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Rules Panel Turns Down Senate Court Proposal

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The university's Rules and Regulations Committee Monday turned down a Student Senate proposal to establish a student-administration Court of Appeals.

The committee did recommend however, that the structure of the university's faculty-staff Appeals Committee be modified, requiring the appellate panel's two representatives from the Office of the

Dean of Students be reduced to ex-officio (non-voting) status.

The committee also recommended that the Appeals panel request the pair to no longer take part in court-like deliberations but to leave the room with the student whose disciplinary case is being considered.

H. L. Heaton, dean of admissions and chairman of the rules panel, said that the recommendations would be forwarded to the faculty-staff Executive Committee for approval.

The senate's plan was presented to the rules committee by Senator Jim Stephenson (sr-LA), who told The Battalion Monday that he would seek approval of the court plan from the Executive Committee.

Stephenson said he met with the committee for an hour and a half, presenting his case and answering questions. He said he was not present when the committee made its decision.

When he called Heaton late Monday afternoon, Stephenson said he was informed of the committee's recommendations but not given any reasons why the senate's proposal had not been approved.

The senator said that during the committee meeting some members doubted whether a student would be as fair as an administrator in hearing student cases. They suggested, Stephenson said, that a student commit-

tee member would be too harsh a judge and would not accept the Appeals panel's notion that it is a rehabilitative, and not a punitive, body.

Rules and Regulations Committee members are Heaton, Dr. Peter D. Weiner, mechanical engineering; Felix Gibson, athletic counselor; W. H. Aldred, agricultural engineering; Don Stafford, associate dean of students, and Civilian Corps Adviser Malon Southerland and Senate President Gerry Geistweidt, both of whom were absent at Monday's session.

The court proposal was unanimously passed by the senate March 5, and, according to Stephenson, was mainly an effort to get student representation at the Appeals Committee level.

He said the senate had tried last year to simply have a student member place on the Appeals panel, but that this request was denied.

"This year we're attempting to do the same thing, only by a different method," Stephenson said.

Under the current proposal the court of appeals would have jurisdiction over cases involving student disciplinary matters, and others concerning student affairs.

Currently, these cases are handled through the Appeals panel, which, according to the senate's plan, would only have jurisdiction over student cases concerning academic matters.

Members on the Court of Appeals would be two faculty members and two administrators—all four appointed by the A&M president—and three students appointed by the student body president with consent of the senate.

Student courts responsible to the Court of Appeals would include the Cadet Courts, Civilian Honor Council, Dormitory Judiciary Committee, Election Commission and Traffic Court. Appeals could also be channeled from the office of the Dean of Students.

Stephenson reported in last Thursday's senate meeting that he had talked with Dr. Horace Byers, academic vice president, concerning the possible placement of students on more university committees.

The student senator quoted Byers as saying that there were no students on A&M's legislative councils and that he hoped that in the future this policy would be maintained.

"There are certain social institutions which cannot be governed democratically," Byers was quoted as saying, "the family, the hospital, the army and the university."

Some senators suggested that Dr. Byers or a representative from the president's office be invited to the next senate meeting to further discuss the role of the student on university committees.

A motion to that effect was passed with a single dissenting vote cast by Charles Hoffman (jr-LA).

A&M Supports Airport Board

A&M's Executive Committee Monday said the proposed airport authority is a workable plan and should be supported Saturday.

The committee, composed of the university's deans and vice presidents, said that Bryan-College Station deserves a first-class airport and that A&M will accept any legitimate community plan for financial support of Easterwood.

"Texas A&M has operated Easterwood for the community for 29 years," the committee noted, "but can no longer provide all the finances for operation and improvement of the facility."

The university's board of directors recognized the need for financial support by the community as early as 1964 and restated its plea in a resolution passed in 1968, committee members said.

Pointing out that other comparable communities find it advantageous to invest millions of dollars in airports, the A&M board requested that Bryan, College Station and Brazos County contribute to the maintenance and improvement of Easterwood Airport.

The board noted the airport must be entirely self-supporting, since the university is prohibited by law from using any state-appropriated funds for operation, maintenance or improvement of the facility.

Revenue for the airport is de-

rived from sale of aircraft fuel and rental space in the terminal and hangars.

Such revenue is no longer sufficient to cover operating costs and also provide for required maintenance and improvements, the board added.

"Easterwood's present condition requires funds for major improvements in order for it to be maintained as an up-to-date, modern, safe and serviceable airport for the benefit of the entire community," the 1968 resolution said.

The Executive Committee said needed improvements include:

- Strengthening and overlay of runways
- Strengthening, overlay and widening of taxiways
- Repair and expansion of parking ramp space for aircraft
- Addition of a fire and rescue building

Committee members also pointed out the airport is technically being operated in violation of two Federal Aviation Agency regulations.

To conform to one of the FAA regulations, the group said, the airport must acquire the land for the "clear zone" at the north end of the instrument runway. Also, to meet federal regulations, the committee said the road at the south end of the airport should be relocated because it is too close to the runway.



SWEETHEART—Blue-eyed Brunette Cheryl Maurine Spruce of San Antonio, junior elementary education major at Southwest Texas State University, was crowned Junior Class Sweetheart for 1970-71 during the class dance Saturday night.

FDT Does It Again Places First for Third Time

A&M's Freshman Drill Team won the overall trophy for the third straight year here Saturday during the university's annual 48-inch drill meet, retiring the 48-inch master trophy.

Sam Houston State University placed second and Texas A&I University was third. The University of Houston and Tarleton State also won trophies in the two-team, three-event meet.

A&M frosh took first place in inspection, second place in basic drill and second place in fancy drill. Sam Houston won a first

place trophy in fancy drill and third place in basic drill.

Texas A&I took third in fancy drill, the University of Houston won a first in inspection and Tarleton won first in basic drill.

The Freshman Drill Team, national champions for the past two years, became permanent owners of the master trophy after their third straight win. A meet rule states any team that wins the trophy three years in a row becomes permanent owner.

Also entered in the meet were teams from Rice, Arkansas and

the University of Texas.

Fish Drill Team Commander Beverly S. Kennedy of Austin accepted the master trophy from A&M Academic Vice President Horace R. Byers, who represented hospitalized A&M President Earl Rudder.

The sixth annual meet was sponsored by the commandant's office and the Association of Former Freshman Drill Team members.

Personnel from the U. S. Marine Corps Officer Selection Program in Austin served as judges.

Pianist, Actors Here Tonight As Festival 70 Nears End

The fields of music, film, theater and art will be covered during the remainder of Festival 70, two-week art festival sponsored by the Contemporary Arts Committee.

Activities tonight will include performance by concert pianist Alpha Dichter and an improvisation theater by The Kenwood theater of San Antonio.

Dichter will perform at 8 in the Bryan Civic Auditorium and the theater group will begin its show at 8 in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

The Kenwood Theater is an improvisation theater composed of San Antonio poverty area people whose aim is to promote community involvement among members of the poverty area and people outside of it.

Through their appearances the group provides college scholarships for Kenwood youth.

"They (the group) write and produce their own plays, several about themselves and their community," said Tom Ellis, committee chairman. "They are opening new opportunities for themselves by being actively involved in creating their own culture and

investigating and developing their own mental processes and creative abilities."

Dichter, 24-year-old pianist who has earned world renown, will be performing under the sponsorship of the Rotary Community Series and Town Hall.

Festival 70's examination of the

Scarpelli Lectures At Vet School

Dr. D. G. Scarpelli, chairman of the Pathology and Oncology Department at the University of Kansas Medical Center, is visiting the College of Veterinary Medicine until Wednesday to lecture and consult with the Pathology Department.

Dr. Scarpelli holds an M.D. degree and a Ph.D. in pathology.

His special interests are ultrastructural cytochemistry, carcinogenesis and comparative pathology.

arts continues Wednesday at 8 p.m. with an address in the MSC Assembly Room by Sebastian Adler, director of Houston's Contemporary Arts Museum. Adler's talk is on "Our Place."

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. in Guion Hall the Aggie Players will stage the final three presentations of Samuel Spewack's play about ants and men, "Under the Sycamore Tree." The play is a satire in which ants are the counterparts of man and exhibit his activities and emotions.

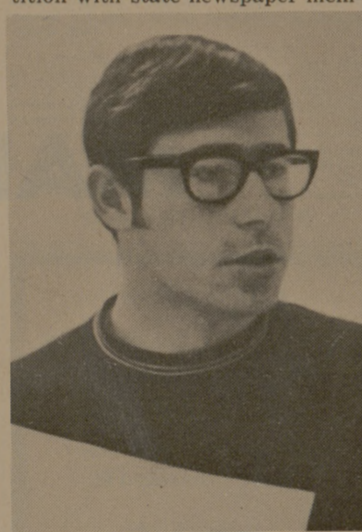
Festival 70 ends Friday with a talk by Dallas graphics specialist Crawford Dunn and the Spring Film Festival showing of the Japanese-made film "Woman in the Dune."

Dunn, presented by the A&M chapter of the American Institute of Architects, will speak in the Architecture building lobby.

Showing at 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom, "Woman in the Dune" is an allegory probing fundamental questions about existence and the meaning of freedom. The plot centers around a man who is held captive with a woman in the bottom of a sand pit.

Battalion Sports Editor Wins First Place at AP Convention

Richard Campbell, sports editor for The Battalion, has won a first place in sports writing in competition with state newspaper mem-



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bers of the Associated Press. Campbell, 22, won an AP certificate and cash award for his story on the A&M-Army football game, judged best among entries submitted by papers serving cities below 75,000 population. It was the only award won by a college newspaper this year.

Campbell is a journalism senior who last year was editor of The Review, campus literary magazine. The Seguin native is also treasurer of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic professional organization.

Battalion editor Dave Mayes won honorable mention in the short feature story contest for a piece written last summer as courthouse reporter for The Daily Eagle.

Mayes accepted the awards Sunday at the annual Texas Associated Press Managing Editors convention in Houston.

At New CS City Hall

Employees Enjoying the 'Elbow Room'

By Hayden Whitsett
Battalion Staff Writer

Elbow room seems to be the most enjoyed aspect of the new city hall, at least to the city employees working there.

Chief Melvin Luedke of the College Station police department summed up the majority opinion when he said, "There is nothing to compare it to in size. After what we had been working in, this is great."

Despite the dedication date this Saturday, all of the city departments, with the exception of the still-organizing fire station, were moved to the new buildings two weeks ago.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new twin building complex will be presented from a bunting-decked platform in front of the city hall. Presiding over the ceremonies will be Frank Anderson and Ernest Langford, past mayors of College Station, and D. A. (Andy) Anderson, the present mayor.

C. H. Ransdell, assistant dean of engineering at A&M and a city councilman, will be the master of ceremonies.

According to Ran Boswell, city manager, the new city hall and police and fire station were first conceived about two years ago when it became apparent that

the old building would not be enough to take care of the expansion problems.

Boswell said that the contract for the buildings was set about a year ago and that the groundbreaking was April 19, 1969. The white-concrete buildings cost about \$346,000 and were financed by bonds, he added.

The City Hall will house the offices of the mayor, city secretary, planner, manager, and the utilities, public works, water and sewer offices, and engineering sections.

The separate police and fire station building will house the police and fire departments and be a garage for the two new fire trucks.

Boswell said that a list of telephone numbers from the new offices was sent to all citizens on the utility roles. Citizens who do have a problem reaching the city hall should call 846-7761.

"In the old city hall we had one room for the entire department and it was 10 by 13 feet," said Luedke about how things used to be for the police department.

"Now, he continued, "we have a room that size for the sergeant, the detective, and myself, as well as one twice that size for the patrolmen."

He added that there is also an interrogation room, a room for the municipal court clerk, a waiting room, dispatchers room and a record and supply room.

The fire station segment of the building contains a kitchen, dormitory space, a day room, and the truck stalls. Luedke said that the station is presently empty because the crews for the trucks haven't been organized.

The city hall itself has a total usable space amounting to 9,700 square feet, the police and fire station 5,700. George Eby, the first full time city planner College Station has had, said that

the new building is large, beautiful, and functional.

"In the old building," Eby said, "two people couldn't pass by each other in the corridors without difficulty." "Now," he said, "you could march an army down one."

The hall is divided into three basic segments: the public area, the offices, and the work areas.

The public area is comprised of the cashier's collection window in the front of the building and the city council and municipal court room.

The court room is a large oval-shaped room with a nine person

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SCONA XVI Meets Tonight To Organize, Consider Topics

SCONA XVI will hold an organizational meeting tonight at 7:30, announced Dave Mayfield, chairman of the Sixteenth Student Conference on National Affairs.

The meeting in room 3B of the Memorial Student Center will be mainly concerned with selecting a topic for next year's conference, Mayfield said. He emphasized that any student wishing to sug-

gest a topic or participate in selecting one may attend the meeting, and is encouraged to.

Mayfield also said that anyone who wants to work on the SCONA XVI committee should also attend the meeting.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
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NEW HOME—Amid packing boxes George Eby, city planner, talks with Lynda Swove-land, city secretary, in the new College Station City Hall on Texas Avenue. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)