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Marcus Hill, sophomore Agriculture representative, joined Watson in opposing the measure, with Hill commenting that "no one else appreciates Aggies any more than TWU girls do."

Senate Vice-President David Maddox favored the resolution, but said he believes a student referendum should be taken on a matter like this.

"I said earlier that the motion had no chance," sighed Gosnell as he called for a vote. "It's obvious the Senate is not progressive enough to take action on this."

"All speaker names are currently submitted to the Executive Committee," said Al Reinert, junior geosciences representative, as he presented a proposal concerning the political speaker policy at A&M. "I don't think we should be subject to their censorship."

Reinert then presented Phil Kelly, sophomore history major, who is working on a term paper concerning political speakers at A&M. Kelly said that he had sent letters to seven govern-

mental officials asking whether or not they thought A&M's state and federal funds would be hurt by allowing speakers from both the left and right on the campus.

KELLY READ letters from Cong. Olin E. Teague and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes stating that the men did not believe A&M funds would be endangered by speakers. He noted that Teague said he thought speakers from both sides would be good, that both sides have a proper place in the educational process.

Reinert presented a motion to allow student organizations freedom to choose their speakers, subject to approval by the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate, or the Senate Executive Committee.

Carter suggested that the Senate wait until its next meeting before acting, and give the administration a chance to present its viewpoint, and the matter was postponed until then.

Garry Mauro, pass-fail committee chairman, brought a plan before the Senate that would allow any student with over 30 credit hours to take pass-fail courses. Under the plan, up to 16 hours not required in a student's major could be taken, with hours counting for graduation but not on a student's grade point ratio.

Students wishing to take pass-fail would be required to notify the registrar within two weeks of the beginning of class. Professors would not be informed concerning who was on pass-fail in his course and who wasn't.

Mauro listed reasons in favor of his plan, including findings that students had a better attitude towards learning in pass-fail courses, and that their performance seemed to be better.

The Aggie Players production of "Everyman" will be staged by the largest group of students associated with a play this year.

Thirty-eight A&M students are involved in the production of the medieval moral allegory. It will be presented May 5-10 and 14-17 at Guion Hall, Director C. K. Esten announced.

In addition to the 16-member "Everyman" cast, 22 students are working in various crews.

Director Robert W. Wenck noted many of the crew members had parts in the previous three major productions of 1968-69. He said assistant director is Ann Martin, junior education major of Kaufman.

CREW HEADS include Bruce McKenty of Arlington, Va., publicity; Jerry O'Neal of Austin, art and posters; Rodger Kloppe of Houston, lights and James Dennis of Houston, sets and props. Tommy McAlister of Abilene is handling sound and Ruth Reeves of Comfort is house manager.

Assisting McKenty and Mrs. Reeves are Robert Anderson of Milton, Mass.; Michelle Mayeux, College Station; Karen Buckland, Fabens; Charles Rose, Bryan, and Juergen Koetter, Houston.

Welding paint brushes with O'Neal are Lucy Bishop of Dickinson and Marcus Beleck, Tyler. MIKE LINK of Houston and Travis Miller of West Winfield, N. Y., are aiding Kloppe with lights.

Responsibility for sets and properties are shared by Dennis with Cyril Burke, College Station; Tom Emshoff, Houston; Marc Fleishman, Dallas; Darwin Link, Houston; George McCoy, Marble Falls, and Barbara Jean, wife of a student from Itasca.

Wenck said a large turnout for "Everyman" tryouts and acquisition of parts by new members account for the larger production staff and placing of veterans on crews.

Pilot, '66 Grad, Survives Viet Hit

Air Force Maj. John A. Smitherman, a 1966 A&M graduate, recently rode a hot rocket back to a Vietnam air base.

The F4 Phantom jet he was piloting over North Vietnam on a night mission received a direct hit by a 23-mm shell. Fire and loss of the plane's nose wheel, brakes and tail hook resulted.

"It was pretty well shot up," remarked the recipient of a master's degree in mathematics here.

The major and the lieutenant in the back seat of the plane decided to try to make it back to Da Nang Air Base rather than

eject over enemy territory.

"We put out the fire in the nose by flying up into thinner air," explained Major Smitherman, whose wife is studying architecture here. "We made it back by flying the Phantom with its trim controls."

He has flown 160 combat missions in his nine months in Southeast Asia, 59 of them over North Vietnam before the bombing halt. Many of the missions are flown at night and aircraft often receive enemy fire within five to 10 miles of Da Nang.

The major is from Winston Salem, N. C. Mrs. Smitherman's parents reside at Hondo.

the graduate

By MITTY C. PLUMMER This "Graduate" might well be my memoirs, since the next will surely be my last and published after new officers are elected. I'll try to explain some of the things that the Graduate Student Council did, and why, during the past year.

One of the first things that the Council produced was this column. It was created as one of my campaign promises and intended to inform you of upcoming events. I have enjoyed writing it and I hope that it has been enjoyable as well as informative reading.

Another of our attempts to inform you of what was happening is the bi-annual newsletter the Council publishes. For the past two years, Wallace Migura has handled this in fine style and managed to add his own jovial touch in the process.

WE EXPERIMENTED with a new "Graduate Student Orientation" program this fall and spring. This meeting was to introduce Dean Kunze, the Council members and you to one another. It also gave Dr. Kunze an opportunity to explain the requirements of the Graduate College for an advanced degree at a time when questions could be answered for a large number of people at one time. This program will be continued in the future.

The last mode of communication that this Council used, also new this year, proved to be the most controversial. It was the small handout distributed at the second football game, encouraging participation in the Twelfth Man Tradition, lest the undergraduate-controlled Student Senate do worse than they did us in the seating for the third game.

YOUR cooperation at that time helped form the spirit of cooperation that led to the creation of the "consideration section," even though our five Student Senators were unable to prevent the repositioning of those willing to stand from the 50-yard line. While I sincerely regret the controversy that this note stirred, I would do it again, rather than have everybody imagining that some dark force had, for no apparent reason, wafted their seats away to the north end zone.

'69-'70 Officers Named By ADS

Officers for 1969-70 have been elected by Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity.

Dick Horner was named president; Craig Escalante, vice-president; Tim Searson, secretary; and Phil Brinker, treasurer.

Bruce Shulter, '68-'69 president, was named as recipient of the "Outstanding Member Award" and Liz Lyne, Gamma Alpha Chi president, was chosen to receive the GAX "Outstanding Member Award." GAX is the women's advertising organization affiliated with ADS.

The date of the annual ADS-GAX barbecue was set for May 9.

In trying to look out for your, and our, best interests, we tried very hard to lift the burdens of OASI (Social Security) and Teachers' Retirement withholdings from the graduate assistants' paycheck. Due to the great weight of the bureaucracy that sits in ironclad legitimacy atop these deductions, we were unable to effect the removal of either of them.

I have often wondered whether demonstrating against such things as this was more effective than our own quiet inquiries. In the case of OASI withholdings, I finally found a good answer, since U. of Houston students have demonstrated against this tax. I feel that we have retained the friendship of Kelly Broach, Dean Kunze and President Rudder in our work with them, and that they will continue to help us in any way they can. I doubt that the demonstrators can say the same.

We also wrote a rather good little traffic proposal that we submitted to Dean Hannigan. It dealt with the tank traps, proposed a pedestrian mall between the Academic Building and the Library, and recommended, among other good things, better lighting for the interior of the campus. I suppose a rape, murder, or mugging will get lights for us very suddenly one day. It is probable that such lights would then lack the beauty and function that could be given to them by a deliberate, studied plan, rather than the result of a hasty meeting of emergencies which we'll most likely encounter some day. I don't know what will be required to resurrect the rest of the proposal.

THE COUNCIL has sent representatives to meet with members of the library staff twice this year. These meetings both were enjoyable and produced a counseling program by library division heads on the use of library materials, along with hopefully getting some arrangement for the use of unfilled faculty study carrels by graduate students.

To wrap up this year, we have hired the K.C. Ballroom and a band by the name of the Gypsy Moth for a real good blowout May 2. All graduate students are invited to come out in semiformal attire for what has been described in years past as "the best dance I've ever been to." Tickets are \$2.50 per couple and are available from council members, MSC Programs and at the door.

THAT'S WHAT this council has done. You've recently elected seven new members to form a new council to fight your fights as a graduate student body next year. I hope you will talk to them and give them a chance to work on your collective problems before the little daily irritants get out of hand. Your council members can help, but they can't be much more helpful than the interplay between you and them.

Meanwhile, council officer elections are two weeks from today. Then someone else will be the new President of the Graduate Student Council. And I, like the man who was tarred, feathered, and run out of town on a rail, wouldn't have cared much for it, if it weren't for the honor of the thing.

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