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Constitution Approved After Eight Year Delay

Election Results

In elections on Monday, these results were recorded by the Elections Board:

Vice President Keith Gribble was elected president of the Student Association, defeating last-minute write-in candidate Kevin Corrigan 325 to 53.

Steve Ekins' 296 votes gave him the vice presidency over Larry McDaniels, who received 128.

Incumbent Secretary Lisa Tillson, running unopposed for a second term, received 363 votes to lead the field in votes won.

In the race for Treasurer, Rob Howard defeated Lin Thompson, 250 to 170. Jacob Houge was easily elected vice president of The College Christian Council over Victoria Nichols, 312 to 96. Betsy Styers edged into the CCC's secretary-treasurership by just five votes over freshman Sandy Hart, 198-193. The vice presidency of the College Union Board went to Beth Lyon, who defeated Joyce Dew, 259-145. The results of the Attorney General, CUB and CCC presidential campaigns were not released. (See related story on this page.)

UFO's?

In the last week and a half newspapers and television news programs have carried reports of unidentified objects in surrounding counties, but none have been reported in this area at least not until this week. A number of students here have reported to The Lance sightings of a mysterious object in the sky Monday and Tuesday nights around 11:45 p.m.

The students, who were all quite sober at the time, said the object fitted the general description of the other recent UFO reports. It appeared, at first glance, to be an airplane with its standard running lights in operation. Further observation revealed, however, that the object stopped in mid air, moved up, down and sideways as well, all in sudden, darting motions beyond conventional aircraft capabilities. Its lights also changed color (from a light orange to bright white) and intensity before it disappeared from view. The students said that on both occasions it appeared in the sky in the direction of the Lake Moore dam and was visible for four to five minutes.



Princess Begins Lectures

Princess Mary de Rachewiltz, daughter of famed poet Ezra Pound, gave the first annual Pound Memorial Lecture Monday night before a capacity audience in the Liberal Arts Auditorium.

St. Andrews' writer-in-residence Ron Bayes opened the evening's proceedings with some general remarks about the lecture series and them yielded the floor to student Tony Ridings, who spent his winter term last year visiting and photographing many of Pound's haunts in Italy. Ridings introduced the princess, whose own, life story, along with recollections of her father are contained in the book "Discretions", published by Atlantic Little-Brown and now out of print.

Princess de Rachewiltz expressed pleasure at being on the St. Andrews campus, noting that her hosts had "taken very good care of me. My hotel room's Bible was opened to the Book of Ezra."

The book of Ezra was well at hand as the Italian princess opened her remarks. "I am here because of my cultivated curiosity," she said. Impressions of the American Southland had her glance at the Biblical source before the address, reflecting, "One finds the new light where ever one turns. New openings are everywhere. We go through life learning new things and getting new angles."

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"Learning requires faith," she told the educational colony at St. Andrews. "Faith is a virtue hard to achieve. If we have faith, we enter a state of grace. I remember my father telling me one day when I was feeling especially obtuse," I don't want you to understand. I want you to learn.

Poetic in her own right, de Rachewiltz pondered quietly, "If all is understood, the field of understanding will never be extended. The journey of wisdom continues for a lifetime."

Ezra Pound has been called a 'one-man university' The 'clarity, serenity and silence found and cultivated in his works led his daughter to insist, "My father mastered himself into silence. He is always back to the master thyself. He followed a straight and narrow path. He was like a scientist - tracking down every symptom believing he has the answer of world peace."

Heightening this plateau, de Rachewiltz illustrates from "The Cantos", "O God of silence make clean our Hearts within us. Be men, not destroyers. Let the winds speak."

In the last years of his life, the aging poet refined and hammered out his images suspending time in the palm of his hands. "A poet has to

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In an extraordinary session last night, the Student Association Government did in four hours and twenty-five minutes what it had not been able to do in the preceding eight years—they passed a constitution.

The chain of events leading to the historic event picked up markedly from the snail's pace they had followed for nearly a decade of Monday when Sharon Hall, a candidate for president of the College Union Board, questioned the validity of a recent Elections Board decision on campaign eligibility. The question put before the Student Life Committee was whether or not the Elections Board was empowered to set aside a long standing requirement that candidates for president of the College Union Board, College Christian Council, and Attorney General have served on a constituent committee of that organization for one year prior to the seeking the top post. The interpretation of the majority of the SLC was that the Board had overstepped its bounds in the affair and that the old Constitution still held. Members of the Cabinet and Senate, however, defended the Board's action, declaring that there were too few qualified candidates under the one year rule and that it had been set aside until a new constitution could be established and the issue resolved once and for all. A heated debate ensued, hinging on the indeterminate state of the constitution, with the SLC deciding in the end to hold the elections in question in abeyance until the problem could be worked out. An angered Student Association president Phil Bradley ac-

cused the Student Life Committee of taking on obstructionist attitude toward the elections, saying, "Now we'll be in the same shape we were in at the start of this year — the Cabinet uncertain, dorm elections behind schedule, the Senate unorganized, and the budget nowhere close to completion." Declaring that "we'll have a constitution this week no matter what," Bradley called a last night's meeting of the Cabinet, Senate, and Student Life Committee to do just that.

Meeting in the President's Dining Room of the College Union, the Constitutional Convention, as it came to be called, began with the Preamble and worked its way through the twelve articles, thirty-four sections and thirty-seven subsections which comprised the document.

The meeting was surprisingly low-key throughout; it moved along at an irregular pace, giving more attention to some parts than others but careful consideration to all. The one year rule came up for inclusion in the constitution twice, but was defeated both times once by voice vote and once by a vote of 13-10.

As a majority of the Senate, Cabinet, and Student Life Committees were present at the meeting, the favorable vote doubled as passage by each of those bodies, thus speeding the process toward its hoped-for approval by the faculty and student body in the next few weeks.

President Bradley said that the fate of the candidates for the three contested offices had not yet been resolved, but that there would more than likely be a new election held.

Doubles Re-Elected To Targum Group

Dr. Malcolm C. Doubles, Associate Professor of Religion and Dean of Students, was chosen to continue as Chairman of the Executive Council of the Association for Targumic Studies at its meeting in Atlanta March 21 through 23, 1975. Founded in 1972 to support and encourage the publication and study of the Targums and related subjects, the Association for Targumic Studies is an international organization with members in over 15 nations including most of Western Europe. As Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Doubles will be the chief executive officer of the Association.

The targums are translations of the Hebrew Old

Testament into the Aramaic language and were meant to be used in Jewish synagogues in the ancient world. Various dated between 100 BC and 900 AD, most of them are unpublished and some of them have only been discovered recently. Since many of them contain lengthy paraphrases and expansions rather than literal word for word translations, they provide valuable insights into the religion and culture of the groups using them. Such a vehicle for knowledge of Jewish synagogue life and belief is of importance both for a modern understanding of Jewish life under the Romans and perhaps for a clearer interpretation of the meaning

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