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News Briefs

Aneel Gill has been named scholar of the month for September.

Southern Living magazine will prominently feature the pipe band, as well as the campus and Scottish Heritage center in an article focusing on Scottish Heritage and culture in the South. The article will appear in the June 1998 issue of the magazine.

Encore! Theatre's fall production of *Our Town* will include many St. Andrews students. Amanda Strader, Mary Fleetwood, Suzyn Smith, Dana Youmans, Amy Watkins, Jason Laiosa and Julia Shipunova will all appear. The performances will be October 21-24.

Mecklenburg Dorm will host its annual Bakefest Party on Friday October 3rd.

There will be a mock GRE held in room 114 of the LA building at 7:00 on October 2. Sign up in the career services center.

Baldasare named VP

by Suzyn Smith

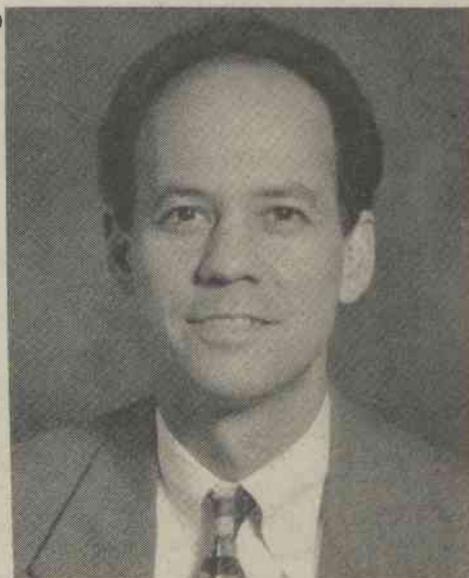
A lot of people who come to Laurinburg for the first time suffer culture shock, but for St. Andrews' newest Vice President, this shouldn't be a problem. Paul Baldasare has been here before. Quite a bit, in fact.

Baldasare has been a student, employee and trustee of the college since he first came to St. Andrews over 20 years ago. He graduated from SA in 1977 with a politics major. Since then, he has both served on the board of trustees and worked as an assistant to the president.

Baldasare's main task will be working with the Office of Institutional Advancement. He will be helping the school raise money at a time when the college needs his assistance. He will also work to help St. Andrews arrange more partnerships similar to LECRC (the Laurinburg Electronic Commerce Resource Center) and with the Communications Office to develop a comprehensive communications plan, along with strengthening the tie between St. Andrews and the Presbyterian Church.

Baldasare is currently the Associate Legal Counsel

at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, also serving as Director of Government Relations and Associate Vice Chancellor for Development. Before that, he started his own law firm, where he practiced law until 1990. He got his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.



Paul Baldasare.

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Continental Convenience?

Students returning to St. Andrews this semester may have been more disoriented in the morning than usual. Those who woke a little too late found an important part of their regularly balanced breakfast was missing. A half hour.

Actually, though breakfast last year officially ran from 7:30 to 9:00, students weren't admitted during the last 15 minutes. Whether that was a factor in attendance or not, a lot of students were missing the meal. Rich Yokeley, Director of Food Services, combined forces with Dean Nance to create a morning meal plan that would accommodate more students.

The result is the continental breakfast available in the Gathering Place from 8:30 to 10:00 on weekday mornings. A half hour of the old break-

fast meal was sacrificed to offset the cost of the continental one.

Rich is enthusiastic about the new venture and is content with the turnout. He claims that an average of 50 students drop by in the hour and a half, significantly more than the numbers that would show up on any given day to the last half hour of breakfast last year.

Despite the move for campus convenience, many students are resentful of the "equivalency meal" the Gathering Place offers. Some items cost money, and servings are limited.

The Gathering Place is a retail operation. Items aren't bought in bulk and certain goods are prefabricated. The food they serve upstairs in Belk costs more than the food in the cafeteria, so choices are limited.

Originally, muffins and danishes were displayed at the continental breakfast but were only for sale. These muffins were made off-campus and cost so much they couldn't be given away.

"I'd get raped on muffins," Rich rationalized.

The continental breakfast now offers students the option between pastries of less intimidating cost. Other changes are on the way, including a toaster for bagels and perhaps a new look for the room.

"We're here for the customer," assures Yokeley, who is always open to suggestions.

—Greg Chatham, who would like it known that he accomplished this entire article without putting condescending quotation marks around the words "food" or "meal"

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