



NEAR THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Andy Scott starts to rise to begin Political Forum's rally for the three candidates for the presidency of the student body. Meanwhile the two other candidates, Garry Mauro, center, and Al Reinert compare notes. (Photo by Bob Peek)

Presidential Hopefuls Give Parting Shots At Polit Rally

By TONY HUDDLESTON
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All three candidates for Student Senate President pledged "better representation in student government if elected" at Wednesday's political rally sponsored by the Political Forum.

The informal rally was set up so that each candidate spoke for five minutes, followed by a question-and-answer period. An audience of more than 50 persons attended the rally.

Candidates for Student Senate president are Garry Mauro, Al Reinert and Andy Scott. The candidates for vice president, Gerald Geistweidt and Bill Holt, cancelled their speeches because Holt had an examination scheduled for that time.

"IF ELECTED I will try to

bridge the communications gap that exists today between students and their student government," Scott, the first of the three to speak, promised. He added that this could be accomplished if each senator surveyed students in his own college by calling them from a computerized list.

Questioned about how many student meetings he had attended, this year and what student government experience he had, Scott commented, "I only attended one senate meeting this year, but I kept well informed by studying the issues that faced the Senate this year."

"I think that by working on the Civilian Student Council, and serving as Walton Hall president, I have been able to learn

a lot about the essentials of student government."

Reinert then presented his platform. "The main point in my platform is that a strong government should be established to try to work out solutions to the problems currently facing the student body."

REINERT added that a large turnout was needed at today's election, if the administration was to have respect for the new student government.

"Regardless of who wins, the administration is not going to have faith in the student government if just 20 per cent of the student body votes in the election."

Asked whether he thought that the Election Commission had changed the rules to allow him to run, and I feel that I meet all the qualifications necessary for running in this election."

The third candidate Mauro commented "that we need fairer representation in our student government to bridge the communication gap that exists, if we are to find solutions to the problems of our student government." He added that if elected, he would work to unite all organizations on the campus, so that a fairer and better government could be established that represented all the people.

MAURO WAS asked about how he felt about the Election Commission's attempt to disqualify candidates from the race on the basis of academic qualifications.

"The Election Commission rules should be written so that the candidate is certified for the election by his dean before he is allowed to run," Mauro replied.

Questioned on whether he had used "mudslinging" in the election, Mauro answered, "I have never said anything in any of my speeches that would abuse or insult either of my opponents."

Election Panel Upheld

Polls Close At 8 Tonight

By DAVE MAYES
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Polls will remain open in two places until 8 tonight for students voting to fill 14 offices in the annual general elections, according to Gerald Geistweidt, president of the Election Commission.

Polling places are on the first floor of the old Cushing Library and the basement of the YMCA. Geistweidt said the voting will be done by paper ballots.

"If there are still lines of voters at either poll at 8 p.m., we will remain open until all in line have voted," he said. "We will not, however, allow others to get in line after the deadline."

"Everyone who has a student activity card and a student identification card is qualified to vote," Geistweidt said. "This includes graduating seniors and graduate students."

Geistweidt noted that there would be no run-off election following this one. "All offices will be decided by at least a plurality of the vote," he said.

Since he is a candidate himself, Geistweidt appointed junior Rusty Chandler, executive vice chairman of the election, to handle any complaints about election procedure or campaign violations.

"Election results will be posted in the Student Program office of the Memorial Student Center just as soon as they are tabulated,"

Geistweidt noted. He added that it would most likely be quite late before any results were known.

Commenting upon the expected voter turnout, Geistweidt said that he hoped that it would be quite high. "With all the publicity this election has received, it would seem that if the students cared at all about the elections, they would turn out in large numbers."

At stake in the election are

nine Senate offices: president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, issues committee chairman, student life committee chairman, welfare committee chairman and public relations committee chairman. Election commission president will also be decided.

Civilians will also select Civilian Student Council officers: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

By JOHN W. FULLER
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The Student Senate Wednesday voted 33-14 to uphold the Election Commission's approval of Al Reinert as candidate for Student Senate President in today's General Elections.

The special meeting was called after Commission Vice-President Tommy Henderson appealed Tuesday's Commission ruling in Reinert's favor. Earlier Tuesday, the University Appeals Committee had returned the case to the Commission with a clarification of the University Regulations position on applying transfer grades to candidate eligibility.

Reinert, a junior political science major from Fairfax, Va., had been approved as a candidate last week after Henderson challenged his eligibility before the Election Commission. The Student Senate declined to consider an appeal of that decision last Thursday.

AFTER HENDERSON read to the Senate the appeal he had made Tuesday morning, he asked that the members consider the case "in view of the decision handed down by the Appeals Committee."

Henderson said registrar's records show that Reinert has not achieved a 1.5 grade point ratio, minimum requirement for the office. His current GPR for A&M work is 1.23, he added, but if grades are computed to include his freshman year at West Point, he meets the qualifications.

Reinert repeated arguments he had made in Tuesday's Commission meeting, noting that similar decisions had been rendered "many times in the past" and that Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, who had generally interpreted regulations for the Commission, had considered Reinert eligible.

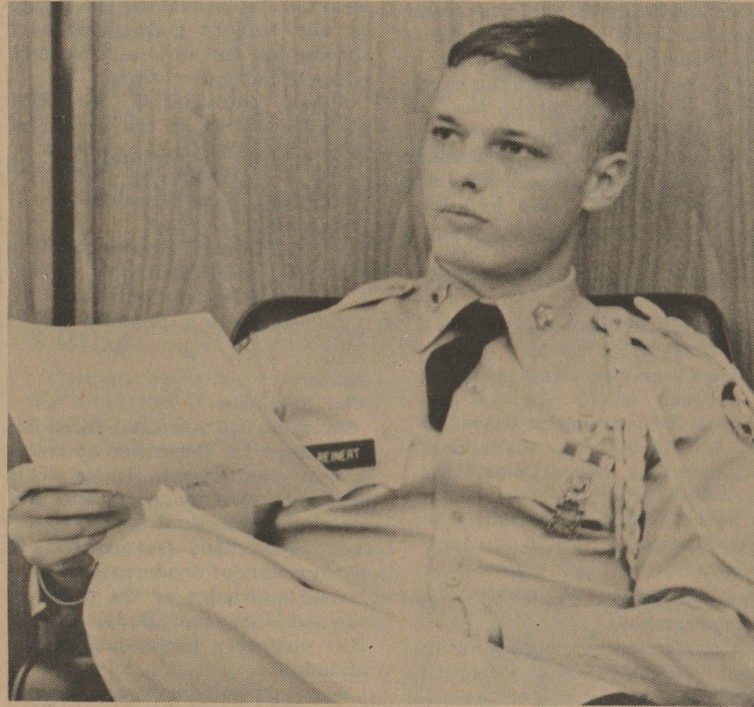
SENATE Vice-President David Maddox then asked Malon South-erland of the Corps Commandant's Office, who had served on the Appeals Committee Tuesday, whether the committee's decision was in the form of an injunction binding the Election Commission to its judgment in today's election.

"It is my opinion that the ruling was intended to apply to this election," South-erland answered. Asked if he knew of a precedent for the Appeals Committee issuing opinions on Election Commission rulings, South-erland said he did not.

"It is my contention," Maddox said, "that the Appeals Committee has not made an injunction based on this clarification (of the minimum grade point ratio requirements)."

"THIS RULING will have to take effect next year," he continued, "but in my opinion, it does not take priority over the Election Commission's decision."

The Senate voted by secret (See Election, Page 2)



TENSE MOMENT

Student Senate presidential candidate Al Reinert holds a tally sheet as he watches Senate President Bill Carter call out "yes" and "no" ballots one by one. The Senate voted to uphold Tuesday's Election Commission ruling, allowing Reinert to run in today's election. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Smith Favors A&M Student Board Member

Texas Gov. Preston Smith has sent A&M President Earl Rudder a letter expressing the governor's belief that students should be non-voting members of university boards of directors.

"By talking with student leaders," Smith stated in his letter, "I have come to the conclusion that a great deal of constructive progress can come about by establishing means for effective and meaningful communications with our students."

"... I have learned that they mainly want a chance to express the views of students in matters that affect them, and I can see positive good coming from this."

Smith's letter last week was the result of a request made by David Maddox, Senate vice-president, at an informal conference of student leaders from 17 campuses and the governor April 11-12.

In a speech in Austin Feb. 7, Smith told his audience that "it seems that a student should take an active participation in the affairs dealt with by the board. This student should give his views to the board and listen to the views of the other members—each trying to understand, and each offering criticism in a friendly and constructive manner."

"I will request the Senate take appropriate action on this," Maddox said. "I think that something of this type is an essential communications link."

Data Group Sets Computer 'Meets'

The A&M Data Processing Management Association will introduce computers to the public between 1 and 5 p.m. today and Friday in Room 301 of the Olin E. Teague Building, according to Stewart Carpenter, publicity chairman.

"Everyone is invited to work up programs, engage in 'conversations', or play three-dimensional tic-tac-toe with the computer terminal lent by the Computer Complex Industries of Houston," Carpenter said.

"Even if you don't have any idea what to do, sit down at the keyboard and type out 'Help' and the computer will instruct you to give you the first step in programming," he added.

Dating Tips Given By Ag Sweetheart

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE

Basic dating etiquette consists of courtesy towards your date and consideration of her, advised Anella Wright, Aggie Sweetheart, Wednesday night.

"The girl also appreciates it if you have something planned when you pick her up," Miss Wright continued. "At least have some suggestions to offer her."

Miss Wright, along with Karen Burke, Linda McGinness, Lisa Larkin, and Mrs. Nancy Newton, moderator, spoke as part of a YMCA-sponsored "Man Your Manners" panel. The final presentation of the three-part series will be next Wednesday night.

Opening doors, walking on the curb side of the sidewalk, and offering an arm or taking the girl's hand when walking down a theater aisle were other suggestions Miss Wright had. She also noted that being on time for a date, giving at least two days notice when asking for a date, or two weeks for a formal affair, were also appreciated, along with sincere compliments.

"FIND OUT how much you can hold and stop—drink in moderation," advised Miss Larkin. "If a guy gets drunk and sick, it's an insult to the girl. He can't find anything better to do than drink."

"If you're going to take a girl to a beer party," she continued, "tell her ahead of time. Also, don't take her to outfit beer parties."

On the subject of smoking, Miss McGinness emphasized that the boy should ask his date before he begins smoking. In public buildings, she noted, signs or ash trays usually signify what is permitted. She also noted that girls especially dislike smoking in a car which, creates a stuffy atmosphere.

"One girl I talked to," she added, "said that she liked to think she went out with intelligent guys; anyone who couldn't read the warning on the cigarette package wasn't smart enough for her to go out with."

"I want to define my terms," said Miss Burke, as she discussed necking. "Necking is affectionate activity from the neck up—petting is everything just short of intercourse."

"Any kind of public necking is in bad taste," she continued, "Affection is a private and personal matter."

Miss Burke also said she considers it a poor date if her escort cannot find a better form of entertainment than necking. Noting that "the boy scouts, the girl guides," in setting limits, she said that if a girl said no, the boy should respect her opinion. She also said that dating is a fun time of life, and is not limited to necking and petting.

CS Sets Ceremony For New City Hall

Ground breaking for the new College Station City Hall and the Fire Station-Police facility will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, according to Mayor D. A. "Andy" Anderson.

The dedication is being scheduled on a Saturday, the Mayor said, so that the maximum number of interested citizens may attend.

Site for the ground breaking event will be on Francis Street, just off Highway 6, across from the A&M golf course, the mayor said.

Bonds, in the amount of \$340,000, had earlier been approved by the CS residents for the buildings.

'Sandpipers' Here Saturday For Civilian Weekend Show

The tempo of the times as rendered by "The Sandpipers" will be offered here by the Town Hall Series as entertainment for Civilian Student Weekend.

Sandpipers Mike Piano, Jim Brady and Richard Shoff will take to the G. R. White Coliseum stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, announced Town Hall Chairman Louis Adams of Kingsville.

Student activity cards and Town Hall season tickets will be accepted. Date tickets at \$1.50, other students at \$2 and \$3 general admission duets are available at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center.

"Guantanamo" was the Sandpipers' first hit after a 1965 audition that lifted them on the way. An A&M Records producer signed them following an audition suggested by Herb Alpert.

First known as "The Grads," the vocal trio started their careers with Mitchell Boys Choir training. They formed the group and after several years knocking around made a signal advance, a 1964 appearance in Palm Springs. Offers at Harrah's in Tahoe and Reno and Las Vegas' Sands, among others, followed.

The Sandpipers have Spanish music leanings. "Spanish Album" preceded their most recent multi-number recording, "Wonder of You." A coming recent single is "Bamba."

'69 Class Agent To Be Selected

Selection of the 1969 Class Agent will begin Wednesday, Senior Class President Early Davis has announced.

The Senior Council will meet then to consider all seniors who are interested in the post, he explained. The group will be narrowed to five nominees by the Council, and the agent will be elected at the Former Students banquet May 6 in honor of the class.

"The class agent is the intermediary between his class and the Former Students Association," Davis explained. "His duties are not strictly defined, but they include arranging the 5-year class reunion and maintaining communication between '69 class members and the Former Students."

'Mother Of Year' Entries Needed

Any student wishing to nominate his mother for "Aggie Mother of the Year," should submit a summary of her qualifications, a short biography and a picture to the Student Program Office, Memorial Student Center, before April 30, according to Student Senator Jimmy Dunham.

Gobble, Gobble

A recent article on the designation of George Mason as Deputy Corps Commander erroneously listed his parents' address as Philadelphia, Pa. Their correct address is Clark Air Force Base, The Philippines.

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DIGGING IN

Sunny weather means hard work as excavation for the new Corps area Services Building adjacent to Duncan Dining Hall continues. (Photo by Bob Peek)

Band To March In Battle Of Flowers Parade

"The Aggie War Hymn" will echo off the Alamo Friday when the Texas Aggie Band marches in the annual Battle of Flowers Parade in San Antonio.

The 267-piece band will be the second musical organization in the mammoth Alamo City parade.

Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, band director, said the parade will be the band's only spring semester out-of-town appearance. It also will march in the Saturday federal inspection review, Parents Weekend review and Final Review on campus.

Drum Majors Michael B. Benton of Dallas, Lawrence A. Lippke of Yorktown and James J. Hall III of Corpus Christi will form the band at 9th and North Alamo for the 2 p.m. San Antonio parade.

Only the 4th Army Band of nearby Fort Sam Houston will precede the Aggie Band, which was King Antonio's escort for the last two years. The band has been a regular in the parade, except one year when it conflicted with Aggie Muster.

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