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Where does your tuition dollar go?

And where will the thousand more of them go next year?

by Suzyn Smith

The recent rise in tuition has caused many students to ask where tu-

ition money goes. The chart at left shows this year's budget, broken down as if it were a dollar.

This chart, however, does not reflect the thousand dollar tuition increase that will come next year. The money from this increase was announced in a letter from President Board put into student mailboxes.

Bill Gearhart, Vice President of Fi-

nance, says the tuition hike will bring us closer to the day when St. Andrews is more financially independent, relying less on donations, so that these donations can go for more scholarships, a better endowment and other extras.

"We need to reduce our reliance on gift income for operating expenses," Gearhart said.

Students may complain about the high tuition costs, but Gearhart says these costs are far less than what the school spends on each student. ECRC and the fund-raising efforts of the Institutional Advancement Office lower costs for everyone. Gearhart said that without the help of these outside sources of income, tuition would be \$30,000 a student.

"The cost of an education here to the student is significantly less than what it costs to provide that education," Gearhart said.

A few definitions:

Other income:

Endowment income, student store, ECRC, miscellaneous

Instructional and educational services:

Academic departments, library, audio-visual, dean's office.

Student Services:

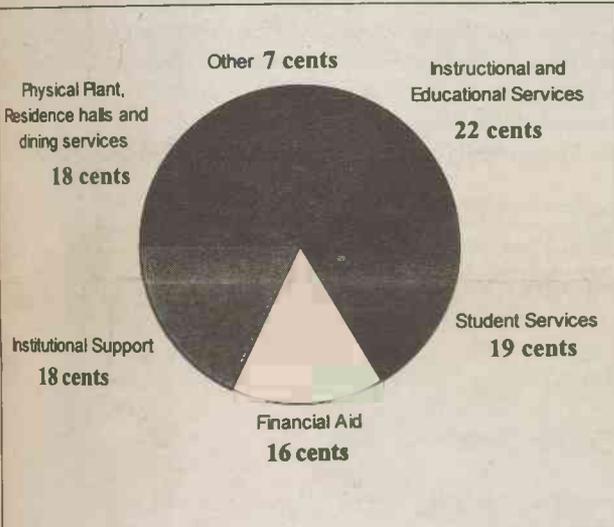
Student Affairs, Admissions, Registrar, Burris center, Bookstore.

Institutional support:

President's Office, Business Office, Institutional Advancement Office, Computer Services, Administrative Support Center, Financial Aid Office.

Other:

ECRC, student payroll, fund transfers and net surplus



New Cafe opens on Main Street

by Christine Alexis Aubain

Simply Baskets cafe, opened on March 11, 1998, provides Laurinburg go-ers with nightly entertainment.

The cafe is located at 2215 Main Street. Simply Baskets cafe is a coffee house that will offer live entertainment by local artists every Thursday night, varieties of coffees, books and a cozy environment.

Performing at the opening was our very own St. Andrews Presbyterian College professor/artist David Lee Fish. Professor Fish will be a regular performer at the cafe on Thursday nights.

Betty Toussaint, a senior at St. Andrews, said "I like the cafe's cozy atmosphere and friendly service. Frankly, I would come again."

Prior to becoming a cafe, Simply Baskets was a store that made and sold gift baskets. According to Linda Manning, co-owner of Simply Baskets, customers came in and asked for coffee. After a length of time, the demand for coffee grew, so both Linda and her husband, Raymond Manning, decided to expand the business and turn it into a cafe.

McGee, Prust to speak at commencement

by Suzyn Smith

Environmental studies and Religious studies major Sammy McGee, Philosophy Professor Dick Prust and Sandhills student Judi Arnold, an education major, have been selected as the speakers at this year's commencement.

Commencement will be held at 9:30am this Saturday on the DeTamble Library Terrace, or in Harris Court if it rains. On Friday, Baccalaureate will be held at 4:00pm in Avinger. That will be followed by a reception for the seniors and their families that will be held in Belk Main Lounge.

Prust has already revealed that his speech will be

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entitled "Looking for Orange Courtyard," but McGee is being a little more mysterious.

"It's a secret," she says. But she does admit that writing the speech that will represent her class has been somewhat difficult. "It was hard to write

because I had to sum up four of the most transforming years of our lives into seven minutes." McGee said.

McGee isn't revealing the exact topic of her speech, but she has explained

that she plans to structure her speech with thanks at the beginning, a reminder of how far her class has come and a charge to go forth.

"I am stoked and honored to be my classes' graduation speaker." McGee said