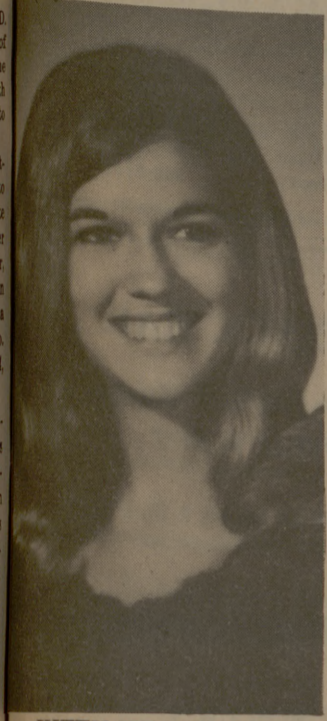


Freshman Ball, Sweetheart Selection Saturday Night



KITTY KEELING



LINDA WATTS



LaNELL KIHN



PAMELA BLACKMAN



ANNALISA MILLER

By Fran Haugen

"The Age of Aquarius" dawns Saturday night at the annual Freshman Ball in Duncan Dining Hall, according to Bill Darkoch, class president.

The formal dance, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., will feature music by The Southwest FOB from Dallas and selection of a Freshman Sweetheart.

A picnic Saturday and a chapel service Sunday will round out Freshman Weekend.

"Cadets will wear Class A uniforms, and although the dance is formal, civilians can wear coats and ties rather than something more formal," Darkoch said.

The theme, "The Age of Aquarius," will be depicted by 12 eight-foot, fluorescently-painted zodiac signs which will decorate the hall.

Tickets are \$5 per couple and can be purchased from freshman council representatives, at the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center or at the door.

"I couldn't say how many tickets have been sold," Darkoch said, "but 700 couples are expected to attend the ball."

The Freshman Class will hold a picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Hensel Park. Cokes will be available, but freshmen and dates must bring their own food.

"We are urging people to bring guitars, and volleyball nets will be set up for the afternoon," Darkoch said.

A 10 a.m. service in All Faiths Chapel Sunday morning will terminate the weekend's activities. The service will be conducted by freshmen, except the sermon will be given by Ed Donell, civilian chaplain.

The five finalists competing for sweetheart are:

Kitty Keelins, a senior at Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena, who will be escorted by James W. DeLony. She has blonde hair and blue-gray eyes.

Twenty-year-old Pamela Sue Blackman from Houston has brown hair and brown eyes. Her escort is Kerry G. Bonner.

LaNell Theresa Kihn, a senior at Jesse H. Jones High School in Houston, has brown hair and brown eyes. Jimmie R. Corley will be her escort.

Linda Dale Watts, a freshman psychology major at Sam Houston State University, will be escorted by Michael E. Temple. She has dark blonde hair and hazel eyes.

Annalisa Miller, a senior at Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio, has red hair and brown eyes. Ronnie Bento will be her escort.

The finalists were selected from 27 nominees by a selection committee consisting of Bill Darkoch, class president; Mike Holley, vice-president; Mike Milliner, secretary-treasurer; Larry Moore, social secretary; and five freshman senators, Ron Clark, Mark Jarvis, Bill Hartsfield, Paul Puryear and Winfield Scott.

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Fall Commencement Not Needed—Senate

By Dave Mayes

Acting on a full agenda Thursday, the Student Senate passed resolutions favoring abolishing January graduation exercises, censuring the student magazine, The Review, and endorsing an environmental teach-in scheduled here in April.

Although balking at restructuring the student court system, the senate also approved a dead week policy, dedicated a blood drive to A&M President Earl Rudder, and expressed some displeasure both at recent actions of the Academic Council and at the letters to the editor policy of The Battalion.

The proposal to end fall graduation exercises was introduced by senate secretary Kirby Brown, who said that if the present procedure were followed this next fall, graduation would be on Dec. 23.

A&M usually graduates students in January, he said, but because the university is going on a new schedule this fall, one in which the semester will be completed before Christmas, the ceremonies are no longer at convenient times.

Brown also called for graduation exercises in the spring to be conducted on a college basis, rather than as an all-university

ceremony. Under his plan graduating students would first hear the commencement speaker and then separate themselves by colleges to receive diplomas in some other location.

The senate adopted Brown's resolution unanimously. It

does most of other senate legislation, now must go first to Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, then to the faculty-staff Executive Committee, and finally to the Academic Council for official approval.

Tommy Henderson (vp-CSC)

presented to the senate the same resolution censuring The Review that the Civilian Student Council passed unanimously in a called meeting Tuesday.

According to the resolution, an article in the Bonfire appearing (See Commencement, page 2)

Through Activation Analysis

Nail Clippings May Be Key To Cystic Fibrosis Detection

Nuclear means are being used at A&M to analyze nail clippings for detection of cystic fibrosis in newborn infants.

Early detection and treatment of the disease can lengthen life expectancy significantly, doctors say. Cystic fibrosis is generally considered the most serious non-tubercular respiratory disease found in children today.

A&M's Activation Analysis Research Laboratory is performing the analyses for a project headed by Dr. G. M. Harrison at the Cystic Fibrosis Care, Teaching and Research Center at Baylor Col-

lege of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Harrison is seeking to develop a mass screening technique.

Activation analysis is a highly precise nuclear means for determining chemical content of any substance.

Dr. L. E. Fite, associate head of the Activation Analysis Research Laboratory, described the nail analysis program at the 159th national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Houston.

Two elements, copper and phosphorus, have shown promise as possible diagnostic indicators, Dr. Fite reported.

"The copper content from 750 normal newborn infants has ranged from two to 30 parts per million," he observed, "while children with cystic fibrosis have indicated copper concentrations from 50 to 200 ppm."

Dr. Fite added that the results of a limited study indicate the phosphorus content of nail clippings from children with cystic fibrosis is approximately one and one-half to two times greater than that found in normal children.

Initially, the A&M and Baylor (See Cystic, page 3)



NEW COURTS PROPOSAL—Jim Stephenson, (sr. LA) explains a proposed new student court system to senators during Thursday night's Student Senate meeting. The proposal was tabled for further consideration. (Photo by Jim Berry)

TWU Date Bureau Formed

The university's YMCA and the Big'em Club of Texas Woman's University have set up a dating service for the students of the two schools.

The file of girls' applications, with pictures, will be kept at the YMCA and the boys' applications, with pictures, will be kept at TWU.

To get a date through the service, a student must have an

application on file at the other school. A two-week deadline for date applications is required.

Applications may be picked up at the YMCA office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

Aggies desiring to use the service should turn in their application with a recent snapshot to the YMCA. They may select the girl they wish to ask for a date

from the file at the YMCA and write or call the girl, including in their communications confirmation of overnight lodging.

The YMCA and the Gig'em Club are serving as contact points only.

"The universities, the Gig'em Club and the YMCA are in no way responsible for relative success of your date," the YMCA says.

Coed Life at A&M—Conclusion

Girls Searching For Place in Student Government

By Pam Trobey
Battalion Staff Writer

With the coming of complete education at Texas A&M, women students have been searching for their place in student government and activities.

Finding their place has not been easy and many coeds have expressed their frustration.

"The Corps is barely twice the number of girls," said one coed, "so why should they control the school. Girls need representation. We finally have a representative on the CSC, but we still have none on the Senate."

Three coeds said that they had been for a student office, but the fact that they were girls was emphasized rather than their qualifications.

Several girls said that they thought a coed could be elected to an office this spring, because the general attitude that a girl could not represent the student body was dying out.

Still the majority of the 35 coeds interviewed by The Battalion only laughed when asked if they planned to run for an office this spring.

"Girls can't make it here," said one junior.

"It would really help if we could campaign in the dorms one

night," said one blonde. "We're at a disadvantage because someone else has to put up our signs and we can't meet and talk with large groups of students."

"Indirectly through popular opinion," said Student Body President Gerry Geistweidt, "women have been kept off the Student Senate, although there is nothing on paper against it."

"Under the new concept of advancement in academics and reputation," he continued, "it is necessary to have women as participants in student affairs. Still, I'm not so 'new army' that I'd like to see a girl yell leader or student body president because she would not be representative of the student body due to their small number."

"There is a place on the Student Senate for girls," he said. "We should have a University Women ex-officio representative."

"It might be nice to have a girl on the Senate," said Charles Hoffman, chairman of Political Forum, "but I'm in favor of doing away with all ex-officio members."

Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate President Mac Spears said that there is more "open-mindedness" about girls running for office this year, but whether she won would depend on the individual girl.

"They cannot, of course, run for yell leader," he said. "University regulations require that all candidates be undergraduate males."

Mark Olson, president of the Civilian Student Council, said that he doubted a girl could be elected student body president because the representative of a predominantly male college should be male. But he added that a girl might win a lesser office such as treasurer.

He said that the CSC had provided for coed representation from University Women last year and that this year, for the first time, a female freshman assistant to the council was selected.

Olson said that residence hall day during Civilian Week also has been planned to include women and that they will be "the center of attention."

Matt Carroll, corps commander, refused to comment to The Battalion on anything concerning coeds.

Spears said that he had "pushed hard for coed participation" in MSC activities, too; but that he would like to get away from the "token idea," because the girls are being used to do all the work.

Two coeds said that they and three others had applied for MSC Council and Directorate last spring, but that no coed was se-

lected. One of them pointed out that some of the people who were selected have since dropped out.

The other said she was told that since she did not live on campus, she could not realize the problems facing the MSC.

Spears said that none of the girls was selected, because the males were better qualified.

Women have proportionate role in MSC activities, but they have to "be bold and join," said one committee chairman.

Less than 15 per cent of the 35 coeds interviewed said that they were members of any MSC committee.

"We have to do more to get girls in MSC activities," said Tom Fitzhugh, Great Issues chairman. "The ones who are interested do a great job and do their work as well as anyone else. There are several on my committee and Pat Lucey and Gail Hobgood are serving as treasurer and secretary."

Harry K. Lesser, chairman of Student Conference on National Affairs, agreed that more girls were needed for MSC activities, because they "worked real hard." He said that he was disappointed in the small number of girls applying as delegates for the conference.

"A coed has never served on Town Hall," said chairman Rex Stewart, "because one has never

applied. Only juniors are eligible to serve on Town Hall and I assume that the girls get interested in other activities and are not interested in working their way up from the bottom as the other juniors do."

Hoffman said that he was "willing to talk" to any girl who is interested in helping on the committee, but that at present only one girl is a member of Political Forum.

Most clubs on the campus welcome women members and only last Thursday a mixed chorus was formed by Bob Boone. Twenty-nine girls and 25 boys attended Thursday's meeting, and Boone hopes to soon have 100 voices.

The first professional organization on campus for women, Gamma Alpha Chi, was founded in March of last year with eleven charter members. The club has since combined with Alpha Delta Sigma to form a combined advertising society.

Although there are coeds on the staffs of The Battalion and Review, The Aggieland staff is composed of males only.

Charles Prendergast, assistant editor, said that girls would have been put on the staff if any had applied, but last year's assistant editor, Mike Wright, said that girls were excluded from the staff.

"Since most of the executive positions are handled by one company in the corps," he said, "the atmosphere is unhealthy for girls. I suggested a girl for a position last year and she was turned down because she was a woman."

The local chapter of Sigma Delta Chi also excludes women students at the present time, although the national organization has approved female membership,

Fashion '70 Registration Next Week

Registration for Fashion Fair '70 will begin Monday and continue through Friday in the Memorial Student Center.

Those interested may sign up between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the post office area.

The fair itself will be March 14. It is designed to give girls a chance to learn fashion modeling, make-up, hair styling, wardrobe planning, and grooming.

Twenty participants will be chosen to model in the Neiman-Marcus fashion show March 24.

according to president Tom Curl.

Several coeds have complained that they are unable to compete in tennis at A&M, although there are girls on the gymnastics, judo and karate teams.

Athletic Director Gene Stallings said that nobody had ever brought up the question of girls playing tennis at A&M, but that he would assume that "if a young lady were best at that position, then she would play."

Other coeds are unhappy because there is no women's dressing room in the physical education department. Several said that people walk in and out while the classes are trying to dress.

Emil Mamaliga, physical education professor, said that the only facilities available for a women's dressing room is the visiting varsity dressing room, but that a sign was always posted on the door.

"We've made a very smooth transition to coeducational physical education," he said. "Folk dancing, golf, fencing, gymnastics, bowling, tennis, badminton, volleyball and adapted physical education are open to girls and, next fall, swimming will be open to women."

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