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Grad Students Worry About Seating Change

By Bill Vasen
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Graduate Student Council President Tony Benedetto told council members Wednesday that he is concerned about possible changes in the football seating plan.

Speaking in reference to a motion to be introduced by Head Yell Leader Sam Torn at tonight's Student Senate meeting, Benedetto noted the change in distribution of football tickets would call for graduate students to pick up their tickets with the freshman class or, in effect, accept "residual" seating.

The current plan, which was first used here at the 1968 Rice game, allots six sections in the upper level of the east side of the stadium for use by graduate students. Sections 234 and 235, the two nearest the center of the deck, are reserved for standing graduate students. A special "consideration section," sections 236-239, is set aside for graduate and other students who wish or need to sit down.

One council member said he thought such a change in the ticket distribution would prompt many graduate students to stop attending games, and such an

attendance drop could result in a loss to the Athletic Department of nearly \$5,000 per home game.

Benedetto added that any losses would result in the administration stepping in and settling the seating difficulties, ending student control of the activity.

The consensus of the council was that the second largest body of students on campus should receive more consideration than "just being pushed off" into the north end zone with the fish.

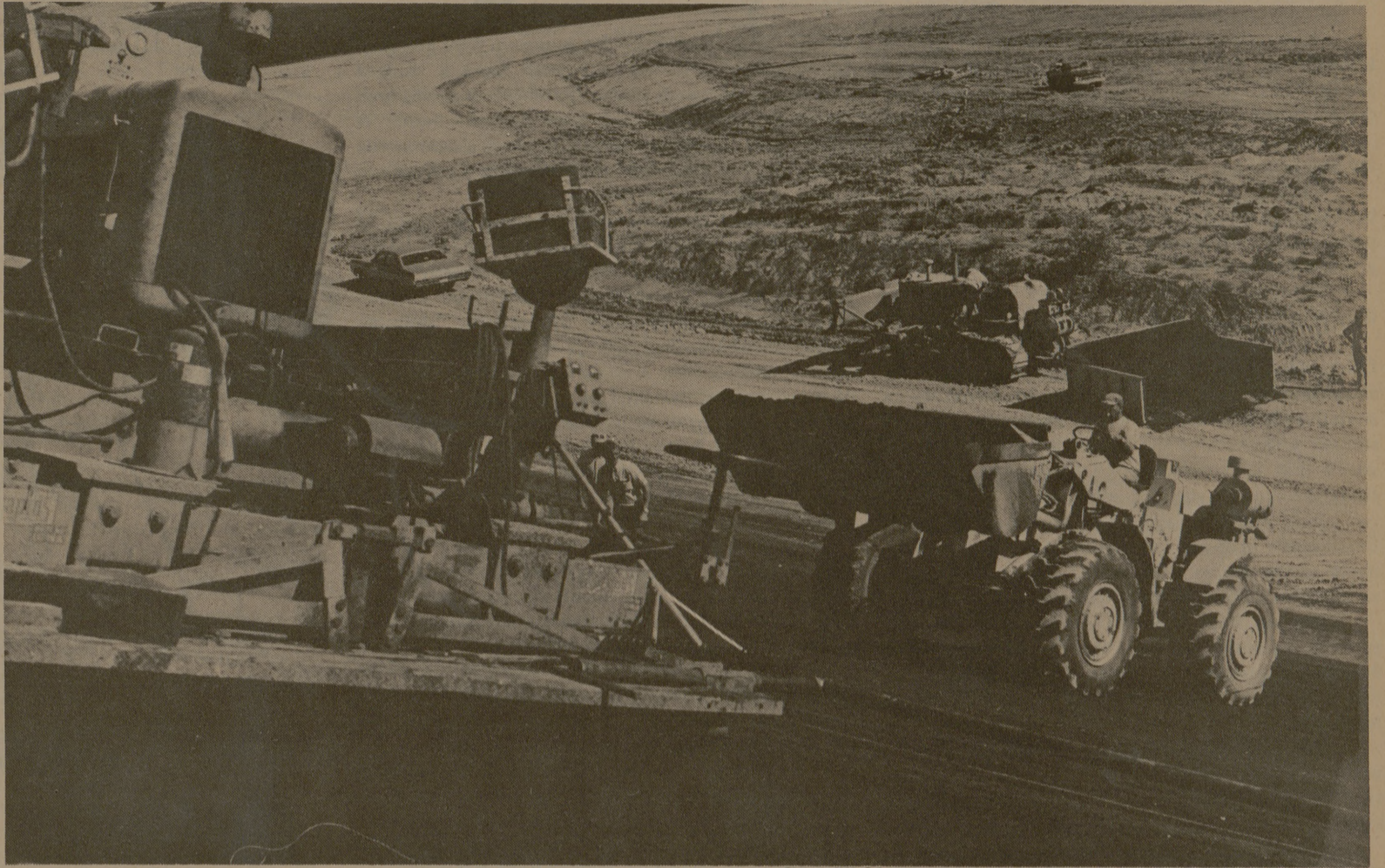
The Graduate Council president contended that the consideration zone introduced last year is one of the points criticized by Torn. Hopefully, Benedetto said, the section will be continued this year, although its size and location are still "relatively open questions."

The present plan grew out of a proposal by the Graduate Student Council which was adopted in the form of a resolution by last year's Senate. For the first time graduate students were able to choose whether to stand or sit during a football game.

Mitty Plummer, 1968-69 council president, said at the time that the plan needed adoption due to problems arising from the stadium expansion.

"The yell leaders became invisible to the upper deck . . . newcomers, especially new graduate students . . . were seized with a desire to sit down, and no provisions had been made for expectant wives of students . . . or students with leg and foot ailments," Plummer had pointed out.

Benedetto was on the committee appointed by the Senate to draft a new seating plan in cooperation with Athletic Business Manager Wally Groff. Other members were 1968-69 Head Yell Leader Bill Youngkin and Student Life Committee Chairman Phil Callahan.



RACEWAY NEARING COMPLETION

Paving got underway recently as final preparation began for the opening of the Texas International Speedway south of College Station. Holloway Construction Co. plans to have the speedway ready for its first race, the Can-Am, Nov. 9. The \$8 million facility includes 26,000 contour

grandstand seats with backrest. Seating arrangements are designed to give the spectator the best view possible. In four weeks, Texans will have a chance to see a full season of racing. (Photo by Bob Stump)

Army Flight Has Two Places Left

West Point is going to be invaded by "Old Army."

The Student Finance Office in the Memorial Student Center reported Wednesday two seats were still to be filled on the 195-passenger charter jet to the A&M-Army football game Oct. 4. Faye Yeates, MSC building cashier, said that in addition three students are interested in selling their seats, but will go to the game if no one buys them.

Mrs. Yeates also said that the trip is only for students and the faculty-staff of the university. This would include anyone from a custodian to a clerk and on up to professors and their wives, she explained.

Senior Class President Jimmy Dunham of Baytown described the Delta Airlines DC-8 flight from Houston Oct. 3 as a real bargain for Aggies.

He noted that Maj. Gen. Bill Becker, A&M class of 1941 and president of the National Capital

A&M Club, has made arrangements for the skating rink one block south of the 41,000 seat Michie Stadium at West Point to be used as the official A&M headquarters.

Students and former students plan to meet at the rink before and after the game, Dunham said. Full price for the charter flight

An organizational meeting for all persons traveling to the West Point game on the Senior Class-sponsored flight will be held Monday night after yell practice in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center, Dunham announced yesterday.

He stressed that all persons going to the game on the plane must attend the meeting. He noted that transportation to Houston and trip plans will be discussed.

is \$120, which has been paid by all but 10 students. Thursday (See West Point, Page 3)

Revised Election Rules Apply in Senate Races

By Gary Mayfield
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Tighter filing procedures and eligibility requirements for holding student offices will undergo their first test next month when filing and elections for Student Senate positions take place.

Filing for the positions of vice president, sophomore College of Agriculture representative, and senior, junior, and sophomore College of Education representative will be open from Oct. 1-8. The election will be Oct. 23.

Attempting to clarify several misunderstandings that developed in last spring's elections, the 1968-69 Senate, under President Bill Carter, proposed some changes designed to benefit the candidates.

The most significant misunderstanding was the one resulting in the disqualification of transfer student Albert J. Reinhert after he was elected Senate president. The revision designed to clarify the matter is in paragraph 22, section 1 of the university regulations and says:

"Only the record made in course work for which the student was registered in this institution shall

be used in determining the grade point ratio (GPR). This regulation shall apply in determining eligibility of students filing for any elected position.

"A transfer student must attend Texas A&M University as a full-time student for either one long semester or two summer semesters before he becomes eligible to file for an elected student office."

A new section was also added to clarify filing procedure and eligibility to hold student offices. New procedures include:

—Figuring GPR to the third decimal place in determining the academic eligibility of students to hold elected offices. If a candidate's GPR is anything less than that required to hold the office, he will be ineligible to complete filing.

—Making the term "overall grade point ratio" synonymous with the term "grade point ratio." Only the record made in course work for which the student was registered at Texas A&M will be used in determining his GPR.

—Placing responsibility upon the Election Commission to obtain at filing time for each stu-

dent election a signed certification from the registrar indicating the candidate's official GPR, scholastic or conduct probation, and official academic classification. Certification can be made only by the registrar.

—Raising the maximum allowable campaign expenditures from \$25 to \$50.

—Increasing membership on the Civilian Student Council (CSC) by two: a second vice president and a representative from University Women.

Another revision is included in paragraph 65 concerning the candidate's campaigning, clarifying potential misunderstandings:

"Each candidate will be responsible for the removal and disposal of all campaign posters or other literature bearing his name from all bulletin boards, doors, etc., and the removal of all signs from the designated areas within two university class days following the election.

"Failure to comply will result in the candidate's being assessed a fee by the university in the amount necessary to compensate for the labor and time required to remove and dispose of such

material. The fee is to be the only penalty assessed the candidate for violation of this regulation.

"Any candidate who willingly violates or permits violation on his behalf the provision of the regulations shall be disqualified for that election and shall be further punished according to the by-laws of the Election Commission with punishment not to exceed disqualification from all elections through the following school year.

"Election Commissioners shall have the authority to carry out rigid enforcement of campaign and election regulations as outlined here and as determined by the Election Commission and/or the Student Senate. This includes the authority to prevent formal campaigning in the polling place on the day of elections and the right to confiscate illegal campaign material intercepted in the polling place on the day of elections.

"This shall also include the right to deny entrance to the polls to anyone who refuses to comply with election regulations and to confiscate materials illegally posted on campus."

Says Dean Heaton

Auto-Reg More 'Personalized'

A&M's automated registration system provides students more personalized service despite an increase in enrollment, Admissions and Records Dean H. L. Heaton said Tuesday.

The A&M official indicated that since 1941, university enrollment has grown from 2,200 to "over 14,000 tonight." His comments were made at the first Brazos County A&M Club meeting of 1969-70.

Heaton indicated numerous advantages have accrued from the automated registration procedure, the most prominent of which is increased ability of students to select courses they desire.

He pointed out in describing the new registration that students must sit down with department heads or advisers and map out course work each semester.

"This has proven an excellent management tool for the univer-

sity," he continued, "but, foremost, it gives the student personal counseling that was not possible in the old 'gym-type' registration."

The dean also cited overall student records-reporting system

improvement, rapid acquisition of class rosters, fee accounting and student credit-hour reports for the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board ("on which A&M's appropriations are based"), and re-

duction of time spent in registration as examples of better service for everyone.

"Student acceptance generally has been good," Heaton said. "Some disapproval has been voiced over two disadvantages: lack of student ability to select the prof he wants and the class time he desires."

The students have admitted, however, that individually, it's a fair system, Heaton added.

Presentations by S. Auston Kerley, associate dean, Lacey, and Admissions Director Dr. Oscar L. Dorsey pointed to cooperation with the Student Aid Office; better relations with high schools, especially high school counselors; taking advantage of college-university evaluation procedures given prospective students; and further improvements in admissions and increasing convenience to the student as results of the new system.

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CATCH AS CAT CAN

Charlie, a pet cat of four-year-old Leslie Angeloff of Culmerville, Pa., tries his luck at catching 40 winks or 40 birds—whichever comes first in this seven-foot-high bird feeder. The cat, which adopted the feeder for his own, spends most of his cat napping and bird watching hours from this vantage point. (AP Wirephoto)

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