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Admissions expects increase in enrollment

By Suzyn Smith

In some positive news, the admissions staff has reported that enrollment is expected to sharply increase.

"We're building next year's budget on a class of 250 students, and we're hoping for even more" President Warren Board said.

Most of these achievements come from the hard work of SA's admissions staff. Counselors have made more than 23,000 phone calls to prospective students. Nearly 400 students have visited the campus so far this year.

Associate Director of Admissions Shirley Arnold attributed the rise in applications to "the combination of the consulting firm's suggestions and Dean Nance's leadership style that uses the admissions staff's strengths to best fit the pro-

posed guidelines."

The admissions office has already received more applications than it got all last year. Board also said that the num-

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bers would not mean a drop in quality of applicants. He stated that the standards were actually higher. 78.6% of the applicant pool has SATs of 900 or above. 60% have SATs of 1000 or above.

"The pool of students is geographically diverse, socio-economically diverse and culturally diverse," Board said.

Arnold agreed. "We're not looking for just one type of student. We're recruiting diversity." Arnold explained, "It's not admissions defining St.

Andrews. The students and professors have to do that.

Many of the students the admissions office has recruited had been quite enthusiastic. One student, Sarah Zimmerly, wrote a letter

to the admissions staff that was so good, the admissions staff sent copies of the letter to other prospective students.

In her letter, Zimmerly wrote, "At St. Andrews, a person can think, explore, and try on new ideas, or even very old ones, without the fear of being rejected for taking too long, or breaking the mold, or looking out of place."

New Major approved by Board of Trustees

As expected, the Board of Trustees okayed the new major in Church Services, which will be offered by the Religious Studies Department starting next fall. This major is designed for students who want to go into church work, but not necessarily the ministry. The first course in the new major, entitled "Christian Education" will be taught this spring.

The Board of Trustees approved the program during its meeting on campus February 12.

The major will feature both required and elective course work, as well as an internship. It will require courses in church history, Biblical studies, theology, and contemporary issues from a religious studies perspective. In addition, students will choose areas of specialization, such as youth ministry or counseling, which require other courses. Major requirements will be fully satisfied by the student completing other electives and an internship.

Students sad to return from Brunnenburg

by Maya Pottenkulam '99

A common wish among little children is to travel and see the world. Along with that dream comes the next, to be an air hostess, to make the first one possible. As we grow up, though, we have to forget dreams and focus on reality, but I don't think those dreams ever die completely.

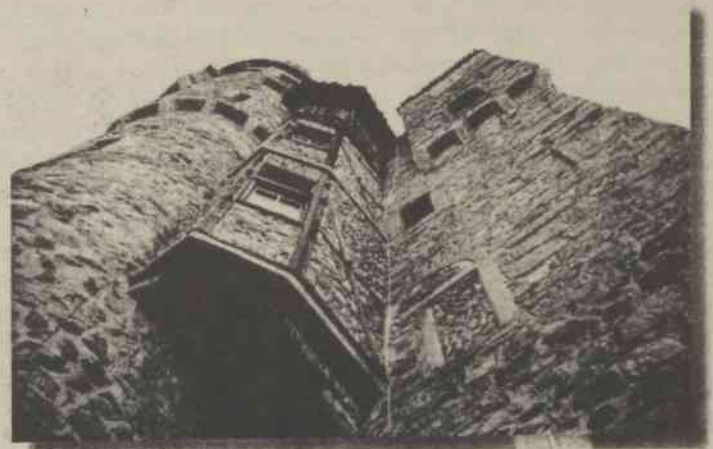
As it happens, a decade after those dreams, I found myself in the United States. I believe I came here for an education. Battling through new customs, ideas and people, I have finally adopted this as my new home. Halfway through my second term in America, a friend

introduced me to the idea of taking a semester abroad, perhaps in Italy, China or Ecuador. I gave it a thought or two, but not seriously. I was already abroad and wasn't ready to jump ship yet.

A year later, I found myself living with a group of students in a castle in Northern Italy. Brunnenburg Castle, once home to poet Ezra Pound, was in the German speaking village of Dorf Tirol. It was beautiful, just like a postcard.

In the first days we were introduced to our family at the castle. Mary de Rachewiltz, Ezra Pound's daughter, was the first person I met, and right-

fully so. She is such an extraordinary woman, brilliant beyond belief. She could read, write and speak English, German, Italian, Greek, Chinese, Latin and many more, I am sure. She was truly inspiring. I thought, at this point in my life, that I had achieved plenty, enough to keep me gloating for a while. Only when I talked to Mary did I realize I have so much more to learn. I feel I would be letting her down, not to mention myself, if I just settle for what I have now.



The imposing stone walls of Brunnenburg Castle were much friendlier on the inside.

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