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## Autoreg Committee Begins Work On Improvement

By DAVE MAYES  
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The 27-member Ad Hoc Automated Registration committee has begun planning to improve the computerized system before fall pre-registration in May.

The committee, composed of 18 faculty and staff members and nine students, divided itself into three sub-committees—students, faculty and deans—to determine major registration problems from each group's viewpoint. The sub-committees will then pool their findings at an April 8 meeting.

Dr. Billy R. Stewart, assistant professor of agricultural engineering, was elected committee chairman in the absence of student Senator Albert Reinert, originally appointed chairman in February by A&M President Earl Rudder.

REINERT, attending a Texas Intercollegiate Student Association state convention in Corpus Christi with other members of the Student Senate, told The Battalion Thursday that he had designated junior Harry Lesser to chair the committee in his absence.

Lesser told The Battalion that at the meeting he believed himself "not well-enough versed" on the computer registration to provide the leadership for the committee.

"I didn't get the information I needed from Al (Reinert)," Lesser explained, "and so I didn't object when President Rudder suggested that a new chairman be elected."

Lesser added that he was under the impression that Dr. Stewart was elected only to preside over the organizational meeting and that Reinert would assume the chairmanship when he returned.

"THE COMMITTEE elected another chairman to get on with the business at hand," Rudder explained, who said Thursday that at the meeting he had not been informed that Lesser had been designated to act in Reinert's place.

"Results have to be obtained quickly by this committee if they are to be incorporated in the May pre-registration," he said. "Whether Dr. Stewart will remain chairman will be up to the committee to decide," he added.

At Wednesday's meeting, Rudder charged the committee to "look at the system, examine how it works, and see how it can be improved."

"Before computer registration was adopted here, we had looked at automated programs across the nation and picked what we thought was best from each."

"Clean it up; make it the best computer program anywhere. We

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## Class Offices Filled With Small Turnout

By TONY HUDDLESTON  
Battalion Staff Writer

Merrell B. Richardson nosed out Robert N. Nesmith by a vote of 118-113 for vice-president of next year's senior class in Thursday's runoff election.

Voting was reported as light, with 1,375 voting, according to Tommy Henderson, vice-president of the election commission.

"It was less than the usual voter turnout at a class election," Henderson said.

He pointed out that the YMCA voting booth might not be used in future elections because of the light voting in both the regular



POSSIBLE CHANGE EXPLAINED

Bill Holt, Civilian Student Council vice-president, explains a proposed method of CSC reorganization as the Council discusses its future role at A&M. A Council committee will study this and other proposed changes before the next meeting. (Photo by Bob Stump)

## 'Pop' Or 'Cultural' Town Hall Debated By MSC Committee

By JANIE WALLACE  
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Questions about "pop or cultural" Town Hall performances and "controversial or non-controversial" Great Issues presentations were brainstormed in a Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate Evaluation

Committee meeting Thursday. The purpose of the committee is to find out from members outside the MSC how programs are being received, according to Jim Wiley, evaluation committee chairman.

"What are you reaching for—fun, or things you never found before?" asked J. Wayne Stark, director of the MSC, regarding the "pop or cultural" question. "If you end up with a pop program completely, you lose the opportunity to be exposed to, for example, a top ballet company."

"The basic criticism of Town Hall is that students do not feel their interests are being considered," Wiley said.

"The civilians do resent Town Hall; I think it's evident," Gary Mauro, representative of the Civilian Student Council, said. "The Supremes questionnaire—the first time the student body was asked its opinion for a selection—nothing happened," he added.

"Since we had that deficit facing us and we had a very short time limit to accept, we had to turn it down," Stark commented.

Don McCrory, chairman of SCONA XIV, suggested that Town Hall start a program so that the entertainers know "what to expect in front of an A&M audience."

The Great Issues discussion revolved around "which is the best way—depth or controversy?" and "what draws the crowd—topic or speaker?"

John Cunningham, member of the Great Issues committee, told the speaker is usually the drawing card, unless the topic is publicized well.

"Great Issues has been a great educational aid, but I would like to see a debate of two opposites," Dr. Manuel Davenport, Philosophy Department head, said. "Students need to see how two experts fight it out without choking one another."

editor, will be leading group discussions, along with various public relations experts.

"THE FORMAT of the conference will be a general session followed by small discussion groups," Caperton remarked. "Informality will be stressed, since we are seeking to promote active discussions and full participation."

Schools participating in the conference, Caperton said, include East Texas State University, Sam Houston State College, Texas Technological College, Stephen F. Austin College, and St. Edward's University.

Invitations, he added, were limited to schools that had expressed particular interest in having a conference of this type.

"THIS CONFERENCE will be of great value for the other schools participating," Caperton commented. "We also believe that it will have immense benefits for our own committees. Most of the public relations people at the MSC will be either graduating or moving on to other areas, and this aspect of student programming will fall on underclassmen who have had only limited experience previously."

"For that reason, and the fact that our public relations are by no means ideal now," Caperton added, "we are certain that this program will be of great value to all concerned."

## Council, Directorate Set Public Relations Meeting

The Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate will sponsor a Public Relations Conference Saturday in the MSC, announced Kent Caperton, conference chairman.

The conference is designed to isolate and examine several aspects of public relations," Caperton explained, "focusing on specific trouble spots in campus union programs and seeking new ideas and approaches to improving these areas."

Caperton noted that Dick Horner, member of Alpha Delta Sigma, national advertising fraternity, P. Wayne Gosnell, Senate Issues Committee chairman, and Dave Mayes, Battalion managing

## Director Casts 16 In 'Everyman,' Medieval Allegory

Aggie Players casting for "Everyman" has placed senior Carl Masterson as Sherman in the lead role and introduced several newcomers to the 16-member cast, Director C. K. Esten announced.

"Everyman," a medieval moral allegory, is scheduled for May 5-10 and 14-17 presentation in Guion Hall. Robert W. Wenck will direct the production.

Masterson as "Everyman" will fill the role of all humanity. Other parts in the 471-year-old play also are types, not personalities, Wenck noted. Masterson played Kostylev in the Aggie Player production of Maxim Gorki's "The Lower Depths." He attended St. Mark's School in Dallas.

The highly competitive tryouts inserted several new thespians into the Players' fourth major production of the year, Wenck added.

New players include David Berry of Concord, Mass., as Messenger; George Scott of West Columbia, Death; Dennis Turner of San Antonio, Fellowship; Robert Pitts of Brownwood, Discretion; John Cohagen of Overton, Strength; Sam Olivarez of Mission, Five-wits, and Michelle Navles of Bryan, Knowledge.

Parts won by players who have appeared in previous productions are God, by George McCoy of Marble Falls; Kindred, John Friedrich, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cousin, Bill Hobgood of McLean, Va.; Confession, Tom Emschhoff of Houston; Goods, Kay Slowey of Bryan; Good-Deeds, Irene Fazzino of Bryan; Beauty, Hazel Pillans of Madisonville, and Angel, Melanie Haldas of Houston.

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## Civilians Postpone Resolution On 'Keep Off Grass' Plan

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE  
The Civilian Student Council

Thursday night voted to postpone action on a campus beautification resolution after some councilmen expressed doubts concerning the effectiveness of the resolution's passage.

The Council also considered what it believed its role in future years should be, and discussed possible methods of restructuring to best fulfill that role.

Lawrence Stelly, graduate economics student, appeared before the group to present his case for a "keep off the grass" campaign he has initiated. He explained that a similar program, "four or five years ago," had been successful for a while, and that an effective program could become permanent.

STELLY told councilmen that similar proposals were slated for Student Senate and Senior Council consideration, and that editorial support had been promised from The Battalion.

"I don't think that the part about (civilian) responsibility is

necessary," objected I. Brent Carrell, Mitchell Hall president. "I don't think we're the only ones at fault."

"Maybe not," Stelly replied, "but in the Corps only seniors can walk on the grass."

"Well, why pass it if no one knows we've done it?" Carrell questioned.

Stelly again explained that other organizations are consider-

ing similar resolutions, and that Robert H. Rucker, university landscape architect, would cooperate.

"THE STUDENT Senate recently passed a resolution on the defacing of buildings," argued Tommy Henderson, Council assistant. "Nothing else has been done. It goes to show what resolutions do: nothing."

After more debate, Ed Donnell, Leggett Hall president, moved to table the motion for committee consideration. Bill Holt, Council vice-president, said the resolution will be sent to the Council Executive Committee.

Roger Knapp, Moore Hall president, reported that, in the light of the recent Senate reapportionment, revision of the CSC constitution is not needed. Holt then dissolved the council into a committee of the whole to consider future goals of the Council.

COUNCIL opinions favored a more residence-hall-oriented effort, with one or two members still favoring the present structure. Holt explained one method of decentralization that has been considered by some Council members whereby the Council itself would be a much smaller body.

## Easter Service Set Monday At All-Faiths

Texas A&M will present its annual pre-Easter Religious Emphasis program Monday at 7:30 p.m. in All Faiths Chapel, announced Logan Weston, YMCA general secretary.

The joint Corps of Cadets and civilian program will highlight readings from the "Seven Last Sayings of Jesus From the Cross." Renderings will be by students.

The call to worship will be led by Ross Oliver of San Antonio, followed by an invocation and the Lord's Prayer by Corps Chaplain Ray Dillon of Kilgore.

An introduction to the sayings as well as a conclusion of the sayings will be offered by David Gay of College Station.

The sayings and their readers are:

• "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," Gary Anderson, Dallas.

• "Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise," Chip Hill, Moody.

• "Woman, behold thy son — behold thy mother," David Gorceyca, Texas City.

• "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" David Howard, Houston.

• "I thirst," Bill Leftwich, Dallas.

• "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit," Jerry Holbert, College Station.

Benediction will be given by Civilian Student Chaplain Larry Schilhab of Conroe.

The special program is open to the public as well as students and faculty-staff members, Weston added.

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## BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander in World War II of the mightiest armed force ever assembled and former president of the United States, died today.

The announcement of the general's death was made in a somber voice by Brig. Gen. Frederic Hughes Jr., commanding general of Walter Reed Army Hospital who said that Eisenhower had "died quietly at 12:25 p.m. EST after a long and heroic struggle," and that he had died peacefully.

The 78-year-old five-star general, known as "Ike" throughout the world, was hit by congestive heart failure March 15 and again last Monday while recuperating from an intestinal operation and pneumonia complications.

## WEATHER

Saturday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Wind Northerly 15 to 25 mph. High 68, low 58.  
Sunday — Clear to partly cloudy. Wind Northeast 15 to 20 mph. High 58, low 39.



MORTAR DAMAGE TO U. S. BASE

American helicopter pilots look at wreckage of gunships in front of badly damaged Navy warehouses at Dong Tam base, south of Saigon, after a Viet Cong mortar attack. One pilot was seriously injured and the copilot was killed when concussion from exploding ammunition dumps knocked the craft to the ground. (AP Wirephoto)

Filing for general elections opens today and will remain open through April 15, Tommy Henderson, election vice-president for publicity, said Thursday.

Applications for Student Senate and Civilian Student Council offices may be picked up in the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center, Henderson noted. He added that all applications must be returned to the Program Office by 5 p.m. April 15.

Senate offices open for filing include president, vice-president, recording secretary and parliamentarian. Chairmen for the Public Relations, Student Life, Issues and Student Welfare committees are also open for filing, Henderson said.

Civilian Student Council offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer may also be filed for, he added.

and the run-off elections. Only 10 per cent of the total vote in Thursday's election came from the YMCA.

In the '71 presidential election, James A. Tramuto polled 297 votes to Gary Martin's 137.

John S. Sharp walked away with the sophomore class presidency by a vote of 647 to Philip G. Morley's 192.

Juniors elected John W. Bebout with 226 votes as vice-president over Mark Riser with 202. The junior class also selected Randall E. Betty as secretary-treasurer over Bobby M. Christie by a vote of 292 to 136.

Bruce N. Clay swamped the voting for sophomore vice president with 510 votes to Ira R. Lee's 210 votes.

The class of '72 selected Steve Young with 424 votes compared to A. L. Bradley's 296 as secretary-treasurer, and for the position of sophomore social secretary, James R. Perry defeated William E. Loveless 436 to 297.

John Bailey with 133 votes was selected as senior Memorial Student Center representative over John Cunningham, with 93 votes. For class of '71 positions on the MSC council, Mitchell J. Timmons defeated Thomas C. Fitzhugh 214 to 211.

Next year's sophomore class elected Glenn G. Garrison, with 474 votes, over opponent Patrick W. Castle, who had 248, as their MSC representative.

## Movie Postponed

"L'Avventura," scheduled to be shown in the Memorial Student Center tonight as part of the Spring Film Festival series, has been postponed due to non-arrival of film.

Series Committee Chairman Carlos Almaguer, who made the announcement, said the Italian film will be rescheduled.

## SW Veterinarian Is Now Available

The winter issue of Southwestern Veterinarian magazine is now available, according to editor Clem Malone.

Copies may be picked up at the Student Publications office in the Services Building or at a Pre-Vet Society meeting, Malone said.

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