

'Rights Commission': Let's Go Exploring

There seems to be some difference of opinion between the Student Senate president and Campus Security as to just when "routine checks" of student drivers become "police harrassment."

He says there are times when they do, and they say there aren't.

There also seems to be some disagreement between the Student Senate president and the local police as to the average number of A&M students arrested per week on charges of violating liquor laws.

He says the number is between 15 and 20, and they generally agree that it's "much lower" than that.

When he spoke to the senate last week, Gerald Geistweidt gave both arguments as reasons for establishing a Legal Rights Commission composed of students, faculty and others to look into reported student grievances at the hands of the local law. He added that he would appoint a committee later to study the need for such a commission.

It is not surprising that controversy followed Geistweidt's proposal and that certain statements he made to the senate were denied elsewhere. There is certainly room here for two opinions.

But we hope that the committee Geistweidt appoints to study the need for the commission will not base its conclusions primarily on a decision as to who was right in this instance, the senate president or the police.

For even if Geistweidt is found to be very wrong in his assessment of the student-police situation, we believe the need is just as great for some kind of commission concerned with student justice.

There would be much for such a panel to do.

It could refer student rights cases to the Brazos Civil Liberties Union if the commission found that it could not render significant aid with its own resources. BCLU board member James H. Fenner said

that the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union would welcome any help from a student organization in such cases. He added that although the board considers each case brought before it individually, the BCLU generally takes a case at the request of the defendant and if there is a precedent-setting question of civil liberties involved.

It could clear out the cobwebs that seem to have gathered on the entire system of student honor courts at the university. What purpose do they serve? Bob Edgcomb, a member last year of the Civilian Honor Council, supposedly the student "supreme court" on the civilian side of the campus, said the council did not hear a single case. "Being a member of the court was just kind of a nice honor you could put down after your name," he said. "We met a few times to discuss some changes in the honor code, but we never accomplished anything."

There seem to be no clear lines of jurisdiction between student courts, either. According to Edgcomb, it is the person who catches a student violating the honor code that often determines what "court" a student may wind up in, if any. For example, if a student from the same dormitory sees another stealing hubcaps, he may take him to the dormitory council. If he is not of the same dormitory as the offender, however, he may take him to another court, or if he's a member of Campus Security, the offender will be taken to no honor court at all.

And what about the Aggie Honor Code? The commission could study its relevance to the A&M student. Does it still have a place on campus or should it be discarded as a meaningless cliché? Or should it be replaced by a student "bill of rights?"

The area of student justice is practically an uncharted territory here at A&M. Let's do some exploring with a few volunteers.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Since last week's football sign was a little off-color, we thought we'd do a change of pace 'til the heat's off."

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
 Odessa Hometown Club will organize and elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in room 3C of the Memorial Student Center.

Texas A&M Parachute Club will discuss training class schedule at 7:30 p.m. in room 113 of the Plant Sciences building. All interested people are invited to attend.

DeWitt - Lavaca County Hometown Club will meet after yell practice at 8 p.m. in room 203 of the Academic building.

Brazos County Post 4692 of Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct its monthly business meeting at 8 p.m.

Memorial Student Center Travel Committee will explain programs offered by the committee at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. New members will be accepted.

Grayson County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge between Dormitories 2 and 4. Officers are to be elected. Call Tom Bonn at 5-1077 for more information.

Alpha Phi Omega will have a pledge smoker at 8:15 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC.

Tau Beta Pi will elect officers at 7 p.m. in room 145 of the Physics building.

A&M Sports Car Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Military Science building.

Bell County Hometown Club will meet in room 205, Academic building immediately after yell practice. All residents of Bell County are urged to attend.

SATURDAY
 Texas A&M Newcomers Club will have a family picnic for first

and second year newcomers at Area 2 in Hensel Park from 6 p.m. until sundown.

Please bring enough meat for your family plus either a vegetable, salad or dessert to serve 12 and place setting for your family. Beverages will be furnished. For further information, contact Mrs. Reznat Darnell, (846-8595).

MONDAY

Handball Club will meet and elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. A film will be shown.

Memorial Student Center Camera Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2C-D of the MSC. Membership cards will be issued.

The Chemical Engineering Wives Club will hold its annual "Get Acquainted Party" at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. R. R. Davison, 303 Crescent Drive. Invitations have been mailed to all known Ch. E. Wives. Anyone who has not received an invitation should contact Mrs. Adrian Hutton (846-2393), or Mrs. W. J. Kerns, president (846-7340).

TUESDAY

Marketing Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center. Guests will be Dean of Business Administration John Pearson and Dr. James McNeal, head of the Marketing Department.

WEDNESDAY

Houston Hometown Club will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in room 321 of the Physics building. Plans for the Rice game will be discussed.

Civilian Council Roundup

By Raleigh Lane
 Special to The Battalion

The Civilian Student Council will hold its first regular meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Thursday in the MSC. Larry Schilhab, president of the CSC, said that this year's council will be more active in sponsoring more activities and voicing civilian student opinions in university decisions.

Schilhab, a senior petroleum engineering major from Conroe, says that the council will also provide idea exchange conferences for the improvement of residence hall organizations and activities.

First Vice President David Alexander will be responsible for this objective of the council. David will also keep communications with NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls), which the CSC joined last year. Alexander, a resident of Hughes Hall, is a junior from Wellborn majoring in accounting.

Representing the Civilian Student Council on the Student Senate will be Tommy Henderson, a junior political science major from Ingram and also a resident of Hughes Hall. Henderson and Schilhab will be the civilian students' voice in meeting with university officials.

Other members of the CSC executive committee are Bill Scherle, secretary, a resident of Fowler Hall and Paul Ammons, treasurer, of Davis-Gary Hall. Scherle is a sophomore geology major from Henderson, Iowa. Ammons, of Houston, is a junior majoring in physics.

The CSC has representation from many campus organizations but the membership is comprised mainly of residence hall presidents.

Representing Hotard Hall will be Pat Wertheim, a senior geophysics major from Boerne. A senior biology major from San Antonio is Bill Dubel and he'll represent Hughes Hall. Fowler Hall's president is John Greenhut, a senior math major from Bryan. The president of Keathley Hall is Charles Sanders. He comes from Lake Jackson and is a senior aerospace engineering major.

Jim Swigert will be Moses Hall's representative of the CSC. Jim is an architecture construction major from Waco. Gordon Smyth, a junior pre-vet major from Houston, is the president of Davis-Gary Hall. McInnis Hall elected Charles Hobizal as their representative. He is a senior from Wharton majoring in mechanical engineering.

Moore Hall's president Mark

Olson comes from Canyon. His major is agriculture economics and he's a junior. Representing Crocker Hall this year will be Jim Bizzack, a junior accounting major from Crane. President of Schumacher Hall is Alan Byrd, a senior from Port Neches majoring in pre-med.

This year's president of Hart Hall is Edward Jameson. A junior recreation and parks major, he is from Mansfield, Mass. Van Kinerd represents Milner Hall and is a junior majoring in accounting. His hometown is Bryan.

A junior in meteorology and president of Mitchell Hall is Allen Mikulencak. Moulton is his hometown. The only repeating president is Phil Sadler of Law Hall. Phil is a senior chemical engineering major from Alba.

Tryell of Legett's president is Richard Davis, a junior from Borger majoring in geological engineering. Cleveland, Tex. is the hometown of Roy Dunham, president of Puryear Hall. Roy is a sophomore agriculture economics major. All of these were elected president of their respective hall last spring.

Walton Hall's acting president Charles Mueller will represent them until a new president is elected.

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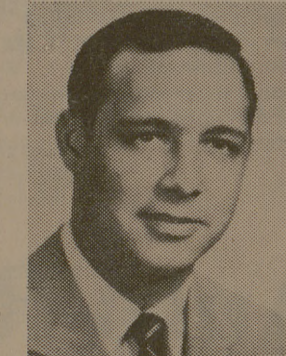
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Marketing Society To Meet Monday

Dean of Business Administration John E. Pearson and Dr. James A. McNeal, head of the Marketing Department, will be special guests of the first meeting of the Marketing Society at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center. All members of the Marketing Department faculty are also invited to attend.

Filmed highlights of the 1969 Super Bowl game will be shown and refreshments will be served. All students in the marketing field and any other interested students are invited to attend.

Officers this year are Bill Haas, president; Richard Bischoff, vice president; Jim Miller, secretary; John Summers, treasurer and Samuel Gillispie, faculty adviser.

The club plans to have monthly speakers, participate in the Michigan State University marketing competition, have at least two field trips, a sales clinic and a barbecue.

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