

Look At It This Way

A Student Senate Elected By, For Summer Students

By JOEL AUSTIN Battalion Editor

WAS THE Student Senate justified in voting "Coke" machine money to pay damages done to Texas University geologists who were drowned out in their dormitory early this Summer?



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We've heard that question many times since members of the senate voted to use the funds to pay the TU boys for what had happened while they were on our campus for a geology field course.

Before any action was taken by the senate members, the constitution and regulations of the senate were taken into careful consideration and the action was found to be legal.

The senators do have the right to handle "Coke" machine funds, and they do have the right to spend it for paying the TU students for losses sustained on this campus.

We will admit there are several obstacles which stand in the way for many students to thoroughly understand just how and why this action was taken.

Why didn't the senators let the students know about this meeting so everyone could have an opportunity to voice an opinion concerning the vote which the senator would make? Why must we pay the TU students? Why are they to receive full payment for their losses when Aggies lost uniforms and other things on their campus and received only a fraction of the loss? Those questions have been pouring into our office ever since the senate voted to pay the TU students.

Some of the problems and many of the questions could be batted around by many of us and you would probably find that both sides have some good reasons to support their cause.

But the big thing isn't the fact that the TU students were paid for their losses or that some Aggies still haven't been paid for losses on the TU campus—the most important question, in our estimation, is the view many Aggies have taken about the senate's action.

As we said, they were within their legal rights.

The action taken by this senate group has been done and there is little, if no chance for changing what they did. We believe the senate acted in the best interests of the students and the school. But anytime there is question from students on such a large basis about whether or not they were represented at a senate meeting, and whether the senators could handle "Coke" money, and other related problems, we believe a correction is needed.

Here's our suggestion for providing for such a case as happened this Summer:

Each dormitory elect a Senator at the beginning of the first Summer term.

The election will be handled by former members of the Senate (senators who served in their regular nine-month period).

Look over this plan and see what you think about it. We don't profess that it is infallible. But we believe it could be the basis of a neody change in the student government of A&M during the Summer.

A&M cannot be without an actual representative student governing body at any time. According to reports we have received, the only reason a similar plan wasn't adopted before was because the Senate could not find anyone to conduct the election. The report also led us to believe that the Senate wasn't too concerned with what happened in the Summer time.

Instead of worrying about what the Senate has done this Summer—whether it suits you or not—we believe the best thing anyone can do now is to look ahead to next year. Next Fall see to it your senator realizes what happened in the "Coke" fund case. Encourage him to approve a plan similar to the one above and let's not have

But is this enough, and can something be done whereby students can feel that they have direct representation?

To explain the situation as it now exists, senators are elected in September and serve until the following Fall when the new senate is installed. This would give them authority of office through the Summer term and would allow them to pass on matters requiring senate action during the Summer months. The only requirements, which we can see, is that they must be enrolled in the college to maintain that authority.

The former senators will retain the right to attend meetings of the Summer senators, but have no vote. They would have the right to aid Summer senators in conducting meetings according to senate procedure and familiarize the Summer officers of information concerning past senate actions.

A president of the Senate would be elected from these men and he would serve as the presiding officer of the group and also act in the official capacities as top representative of the student body in the two Summer terms.

The Summer senate would meet once or twice each month, as agreed at their meeting—or as amended to the constitution.

Senators elected to the positions would agree to remain in school both Summer semesters.

students wondering who represents who and where the senators are. The main fault with allowing senators elected in the Fall to continue in power over the Summer period is that in most, if not all, cases they do not even live in the dormitories which they were elected to represent.

Why not have a student governing body elected by the students next Summer? It can be done and with little trouble.

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LPL ABNER A Marriage Is Arranged? By Al Capp

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Senator Suggests A&M As Top Officer School

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16—(AP)—Waco's Congressman W. R. (Bob) Poage candidly admits he can't qualify as a military expert. In World War One he was a navy gund, and didn't even get to sea before the armistice was signed.

Nevertheless, he says, it's evident that something drastic needs to be done to overhaul our officer training program.

West Point and Annapolis He has in mind West Point and Annapolis. He hastens to add that the West Point cheating episode has nothing to do with his views.

TEC Seeks Employment Applications

Contract construction and Governmental establishments hired the most workers during July, according to J. B. McKinley, area manager of the Texas Employment Commission.

These two activities are expected to continue to demand workers during the next few months. Demand for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers in construction is heavy now and will increase sharply during the next few months, he said.

The Bryan office wants every applicant for employment they can get regardless of their experience or lack of experience. Demand for workers is increasing and the supply is shrinking, according to the manager.

The Bryan TEC office is ready to do the best they can to try to get this year's cotton crop harvested. They are ready to set in motion their program to recruit local labor, to intercept and direct migrant workers as they reach the territory. Farmers are urged to work closely with TEC, McKinley said.

might not be a capable leader in the other.

Suggests A&M Poage doesn't want to abolish West Point and Annapolis. But, he does think they might very properly

ly become graduate schools for advanced training of men who already are officers in the military forces. He would have the officers come originally from such schools as Texas A&M College or up from the ranks.

"If a boy gets an appointment to West Point or Annapolis under the present system," he adds, "he goes in at 17 or 18 and immediately looks to the government for his food, clothing, shelter and spending money."

"On the other hand, the boy at Baylor or A&M or some other school may be working his way, waiting on tables, cutting lawns or doing any number of odd jobs."

"The boy who is going to make a professional officer is experiencing no problem of personal finance—all he has to do is follow regulations and he has financial security of life. This is not conducive of making sharp businessmen."

Courses for Battlefield He argues the courses at Annapolis and West Point are designed to train leaders of men on the field of battle, then adds:

"We find West Point graduates well qualified as combat officers, but when war comes the combat positions are largely filled with men who got their training either in the ranks or in institutions like Texas A&M. The West Point men, having been in longer, are, by and large, pushed up to the desk jobs."

"Thus, the country loses much of the combat training it has given these men. They find themselves taking over gigantic administrative tasks for which they are not prepared."

Bible Verse

TRAIN UP a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

World Needs Educated Men

RADIO reports and newspaper items have recently brought to light the relaxed state of the American people's moral and ethical standards. Political graft, the basketball scandal, and the West Point "incident," have awakened the public to the true conditions existing in our country today.

In June of this year, two full months prior to the West Point "incident" which has put the spotlight on lax morals and ethics in the educational, political, and business world, T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department of A&M had this to say:

"All education, it seems to me, has one of two aims, power or quality. For convenience, let us call education for power, 'technological education' and education for quality, 'humanistic education.'"

"Now both types of education are good and necessary," continued Dr. Mayo. "It is highly desirable to increase the power of our students to make a living, to make useful things, to defend the country, to make a good impression on other people."

'Cut Out Give-Away Stuff'

YESTERDAY, while speaking before the Beaumont Rotarians and their farmer-rancher guests, Governor Allan Shivers asked that the federal government "cut out a lot of that give-away stuff at home and abroad."

He went on to say that the nation should devote all its energies to "full preparedness within and that overseas spending should be restricted to funds to build America's defense line in strategic places overseas."

What Governor Shivers has asked is something the government has been trying to do for the past five years. It is difficult indeed to realize Congress is actually giving away "stuff." Instead, we believe they are doing their best to prevent another world war.

Today, the United Nations, with the United States as its big financial "daddy," is trying to negotiate a cease fire policy in Korea. While in Europe, Gen. Eisenhower is trying to consolidate the North Atlantic Treaty Organization so it may function as a single group with but one purpose in mind—world peace.

In order to do this, money must be spent. It is no secret who has the money, nor is it a secret that when spending money some will be wasted. Hence, the "give-away stuff at home and abroad" can be termed as waste, and only time will show how we can stop this waste.

"America's defense line" should be the basis on which money is spent, Governor Shivers said, and this brings forth the question that has bothered American statesmen for many years. "Where is America's defense line?"

As to how we feel, we quote from a recent speech by Gen. Eisenhower, "... In the scale of values of the English-speaking people, freedom is the first and most precious right. Without it, no other right can be exercised, and human existence loses all significance... we will resist naked aggression with all the force at our command."

The Battalion

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Cancer Research Meeting Slated

A two day meeting of investigators working on cancer of the eye in cattle will be held with interested cattlemen at Marfa Aug. 25 and 26, announced Dr. I. B. Boughton, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

The meeting is sponsored by the Highland Hereford Breeders Association. An integrated plan for further research into the problems will be discussed at this meeting.

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