

Student gains experience through internship

by Jason Cohen

In today's environment, one needs much practical experience. Aneel Gill knew that and pursued it.

With the help of John Nicholson, director of internships at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Gill received a taste of what the real world is like.

The real world for Gill, a St. Andrews senior majoring in international business, was a summer internship at Abbot Laboratories in Laurinburg.

"I took this internship because of my interest in business," Gill said. "I also wanted to get experience in a workplace associated with business"

While at Abbott, Gill worked in the human resources department. He gained knowledge in employee sales of Abbott goods and purchase of goods for the department.

"This internship gave me an overview of the business environment, as I was involved in many business functions," Gill said.

"The most interesting aspect of the internship for me was purchasing," he said. "The type of business I would eventually like to work for would be a firm dealing with international trade. At Abbott, I hoped to learn the basic function of employee sales, and I did succeed in this."

Gill, a resident of Dhaka, Bangladesh, owes a portion of success to Nicholson, who assisted in making the internship possible.

"An internship is a form of supervised independent study with fieldwork experience for which a student receives academic credit," Nicholson said.

Nicholson encourages St. Andrews students to consider the internship option for credit.

"Internships expand student awareness of the world beyond the campus by exposure to a variety of disciplines, lifestyles and environments.

"Students can explore potential careers, clarify educational and career goals,

develop new skills, gain valuable work experience and develop professional contacts through internships." Nicholson added.

Nicholson sees additional benefits to internships.

"Students learn to make decisions and solve problems in a work setting, develop self-reliance, personal styles and values."

Also Nicholson emphasized that "internships look very good to prospective employers and graduate schools"

Other students interested in internships can take the first step in arranging them by contacting John Nicholson

Seniors meet to talk about SAGE's problems

(From front page)

baseball players lived in Winston, but it wasn't like you stayed in your dorm. You partied in Granville, you partied in Meck and you partied in Winston. Now people just stay in their dorms," a student put in.

Admissions was also a big topic of discussion. Many seniors worried that quality would be sacrificed for quantity.

Several students voiced concern that there was an overall pattern of trying to make St. Andrews into something it isn't for the open houses.

Highlighted was the fact that tour guides are discouraged from touring students through the art studios, which

students were required to clean before each open house.

"Art studios are supposed to be messy. Isn't that part of the creative process?" someone put in

On the academic side, there was worry about the seemingly small amount of ethnic diversity in the faculty, although some argued that the "intellectual diversity" was great and many conceded this point.

There was also concern expressed that professors are too involved in administrative committees.

"Professors have the students in mind, so I think it's great that they have a hand in the administration. But some-

times I think that the academics suffer," one student said.

Several argued that some professors are quite able to teach and serve on many committees without either suffering.

Some students felt that many classes weren't offered often enough for people to fit them in and that classes were often scheduled in inconvenient ways. Required classes frequently conflict.

The seniors were overall quite positive about the SAGE program, although many said that Senior Sage needed more structure. Also, some wondered if the SAGE program tried to cover too much too quickly.

"In World Cultures, we covered Buddhism in two days.

That's dangerous," one person put in.

Several argued that this was better than not covering Buddhism at all and that covering things lightly was the way SAGE could possibly work.

The meeting ended with a discussion of the method of choosing the senior speakers for graduation. The faculty had voiced interest in being allowed to help select a speaker. Some students felt that this was intrusive and that the class

should be able to pick its own speakers. Others felt that the faculty had spent four years with the class also and that they should be allowed to have a voice.

The seniors eventually voted to adopt the "MacArthur plan," named for Senior Brad McArthur, who came up with it. Five students will be selected by the senior class, five will be selected from the faculty, and the senior class will elect two from that list of ten.

Ecuadorean students perform a traditional Ecuadorean dance as part of the festivities for the annual international dinner, held by the DAMES of St. Andrews. The dinner, which was held on November 6 this year, featured food and entertainment from many countries.



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