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Tricia Smith, the newly elected President of the Student Association. But was her election valid? (Photo by Ron Hayden)

Constitutional Problems Challenge To Elections

BY JEFF NEILL

The run-off elections held last Monday to determine who would be President of the Student Association confirmed the election of Trisha Smith over Janie McLawhorn to that position. However, the Constitutionality of the run-off election as well as the up coming Election for offices has been challenged and now threatens the validity of those election result.

The delay on the returns of votes cast last Friday was caused by a break down of the computer that was not repaired until Sunday. At that time it was learned that Janie McLawhorn had received the second greatest number of votes in the Presidential race beating Jay Bender by two votes, and would be in the run-off elections against Ms. Smith who had received the greatest number of votes for President. The counting of ballots on Monday revealed Ms. Smith had maintained her lead and would therefore be President of the Student Association next year.

Glenda Buck, a sophomore, has challenged both the validity

of the run-off and the dorm officer election on the ground that they are being held after the end of April and are therefore unconstitutional.

In a written statement given to Molly McLeod, this years Attorney General, Ms. Buck stated, "According to Article XII section 1 of the Constitution of the St. Andrews Student Association, I charge the Elections Board of acting invalidly on two points:

1) this article states

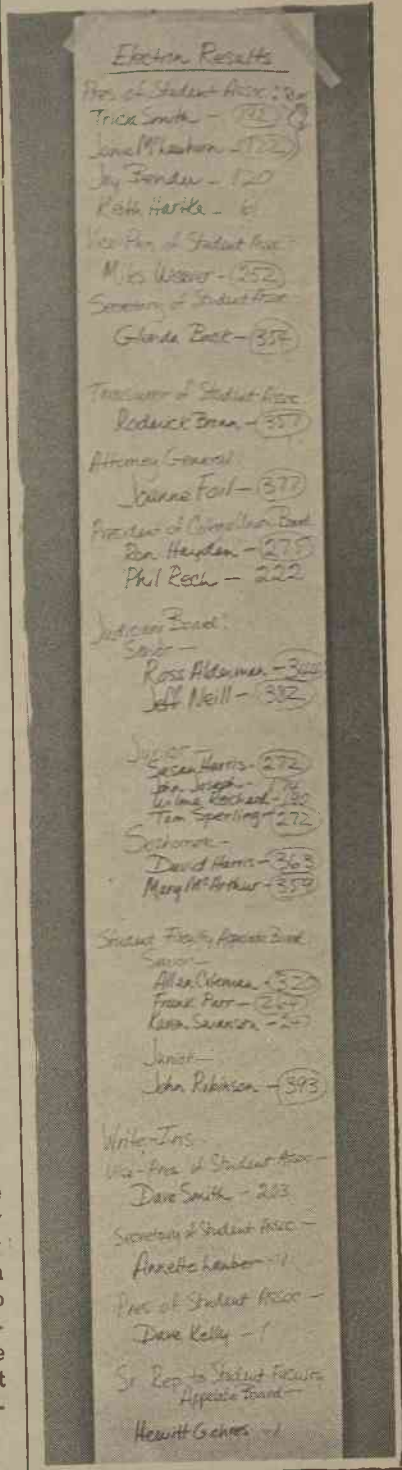
"The officers of the Student Association with the exception of the off-campus representatives to the IDS are elected in a general election each spring term before the end of April.

The election schedule did not allow for the Presidential run-off to be held by this date.

2) In like manner the dorm elections which have been scheduled will also be invalid."

In an interview with "The Lance", Ms. Buck stated her reasons for challenging the validity of the up coming elections stemmed from the events that took place at the WSAP forum held last Thursday night. There, she said, she saw an inconsistency between the willingness of student representatives to uphold sections of the constitution that obviously contradicted other sections of the constitution and then at the same time to deny the validity of an amendment nullifying Article III section 2(a) which would have allowed students to run for the positions of President and Vice-President of the Student Association without having held a prior elected office.

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Committee Passes Birth Control Plan

In a specially called meeting of the Student Life Committee last Tuesday the budget for the Publications Board was submitted and received as information, guidelines and priorities for creative group living off campus were established, and a proposal to have internal examinations and contraceptives made available on campus was passed by a vote of 7 to 2 and went on to Dr. Hart.

The budget submitted by the Publications Board included the budgets for the three student publications "The Lance," "Lamp & Shield", and "Cairn". The overall budget for the Board called for a sum of \$9,475 for the coming year, reflecting the amount of money needed by the three publications. This is a reduction of almost \$3,000 from last year's budget, the cut resulting from proposed change in the "Lamp & Shield" format for next year.

Student Life chose not to act on the budget request stating they felt the new Student Association Treasurer should have time to look at the budget

for the coming year, and that he should also be present when any action is taken by Student

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Trustees Act On Budget

BY DR. HART

The Board of Trustees has approved for 1972-73 the first balanced budget that St. Andrews has been able to develop for the past four years.

In its meeting last Thursday, the trustees gave tentative approval to an operating budget calling for a total expenditure of \$3,495,000 -- an increase of approximately \$180,000 over the 1971-72 level. The final budget will be adopted in October at the Board's annual meeting.

Expressing satisfaction with this financial progress, the Board took note that the cumulative operating deficit still will be approximately \$925,000 at the close of the current year. The college went "into the red" \$68,000 in 1968-69, \$407,000 in 1969-70, \$367,000 in 1970-71, and \$83,000 in 1971-72.

During these years, however, St. Andrews expanded its science programs, increased the proportion of the faculty possessing doctorates from 40% to 60%, strengthened its counseling program, began the development of an interdisciplinary program in the behavioral sciences, while at the same time cutting nonessential costs wherever possible.

It was noted that tuition increases were delayed during this period, despite inflationary cost increases. The \$100 rise in the comprehensive fee for 1972-73 represents a 3.4% increase over a 3-year period, while costs have risen by 11% over the same time span. This cost gap has been filled increasingly by contributions from individuals, business firms, and churches. Income from students (tuition, fees, room, board, and auxiliary services) will cover only 66% of the college's total budget expenditures for 1972-73.

In reviewing recent enrollment history, the trustees expressed a strong concern that continuing efforts be made to recruit additional black students and faculty.

Other actions of the Board included approval of faculty promotions (Dr. Robert A. Pedigo to professor, and George W. Weimer and Mark L. Smith to assistant professor); the construction of a new health center, subject to the availability of partial state funding; resurfacing of the tennis courts, track, and gymnasium floor; minor construction and paving in the maintenance shop area; and pooling of all investment funds for more effective portfolio management.

Aid Asked For Campbell

The Black Student Union is sponsoring a monetary, food, and clothing drive for Mr. Harlee Campbell, a former employee of St. Andrews. Mr. Campbell worked as a janitor in the Vardell Building for 10

years and was recently forced to stop work due to severe illness.

There will be boxes for monetary contributions placed in the Student Center and the LA building. For other contributions, contact Charles Davis,

Anti-War Vigil

As of noon today the Peace Vigil in front of the Post Office on Atkinson Street in downtown Laurinburg had approximately 30-40 students.

Standing in a single filed line, the students and faculty members remained silent and several students passed out hand bills to those people who were coming and going from the Post Office.

When asked how many more students he felt would arrive, Mr. Posnick, the co-ordinator of the Peace Vigil, stated he was not expecting too many more.

By 1 o'clock the ranks of the protesters had swelled to nearly 100 people, including several Laurinburg students. No incidents were reported.

Band To Perform Friday

Friday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Liberal Arts auditorium, the St. Andrews Concert Band will present its spring concert.

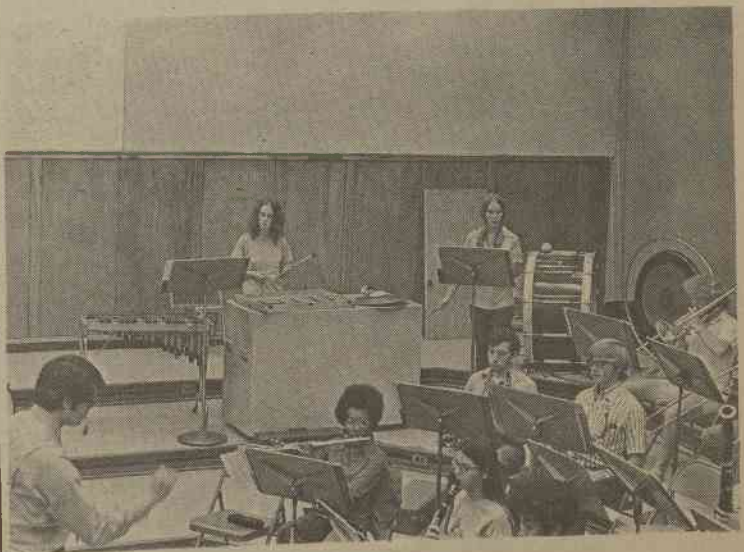
Conductor George Weimer will lead the band in a variety of music from Mussorgsky to Sousa.

Among the selections are "Chester" by William Schu-

mann, "Overture for Winds" by Charles Carter, and "Harlequin" by Clare Grundman.

Membership includes St. Andrews students and staff and area high school musicians.

This concert is presented by the St. Andrews Division of Art, Music and Theater. Admission is free to the public.



The S.A. Band is scheduled to perform tomorrow night at 8, in the L.A.A. (Photo by Ron Hayden)