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St. Andrews Raises Lots of Money

Scholarship money, increased SAU and club funding, and building renovations are all possible benefits due to the recent donations St. Andrews has received.

Large money gifts from the "Share the Vision" fundraising campaign have led to plans that will improve the college in different areas. The school wants the money to have the "greatest impact on the greatest number of students," according to Paul Baldasare, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement.

More scholarships for incoming students, as well as those already attending St. Andrews, are being considered. These will include need-based and merit-based scholarships. A slow in the steady rise of tuition is also possible, depending on the success of the campaign.

Some money will support student activities, benefiting club funds and the Student Activities Union. Rachel Trautner, President of the Student Government Association, suggested, "If GANZA, for instance, was allotted more money, then we could get bigger and better bands to come and play."

SGA also expressed the need for renovation of the dorms. Many of them are in poor condition. The college is considering additional renovations to buildings like the Belk Center and P.E. Building.

When will there be substantial funds to finance these projects? Several issues prevent the immediate availability of large amounts of money for these projects.

"[The funding is] driven by what the donors are interested in," said Baldasare. Donors are going to have to be found who will be interested in ideas like dorm renovation. Another problem is finding alumni with substantial money to give to St. Andrews, since the school is still fairly young, being just over forty years old.

Things are looking good for the \$25 million "Share the Vision" campaign, which officially started on September 24. Almost half of the money had already been raised during an 18-month period prior to the kickoff date. Among the goals for the campaign is \$5 million for student support scholarships and programs and another \$5 million for new facilities and renovation.

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