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## News Briefs

**F**amily Weekend is coming! The theme of this year's family weekend is "Oh, the Places We'll Go." Campus tours will be offered and there will be many activities for students and their families.

**T**he SAPC Pipe Band placed second out of seven pipe bands at the Stone Mountain Highland Games. Congratulations!

**E**zra Pound Birthday Night was last night in the Main lounge of Orange. Faculty members Dick Prust, Ron Bayes, Bill and Edna Loftus, Carl Walters, Skip Clark, and Stephanie McDavid read along with students Jo Heibert and Mary Rebekah Cox.

**A**lpha Chi recently inducted 20 St. Andrews students, including 11 from the Sandhills Campus. The Sandhills inductees are Connie Branam, Susan Furr, Linda Eastburn, Donna Thomas, Kimberly Brown, Corinne O'Conner, Merry Rickman, Doris Holt, Teresa Wood, Deborah Jacobs and Mark Smith.

The inductees from the main campus are Kristi Ballard, Adam MacKenzie, Benjamin Spradley, Rebecca Afable, Kellie Shoemake, Emily Rodgers, Martha Marchell, Tamara Hartman and Adrian Martin.

**O**ff campus courses for Winter Term will be held in India, Greece, Zimbabwe and Mexico this year. Neal Bushoven will take 16 students to India. Dick Prust will accompany 12 to Greece and Frank Watson will travel to Zimbabwe with 12 students. Ruth Holden and six students will travel south of the border to Mexico.

## St. Andrews chosen as site for ECRC

by Suzyn Smith

On October 24, Congressman Bill Hefner announced in a news release that St. Andrews has been selected by the Department of Defense as a site for an Electronic Commerce Resource Center (an ECRC.) This will mean 15 new jobs for the St. Andrews community and a chance for St. Andrews students to have access to a vast amount of technological resources.

The federal government has begun to do business primarily by the internet. This includes contracting out work to be done. However, many small and medium size businesses that would be willing to offer low bids on the contracts do not yet have technology sophisticated enough to apply for them.

The Defense Department created the ECRC to bridge the gap.

There are currently 11 ECRC centers scattered around the continental United States. (The closest one to Laurinburg is in Atlanta.) Congress recently authorized the Department of Defense to expand the program and build five more ECRC centers. As well as building a site on the campus of St. Andrews, the ECRC will also be adding sites in New Orleans; Dallas; Winchester, Pennsylvania; and Largo, Florida. The St. Andrews ECRC site will be operational by January 1, 1997.

ECRC will have a variety of benefits. According to a statement made by President Warren Board, "The already diversified manufacturing and agricultural economy of this area will benefit

greatly from the addition of this high technology enterprise for growth as we approach the 21st century."

The ECRC will also give St. Andrews top of the line computer systems and internet connections and pour \$3 million dollars into the St. Andrews community.

Board credits Hefner with bringing ECRC and the benefits it offers to St. Andrews. "St. Andrews Presbyterian College, and the entire Laurinburg/Scotland County area, owe a deep debt of gratitude to Congressman Bill Hefner for his tireless, enthusiastic and effective promotion of Laurinburg and the college as the site for a new Electronic Commerce Resource Center. It would not have been possible without him," Board said.

## Trustees visit, rename auditorium

by Melissa Collins

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees took place Oct. 24 and 25. This meeting was the first of three meetings that will be held during the current academic year. The next two meetings will be held in February and April.

One of the more important decisions was to rename the LA auditorium. The Board unanimously renamed it "the Morris Morgan Theater." Morgan was known for his love of theater and music, as well as his contributions to St. Andrews. Morgan, 68, was a trustee from 1990 until his death in July.

The meeting on October 25 served several purposes. First, it acquainted the new trustees with the college. A plenary session was attended by not only the trustees, but representatives of the faculty, staff and students. Following this session, the board divided into three subcommittees. Each of these groups met in different areas.

Another aspect of these proceedings was the assessment of the college's financial resources. The board reviewed the college's fundraising and spending practices.

Still another area of interest were the activities offered by the college. The departments had written brief reports, but the board received the most information from a program put together by the administration.

Dean Larry Schulz explained it this way before the event. "A special program will be put together, usually during the dinner hour, to allow students, faculty and staff to tell what they are excited about." This program gave the Board of Trustees a look at what St. Andrews was really like.

The meeting was more of an orientation than anything else, but gave an impression of the school to the board members who attended.

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