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First CSC 'Gripe-In' Set Tonight In Assembly Room

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The Student Forum, a student-oriented gripe session, takes place tonight in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center, announced Garry Mauro, junior yell leader and chairman of the Forum Committee.

The 7 p.m. meeting, sponsored by the Civilian Student Council, will coincide with the annual MSC personnel drive, Mauro noted. He added that students may enter or leave the session at any time.

"EACH OF the panel members will first give a short talk on the subject he has specialized in," Mauro explained. "Then we'll open the floor to questions or ideas the students have."

"Any legitimate question will be answered, or at least attempted, by the panel," he added.

Appearing with Mauro will be Kirby Brown, freshman class president, speaking on freshman student problems; David Maddox, Student Senate vice-president, student-administration relations; Ernie Godsey, Hughes Hall president, student laundry committee and Andy Scott, the new residence hall program. Mauro will discuss the student menu committees.

"The CSC believes the sole purpose of the Forum is to represent the civilian student body," Mauro remarked. "This type of session can help student government channel its energies in the directions that students feel are most important."

"HOPEFULLY, he continued, "this type of session will bring some new ideas to the surface that haven't been brought out before."

Mauro also noted that the forum "is not out to defend what student government is doing and has done, nor is it going to pat the administration on the back." Its purpose, he believes, is to improve student government-student communications.

Mauro commented that he hopes to see the forum become a bi-weekly or monthly event. He noted that it is an experiment that may or may not work, "but we want to try."

"The Civilian Student Council wishes to extend a personal invitation to anyone who has a gripe or idea they feel student government should look into," Mauro emphasized.

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Basketballers Head For NCAA Regionals

Aggies, Drake Play Thursday In Tournament

By JOHN PLATZER
Battalion Sports Editor

With an 81-66 victory over Trinity behind them, the Aggie basketball team now trains its sights on the Drake Bulldogs and the NCAA Midwest Regionals in Manhattan, Kansas.

Drake gained the spot opposite the Aggies with a 77-73 win over Louisville last night that netted them the Missouri Valley Conference championship. The Aggies and Drake square off Thursday night at 7 while Colorado, champions of the Big 8, tangles with Colorado State, victors over Dayton Saturday, in the night's second game.

The two winners will then clash on NBC television Saturday at 3:15 p.m. for the Midwest championship and a trip to the finals in Louisville, Kentucky. The losers of Thursday night's games play for third place Saturday at 1 p.m.

COACH Shelby Metcalf's cagers used great outside shooting by Sonny Benefield, great rebounding by Steve Niles and great defense by Billy Bob Barnett to carve out the victory over Trinity.

Niles, A&M's seven-foot sophomore from San Antonio, was the whole story in the first half as he dropped in 15 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as the Aggies took a 42-34 lead. For the game, Niles had 17 points and 16 rebounds.

Benefield ended the game with 25 key points while Barnett, who scored 12 and got 11 rebounds, did a magnificent defensive job on Trinity's ace, Larry Jeffries, holding him to 14 points.

A great rally by Louisville last night almost overtook Drake, but the Bulldogs hung on. Trailing 70-61 with two minutes remaining, Louisville narrowed the count to 75-73 with 16 seconds left but a Drake basket put the game out of reach.

MOST OF the Aggie players felt that they played a good game against Trinity but that it wasn't their best.

"I think we'll play a lot tougher," Campbell said.

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During the Friday night program, Anderson will lift a platform with eight people on it, weighing well over 2,000 pounds. He will also demonstrate some regular weight lifting. In addition, he will take a 20-penny nail and slam it through two one-inch pine boards with his bare hands.

Hildebrand, national staff member of the FCA, is a former college basketball player at Navarro Junior College at Corsicana and Howard Payne College at Brownwood.

Tickets for the program are free and available at the Athletic Business Office in G. Rollie White Coliseum and at area banks, Campbell said.

"I want to point out to people that a ticket, while free, is necessary to get in," Campbell commented.

"We have a seating capacity of 1,500. Those without tickets will be turned away."

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PICKING UP TWO POINTS
Ronnie Peret make a two-point play despite Trinity's Jim Bowles' strong bid to stop him during NCAA Regional playoffs at Fort Worth Saturday night. The All-SWC pivot man finished the evening with 10 points. See game story, page 7. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Lawmakers Pass Disorder Bill With 'Hard Feelings' Showing

AUSTIN (AP)—With hard feelings showing in both houses, Texas legislators completed action Monday on a bill outlawing violent disorders on private, public school and college campuses.

Senate failure to give a two-thirds majority vote to the conference committee report on the measure means it won't take effect until 90 days after the legislature adjourns on June 2.

SPONSORS had intended for the bill to take effect immediately upon Gov. Preston Smith's signature so it would be available

if nationwide campus disruptions spread to Texas schools.

While the Senate was engaged in a sometimes bitter debate over the student disorders bill, Joe Shannon, Fort Worth, was assailing Sen. Oscar Mauzy, Dallas, for statements Mauzy made to newsmen Thursday about the conference report.

Mauzy was author of a Senate amendment to the bill that would guarantee students the right to protest peacefully. Mauzy's amendment was discarded by the conference committee and different language was substituted.

Mauzy claimed his amendment, which incorporated a recent U.S. Supreme Court opinion, was necessary to keep the bill constitutional. He told newsmen the three senators who signed the conference report had withdrawn their names, and that Shannon, the bill's sponsor, and Speaker Gus Mutscher knew it when the House approved the report Thursday.

"AT NO TIME was I ever advised that any Senate conferee withdrew his name and I have not been so advised even until the present time," Shannon said.

"Also, to my knowledge the chair (Mutscher) was not and even now has not been so advised."

"It is my feeling," Shannon continued, "that the offending senator owes an immediate apology not to me personally, but to the entire membership of this House, for impugning the integrity of the man chosen by us all to guide us through this legislative session."

The measure makes it a misdemeanor to participate in violent campus disorders and provides punishment up to a \$200 fine and six months in jail.

Later Monday, the Senate State Affairs Committee approved a bill by Mauzy incorporating the Supreme Court language into as yet unsigned law. Sen. Bill Moore, Bryan, committee chairman and one of the three conferees who signed the report on Shannon's bill, said he felt Mauzy wanted to give the House a chance to pass his proposed safeguards. This would give Smith the final say-so.

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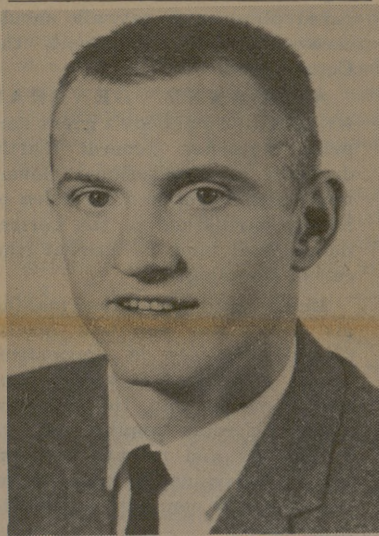
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RAY HILDEBRAND

Ex-Pop Singer, Strongman To Perform Here

An ex-pop singer and a regional director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will appear with the "world's strongest man" in the College Station area Friday, according to Jerry Campbell, president of the A&M chapter of FCA.

Ray Hildebrand, who wrote and recorded "Hey, Paula," appears with strongman Paul Anderson in a Friday night performance in Guion Hall at 7:30.

Earlier the same day, Bill Krisher of the FCA will speak to the Businessman's Prayer Group at 6:30 a.m. at Swanzy's Cafeteria.

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MSC Council Chooses 14, Elevates Political Forum

By DAVE MAYES
Battalion Managing Editor

The outgoing Memorial Student Center Council Monday continued preparations for the April

transfer of power to the 1969-70 Council by electing 14 officers and Directorate committee chairmen.

The Council also took Political Forum from under the wing of the Great Issues committee and gave it full committee status.

Elected to the 20th MSC Council were Kent Caperton, vice president; Gregg Weaver, vice president in charge of programs, and Jim Wiley, vice president, operations. All are sophomores.

Named summer Directorate president was senior Jerry Street. Sophomore Don Branson was named summer Council president and also finance chairman.

ELECTED to the Directorate were Paul Scopel, a sophomore, chairman of the Travel Committee; Rudy de la Garza, sophomore.

Students interested in working within the MSC Council and Directorate should attend the MSC's annual spring personnel drive between 6:30 and 10 p.m. tonight on the second floor of the MSC, according to Council president Benny Sims.

more, Chess; Jim Hill, junior, Camera; junior Don Prycer, Contemporary Arts; senior Franklin Gertson, Flying Kadets; junior John Otto, Leadership; graduate student Jim Cain, Recreation; Linda Nobles, junior, Basement, and sophomore Jack Abbott, Film Series.

Council president Benjamin Sims noted that all 14 officers and chairmen will assume office along with president-elect Joe M. (Mac) Spears, elected by the Council in February, at the annual awards banquet April 24.

Political Forum chairman Ron Hinds, citing the "strong young leadership" developed within the committee over the past year, had urged the Council to grant Forum full committee status.

THE COUNCIL had formerly made Political Forum a subcommittee under Great Issues for supervision and control until

such committee leadership was developed.

Activities for the young committee have included speeches by U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough, (D-Tex.), voting behavior expert Richard S. Scammon, and LBJ aide Clifton C. Carter. Political Forum also held a campus presidential poll and sponsored an "Election Night Special," a night-long color television vigil of the progress of the election returns.

In other business, the Council approved a \$1,880 budget request from the Leadership Committee to help finance the annual Spring Leadership Trip to Houston.

The Council presented Augustin Fernandez with a \$25 award for the best photograph taken by a student spending last summer in Europe through a Travel Committee-publicized program. The award was donated by Dr. William P. Fife, a faculty member on the Council.

Spears reminded Council members to attend a fashion show March 31 in Guion Hall sponsored by the University Women. The show entitled, "Spring Thing: Some Celluloid, Some Chiffon and a Little Skin."

Johnson's Speech Postponed Tonight

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Haynes Johnson postponed his Great Issues presentation tonight, according to David Maddox, Great Issues chairman.

Johnson, scheduled to speak on "Poverty — Is America Really Poor?" was unexpectedly assigned to the Middle East crisis by the Washington Star.

Maddox said that Johnson would likely be scheduled to speak on the Middle East in early April.

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BASKETBALL BUMPER STICKERS
Student Publications secretary Charlotte McCarrall smiles down at the latest in bumper stickers held by Charles Rowton, president of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society. SDX is selling the easy-on, easy-off vinyl strips in the Exchange Store, Memorial Student Center Gift Shop, and the Student Publications office. (Photo by Bob Palmer)