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## U.S. Power Implies Obligation: White

"When you have the power, you have the obligation to use it," Pulitzer Prize-winning political columnist William S. White emphasized Saturday at the closing session of the 14th Student Conference on National Affairs.

White was round-up speaker for the four-day session in which students from 61 North American colleges and universities delved into "The Limits and Responsibilities of U. S. Power."

THE SYNDICATED Washington-based journalist suggested the conference theme could have more realistically been termed the "Obligations and Responsibilities of U. S. Power."

"It's idle to talk about limiting our power," White remarked, "because I don't think we can." He said it also is unrealistic.

White observed that circumstances of history have made the U. S. the "guardian of Western power." He noted there are only two real powers, "the Soviet Union and U. S."

"IT'S FOOLISH for us to say we will limit ourselves to country 'A' or country 'B,'" he pointed out. "It's very unwise to proclaim in advance that you won't do this or won't do that."

"When you happen to be the repository of power, you can't act as if it didn't exist," the former Associated Press editor pointed out.

WHITE SAID he was "absolutely in favor of the Vietnam War, just as I was in favor of the Korean War."

"I believe the Vietnam War is necessary," he stressed. "I don't believe we have ever fought a

more necessary war." He said he fully realized, however, how difficult the war is.

The 1955 Pulitzer Prize winner noted that history probably will condemn the Vietnam War, but he added that doesn't necessarily mean it is wrong. He indicated it could merely mean that most history writers are against the war.

HE SAID the real reason the U. S. is in Vietnam is that "we cannot allow Chinese Communist doctrine—one of open aggression—to succeed."

White was the third major speaker for the A&M meeting where most of the time was spent in student "round-table" discussions.

Special Presidential Assistant Walt Rostow opened SCONA with the observation that the U. S. will remain the "critical margin" if the world is to make its way through the transition from narrow nationalism to international partnership and stable peace.

Gen. Harold K. Johnson (Ret.), former Army chief of staff, told the delegates they must avoid compartmentalizing the elements of national power. He said the political, economic and military elements are interrelated.

## FDT Wins 1st, 7th Spots In Competitions

Texas A&M's Freshman Drill Team won first and seventh places in its first competition appearances of the year.

The first team, commanded by George Barrientos of San Antonio, placed seventh in the sixth Gulf States competition in Houston while the second team, headed by Arthur Eng of San Antonio, won first in the annual Bryan-College Station Christmas Parade.

Three units formed from 85 cadets on the team made the simultaneous appearances Saturday.

The University of Houston's annual drill meet has come to be a "Junction-type" proving ground for the Fish Drill Team. Few freshman teams, including last year's national champion, have fared well in the meet, noted Mike Casey of Houston.

The Marion Guard of St. Mary's University won first, U-H second and Sam Houston State third.

First place in the drill team division of the Bryan parade carried a prize of \$100.

## WEATHER

Wednesday — Partly cloudy, winds northerly 5 to 10 mph. High 64, low 38.

Thursday — Cloudy. Winds southerly 5 to 10 mph. Intermittent rain late afternoon. High 63, low 43.

## Black America Seminar Set

An intensive three-day study of Negro efforts to achieve social change and equality starts Tuesday in a Great Issues "Black America" seminar.

"The Riot Commission Report," "White Reflections on Black Power" and "Why Riot?" are topics of talks for the next three days at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Featured speakers are Congressman James C. Corman, California Democrat and riot commission member; Charles E. Fager, Harvard Divinity School student who has had extensive direct contact with the civil rights movement, and Daniel H. Watts, "Liberator" magazine editor recognized as a spokesman of the ghetto Negro.

Series Chairman Tom Fitzhugh of Waco challenged the faculty-staff, students and the university community to gain new insight on the racial problem by attending the three seminar presentations.

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# 4 Freshmen Disqualified For Campaign Violations

## Junior Class VP Succeeds Gingrich

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE

Four freshmen were found guilty and one innocent Monday in an Election Commission hearing on election rule violations. The decision came after more than three hours consideration.

The four were disqualified by the ruling from running in any elections sponsored by the Election Commission through the next school year.

"This would mean," Gerry Geistweidt, election commission president, told the freshmen, "that you could not hold an office until your senior year."

Lawrence R. French, Peter R. Johnston, Charles J. Maddox and Michael A. Tiemann were found guilty of displaying campaign material within buildings other than dormitories or university apartments. Scherle was tried on the same charge but found not guilty.

CHARGES against the five were filed by Tommy Henderson, Election Commission vice-president. Henderson acted as prosecutor during the hearing. Hector Gutierrez, Corps commander, acted as defense counsel.

In a precedent-setting action before the hearing, the Commission voted to move Jimmy Dunham, Junior Class vice-president, into the president's slot vacated last week by John Gingrich.

Gingrich was removed from office after being placed on conduct probation for an incident in Duncan Dining Hall Nov. 21.

TO FILL the vacancy created by Dunham, filing for Junior Class vice-president will take place from today until Dec. 17. The Junior Council will elect a new vice-president from among those who filed Dec. 17.

The ruling was made under a university regulation stating that vacancies created during the year shall be filled for as directed by the Election Commission.

Henderson began his prosecution in the freshman hearing by citing parts of the revised election rules passed on Nov. 14 by the Student Senate, which included the following stipulations: "... No signs will be placed on monuments or flagpoles, nor will signs be nailed to any tree or shrubbery."

"ALL CANDIDATES for student offices will become familiar with the above election regulations and any other election regulations which the Election Commission and the Student Senate may approve by the required method and announce publicly in print."

Henderson said each candidate had "ample opportunity to read the regulations and each signed statements when filing that the election rules had been read. He noted that his petition was turned in to Geistweidt before the votes were counted.

David Maddox, Senate vice-president, testified that he had seen signs in the Academic Building and had reported them to Henderson, knowing that they were in violation of election rules.

HENDERSON listed violations he had observed. Each candidate was included in the list. He cited three separate articles in The Battalion stating that the new regulations would be enforced and explaining where to obtain copies of the regulations.

Gutierrez then presented the defense, which he said centered on inefficient distribution of the rules. He objected to articles in the Battalion and the "come by and get them" arrangement that currently was in effect to get the rules to all candidates.

He charged that the Election Commission had not properly informed the candidates of the rules involved. Those who tried to get copies, he asserted, were unable to get them and were told to return later.

CHARLES Hoffman, called by Gutierrez, testified that on the last day of filing there was only one copy of the rules available in the Student Programs office. Late in the afternoon, he noted, there were "several hundred" copies available.

Henderson interrupted to point out that several copies were available three or four days before filing started, and that he had delivered them personally. FOLLOWING the presentation, both sides summed up their arguments and the Commission retired in closed session to consider each case individually.

"The penalty seems grossly unfair, since none expected to violate rules," commented Geistweidt. "Yet guilt or innocence was judged not on intent, but on fact."

The four found guilty now have three courses open to them, according to Geistweidt: accept the ruling, protest the verdict to the Student Senate, or protest the punishment to Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

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COMMISSION HEARS EVIDENCE Election Commission Vice-President Tom Henderson, left, displays an application which he said freshman class office candidates were required to sign before running in last week's election. Seated are Gerald Geistweidt, center, Election Commission president, and Corps Commander Hector Gutierrez, who spoke in defense of the five freshmen charged by the commission with violations of the election code. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Fledgling SDS Chapter Organizes, Sets Goals

By TOM CURL

It is possible, the SDS here? Texas A&M, long a stronghold of Southern conservatism, will soon have a chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society if some A&M students are successful in their organizational efforts.

"Students' voices aren't being heard when administrative decisions are being made," contends Brian Foye, a senior economics major and chief SDS organizer here.

FOYE AND a small group of students are attempting to bring change to A&M through affiliation with the national organization of the SDS.

The group says the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has "shown a very strong interest" in SDS attempts to gain campus recognition through the Memorial Student Center. Foye said a similar case is pending in court concerning the SDS chapter at the University

of Texas at Arlington, and if the courts rule in favor of the SDS there, the A&M chapter should have "no difficulty" obtaining official campus recognition at A&M.

"WE'RE NOT a typical SDS chapter; we're concerned mainly with problems facing students at Texas A&M," Foye emphasized. Some of the issues being considered by the planning group include campus parking, dormitory housing for women students and most important, direct communication with the administration headed by President Earl Rudder.

Long walks to parking lots and the high incidence of thefts from student autos are targets of the A&M organization.

"EVERY DORM has a parking lot beside it; but you can't park there," said Larry Gill, a freshman psychology major from Lubbock and member of the group.

He pointed out that Michigan State University and Texas Tech both have bus service from the perimeter to the center of the

campus and the students park in outlying parking lots.

"I WAS A day student at Texas Tech and didn't mind at all parking on the edge of the campus," Gill said.

"The Campus Security department deserves some credit; they've tried to cut down on some of the thefts," he continued.

"I would feel a lot safer if I could park my car besides my dorm instead of the other side of Kyle Field," he added.

The group questioned why upperclassmen should have preferred parking areas when many of them are transfer students and have not been at A&M before.

THE GROUP also wondered why women were allowed to attend A&M but were automatically discouraged because there are no women's dormitories on campus.

"We'll go on record as supporting girls' dorms on campus," Foye said.

Foye added that although many (See Fledgling, Page 2)

## The Inquiring Battman

# What Did You Think Of SCONA? Delegates Give Impressions



BRIAN FOYE Texas A&M "I liked best the free interchange of ideas that covered a complete spectrum of political thought from students of the United States as well as Mexico and Canada. However the speakers were all spokesmen for the administration. There should have been a better balanced list of speakers."



DARLA ROSE Texas Technological College "The most striking and beneficial facet of the Round-Table discussion was the freedom of exchanging ideas and opinions. I disliked the limiting factor in the discussions due to the length of the general topics. I think we would have benefitted more by being exposed to more fact possibly by having the conference speakers at our immediate disposal."



TOM WHEELOCK U. S. Military Academy "I enjoyed the speech by Gen. Johnson and the participation in the discussions by the various delegates from campuses all across North America. I liked the length that some of the sessions stretched to, and I think that what was said could have been said in a shorter session."



JOHN K. LEONE University of Missouri "The thing that I appreciated most is the opportunity to observe the 'habits of mind' of our great decision-makers and diplomats. Although many of the situations we are discussing may be the same tomorrow, the approach these people use can teach us quite a bit toward the solution of the problems."



BOB MADDOCKS Texas A&M "SCONA XIV has provided an atmosphere that has allowed outstanding students to integrate their basic political, economic, and military philosophies and to be able from this to gain an insight in each others' beliefs. However it had one bad point in that at times (co-chairmen tended to dominate Round-Table discussions."



Michael Ford Trinity University "I liked the conference because it gave people a chance to gain an understanding of the complexity of our present situation. The thing I liked least, however, was that too many students were unfamiliar with certain historical-factual data. They talked more from opinion than actual knowledge."



JULIAN SALAZAR University of the State of Mexico "The Round-Table discussions helped me and other foreign students to evaluate our opinions and feelings towards the United States. I hope the conference will help to start a movement in the United States and foreign countries where students can better exchange ideas among themselves." (Photos by W. R. Wright)