lauren Schumacher and Kellam Parks set adrift the lighted flotilla.

After the tree lighting, there was a brief reception in Orange Main Lounge. Participants were also invited to go caroling in Scotia Village.