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Gertrude Stein Centennial Celebrated Here

The latest in the proliferation of festivals and celebrations to visit the St. Andrews campus is a Gertrude Stein Centennial Festival this week.

The festival which began yesterday with a Common Experience program on "The Best of Gertrude Stein" featuring a film presentation of her opera "Four Saints in 3 Acts," and a play, "The Three Sisters Who Were Not Sisters."

Other events include a filmed reading by Miss Stein, who died in 1946.

Born in Alleghany, Pennsylvania in 1874, Gertrude Stein studied psychology under William James and medicine at Johns Hopkins University, but ended up in a studio apartment at 27 rue de Fleurus in Paris. Absorbing herself in the world of experimental arts and letters, she was a friend of young Ernest Hemmingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Pablo Picasso, James Joyce, and virtually all of the other members of the famous "Lost Generation" that congregated in Paris after World War One.

Attempting to apply theories of abstract painting to some of her works, Miss Stein acquired a somewhat exaggerated reputation for being completely incomprehensible. Bennett Cerf, her American publisher, wrote of her, "Gertrude Stein is remembered today as a brilliant but often totally undecipherable essayist and

novelist—her oft-quoted 'a rose is a rose is a rose' being a fair sample of her tantalizing prose. Miss Stein was, in fact, a shrewd, stout-hearted lady with superb taste, and the ability to speak or write with perfect clarity when it suited her purpose. Nobody could possibly misunderstand Miss Stein, for example, when, in the mid thirties, after her first visit home in twenty years, she declared, 'America seems to me to be getting too old to become young again. Employees are getting to feel themselves employed and no longer are able to see themselves as potential employers.'

"Taken to her first football game, Gertrude opined that the players 'do what red Indians do when they are dancing. When they lean over and when they are squatting they are like an Indian dance. The Russians squat and jump too but it looks different, but the Americans and the red Indians had the same so how could they not be the same, the country is large but somehow it is the same and if it were not it would not remain our country and that would be a shame. I like it as it is.'

"Now isn't that all just as clear as day?"



CELEBRANTS in the Gertrude Stein Festival present her hilarious, if somewhat incoherent melodrama, "The Three Sisters, who were not sisters."

Senate Adopts Judiciary Proposal

Along with approving one funding request, rejecting another, and approving a series of committee appointments, the Senate adopted an amended version of a judiciary system proposal for the new constitution and referred it to the Student Life Committee.

Senate President Keith Gribble opened the meeting by presenting a request from the Health Services Committee

for \$75.00 appropriation to send a committee member to this weekend's Southern College Health Association Convention in Columbia, S. C. Presenting the Committee's request was Laura Drumheller who told the Senate that the college was paying for a Health Service Nurse to attend and had advised the Committee to seek funding from its parent organization, the Student Government Association.

After initial objections that funding the project would bring a flood of requests from groups wanting to attend conferences, the Senate approved the request after several Senate members noted that

the Government could hardly expect the Committee to accomplish anything if some funding was not provided. The Senate attached a provision to the appropriation that a report be made to the body after the Conference.

The legislators then heard a request from the St. Andrews Chapter of the National Paraplegia Foundation for \$300.00. The Funds, they said would be used to finance a delegation to the upcoming Presidents' Conference on Employment for the Handicapped in Washington, D. C., as well as to partially fund the State Wheelchair Olympics to be held later this spring (See 'Senate Action' Page 4)

Jones Selected For Shakespeare Seminar

Whitney Jones of St. Andrews has been elected a fellow of the Southeastern Institute for Renaissance and Medieval Studies to be held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill this coming summer. The Institute is in its sixth year and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Jones is one of six fellows selected to participate in the Seminar in Shakespeare and early English Drama, under the direction of Professor David Bevington of the University of Chicago.

A graduate of Hamilton College in New York, Jones received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. When not occupied by teaching or his duties as chairman of the English Department, he can usually be found creating a new festival. Previous successes in this area include last year's hugely successful Black Mountain Festival, this year's Appalshop Festival, and the Mother Earth Fair



"Things happen first at St. Andrews" said a smiling Ron Bayes as he announced that the premiere Ezra Pound Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Pound's daughter, Princess Mary de Rachewiltz (above). Princess de Rachewiltz is making St. Andrews the starting point for

a coast-to-coast lecture tour after which she will visit her fathers' birthplace at Hailey, Idaho. Pound, considered by many to be America's greatest poet since Walt Whitman, is the subject of Princess de Rachewiltz's major book, "Discretions", published by Atlantic Little-Brown.

Election Campaign Begins Slowly

Apathy seems to be the early front-runner in the self-nominations for Student Government Association offices this year. As of yesterday evening just three persons had declared themselves for the ten positions available.

Cabinet offices being vacated by graduating seniors are those of President Phil Bradley, Attorney General Mackay Asbury, and Treasurer Tom Dux. Neither of the remaining members, Vice President Keith Gribble nor Secretary Lisa Tillson, have given any indication of their plans, although Gribble is expected to seek the presidency.

Other positions on the ballot are those of the president and vice president of the College Union Board and the president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer of the College Christian Council. Self nominations will be accepted

until five p.m. this Tuesday, with the campaign beginning after spring break.

The only current requirement a candidate must meet is that he have a 2.0 grade point average as of last term. Those wishing to run can secure a declaration form from the Student Personnel Office. The forms of qualified candidates will be posted on the trophy case in the lobby of the Student Union Building.

All candidates are held to a campaign budget limit of ten dollars. A maximum of ten posters can be put up in and around the dormitories, but the library is off limits to all campaigning.

Dorm forums will be held Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday April 3 to provide the candidates an opportunity to meet the students, said outgoing President Bradley, with the elections to be held Friday, April fourth.