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Senate Commends Board For Refusing Demands

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The Student Senate Thursday commended the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors and President Earl Rudder for "refusing to hear demands and threats from any organization," and emphasized that the Senate "will consider no demands or threats from any group, be they student, faculty or administration."

Later, the Senators approved another resolution urging that black students "be actively recruited in all athletic activities."

Senate Vice-President David Maddox, who introduced the first resolution, noted that the Senate's Grievance Committee was created in March to conduct "investigations into any actions or policies of the administration which affect students."

"I'M ASKING for a resolution to the effect that no group has the right to make demands and set deadlines," he added.

The proposal originally had mentioned last weekend's appearance of 15 black students in the off-campus Afro-American Society before one of Rudder's assistants, at which a list of demands was presented. Garry Mauro, junior yell leader, termed the proposal "self-righteous" because, he said, the Student Senate had not taken any action on black students' problems during the past year.

"We weren't going to go out to solicit business," Maddox said. "Nobody made any attempt to bring this before the Senate."

Public Relations Chairman Bob Burford charged that Mauro had indicated interest to Maddox in Senate action last fall and that Maddox "entertained the idea" again later, when black author Daniel Watts spoke here, but that nothing concrete had been done.

"THE GROUP has made the proper approaches," declared Burford, the only black member of the Senate, "but its voice has not been heard." He said Ken Lewallen, head of the university-sanctioned Black Student Affairs Committee, had tried twice to set up discussions with Maddox.

"This group went to see President Rudder because, regrettably, it considered the Student Senate ineffective in the light of the presidential election situation (in which Al Reinert was ruled ineligible)," Burford went on.

Maddox told the Senate he called Burford soon after the demands were presented and that Burford refused to define what the group meant by stating that if no progress on the demands had been made by the third week in September, "appropriate action will be taken."

"HE JUST repeated, 'appropriate action,'" Maddox said.

Burford, who denied talking to Maddox, said he did not have "total knowledge" of the group's appearance and still did not know the identity of all the 15, who refused to identify themselves in Rudder's office.

"This discussion is asinine," Phil Callahan, Student Life chairman, asserted. "As a member of the Executive Committee, you (Burford) could have placed any of these items on the agenda at any time. For that matter, the Student Life Committee would have been happy to work on them."

Deputy Corps Commander Garland Clark asked Burford to clarify whether the group's grievances were specifically "demands."

"I WOULD say the item concerning football recruiting practices would be classified as a demand, and I would support it," Burford replied. "You don't ask or beg a man to stop discriminating against you; it's your right as a human to demand an end

to that."

President Bill Carter said he has had trouble finding times when both he and Lewallen were free to discuss the committee's position, and that he had told Burford that presenting demands was not an easy way to achieve their ends.

"With the trends of society what they are today, you're not going to get anywhere telling this administration what to do," he added.

"IF WE'RE going to vote this kind of condemnation," Senator Kent Caperton remarked, "then I would propose that we condemn

the Senate as well, for not having taken action all year."

The resolution was subsequently reworded to delete references to the Afro-American Society, and the motion passed 32-6.

Senator Buzz Redding then proposed a resolution stating that because "the consensus of the Student Senate is that no phase whatsoever of Texas A&M University activities should exclude one particular ethnic group," black students should "be actively recruited in all athletic activities . . . if they meet present standards." The resolution passed (See Senate, Page 3)

Appeals Committee To Hear Case Of 3 Suspensions Today

By DAVE MAYES
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The Appeals Committee was scheduled to consider the case of the three A&M students suspended indefinitely from the university earlier this week at 9 this morning.

Larry C. Gill, one of the three suspended Tuesday, told The Battalion that committee chairman Dr. R. C. Potts had indicated that the panel, after hearing each student separately, would inform him and the others of its decision a short time later.

Gill, a freshman, along with senior Brian Foye and freshman William Fischer, were suspended for "illegal entry of University property" after they were apprehended by campus security officers late Saturday night in the System Administration building.

The three were charged with burglary for entering the building through what university officials believed to be a locked door.

Explaining the procedure of the appeals session, Potts said

"we will listen to what each of the students has to say. Upon approval of the committee, each student will be allowed to bring in others to testify in his behalf."

Potts said that the committee will not have any say on the punishments of the three, but will only be concerned with the interpretation of the university regulations that have a bearing on the case.

Potts added that he did not know if the committee's decision would be considered final by the university.

"That will be up to (A&M) President Earl Rudder or the Board of Directors to decide," he said. "Generally, the committee has had the final say in these matters, but I can't predict what will happen in the future."

Dean James P. Hannigan, who had assessed the suspensions, said Thursday that if the committee upholds his decision, the students would have 24 hours to leave the campus.

Toughest, Most Resourceful, Dedicated

U.S. Fighting Man Described

By TONY HUDDLESTON
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The American fighting man in Vietnam is the toughest, most resourceful and dedicated soldier in history, Capt. Jack Mooney of the United States Army told a Great Issues audience Thursday night.

"The courage and determination that our soldiers show daily in Vietnam to preserve that country's freedom is a tribute that every American should be proud of," Capt. Mooney, a silver star winner added. "It is for this reason that I am proud to wear the uniform of my country."

Mooney illustrated his discussion of the American fighting men in Vietnam by using slides and tapes made in Vietnam. He also displayed an assortment of

Viet Cong and North Vietnamese propaganda devices and weapons captured in Vietnam.

"THE COURAGE and performance my men displayed daily against all types of danger impressed me most while I was in Vietnam," Mooney, a platoon leader of the 9th Infantry said. "It proved to me that the popular saying in this country that our soldiers were individualists who did not believe in what they were fighting for was a bunch of hogwash."

"The men in my platoon never learned the meaning of the word 'quit,'" Mooney noted. "No matter how tough the going got, or what type of fighting we were in, I knew that the men in my platoon were with me."

He noted that he believed the

war in Vietnam would be over shortly because the enemy was beginning to feel a manpower shortage. He explained that the North Vietnamese regulars had begun to take the place of the Viet Cong in the cities.

MOONEY, a former student, opined out that war was not all fighting. "The army also has to plan for the soldiers' recreational and other needs."

"Life in Vietnam is no bed of roses for the soldier," Mooney noted, "because he doesn't have his sweetheart next door with him or the various forms of entertainment and other privileges that he's enjoyed in the states."

Mooney added that he was proud of the various comforts that the government had set up

in Vietnam for the soldier. "Never before has a soldier had it so good in a war zone. The helicopter and other modern conveniences of the United States have made it possible to bring hot meals to the front lines, and provide regular mail service to the soldier. These are conveniences that the soldier of World War II didn't get."

MOONEY noted that the war had caused numerous terms to be started to describe things. "The soldier refers to the United States as the land of 'the big PX' and he has nicknamed the airplane that carries the soldiers home from the war, 'the freedom bird.' He has named the enemy 'Charlie or Ho's Boys' and every time that he shoots at an enemy he shouts, 'Sorry about that.'"



OUTSTANDING COUNCILMAN

Ernest Godsey, chosen last night as the Civilian Student Council's outstanding member, enjoys the CSC awards banquet with his date. (Photo by Bob Peek)

Walton Hall Wins Top Civilian Award

Walton Hall Thursday was named the outstanding civilian residence hall for 1968-69 by the Civilian Student Council, and Ernest Godsey was selected as the year's outstanding councilman.

Awards also went to Davis-Gary hall for outstanding hall in academics, and to Law Hall for outstanding intramural participation.

The honors were presented during the annual CSC awards banquet in the Memorial Student Center, held to honor those who have contributed more to the Council and to civilian students than that demanded by their office, Council President David Wilks explained.

Godsey, in addition to being Hughes Hall president, has been active this year on the student laundry committee, and was the chairman of the Civilian Week-end committee.

JAMES HARRISON, awards committee chairman, noted that social activities, intramural participation, Bonfire contribution, and Civilian Week participation were all used as criteria in selecting the outstanding residence hall.

Outstanding Service awards were presented to three councilmen by Larry Schilhab, civilian chaplain and CSC president-elect. He noted that the awards were to honor those who had contributed significantly to the operation and success of the Council this year.

David Middlebrooke, Council secretary, Harrison, and Garry Mauro, junior yell leader, were each presented with an award. Middlebrooke, Schilhab said, had

Salon To Display 200 Photographs

More than 200 photographs in the 11th Intercollegiate Photo Salon will be judged Saturday at the Memorial Student Center.

Twenty-seven ribbons will be awarded in nine categories and top photos in color and black-and-white will be selected, announced Bill Black, chairman of the salon-sponsoring MSC Camera Committee.

Judging will begin at 9 a.m. in the MSC Assembly Room and will be open to the public, he said.

Dr. Joe Smith of Caldwell, Photographic Society of America two-star exhibitor; Herman Kelly, photographer-writer of the Texas Highway Department's travel information division, and Charles Kaliszewski, PSA master photographer of Houston, will judge the prints.

First, second and third places in landscape, nature, news, human interest, sports, pictorial, portrait, still life and fashion-advertising categories will be awarded.

Black indicated winning and show photos will be exhibited in the MSC next week, with the display to go up Saturday.

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CAPTAIN TELLS IT LIKE IT WAS

A picture of a medic giving aid to a wounded comrade flashes on the screen to help Army Capt. Jack Mooney tell a Great Issues audience how it was in Vietnam. Mooney had high praise for the American soldier and called charges that Americans lacked the will to fight "hogwash". (Photo by Bob Peek)