

The Value of Animals

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The St. Andrews code of conduct contains strict rules regarding pets, but are these rules fair? And should they be changed?

It is a known that multiple people keep pets here at St. Andrews; many do not believe this is wrong. They bring pets from home for many reasons. Sometimes it is because they belong to them and their parents won't take care of them. Other times it is because they are close and loved by the people that own them.

St. Andrews believes that these animals should not be allowed to stay here at campus, due to a list of reasons that they strictly believe in, reasons that aren't even mentioned in the code of conduct. These reasons cannot be justified. Allergies are often the reason given.

Here at St. Andrews there is a \$100 fine for pets that are found in the dorms. When pets are found you have only a four-hour period to have them removed.

"That was not even enough time for me to have my parents pick him (pet) up..." a student said. True it is not enough time for parents to come rescue their children's beloved friends, because so many live so far away. It is also clearly stated that no exceptions are made for temporary keeping of pets (Saltire page 37). The result of these pets not being removed is that they are sent to the local animal shelter where the situation they end up in is often poor.

Students throughout campus have made efforts to have the rules changed. They state reasons such as pets are healthy and good for you, which has been proven through medical science. Pets have been proven to relieve stress and help promote better health just by petting an animal.

Other colleges have received the hint and allow students to have pets as long as the tank is to a certain size limit, which is a good start.

Many students aren't asking for much just that they can keep what is very dear to them with them.

"I've had mine for almost five years now, before I even went to high school, I'm not going to give it up just because some is going to sneeze over it!" said a student.

St. Andrews may want to reconsider their policies regarding their pet population by allowing animals that can be kept in a gallon tank to be allowed in the dorms.

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Out and About

Upcoming Concerts in the Area

Sunday, March 28: **Fuel** @ The House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. 8pm.

Monday, March 29: **Crystal Method** @ The House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. 10:30 pm.

Thursday, April 1: **Nickel Creek** @ The House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. 9 pm.

Sunday, April 4: **Slipknot** @ The House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. 7:30 pm.

Saturday, April 10: **Cheap Trick** @ The House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. 8:30 pm.

Monday April 12: **Hootie and the Blowfish** @ The House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. 9 pm

Tuesday, April 27: **Jimmy Buffet** @ RBC Center, Raleigh, NC. 8pm

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of as one's own the ideas, words, etc., of another." One way to avoid plagiarism is proper paraphrasing. Another is to learn proper quotation and citation techniques.

Hopkins believes that one step in eliminating academic dishonesty is to "help students understand why academic dishonesty is unacceptable and educate students about the value of honesty."

"Whether it's cheating or plagiarizing, it certainly minimizes the value of education," he said.

Students are a bit more divided on academic dishonesty.

"I may have stretched the facts a little, but it just got me a 95 on a paper, so I am going to keep on stretching," one student said on the condition of anonymity.

On the other hand, a group of students have formed for the purpose of reviewing the St. Andrews

Honor Code. The Honor Council Review Committee's purpose is "to review and rewrite the honor code and to help create understanding between the students, faculty, staff and administration" on matters regarding the honor code.

"Academic dishonesty creates an air of suspicion in the classrooms that even the most honest of students are confronted with," another student said. "Basically, when (a professor) asks me to leave my bag at the front of the class before a test, I get pissed off because I am not going to cheat."

Academic dishonesty is something that affects us all. It is an issue that is moving to the front of student issues. If you want to get involved in the dialogue, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 5145.

Family Weekend

Friday, March 26

6:30 pm: Awards Convocation in Avinger Auditorium, dessert reception to follow in Vardell.

Saturday, March 27

9 am- 12 pm: Boats on Lake Ansley C. Moore.

11am- Ring Presentation Ceremony in Carol Grotnes Belk Main Room.

11:30 am: Family Weekend Brunch at the Crossroads Cafeteria.

1 pm - 5 pm: Scotland Bluegrass Gathering at the John Blue House in Laurinburg.

2 pm: Softball vs. CVAC rival Anderson College (Doubleheader) at the Softball Field on Magnolia Dr.

2 pm Women's Lacrosse vs. Limestone College at the Lacrosse Field on Dogwood Mile.