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Senate To Initiate 'Feedback' Project

By Dave Mayes
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Seeking ways to be more responsive to the student body, the Student Senate Thursday adopted a "feedback" plan to begin dormitory surveys and agreed to study the need for a committee to hear non-academic grievances.

Senators also heard a status report on a proposed Legal Rights Commission, designed to aid students in trouble with the law, and approved a resolution calling for the university to adopt a limited pass-fail grading system.

The Senate's "feedback" project, passed with little opposition, will be initiated in every campus dormitory Wednesday. Teams of senators will distribute questionnaires to dormitory residents in an effort to learn what issues concern the student body.

Senate Vice President Kent Caperton introduced the project, stating that the Senate should not have to take these steps to communicate with students, that the senators should do this themselves.

"Nevertheless," he said, "criticism that the Student Senate does not relate to the student body has not been without foundation. This situation does exist, and this is why we need this project."

Proposing the establishment of a student grievance committee, Life Committee Chairman Collier (Doc) Watson said that a panel is needed to look into student problems of a non-academic nature.

When several senators objected that there were a number of committees already established to hear grievances, like the laundry, traffic, menu and residence hall committees, Senate President Gerry Geistweidt replied that the Senate had no control over any of these panels.

He also noted that the grievance committee could handle problems of a campus-wide nature, many of which could not be referred to any single committee. As an example, he said, the committee could have met with the Afro-American Society, recently denied on-campus recognition by the university.

Garry Mauro agreed, noting that even if the committee helped only five people, it would be worthwhile.

Senators passed with few dissenting votes a motion to authorize Watson's Life Committee to study the need for a grievance committee.

David Zoellner, a member of the Life Committee working to

establish a Legal Rights Commission, reported to the Senate that in a recent meeting with A&M President Earl Rudder, the president's initial reaction to the idea of the commission had been "favorable."

The Legal Rights Commission was first proposed by Geistweidt in September to provide counsel for A&M students in trouble with the law and check into student reports of "harrassment" by local police.

Zoellner said that Rudder had asked to have a written statement of the policy of the commission explaining how the proposed panel would operate. Zoellner said the policy, to be drawn up by him and seven others, would be submitted to the president within two weeks.

Rudder told him, Zoellner said, that he would appoint legal counsel for the commission, pending approval of the commission policy.

Scheduled in the near future, he said, is a meeting of the commission with the mayors and police chiefs of both Bryan and College Station.

Zoellner said the Legal Rights Commission could serve both as a buffer between the university and the community and as a liaison between students and law officers.

He said that this year the major work of the commission would likely be the compiling of case histories to serve as a basis upon

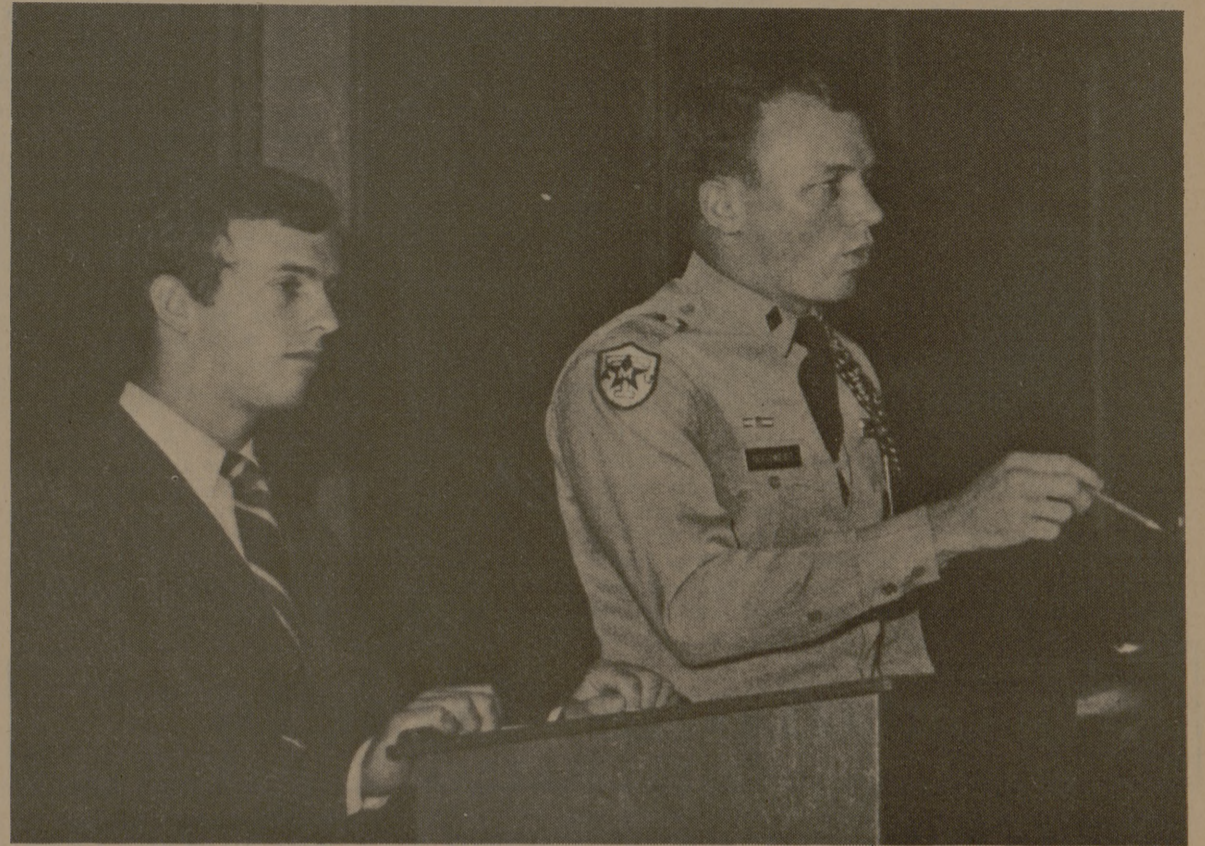
which future commission decisions could be made.

The pass-fail resolution approved by the Senate was identical to that passed by senators last spring. Mauro, chairman of the Pass-Fail Committee explained that last year's resolution was never taken through administrative channels for adoption by the university.

Briefly, the resolution, approved by a wide majority, asks that a student with 30 or more semester hours of credit be allowed to take as many as 16 semester hours of elective courses not in his major under the pass-fail grading system.

These hours would count as part of the hours required for a degree but would not be used in determining grade point ratio. The professor teaching the class

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MAKING HIS POINT
After turning the chair over to Kent Caperton (left), Student Senate vice president, Senate President Gerry Geistweidt explains to the senate his ideas concerning a student grievance committee and how they could be put into effect. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

Vet Profs Culture Horse Virus For First Time Anywhere

Research microbiologists at Texas A&M have successfully cultured the infectious anemia virus in horses which has eluded scientists since its discovery in 1901.

Dr. Richard W. Moore, professor of microbiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and co-workers Dr. H. E. Redmond and Dr. Masami Katada report that the virus for the first time has been cultured in a laboratory cell system with a detectable and reproductive effect on the cell.

The virus has been characterized and has reproduced the disease in susceptible horses.

Efforts to culture the virus in a detectable laboratory system were unsuccessful until about five months ago, when it was first grown in the A&M laboratory, the Virus Research Lab director said.

"The virus is extremely small, rather heat-stable and stable to most of the materials used as common disinfectants," Dr. Moore revealed.

"With this system a diagnostic test which may be highly accurate is now being tested."

Dr. Moore pointed out that research has been conducted for a number of years. It was first shown to be transmitted by filtered serum in 1901 by workers in France.

One of the first reports confirming the French work was published in 1908 by Dr. Mark Francis and Dr. R. P. Manstetter, both deceased former deans of veterinary medicine at Texas A&M.

Dr. Moore said researchers at A&M and in Japan have shown progress into the diseases since 1954. He has been researching

the virus for seven years, but it wasn't until a few years ago that horse owners became concerned.

"Additional support resulted when a major outbreak of the virus hit all except one major U. S. race track, which stimulated considerable interest in support of research for the disease," he recalled.

The research is currently funded by the American Quarter Horse Association through the Morris Animal Foundation of Denver, Colo., the Animal Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture and by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Moore said the disease is transferred to the horse by mosquitoes, body flies and syringes.

The Lamar, Mo., native explained the virus will have one of four effects on the horse:

In the acute phase, the horse may die in five to seven days.

The subacute phase will give the horse the clinical signs, but he will appear to recover. After nine days to one month, the horse may again show clinical signs, and may recover. The horse may go through this phase five or six times and eventually die.

A majority of the horses infected are classified chronic, where they may appear normal for a long period of time, then have an acute attack and die.

Or, the horse may recover and stay in the chronic stage for another long period of time.

Dr. Moore said the most dangerous phase is an inapparent carrier phase. The horse never shows clinical signs, yet has the virus in his blood and the ability to transfer the disease at all times.

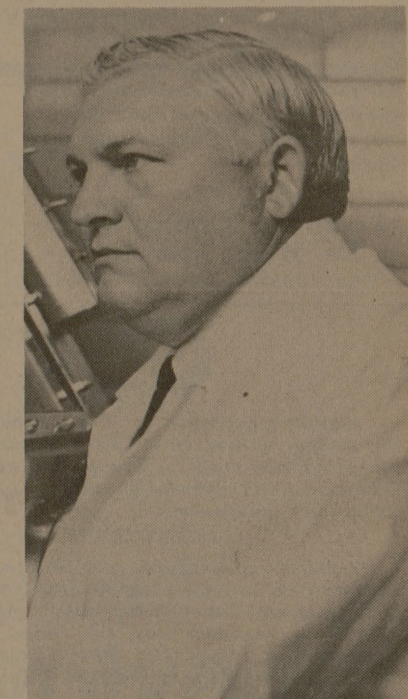
The horse appears normal and he usually causes the outbreaks. Infectious anemia virus symptoms start with a rise in temperature, drop in the red blood cell count and gradual decrease of red blood cells, bringing death or, in chronic cases, the decrease will occur with each attack.

Other signs include fluid swelling of the lower abdomen wall, brisket and legs, along with minute blood spots on the eye lids and base of the tongue.

In later stages, the horse will show signs of a loss of weight, despite excellent appetite.

Dr. Moore emphasized that once a horse is infected he remains a carrier for life. A large number of horses live a normal life as carriers, he said.

A 1955 DVM graduate of A&M, Dr. Moore also heads research into scrapie of sheep and several diseases of swine.



DR. R. W. MOORE

Bonfire Centerpole Goes Up Nov. 17

By David Middlebrooke
Battalion Managing Editor

The centerpole for the 1969 Aggie Bonfire will go up Nov. 17.

The pole will be put into position by company D-1 (Spider D), Head Yell Leader Sam Torn said Thursday, and will extend to 105 feet above the ground.

"We hope to have the core logs for the first stack done by the 21st," Torn said. "Juniors and seniors will work on it during afternoons the week of the 21st. I want to emphasize, though, that they will not be expected from class to work."

The core logs are those logs which are stacked upright around the centerpole and bound together with heavy rope.

Torn said that in order to reach this year's goal of 105 feet, five stocks, or levels, of logs will be needed.

"I don't know if it's been done before," he commented, "but we will have five stacks without a doubt."

Due to the planned height of the Bonfire, Torn said, he is looking for a crane that will extend to a height of 100 feet or more. He noted that enough cranes are available for Bonfire work, but none that will reach to 100 feet.

Torn also noted that Guy Pickett, owner of Pickett's Texaco Service on FM 60, is donating some gasoline to the project, although the exact amount has not yet been decided.

Pickett is also urging other service station owners to do the same thing, Torn said.

Chain saws and pickup trucks are still needed, Torn said, along with jeeps. Those having or knowing of vehicles that may be used for Bonfire work should contact Chuch Hollimon, Torn explained, while those with information about chain saws should contact Ray Dabney.

Those providing equipment will be allowed to operate it, Torn said, and all gasoline and oil will be provided free to the operators.

CS Post Office Scheduled To Open Monday

The post office in the Redmond Terrace shopping center will be open for business at 8 a.m. Monday.

Ernest Gregg, postmaster of College Station, said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the long-delayed opening.

The new station has suffered from labor and construction problems since July which have caused several postponements, Gregg said.

College Station Mayor D. A. Anderson will be present for the ceremonies, Gregg added, along with Ernest Haertig, a postal service officer, and several city councilmen.

The new office will be serving residents and students in the southeastern portion of College Station.

Fallout Theater Performs Tonight

The Aggie Players open their second performance tonight of "Guess What's Happening Tonight, Dear?," the Fallout Theater-Workshop's first production this year. Curtain time is 8 p.m. and admission is 50 cents.

The play, written by Bob Robinson, is a satire on the daily lives of seven people; two accountants and their wives, the daughter of an accountant, the daughter's boyfriend, and a bill

collector. It seems the Andersons and the Johnsons don't like to pay their bills, and Mr. Taft is just the man to collect the money from them, or so he thinks.

The play has a romantic side, also. Laura, the Anderson's 16-year-old daughter, after planning to tell her boyfriend to get lost, decides she wants to elope with him secretly instead. She hurries home to make the announcement.

Her boyfriend, Joey, is all for the idea. In fact, he wants to elope that very weekend because he just got his allowance and it will be spent if they wait.

In the midst of the confusion, does Mr. Taft collect his money? Do Laura and Joey elope? The Aggie Players answer that question tonight at 8 p.m.

Also scheduled for the evening are "The Wanderers." They perform in the field of contemporary folk music, commenting on hatchet murders, hangings, the country-western set, airplane disasters, and "Love."

The Fallout Theater-Workshop was built by students for students in January, 1965, with the idea in mind of showing one and two act plays that were put together by students only. Since that time, over 100 plays have been performed, many of them to capacity audiences. Several more Fallout productions are planned for the 1969-70 school year.

Entrance to the Fallout Theaterworkshop is in back of Guion Hall.

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BULLETIN

Raymond V. Audette, an A&M freshman, has been charged with possession of marijuana after Campus Security officers found a small quantity of the narcotic in his dormitory room Thursday night.

Audette, 18-year-old pre-veterinary medicine major, was being held in the Brazos County jail this morning in lieu of \$2,500 bond.

The youth was graduated from high school in Schenectady, N. Y., but his father now resides in Dallas.

Campus Security Chief Ed Powell said that officers searched Audette's Puryear Hall room and found a small bag which they believe contained marijuana. The contents of the bag have been sent to Austin for official analysis.

College Station Justice of the Peace A. P. Boyette Jr. issued a search warrant authorizing the officers to enter Audette's room.

The youth also appeared before Boyette before being transferred to county jail.

Arab Official Will Talk Here Monday

"The Arab View of the Middle East" will be presented here Monday by Richard I. Babaa, director of the League of Arab States Information Center for the Southwest.

A former Palestine government and Jordanian Ministry of the Interior official, Babaa will speak at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, announced Great Issues chairman Tom Fitzhugh.

Babaa, 45, headed the Canadian League of Arab States four years before appointment to his present position. He was born in Samaria, Palestine, and started law studies in Palestine and Jordan. They were completed at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

The official then was employed four years by the government of Palestine under British mandate, followed by four years in the Jordanian Ministry.

In 1957, Babaa served as chief of research in the Arab States delegation to the United Nations. From there, he went to Canada.

He authored "Positive Neutrality—Myth and Reality."

Fitzhugh noted that the Great Issues series, like MSC Political Forum and Contemporary Arts presentations, is subscription-supported and no admittance is charged.

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NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS RECEPTION
Sami Mustafa of Pakistan, one of 164 foreign students attending Texas A&M for the first time this fall, is greeted by President and Mrs. Earl Rudder at a Thursday night reception sponsored by the university's Hospitality Committee. Mustafa is a freshman majoring in architecture. Miss Sadie Hatfield (partially hidden behind Mustafa) is chairman of the Hospitality Committee.