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Soapbox Forum Gets MSC Council Okay

By David Middlebrooke
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A proposal for a "soapbox" forum on the Texas A&M campus, to provide students and university personnel an opportunity to speak out publicly on any issue they wish, was approved Monday night by the Memorial Student Center Council.

Council President Joe M. (Mac) Spears III said no plans have been made yet for further action towards translating the proposal into reality, but that he and other councilmen will discuss the matter with Dean of Students James P. Hannigan soon.

The council also elected nine students to committee chairmanships for the 1970-71 school year.

The soapbox forum was proposed by Tom Fitzhugh, Student Senate representative to the council and 1970-71 council president-elect. He said that the forum is intended to provide open discussion between A&M students, faculty members, administrators and others associated with the university.

Fitzhugh said that information had been gathered from other universities which have had experiences with similar programs, and that his proposal was the result of much study and work.

The forum, as outlined by Fitzhugh, would be under the sponsorship of the Great Issues Committee.

A moderator selected by the Issues subcommittee of Great Issues and approved by the Great Issues executive committee would be in complete charge of the forums.

Two to four assistants, selected in the same manner as the moderator, would assist him with crowd discipline and help stimulate discussion.

Forum speakers would be selected from the audience "in a random and impartial manner," Fitzhugh said, and would be allowed 10 minutes to speak, with a 5-minute rebuttal period, if desired. The moderator would enforce time limits.

Location of the forum, Fitzhugh continued, would be in front of Guion Hall until the open-air campus mall is completed. Then, he said, the forums would be moved to the mall area between the library and the Agriculture Building.

Forums would be scheduled once a week, Fitzhugh explained, and would last about two hours, probably from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

They would begin with the moderator placing a soapbox in the discussion area and announcing that the forum was open. He would then begin selecting speakers. Speakers would be required to present identification, Fitzhugh said, and to prove affiliation with the university.

Use of obscenity would not be tolerated, Fitzhugh said. If a speaker ignored the moderator's first warning he would be asked to step down.

No limits would be imposed on discussion topics, Fitzhugh said, allowing anyone to talk about anything he wished. He noted that no campaigning would be allowed. Speakers could discuss campus issues, he said, but would not be allowed to campaign for specific candidates.

If speakers got out of hand, Fitzhugh said, the moderator would have complete authority to end the forum for the day.

When the forum was over, or the moderator decided to end it, he would announce the closing of the forum, pick up the soapbox and walk away.

In other business, the council elected nine students to 1970-71 MSC Directorate Committee chairmanships.

Otway B. Denny, junior political science major, was named Leadership Committee chairman. Denny has served as public relations officer both for the committee and the YMCA Cabinet.

Radio Committee chairman—(See "Soapbox", page 3)



BEHIND BUT GAINING—The second A&M runner in the mile relay, Harold McMahon (right), receives the baton from leadoff man Don Keller and takes off in pursuit of the Rice runner. A&M fought from behind to win the event in the 43rd Texas Relays last weekend in Austin. The Aggies captured three relay events and the meet. See story page 6. (Photo by Mike Wright)

House Speaker Elections Subject of Wednesday Talk

Political aspects of electing speakers to the Texas House of Representatives will be presented here Wednesday by Rep. Ralph Wayne of Plainview.

The noon Political Forum presentation will be in Rooms 2C-D of the Memorial Student Center.

Election Filing Ends Thursday

Filing for the April 23 general elections will close Thursday at 5 p. m., according to Mike Wiebe, election commission vice president for publicity.

Wiebe said that students can pick up applications in the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center.

announced Chairman Charles Hoffman.

Admission is free and lunches will be available at nominal cost. Hoffman said recent Political Forum speakers have attracted considerable attention, necessitating additional audience facilities.

Audiences overflowed the 50-chair meeting rooms for the last two speakers.

A former television news director, communications business executive and insurance company board member, Wayne was Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes' statewide campaign manager in 1968.

The 37-year-old legislator was first elected to the House in 1964. He chairs the House administration and federal relations committees and serves on rules, state affairs, banking, labor, state schools and hospitals, urban af-

airs and penitentiaries committees, among others.

A native Texan, Wayne attended schools in Shamrock, Happy, Tulia—where his parents now reside—and Canyon and graduated from West Texas State in 1953.

The Political Forum speaker was news director and operations manager at KFDD-TV in Amarillo until 1962, is board chairman of Texas Communications Inc., and president of Panhandle Broadcasting Inc.

He was "outstanding freshman" legislator during the 59th session.

Wayne served on the House Legislative Council during the 59th and 60th sessions and was delegate at the National Legislative Conference.

The father of three has served in numerous civic and professional capacities and was Plainview's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" in 1965.

10 East Asian Students Here for 'Experiment'

By Hayden Whitsett
Battalion Staff Writer

Ten students from East Asian and Pacific nations are scheduled to begin an experiment in international living here at A&M today.

The students, of The Experiment in International Living, a special foreign student exchange program, were scheduled to arrive this afternoon at Easterwood Airport after a tour of the University of Hawaii and the University of California at Berkeley.

The 10-day visit to A&M is to give the foreign student leaders an opportunity to get acquainted with the American college and university system and the values and attitudes of their American counterparts, according to Paul Scopel, chairman of the Memorial Student Center Travel Committee.

"One can best learn another culture or language by living within it," Scopel said. "This provides such an opportunity for foreign students."

The program, under the sponsorship of the United States State Department, picked A&M because it is a large land-grant college and because it will allow the students to observe the culture, industry and agriculture of the area, Scopel said.

The students will continue a tour of the United States by leaving for New Orleans April 17.

They come from Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, Singa-

pore, Taiwan, Thailand and Malaysia. They will be staying with A&M student leaders during most of the stay.

During their stay on campus the students will tour the campus and outlying areas, attend Great Issues, "The Spiral Staircase" Town Hall presentation, be guests of the corps at Duncan Dining Hall for Faculty Night, and attend a Rotary meeting.

On the weekend they will travel to Houston. During this period they will stay in private homes and tour the city. An old-fashioned barbecue at Washington-on-the-Brazos will round out the two-day trip.

"I think A&M will give them a full view of university life," Scopel said. "We have tried to come up with a program that will follow an interesting train of events without the students becoming too tired," he added.

"We are at a time when understanding of other countries is very important," Scopel said. "To live in a world with many nations we must be able to understand all of them," he said. "It is very easy to think we are the only nation in the world and because of that we must keep the lines of communication open. These foreign students allow us to do so."

A Note of Thanks

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR FRIENDS:

Printed words are hopelessly inadequate to express the feelings of the Rudder family. In time, we hope to personally tell you of our gratitude for the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness during our days of concern and sadness. To so many people who did so much, perhaps this will be our only way to say thank you for sharing our burdens these past days.

President Rudder loved Texas A&M as only an A&M man can love his school. Its ideals were his ideals. Its goals, his goals. Its triumphs, his triumphs. And its failures, his failures. Its students, faculty, staff and alumni and, of course, board of directors were his warmest friends, his abiding concern, his first and last thoughts.

And, in a very special way, he loved this community and its citizens.

The outpouring of affection, concern and tribute from campus and community friends throughout his illness and during his final hour gave us comfort and strength and resolution to meet the days ahead. The special services on campus were particularly meaningful to us.

The Rudder roots are planted deep in Brazos County. Here we shall stay, to continue in whatever ways are available, to develop the dreams Earl Rudder dreamed.

Many times he said, "If we only had the time, think of the things we could accomplish here..." While his hour is over, for us and for you, time remains to continue the development of our university and our community.

God has blessed the Rudder family in many special ways. Among the greatest of His blessings is the rich, personal relationships we have made with so many wonderful people.

With His help, we will continue to work with you for a greater Texas A&M and a greater community.

Mrs. Earl Rudder
and the Rudder Family

Czech to Lecture In MSC Tonight

A panel featuring Dr. Zdenek Matejka will give Czechoslovakians' views on whether the U. S. can help the embroiled country in a Great Issues presentation tonight.

The Czech Embassy secretary and former Czech diplomat will speak at 8 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, announced Great Issues chairman Tom Fitzhugh.

The admission-free address and question-answer session is the third segment of a four-part U. S.-East European Relations Seminar.

On the panel with Dr. Matejka will be Dr. Edward Tobarsky, for six years a personal aide to the Czechoslovakian president, a former Czech diplomat and now a professor of government at the University of Texas as Austin.

Matejka is third secretary of the Czech Embassy, covering domestic affairs of the United States and international economic policies of this country. The 34-year-old official studied at Prague's Economic School, the Institute of International Relations in Moscow and is the recipient of a doctor of international law degree from Charles University's Law School in Prague.

He was with the American section of the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry two years and in 1963-64 served with the Czech delegation to the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Panmunjom, Korea.

'Love' the Topic Wednesday As Marriage Forum Begins

Dr. Sidney Hamilton, professor of psychology at North Texas State University, will open the YMCA's four-part Marriage Forum program Wednesday.

Hamilton will speak at 7:30 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom on "How Can You Tell It's Love?"

Talks on succeeding Wednesdays will be given by Dr. Robert Ledbetter, practicing marriage counselor from Austin, on communications in marriage; and Dr. Henry Bowman, retired professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, on sex in human relations. Bowman will talk one

week on premarital sex and the final week on marital sex.

Hamilton is a member of the American Association of Marriage Counselors, one of five Texas members permanently elected to full membership in the association.

He also serves as consultant to U. S. Steel Corp., IBM and other large corporations.

Marriage Forum, explained chairman Ronald Owens of the YMCA's special programs committee, is intended to provide information on the many problems and questions that arise before and during marriage.

King Ranch Director to Speak At Agricultural Convocation

A speech by a noted South Texas rancher and a western art show by a former student will highlight the 1970 Agricultural Convocation here Wednesday.

The annual meeting of all faculty, staff and students recognizes the outstanding students and faculty member, in addition to providing a speaker on some phase of Agriculture.

Belton Kleberg Johnson, rancher from La Pryor and a director of the King Ranch Inc., will speak at 8 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, according to Dr. R. C. Potts, associate dean of agriculture.

The art show will exhibit the

works of Bill Leftwich, a 1954 graduate, who specializes in pictures carved in leather. The leather and other paintings will be displayed in the lobby of the MSC on Thursday and Friday.

The convocation annually seeks to recognize the outstanding students in the college, Dr. Potts said. The fraternity Alpha Zeta names the top underclassmen and the college administration recognizes the top graduating seniors. The Student Agricultural Council presents the Honor Professor Award to the agriculture professor who serves as the greatest inspiration to the undergraduate student body.

Incumbents List Priorities For City Improvements

By Bob Robinson
Battalion Staff Writer

Street and sewer improvements are the main concern of incumbents seeking uncontested seats in today's College Station City Council election.

Mayor D. A. (Andy) Anderson, Dr. C. H. Ransdell and James H. Dozier listed streets, sewer and water mains, development of a park and zoning on the priority list in separate interviews with The Battalion.

Dozier listed the new sub-division and zoning ordinances as primary on the list of jobs to be completed this year.

"Over two years ago," he said, GREAT SAVINGS PLANS made even better by new legal rates at FIRST BANK & TRUST. Adv.

"the city hired a firm to prepare an up-to-date zoning ordinance. Since that time, the Planning and Zoning Commission has been editing it to fit our community. It was a prototype ordinance used throughout the United States."

Dozier said he hoped the work on it would be done by this year and brought before the council for action.

He added that a revised and up-dated sub-division ordinance has already been completed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and brought before the Council for action.

Dozier also said he preferred the "pay as you go" plan in the financing of city street improvements.

This plan allows for streets to be paved and sidewalks put in on

a voluntary basis. A petition is signed by 60 per cent of the property owners along a street, after which the street is paved and all owners assessed \$4 a foot.

A petition to put in a sidewalk must be signed by 100 per cent of the property owners.

In cases of extreme need for paving or sidewalks, Dozier said, such as the street being a safety hazard for children, the city has the power to complete the work and assess the owners.

"This method is preferable," he said, "because you'd have to go to the people for bonds every year, otherwise, and there's not (See Council, page 3)

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—Adv.