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'Official No' Given On Moratorium

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The Student Senate, after lengthy debate and two roll call votes, Thursday recommended that the university not dismiss classes officially or grant excused absences for students wishing to participate in the Moratorium, a nationwide anti-war protest scheduled for Wednesday.

The controversy, however, centered not on these two points, upon which most senators seemed to agree, but on a third part of the recommendation which, when finally passed, stated "that we (the senate) believe in the freedom of expression guaranteed to each individual in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution."

Some senators, led by Tommy Henderson (vp-CSC) and Jimmy

Weaver (soph-LA), contended that the senate should have been more explicit concerning the question of a student's right to express dissent on campus.

In earlier business, the senate adopted a plan to allocate seats at home football games that takes into consideration both a student ticket buyer's academic standing and his "tenure" at the university.

Senators also voted not to allow three senate representatives to be elected from the newly-formed College of Education, at least until enrollment figures for the college were made known and representatives were apportioned by those figures.

The election for senate representatives from the College of Education had been scheduled for Oct. 23, when other senate posi-

tions, including the office of vice president, are to be decided.

Senate president Gerry Geisweid opened discussion on the Moratorium by reading a letter from the university's Executive Committee which requested that the senate comment on what position the university should take concerning possible student participation in the anti-war protest.

The letter said that three students had asked A&M President Earl Rudder to dismiss classes next Wednesday in observance of the Moratorium. Rudder forwarded the request to the Executive Committee and the committee, "seeking more student reaction" on the issue, asked the senate in the letter for its comments.

Tom Fitzhugh (Geos.) introduced the resolution that the senate eventually passed, urging that

the university not participate officially in the Moratorium in any way.

Henderson argued that whether or not the university should officially support the Moratorium by dismissing classes or granting excused absences, was not really the issue in question.

"These students are asking for the right to express a dissenting opinion on campus," Henderson said.

He noted that according to university regulations, this expression of dissent may get them into trouble. Citing a regulation under the university's discipline code, Henderson read that a student may be dismissed or suspended for not less than a semester for "membership in any group that might bring discredit to the University."

Henderson said he does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Moratorium but believes that the students have the basic right to express dissent and that the senate should make some statement to that effect.

Weaver agreed, saying, "there is widespread desire on this campus for assurances from the Student Senate that students will be able to exercise their rights to freedom of expression."

At this point, Henderson in-

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MAKING A POINT

Kent Caperton, Memorial Student Center vice president and Student Senate interim vice president, uses gestures to help get his point across as he expresses his feelings on the student moratorium resolution passed 45-10 during last night's Senate meeting. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

Laundry Panel Helps Students, CSC Is Told

By Pat Little
Battalion Staff Writer

A student laundry committee exists to help students who think they have been wronged by the university laundry.

Howard Perry, civilian student activities director, told the Civilian Student Council (CSC) Thursday night that students who think a piece of clothing has been damaged or lost by the laundry should first take his laundry slip and damaged article, if such is the case, to the laundry office.

"If all they say to you is 'we're sorry,'" Perry said, "then bring your case before the laundry committee and they'll look into it."

This year's committee members are Alan Byrd, Allen Mikulencak, Jimmy Alexander, Robert R. Harding, Jack C. Hollimon, and Albert Kinkead.

The laundry committee is one of several committees set up by the CSC to hear student complaints and make suggestions to the proper person or service, said David Alexander, CSC first vice president.

Another one, he said, is the FIRST BANK & TRUST—Home of the Super C D - 5% interest compounded daily.

menu committee, which meets monthly with Food Services Director Fred Dollar to discuss dishes and service in Sbis Dining Hall.

Alexander also told the council that many complaints students have about Sbis are the effects of a labor shortage.

He said that occasional messy tables and the use of paper cups instead of glasses, among other things, are examples of effects of the help shortage.

"Col. Dollar said he can only hire people to work a 40-hour week," Alexander said, "and he can't pay them time and a half because of state regulations. He said he is trying to stay within his budget, and if he hires any more help the board fees will have to go up," he says.

Sam Torn, head yell leader, told the council that he had gone to Texas Christian University to apologize for the incident between the Aggie freshmen and TCU cheerleaders last week at the game between the Fish and Wogs.

The incident was during the second half of the game when several Corps freshmen picked up the cheerleaders and started carrying them off, but were stopped by about 15 upperclassmen.

Torn said disciplinary action

will be taken by students and assured the council it would not be a "whitewash job."

He said it hasn't been proven that there were upperclassmen involved, but "there is a possibility and an investigation is still underway."

Perry told councilmen there will be a dance in Fort Worth on Oct. 18 at the Tarrant County Convention Center, sponsored by the Fort Worth A&M Mothers Club.

"There will be tickets sold at the door and there will be set-ups and popcorn," Perry said. "Any residence hall that wants to reserve a table should contact me before 4 p.m. Wednesday and tell me how many persons will be there."

The Aggie Sweetheart semi-finalists will be here Oct. 25 for the Baylor game, Alexander said. He promised that the president of the hall having the best spirit sign and the most people out to cheer as the finalists drive by will have a date with the girl chosen Aggie Sweetheart.

Alexander also told the council that nominations for "Who's Who" may be put in boxes located at the Housing Office, the MSC, the Military Sciences Building, and Dean of Students James P. Hannigan's office.

At Exchange Store

40,000 Books Are Sold Yearly

By Gary Mayfield
Battalion Staff Writer

Book sales in excess of 40,000 yearly to students at Texas A&M account for 40 per cent of the Exchange Store's sales—and at least 40 per cent of the complaints.

Along with other student needs, such as greeting cards, T-squares, and class pins, there are books, books, and still more books in the store. To combat this army of numbers, Store Manager Chuck Cargill has six full-time and two part-time employees in the book department, with a force of 10 to 12 extra during rushes.

Opened in 1907 with a policy of good-will and service to Aggies, the store faces its biggest difficulty in making clear its book policy, especially to students who argue:

"They sell you books and they won't buy them back, even when they're going to use them next semester!"

The truth is that perhaps the school will use them next semester, but the Exchange Store has acquired a maximum of a particular book it needs, Cargill said. For example, suppose a student finished a course and now would like to sell his copy of *The Ancient World* by Scramuzza.

He walks into the Exchange Store and drops the book on the counter, telling the clerk he wishes to sell this to her. That's simple enough, but first she must check the requisition form (she has it handy under the counter) for that book to see precisely the number of volumes of *The Ancient World* that she needs on the shelf.

Twenty volumes is the number marked in red on the huge white

card; and to the right of that number are, say, 16 volumes re-purchased. This means that she needs four more copies of that book.

He's safe. The clerk takes the book and hands him \$5.75 cash, which is actually a little more than half of the list price he paid, \$11.25.

If he waits a few minutes, he may even watch as she applies the traditional red stamp on the inside of the book signifying that it is used, write \$8.65 retail (three-fourths of the list price), and replace *The Ancient World* on the shelf with its companions.

Now, let's go one step further and see what happens if he is the 21st person who wants to sell a copy of *The Ancient World*. Wholesale price is 25 cents and this is the best the clerk can do for him. The Exchange Store has no use for more than 20 copies of the book; the publisher will not buy it back; and the wholesaler will give only 25 cents for it. The best thing he can do is keep it or try to sell to another bookstore.

"How do I know I don't need it anymore?" he may ask. Or, "why is the markup so high before you put it back on the shelf?"

Cargill explained that neither he nor his employees nor the other bookstore have any bearing on the price of books in the Exchange Store.

"The list price is set by the publisher," he said, "and to my knowledge all bookstores follow this policy." He began to explain how he purchases his books:

"About four to six months before the new semester, we send each department on campus a

supply of book requisition forms (similar to the ones mentioned earlier) containing the number of courses for each professor, estimated number of students in each, estimated number of titles of books, and an estimated number of volumes the professor will need."

Cargill explained further that he then orders from the publishers a percentage of the number of books requested by the professors. This is due, he mentioned, to the books he will not sell because of student-to-student sales and sales of other bookstores.

If there are already a number of copies of a particular book on the shelf, Cargill may not have to purchase from the publisher. This is where the book requisition form handled by the clerk comes in handy. Supposing that a professor needed 100 volumes of *The Ancient World* for this semester. If the Exchange Store had 80 already in stock, perhaps it could gain the 20 needed with buy-backs from students. Thus, the cycle of book buying and selling

is completed.

Again Cargill noted that he has no control over pricing, either of new or used books, and he praised his employees for their sincerity and patience in dealing with students who sometimes refuse to understand.

However, he did not cover up for errors. As books arrive in large numbers and new people are hired for the semester rushes, he said, "We have some pricing errors. Anytime we find something wrong, we try to correct it."

"Of course, we may have a thousand things wrong that we're not aware of," the manager said. "If students will just come in and tell us, maybe we can work something out."

"I'd welcome any criticism on a personal basis from anybody who wants to talk to me about any problem," Cargill emphasized. "Since I have been here, I have felt that our very best operation is to perform a service to students, which is our primary purpose."

Traffic Committee Makes 3 Proposals

Proposals for a new parking lot, special parking permits for three student presidents, and raising the prices on reserved parking spaces were items discussed by the University Traffic Committee Wednesday according to Don Stafford, Associate Dean of Students and committee chairman.

The committee is an advisory committee to A&M President Earl Rudder that studies traffic problems and recommends solutions to him.

A new parking lot was proposed for the space south of Guion Hall, Stafford said, to replace the present lot when it is torn out for the expansion of the Memorial Student Center.

He also said the new parking lot will be for day students and for special events such as football and basketball games and Town Hall. He said the new lot will hold "as many or more cars" than the present lot.

The committee agreed to grant special parking areas to the presidents of the student body, Memorial Student Center, and Civilian Student Council adjacent to the MSC.

"This special parking privilege is in recognition of the presidents' contributions to the students and their need for the spe-

cial space, Stafford said.

There was discussion in the committee about raising the prices on reserved parking spaces, but a study will be made before any action is taken, Stafford said. According to Campus Security Assistant Chief Morris A. Maddox the present \$3 fee does not even cover the labor cost of painting the reserved spaces.

"Campus Security is checking on the reserved space costs at other colleges and universities before any recommendation is made on this," Stafford said.

Any student or staff member having information that would be beneficial to the committee may contact any of the members, Stafford noted.

Members include Paul Scopel, Keathley Hall, room 402; Don Mauro, Keathley, 111; Al Bradley, Keathley, 109; Jack Ferguson, dorm 5 room 423; Steve Cook, 1-418; or Bob Stanzel, 1-401.

Day student representative is Gary Anderson, 316 Redmond Apt. 125.

Staff members may contact Stafford in the YMCA Building.

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HE WANTS TO BE A QUEEN

Mark Frantz, 19-year-old sophomore at Temple University, is running for homecoming queen. Frantz, who has reddish-brown hair, green eyes, and a 42-34-37 figure, is one of 11 contestants for the title. All the others are girls. Frantz signed the application blank "Margo." He is sponsored by the campus radio station, where he works part time. (AP Wirephoto)

Work, Study A Part of Being An Aggie Player Performer

By Bob Robinson
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Robert Wenck, director of "Dinny and the Witches," the Aggie Player production to open Tuesday night in Guion Hall, handed each person involved in the play a sheet with dates and comments for the last week and a half of rehearsals. The last line on the sheet: "Oct. 14—Was it all worth it???? You figure it out."

On opening night, this is a question that each student, professor and local performer asks himself after three or four gruel-

ing weeks of rehearsing nightly, studying lines every available minute, building and painting scenery, and, in general, living with a book of make-believe characters and words. The answers are generally the same, although the reasons are different.

One student said he felt it was worth the work because he took a name and a couple hundred lines and made a living character from it.

Since the founding of the Aggie Players in 1946, hundreds of plays have been produced in Guion Hall, G. Rollie White Coliseum, and the Fallout Theater-Workshop. Casts and crews for each play have ranged from six to over 100. In every case, several

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