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HARVEY Rich and the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders lead the academic procession across Lake Moore for the inauguration of President A. P. Perkinson Friday as some 175 boycotting students stand in honor of the faculty, trustees and administration as they pass. (Photo by Billy Howard)

Perkinson Sees Brighter Days Ahead

St. Andrews President A. P. Perkinson predicted a bright future for the liberal arts college in an address Friday to those present at his inauguration as the college's third president.

Noting the increasing public debate on the value of a college education and how much it prepare students for specific career options, combined with the increasing breakdown of traditional societal values, the President told those assembled on the DeTamble Terrace for the 11 a.m. ceremonies the times required an educational response that the liberal arts college can best provide.

"If," he said, "our loss of a sense of community, our distrust of societal institutions and our obsession with modernism constitute a value crisis, and this constitutes our greatest problem, higher education can perform its greatest service to society by increasing its emphasis on value education."

"To the extent that higher education helps society prepare to perceive this need and then responds to it, the value which society places upon higher education will increase. Believing that assumption to be correct, I see a role of increasing importance for our liberal arts colleges...I believe that increasingly, the liberal arts colleges will be perceived as offering the most balanced presentation of all three of the major functions of higher education—dissemination of learning, preparation for earning a living, and insight into making value judgements...Although we have much room for improvement, we are on the right track."

Presiding over the ceremonies was Trustees Chairman Edward J. Mack. As the faculty representatives of other colleges and universities and the platform party gathered across Lake Ansley Moore next to Wilmington Hall, the Scotland High School Brass Ensemble performed selections by Vecchi and Koepke.

Immediately prior to the eleven o'clock starting time, the academic procession across the lake began. Harvey Rich, a Grandfather Mountain, N.C. bagpiper and frequent participant in St. Andrews ceremonies, led the procession, followed by two drummers and two other bagpipers.

Rich and company were followed by members of the St. Andrews Honor Society, who acting as marshals for the ceremonies, bore the college's banners.

The academic procession was led by Faculty Marshal Dr. George Melton, who was followed by delegates from forty-two colleges and universities present for the inauguration. Next came the Board of Trustees, the Faculty of the College, and the platform party, composed of Frontis W. Johnson, Immediate Past Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina of the Presbyterian Church and Academic Vice-President of Davidson College, Board of Trustees Chairman Mack, President Perkinson, Dean of The College Victor C. Arnold, Alumni Association President-elect Robert G. Anderson ('67), St. Andrews Student Karen Hardison ('76) and Dr. Douglas W. Hix, a former St. Andrews faculty member now

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Election Results

"Apathy seems to be the early front runner in the self-nominations for Student Government Association offices this year," began a March 20, 1975 article in THE LANCE on campus elections.

The 1976 elections, which ended Monday in a tense runoff campaign for Vice-President between Donald MacKenzie and Lin Thompson (see related story, this page), were a far cry from the yawn-in of 1975 as a crowded field of contenders vied for the top two Cabinet posts.

Campus Radio Station WSAP's President, Paul Baldasare, scored a decisive victory over Student

Association Treasurer Rob Howard and two other candidates - former Orange Senator Larry McDaniel and St. Andrews' National Paraplegic Foundation chapter president, John Copeland. Baldasare captured just under 52% of the vote, with Howard taking 31.9% and Copeland and McDaniel sharing 15.5%.

Sally Beaty a three year member of the Student Life Committee, won 248 votes in her unopposed candidacy for Secretary. Five votes were scattered among write-in candidates.

A close race between junior Bill Mansfield and sophomore

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175 Attend Boycott

Approximately 175 St. Andrews students participated in a quiet boycott of the inauguration of President A. P. Perkinson, Jr. Friday morning.

The boycott, organized to protest the denial of tenure to Art Professor Mark Smith and the flaws in the guidelines for granting tenure brought to light in the Smith Case, was held on the shore of Lake Ansley Moore outside Granville Hall, and could clearly be seen by the audience and plat-

form group across the lake on DeTamble Terrace.

Approximately 35 students, not counting marshals and singers, attended the ceremonies.

Described by a Florence, South Carolina television as having "somewhat marred" the inauguration, the boycott was in fact quite calm and composed. The group stood en masse as the faculty, delegates from other institutions and the inaugural party, which had assembled

next door at Wilmington Hall, processed across the causewalk to DeTamble Terrace and stood again as the ceremonies ended. "We never intended that it be a negative statement about the President or the College," one boycotter observed, paraphrasing the mimeographed explanation of the boycott given to those present at the inauguration. "We want to show that we are concerned about the direction the college is taking."

Mackenzie Wins Runoff

St. Andrews students elected rising senior Donald Mackenzie vice president of the Student Association in a runoff Monday against Granville senator Lin Thompson. MacKenzie polled 155 votes to easily defeat Thompson, whose controversial editorial statements on the Smith

tenure case earlier this year made him the target of considerable criticism and, in most observers' views, caused him to be too closely associated with College president A. P. Perkinson to suit the voters. Thompson received 98 votes, five more than he had received in the

first round of voting.

The vice presidential race, from the beginning of the election process two weeks ago, was one of, if not the, most interesting races, with a rapid turnover among candidates. It initially began with four: Meckleburg senator Clay Hamilton, Winston-Salem senator Hampton Peele, Mackenzie, who has no previous student government experience, add Thompson. Peele withdrew April 19 on the grounds that he was not sure he would be attending St. Andrews next year and that if he were he would be living off campus, an arrangement that conferences with Dean of Students Malcolm Doubles and Student Association President Keith Gribble persuaded him would not work out. Hamilton withdrew on April 21, having tentatively decided to transfer to another school to pursue his interest in clinical psychology.

As soon as Peele and Hamilton withdrew there were two additional entries in

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This Week

TONIGHT: "Lion in Winter" opens a four night run in the Liberal Arts Auditorium. See page 6 for details.

TONIGHT: WSAP's Album of the week is you can hear it at 10:30 p.m. at 640 AM, 91.1 FM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30: Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush" 7 p.m. in Avinger. Free

SUNDAY, MAY 1: "The Gold Rush" at 7 p.m. in Avinger. Free

MONDAY, MAY 2: Bacchanalia events get underway. See notices in the College Union.