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## Davenport Defends Rights Of Dissent

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Society should never be afraid to listen to the radical's grievances, Dr. Manuel Davenport, head of the Philosophy Department, told the Apollo Club Thursday.

How society solves these grievances, however, must always be in the best interest of society. This will not often be acceptable to the radical, Davenport noted. Nevertheless, the society should at least attempt to grapple with the problems that the radical presents. Davenport made an exception for radical elements that refuse to work within society's framework.

IT IS for this reason, he said, that Students for Democratic Society and similar groups should not be allowed on campus.

"Any group that advocates the overthrow of the university clearly does not seek solutions to problems within the university," Davenport noted.

Questioned on why the Ad Hoc Black Student Affairs committee was allowed on campus instead of the Afro-American Society, Davenport replied:

"I think this was done as a safety measure by the administration to forestall trouble on the campus." He added he does not believe that the Ad Hoc Committee will work because the handful of militant blacks on campus rejected it.

THE COLORADO College graduate cited campus disorders as examples of problems that might have been solved if the administrations of the colleges had listened in the beginning.

He pointed out that instead they had allowed a "communication gap" to form between the student and the administration, causing the demonstrations to get out of control.

He noted, however, that he does not believe in destructive acts such as the burning of campus buildings, allowed at San Francisco State College among others.

"Students who destroy property are not trying to find solutions and should be punished," he said.

Davenport listed the existence of democracy, machines, vaccines and atomic energy as results of a society's willingness to listen to a radical's viewpoint.

HE COMMENTED that history has shown that those who defied the rules of society were branded as radicals. He cited Socrates, Galilee, Louis Pasteur and other outstanding men of history as examples who had been ridiculed for going against the beliefs that were universal in their times.

"Socrates was ridiculed because he believed one was right until another proved him wrong," Davenport explained. "Galilee was scorned because he said that the earth revolved around the sun and the moon was not flat. Louis Pasteur was rejected in his generation by medical authorities because he proved the existence of bacteria, a form of life that couldn't be seen.

Even Jesus Christ was rejected by his society because he opposed the orthodox Jewish beliefs, Davenport commented.

"They thought of him only as a man who frequently was seen in the wine cellars and whorehouses instead of as an apostle, in a church."

"HE PROBABLY would be rejected today if he were to appear as he did then," Davenport said. He noted that he, like the rest of society would probably reject anyone with the reputation of Jesus, who attempted to judge its religious leaders.

The doctrines of William Garrison, Malcolm, and Dr. Harold Jensen have been rejected by today's society because of their radical theories about the Negro race, Davenport pointed out.

Garrison, a teacher during the civil war, viewed the Negro as having a conscience like a white man and was ridiculed by his society.

Malcolm X had a doctrine stating that nothing is good for the black people that the blacks do not control.

## 'Mrs. Texas A&M' Will Be Chosen Saturday Night

"Mrs. Texas A&M" for 1969 will be selected at the Aggie Wives Council's annual spring dance at 8 p.m. Saturday in the second-floor cafeteria at Sbis Dining Hall.

Mrs. John Treadwell, council president, said a record 42 candidates are entered in the contest.

Selection of the winner, Mrs. Treadwell explained, will be based on a combination of beauty, general attributes and achievements which distinguish the title-holder as an outstanding Aggie wife devoted to the principles of Texas A&M.

Contest judges will be Mrs. Tom B. King, Bob Lynd and Mrs. Jack Conlee, all of Bryan-College Station.

Edwin Cooper, director of civilian student affairs, will be master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Treadwell said entertainment will be provided by folk-singer John Robie and "The Four of Us and Him," an A&M Consolidated High School group. The "Aggieland Combo" will furnish dance music.

Tickets costing \$3.50 per couple are available at the Social Office in the Memorial Student Center or from any council member, Mrs. Treadwell said. She added tickets also will be available at Sbis Saturday night.

She noted free baby-sitting at French's Nursery will be furnished for couples purchasing tickets in advance.

# Student Senators Adopt Proposal To Reapportionment

REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN			
	PRESENT	PLAN A	PLAN B
GRAD	2295	2295	2295
SENIOR	2065	2065	2065
JUNIOR	2355	2355	2355
SOPHOMORE	2255	2255	2255
FRESHMAN	3343	3343	3343
TOTAL	12315	12315	12315

Bill Holt, Civilian Student Council representative to the Student Senate, explains a chart showing differences between present Senate apportionment and the two proposed alternate systems. Senators voted to reapportion next year's Senate, raising the total number of Senators from 51 to 71. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

## Dunham Named Senior Chief; Run-Offs Set For 11 Posts

By JANIE WALLACE  
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Jimmy Dunham, with 482 votes, walked away with the senior presidency in class elections Thursday in a turnout of 2,435 student voters.

Ronnie Hubert, the only other senior candidate, polled 154 votes.

In the '71 presidential election, Gary Martin and James Tramuto will vie in Thursday's run-off election for the top post.

Phillip Morley and John Sharp are in the run-off for the sophomore presidency.

Tramuto polled 333 votes in the junior race and Martin, 219. Other candidates were John Speer, 102, and Bruce Krueger, 94.

In the class of '72, Sharp led with 370 and Morley, 173. Other freshman candidates were Ken Black, 148; Charles Donnell, 70; George Hester, 65, and Charles Rothe, 59.

Senior yell leaders next year are Sam Torn, David Fisher and Robert Harding. Juniors picked Keith Chapman and Barrett Smith.

Torn swamped the voting with 492, while Fisher polled 399 and Harding 383.

CHAPMAN polled 435 votes, while Smith raked in 409. Mark Olson received 223 votes, Steve Womack, 166; William Shepard, 157, and Richard Burratti, 101.

Robert Nesmith and Merrell Richardson are in the run-off as senior vice-presidential candidates. Nesmith had 284 votes cast for him and Richardson, 155. Other candidates were Paul Tannehill, 155, and Larry Bowles, 77.

Sophomores sent John Bebout and Mark Riser into the run-off vice-presidential election. Bebout

received 269 votes and Riser, 197. Leading the pack of other candidates was Eddie Duryea, 148, while Benny Chamberlain got 58 and Albert Kinkead 50.

The freshmen join the other vice-presidential candidates in the run-offs. Ira F. Lee and Bruce Clay vie for the position. Lee received 225 votes and Clay, 392. Other freshman candidates were David Moore, 180; Jon Randall Thompson, 105, and George Krezinski, 69.

DANNY SWORDS is the secretary-treasurer for next year's senior class. He polled 386 votes, while opponents David Craighead received 118 and John R. Drewien, 115.

In the '71 race for secretary-treasurer, the run-off will decide the winner. Randall Betty and Bobby Christie are the candidates. Betty had 256 votes cast for him, while Christie polled 173. Other candidates were Charles Nelson, 152, and Robert Patten, 95.

The freshman candidates for secretary-treasurer also battle in the run-offs. Steve Young, with

273, and A. L. Bradley with 162, were the top men of the long list of candidates. Craig Bradley received 158; Robert Chapman, 144; Robert Hobbs, 117, and Thomas Ryan, 75.

James St. John will be senior social secretary. He polled 340 votes, while Edward Rodgers received 278.

The class of '71 decided William Stockton will be next year's social secretary with 366 votes. Kenneth Doskocil captured 140 votes; David Woods, 111, and Thomas Perry, 69.

Freshmen decide between William Loveless and James Perry for social secretary. Loveless had 393 votes cast for him, while Perry received 177. Other candidates were Mike Weymand, 136, and Lee Wallace, 152.

SENIOR historian is Richard Hodge with 365 votes. Opponents James Fyock and Charles Frank received 186 and 82, respectively.

The class of '80 also decided upon next year's concessions manager, William Seele with 375 votes. Carl Payne polled 215 votes.

Election commission winners for the junior class were Mark Powell, 332, and Rusty Chandler, 275. Jose Velasquez, 214; Darwin Link, 137, and Donald Birkelbach, 91, were the other candidates.

For the sophomore class, winners were Steve Clark, 332, and Mike Wiebe, 305. Other candidates were Bruce Hamel, 217; Thomas Girdner, 216; Paul Ammons, 151, and Allen Lockhart, 144. For the freshman class, Joe D. Anderson, 409, and Michael Bell, 248, are new election commissioners. Opponents were James Alexander, 238; James Brown, 158; Albert Haeglin, 129; Doug Howland, 108; Larry Patterson, 162; Alan Sims, 183, and Doug Waters, 91.

JUNIORS must decide between John Cunningham, 254, and John Bailey, 231, for MSC representative. Candidates Jess Rhoden and Alberto Beale polled 73 and 54, respectively.

Sophomores will choose between Thomas Fitzhugh, 256, and Mitchell Timmons, 177, for their MSC representative. Robert Smith polled 140 votes and Albert Kinkead received 100.

Glenn Garrison and Patrick Castle vie for the MSC position with Garrison receiving 391 votes, while Castle captured 312. William Hamilton polled 215 votes.

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## MSC Council Creates Post Of Historian

The Memorial Student Center Council Thursday filled one Council office, elected two Directorate committee chairmen and approved a standard MSC brochure.

Appointed to the newly-created Council Historian position was Jim Hawthorne, a sophomore pre-med major from Dallas. Elected to chair Political Forum, elevated to full committee status last week, was Charles Hoffman, a sophomore pre-med major from Wrenville.

Rick Oshlo, a junior electrical engineering major from Dallas, was elected chairman of the Radio Committee.

All three will assume office with other officers already elected for 1969-70 at the April 24 MSC Council and Directorate Awards Banquet.

According to Beenny Sims, Council president, the historian will develop a system for researching and compiling the current activities of members of the Council or Directorate since the 1949 founding of the MSC program. He will join the 20-member Council as a non-voting member.

Pending Student Senate approval, 15,000 copies of the 20-page MSC brochure will be ordered from the A&M Press.

According to Mac Spears, Council president-elect and chairman of the brochure committee, the pamphlet will be used to send to each incoming freshman. Copies will also be available for visitors at the Main Desk of the Center.

## Requests Are Due For Day Students

Seniors and juniors who desire to live off campus this summer or fall should file a request with the Student Affairs office, YMCA, at once, according to Bennie Zinn, associate dean of students.

Zinn noted that university rules specify that undergraduates must live on campus with few exceptions. Students will be notified as soon as action is taken on their requests.

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## Appeals Panel Gets Senate Go-Ahead

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE  
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The Student Senate Thursday night voted to reapportion itself for next year, with provision for reapportionment study every two years.

The Senate also took action on a recommendation to set up an appeals committee to give a final ruling on certain disciplinary actions taken by the university.

"Tonight we have an opportunity to vote for something that has been talked about for years," Bill Holt, Civilian Student Council representative, argued as he proposed the reapportioning, "but it has never been brought to a final plan of action. It is our responsibility to represent the student body in the fairest possible way.

"By passing one of these two plans I believe we will come closest to accomplishing this."

Holt presented two plans, one which would give the College of Geosciences three representatives, the other only one. Tom Fitzhugh, sophomore Geosciences representative, opposed the second plan, one representative to the end, and led Senate opposition against it.

THE PLAN passed by the Senate is based on one representative for every 200 students in a college academic class, with an additional representative for every additional 100 students acquired. Each college is guaranteed at least one representative on the Senate. New representation next year will be:

College of Agriculture, two representatives per class for a total

of six; Architecture, one, three; Business Administration, two, six; Engineering, three, nine; Geosciences, one at large; Liberal Arts, two, six; Veterinary Medicine, one, three; Pre-Vets, two at large; Graduates, seven at large; Freshmen, five at large.

According to the constitutional amendment, the Senate will next consider reapportionment during the 1970-71 school year.

"This plan, hopefully, will give the senators closer contact with the students they represent, and we will get a better outlook on what the university believes," Holt explained during his presentation.

"I DISAGREE strongly with Mr. Holt's basic premise," stressed Tommy Henderson, sophomore pre-vet representative as he argued strongly for the second plan, "that we are to operate strictly as a house of representatives on a one-man, one-vote basis. Because we are a unicameral legislature for the student body of Texas A&M, we must assume the responsibilities of a house of representatives and of a senate.

"In order for us to serve as a senate, we must represent certain interest groups as is true in the U. S. Senate," added Henderson, who later voted for the new plan. "This is why we have the college plan to begin with. A one man, one vote, situation does not apply to us."

"We should adopt the first plan for just the reasons Tommy stated — equitable representation," (See Senate, Page 4)

## Mutscher, Rudder Participate In Speedway Groundbreaking

Speaker of the House, Gus Mutscher and Lawrence H. LoPatin, president of Michigan International Speedway, jointly triggered a huge dynamite blast in a blackland field eight miles south of here Thursday and construction officially began on the \$6-million Texas International Speedway.

Some 500 other governmental, civic, business and racing dignitaries were also on hand for the ceremonies followed by a Texas-style barbecue luncheon.

A&M President Earl Rudder welcomed TIS officials to the Bryan-College Station area and presented LoPatin with a plaque from Gov. Preston Smith making him an honorary Texan.

OTHER LOCAL dignitaries, including Bryan Major Jack Conlee, College Station Mayor Pro Tem O. M. Holt, Brazos County Judge Bill Vance and District Judge Bill Davis, presented western hats to other track officials.

Buck Weirus, executive secretary of the A&M Association of Former Students made Leslie Share, TIS executive secretary, an associate member of the Former Students. Share was stationed briefly at A&M during World War II.

LoPatin announced at the groundbreaking program that Leo Margolian, formerly general manager of Stardust International Raceway in Las Vegas, Nev., would be general manager of the new facility here.

Speaker Mutscher expressed his gratification at having the new speedway built in Texas and cited the planned major races as events that should give a big boost to the state's tourism program.

THE NEW Texas racing facility is located on some 2,600 acres just off State Highway 6. Initial grandstand seating will accommodate 25,000 spectators.

When LoPatin announced construction of the track earlier this year, he said that the Central

Texas location was chosen to make the track within easy driving distance of Texas' four largest metropolitan areas—Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

All forms of major auto racing competition will be accommodated on the Speedway's four circuits, consisting of a two-mile, 22-degree, high-speed "D-shaped" banked oval; a road course; an infield road circuit designed for high performance driving instruction and testing by the automotive industry, and a 2.75 mile grand-prix road-racing course. A skid pan will be included within the oval for driving school use and testing purposes.

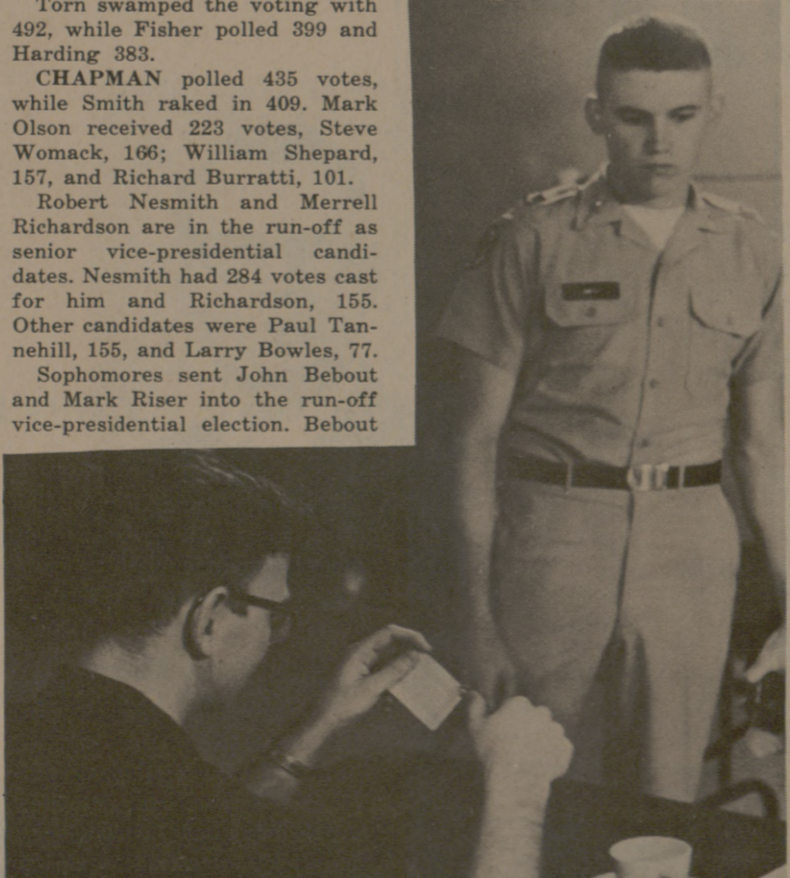
CHARLES MONEYPENNY of Daytona, Fla., well known automotive race facility designer, designed the road and oval courses.

Others associated with the Speedway, in addition to LoPatin and Magolian include Leslie Share, executive vice president; George Kawamoto, secretary-treasurer; Les Richter, vice president in charge of operations, and directors John Mecom Jr. of Houston and David A. Witts and Thomas J. Tierney of Dallas.

When the initial racing event for the new track was announced by William France, Sr., president of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, he predicted a thrilling event. "Since this will be the final race of the 1969 NASCAR Grand National Series, it should climax an exciting year of both Driver and Manufacturer competition and could decide the 1969 champions," he said.

Both France and LoPatin have revealed that a long-term agreement between Texas International Speedway and NASCAR guarantees the final event of each Grand National season to the new track.

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AT THE POLLS

An election commissioner punches the activity card of a student waiting to vote in the basement of the Memorial Student Center. According to Gerald Geistweidt, commission president, having two polling places, the other in the basement of the YMCA, greatly diminished the long lines that formed at a single polling place last year. (Photo by Mike Wright)