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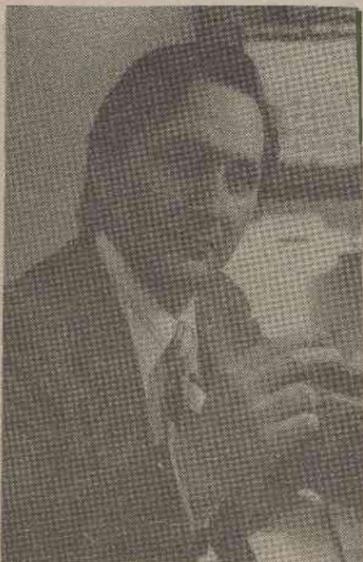
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## Ebla - No Typical Tell

By Ioma Whitaker, Assistant Editor

Dr. Malcolm Doubles, former Dean of Students at St. Andrews, spoke Monday afternoon to an intrigued audience on the new archaeological finds at Ebla in Syria. He began by trying to impress upon the group the importance of these finds. To illustrate the point, he produced a copy of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch," an important Midwestern newspaper, dated October 29, 1976. On this date, the presidential candidates (both Ford and Carter) were scheduled to appear in that city, and the paper's leading story was "Scholars Hail Eblaite Find." Apparently, Ford and Carter were second rate compared to the discovery at the largest tell in Syria. (A tell is a mound of earth that is identifiable as places where people have lived.)

which had been mentioned in the workings of Sargon the Great, King of Akkad, and Ur of Calder. The statue was found at the 2000 B.C. level. There was considerable debate over this issue, however, since scholars believed the site for Ebla was 500 Kilometers from the tell.



Note to Dr. Doubles' former students:  
He is not always 15 minutes late! He can be on time.

Nineteen seventy-four excavations reached the Early Bronze IV age, 200-300 years more ancient than the level where the statue was found. Forty-two tablets were found which revealed a totally new language. The language is referred to as Paleocanaanite, or Proto-hebrew. Proto-hebrew is the preferred term, since the language is more identical to the biblical Hebrew than any other language that has been discovered. Dr. Doubles explained this language is so

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According to Dr. Doubles, the story of Ebla began in Italy with a young man, Paolo Matthiae, who had been a doctoral candidate with the University in Rome. Matthiae had chosen Tell Mardikh, the largest of eighty tells in Syria, for his work. The first excavations were during the 1963 digging season - the summer is the "digging season."

Various layers were examined, and Mardikh appeared to be a "typical tell". However, the 1968 season saw the discovery of a statue with a dedication - in the Akkadian language - to Ishtar, a goddess of the city of Ebla. This seemed to establish the tell as the site for the city of Ebla,

## Election Day Is April 21 Self-Nomination Deadline Tomorrow 5 P.M.

By: Michael Greene, Editor

Student Association elections got underway this week with the Election Board's announcement that the first day on which candidates could file for office was Monday, April 11. Positions open include president of the Student Association, vice-president of the Student Association, secretary of the Student Association, treasurer of the Student Association, attorney

general, two (2) two-year terms on the Judicial Board, three (3) one-year terms on the Judicial Board, three positions (two senior and one junior) on the Student-Faculty Appellate Board, president of the College Union Board, vice-president of the College Union Board, president of the College Christian Council, vice-president of the College Christian Council, secretary-

trasurer of the College Christian Council, and five (5) two year terms on the PIRG Board. (One year terms for seniors).

All students wishing to self-nominate for any of these positions should do so by 5 p.m. this Friday (April 15) in the Office of Student Personnel.

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## Bachanalia Festivities Begin Monday

On Monday, April 18, the traditional festival of Bacchanalia will begin on the St. Andrews campus. For those of you new to St. Andrews, this is a time of fun, games, and stiff competition. The celebration,

which some tend to think is our annual Spring ritual, has its "roots" in the ancient festivals which honored Bacchus, the Roman god of wine.

Throughout the week, at 5:45 p.m. after dinner, there

will be games and races which will include a canoe race, an egg toss. Teams must consist of 4 men, 4 women, 1 wheelie (male or female) and 1 faculty member (male or female). Friday, April 15th (tomorrow) is the deadline for getting your team signed up. These games will culminate an Friday evening with a relay race bet-

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## Thematic Contract Majors Approved

by Steven J. Kunkle, Staff Writer

A more comprehensive contract major system has been approved by the Educational Policy Committee (EPC), and was passed by the faculty yesterday, subject to minor alterations.

## New Editor

The resignation of John Patton as editor of THE LANCE was announced on Monday by Dr. William Loftus, faculty advisor. According to Loftus, the new editor will be Michael Greene, a former managing editor of THE LANCE. He will assume his duties with the publication of this issue.

All disciplinary programs of the college will be open to contract options beginning with the 1977-78 academic year. This will be in addition to the standard major, with the specific requirements stated in the college catalog. Presently only a minority of the disciplines offer contract majors.

The main thrust of the new contract system is the thematic major, a major centering around a main theme. This is an individualized contract major in which the student chooses to major in a field not offered by the college. This is done by first contacting the Coordinator of

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## WSAP Presents Live Election Coverage

WSAP President, Bill Brennan announced today that St. Andrews radio station would provide live coverage of Student Association election returns next Thursday night.

Brennan said that a proposal for coverage had been devised by several members of WSAP's executive board several weeks ago and

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## Varsity Defeats Granville All-Stars 97-74

THURSDAY, APRIL 14: Baseball-Home-Against Pfeiffer College 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14: Co-ed Volleyball-Harris Courts; Seagram Seven vs. G. W-7 p.m.; Faculty vs. Allstars-7 p.m.; Panthers vs. Delayed. Reaction-8 p.m.; Climax vs. Newport Knicks-8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14: Golf-Away-Against UNC-Greensboro Greensboro College.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14-SATURDAY, APRIL 16: Women's Tennis-NCAIAW Tennis Tournament, Div. II.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15: Men's Tennis-Away-Against Virginia Wesleyan.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: Track-Away-Against Atlantic Christian.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: Baseball Doubleheader-Away-Against Virgijia Wesleyan.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: Men's Tennis-Away-Against Christopher Newport.

MONDAY, APRIL 18: Men's Tennis-Home-Against Methodist College-2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 18: Women's Tennis-Away-Against Sandhills Community College - 2p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19: Track-Home-Against Campbell College Atlantic Christian College.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19: Dorm Forums for Upcoming Elections-Wilmington Lounge-7 p.m., Meck Lounge-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: Women's Tennis-Home-Against Wingate College-2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: Men's Tennis-Home-Against Pembroke State University-2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: Pre-registration for Fall Term Small Gym-No Classes.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: Baseball Doubleheader-Away-Against Methodist College-1 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21: Elections-Polls open in the main lounge of each dorm-9 a.m. through 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21: Men's Tennis-Home-Against Greensboro College-2:30 p.m.

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