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## Candidates Define Issues At Senate Election Rally

By Tom Curl

A political rally on the eve of today's student elections showed that the main issue of the campaign this year is not a corps-civilian split, but instead a choice mainly between conservatives and liberals.

The choice is perhaps most obvious in the race for the presidency of the Student Senate. In the absence of a candidate from the Corps of Cadets, the choice lies between Kent Caperton, head of the controversial Fifth Wheel Committee, and Bill Maskal, a member of the Campus Committee of Concern. The dress and ideas of the 16 candidates who spoke at the rally showed that perhaps the contemporary question of "establishment" versus "student activism" has reached the A&M campus.

Gerry Geistweidt, current president of the Student Senate, opened

Wednesday's rally with a plea for objective selection of next year's Senate officers. He compared the candidates and the offices to a high-powered weapon. "The desired qualities of a student body officer are like the attributes of a high-powered rifle; the candidates are riflemen and the offices they seek are the rifles," he said.

Geistweidt emphasized that the power of the offices must be used

carefully to avoid their abuse and that the best "riflemen" should be the ones elected.

"Traditions of loyalty, brotherhood and sanity are not necessarily impediments to progress," he told a growing crowd of 500 to 600.

Caperton led off the campaign speeches of the candidates by leveling a blast at persons who tried to deviate from the campaign issues, an obvious reference to the criticism of the Fifth Wheel Committee. The group has been the object of complaints by numerous people because of its alleged attempt to "take over" campus politics.

Caperton emphasized, however, that he did not mean his criticism to be aimed at his opponent, Maskal. He added that Maskal

had been primarily concerned with various campaign issues. Caperton added that most of his campaign time has been spent trying to convince students that they can and should participate in student government.

He chided the assembled students for the poor turnout in past elections and called for a better response this time.

"It's hard to expect the administration to respect us when we can't even get 30 per cent of the students out to vote," he remarked.

He added that students are currently the victims of a "plugged up bureaucracy" and an ineffective student government.

Maskal, the other presidential candidate, came to the stage wearing a work shirt with his campaign symbol of a clenched fist for student power stenciled on the back. The reaction of the crowd showed that he had many supporters present.

In opening, he apologized for his nervousness at the speaker's podium.

"I guess it's because this is a bad place to speak on a Wednesday at Texas A&M University," he commented to the sound of laughter from the crowd. It was an obvious reference to the student rally that was broken up by University Police last week when

an unauthorized speaker appeared.

Maskal presented a paraphrased version of the first amendment to the Constitution in supporting his program of student involvement in the administration of the university. He advocated that all student activity fees be allocated by the Student Senate and called for an immediate investigation of the office of the Dean of Students, James P. Hannigan. The investigation would ostensibly be

conducted by a joint committee of students, faculty and Acting President Alvin R. Luedecke.

He attacked university policies in the area of freedom of speech and the press.

"How can you have the exchange of free ideas if you have nothing, if you have no rights," Maskal demanded.

He urged the assembled students to vote so they can "show the administration you give a

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## Caperton Favored By 53 Per Cent

Kent Caperton was favored Wednesday to win the presidency of the student body by 53 per cent of 503 students questioned by a student polling group, according to Julio Richer.

Richer said Caperton was the choice of 269 students; Bill Maskal, 149. Eighty-five others were undecided or indifferent.

Of these, 478 students said they will vote today, 10 said no and 15 were indifferent, he said.

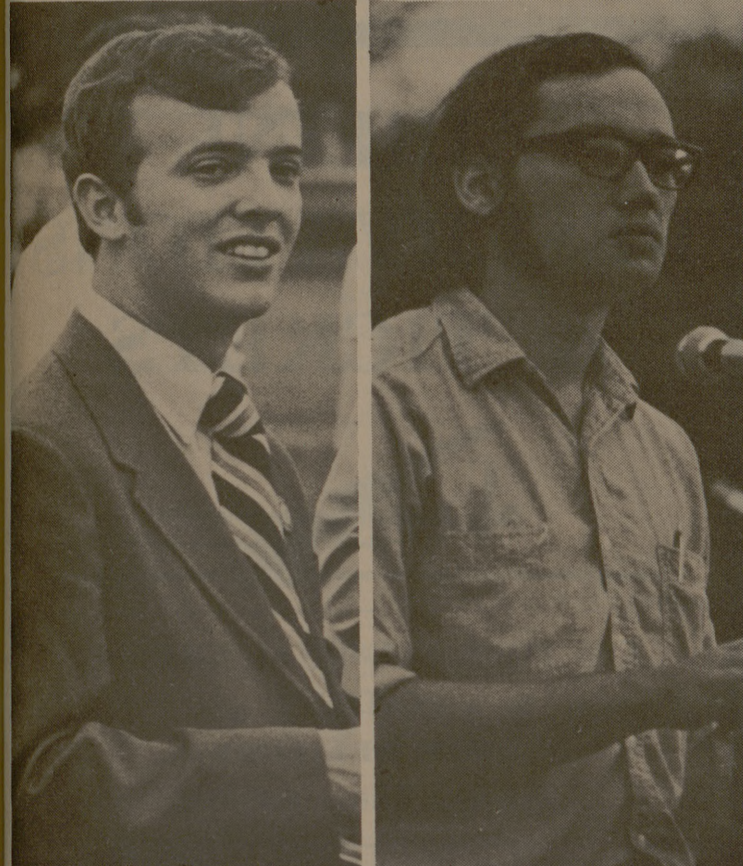
The poll was conducted in Moses Hall, Dorms 2 and 4, dur-

ing the election rally and in two classes.

Richer said that the poll was an accurate prediction of the outcome of the presidential race, but that he doubted that many people would really vote.

He plans to conduct an after-election poll during the go-cart race Saturday.

The complete results of the poll will be in the reserve room of the library this week under Business Analysis 666, William Saitta.



ELECTION FOES—Kent Caperton (left) and Bill Maskal, candidates in today's election for Student Senate President, speak during a political rally Wednesday on the drill field across from the Memorial Student Center. (Photo by Bob Stump)

## Litter Major Polluter, Sen. Blanchard Warns

Concentration of large numbers of people in small areas is the key factor behind the increasing amounts of litter polluting our water, air and landscape, State Sen. H. J. (Doc) Blanchard of Lubbock said here Wednesday.

People consume, and most consume more than their share, Blanchard said, but technology has not reached the point where consumables are packaged in readily disposable containers.

"The ladies like their purchases attractively packaged, but the problem is how do we get rid of the packaging," he told a Political Forum audience.

"A family of three," he claimed, "produces more garbage in a month than can be contained in a two-auto carport."

Other areas are also at fault, Blanchard told the standing-room-only crowd of more than 200. Petrochemical complexes in Harris County and along the Gulf coast contribute, he said. Disposable beer bottles average 30 cents each to pick up from along highways, he explained, where the full bottle costs 35 cents.

Milk shake plastic containers do not deteriorate, nor do lollipop sticks, he added. A high level of cellulose content in Gulf of Mexico Waters worries the fishing industry and oceanographers. It can be traced to toilet tissue, he said.

"I'd be willing to bet more than half of you — and I have to include myself — don't have trash receptacles in your cars," Blanchard challenged. "So tissue paper, cigarette butts and trash litter the landscape.

"The tiny tip of a filter cigarette is a real problem," he added. "It is very difficult to get rid of."

"We want nice things," the senator observed. "But we are not willing to pay the price to keep this country a healthy place to live."

Part of the solution is awareness and we must start at the elementary school level making people aware of pollution problems, he said.

"You can talk about pollution of our air and water, but if you don't do something, it's no solution," Blanchard warned.

Too many people think legislators can pass laws and solve the problem, he remarked. The state can create ordinances, he said, but it has few means of enforcing them. He also noted that cities and counties have been given the authority to enforce cases of industrial pollution of air and water, made unlawful by passage in 1967 of the Texas Pure Air Act.

He said that centralization of the responsibility for enforcement is needed. He noted that Texas has no controls on auto emission.

"I admit the state needs this control," he said. "We can pass such a law, but the legislature can't insure its enforcement as things stand."

Solutions, while complex, can be reduced to two elements, he said.

"They are awareness on the part of people of the pollution problems and research. A kind of answers in the latter area has been investigated and solved by the makers of Pepsi Cola. They've developed a bottle that will burn up completely and not have any toxic effects," he said.

## 200 Hear Officials Discuss B-CS Environment Problems

By Pam Trobey  
Battalion News Editor

Earth Day Activities in Bryan College Station came to a close Wednesday night when about 200 citizens gathered in Bryan Civic Auditorium to discuss environmental problems.

A panel of 10 local and state officials gave their views of the ecological situation and than answered questions from the audience. The program was advertised as a discussion of local problems, but the only local issues that were raised came during the question period.

The program, sponsored by the Symposium for Environmental Awareness, Brazos County League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women, began with an award-winning slide show prepared by the Forum for Environmental Studies, an architecture society.

Dr. Richard Baldauf, wildlife science professor, called for the reexamination of attitudes about the environment and expressed the hope that this is the "beginning of a new era."

"We have come to realize that not everything is better just because it is bigger," he said, "and that it is not necessary to have everything just because we can do it. Some people have realized that our affluent society has become an affluent society."

"The problem is a local one," he said. "Any changes must start with us."

Dr. Betty Unterberger, history professor, introduced the members of the panel, each of whom gave a three-minute statement.

"I called myself an ecologist before it was the thing to do," Dr. Rezneat Darnell, professor of oceanography and biology, said, "but environmental problems are not new. The ancient Romans complained about the quality of their environment."

The overriding problems, he said, is that chemical materials in nature pass through cycles that must be completed for the next generation to survive. Ecologists are worried that the chemicals in the air will stop these cycles.

to educate the public about environmental concerns.

"Student work is the reason that about 500 members of the Department of Interior are speaking on college campuses today," he said.

The Student Committee on Pollution of Environment (SCOPE) was organized by the Department of the Interior when students began writing the department for an answer to the question, "What can I, as a student, do to help?" Dunlop said.

That students can educate the public about "ecocatastrophes" was illustrated by A&M students participating in the Earth Day symposium.

"How many years can the garbage pile up before it is up to us?" he asked.

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## Student Suggestions Wanted, 250 Told During Symposium

By Fran Haugen

Earth Day activities Wednesday at Texas A&M showed that students are integral, if not major, components in the solution of pollution problems and population control.

Dr. Donald Dunlop, assistant to Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel, told a crowd of about 250, mostly students, at the Symposium for Environmental Awareness in G. Rollie White Coliseum, that government administrators trying to find answers to ecological problems welcome students' suggestions with "open hearts and open minds."

He stressed students' abilities

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## CSC to Elect Outstanding Councilman

The Civilian Student Council will elect the outstanding councilman for 1969-70 at an 8 p.m. meeting tonight, according to Mark Olson, president.

The meeting will begin an hour later than usual because of the general election, he said.

Selected from all members of the council except the president, the outstanding member's name will remain a secret until the council banquet in May, he said.

Olson said the council would also discuss the possibility of establishing a committee to recruit outstanding women students.

In other business the CSC will discuss the NACURH summer conference, Former Students Association faculty awards, a constitutional amendment and the banquet, he said.

## On-Campus Civilian Students With Dates May Eat at MSC

Civilian students who live on campus and have dates for this weekend may eat in the Memorial Student Center Cafeteria Friday night through Saturday night, paying only for their date's meal, Civilian Student Menu Board Chairman Pat Wertheim reminded Wednesday.

Wertheim said that 5-day board students may eat in the MSC Friday night by showing their validated student identification card. Seven-day plan students can eat the Friday night meal and all three Saturday meals on their ID cards, he said.

He emphasized that only those

## "Men, Not Boys" Can Live With Sexual Frustration

By Fran Haugen  
Battalion Staff Writer

A man can learn to live with sexual frustration, but a boy can't, the author of "Marriage for Moderns" told an audience of about 200 at the third presentation of the Marriage Forum Series sponsored by the Student "Y" Association.

Dr. Henry Bowman, who spoke on "Sex in Human Relations: Premarital," will conclude the series next Wednesday with the topic of sex within marriage.

"It is an assumption that sexual restraint is dangerous, especially for men," Bowman said. "Have you ever heard of a man with a strong sex drive who tried to restrain it and blew up or passed out? There is no danger. Even married man doesn't have complete freedom. What if he and his wife are separated?"

Another assumption many have, Bowman said, is that sex is a toy.

"This is expressed by Hugh Hefner of Playboy Magazine, he said. A playboy is one who plays with sex and treats women as things. Many have swallowed this hook, line, sinker and fisherman."

People should evaluate their sexual behavior in terms of their sexual goals, Bowman said. Most people hold happy marriage as a major goal, he added.

Sex is something more than a toy or a means of mere physical release; it is something which can be built into a mature marriage relation, Bowman said.

"Before the wedding all a couple has to go by is what they say to one another," Bowman

said. "In a wedding people stand up to be counted. How could a girl be sure what a guy means if he omits that last step in total commitment?"

Bowman asked the women in the audience if they could be sure about a man who refused to take this step. Some of the 15 women half nodded in agreement.

"I'm not looking at it from a girl's point of view, but I think you're wrong," a senior cadet with a wedding ring on disagreed. "I don't see why there can't be total commitment without marriage."

"In the wedding a man doesn't tell her he loves her in the moonlight, in the lamplight or in no light, he tells her in front of people," Bowman replied. "Pre-

marital sex is incomplete. Sex shouldn't be shortcircuited."

In premarital sex relations the girl gets hurt most, and until a way is found to make men pregnant, it'll be one-sided, Bowman said.

Petting limits dating time, and keeps couples from becoming acquainted as people," Bowman said.

"Men can't seem to realize that there are women who want to be relaxed on a date, not always on guard," he explained. "A man doesn't want to be dominated by a woman, but he'll push her as far as she'll go and then usually abide by her standards. Why can't men set standards of their own? What kind of men are we?"

## Rights Statement To Get Senate Nod

Student Senators will meet at 8 p.m. tonight in the Library Conference Room to take final action on their Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

To be presented by Jim Stephenson (sr-LA), the statement is a virtual rewrite of all university regulations concerning student life. The senate passed major sections of the statement in its last two meetings.

Also on a crowded agenda is a discussion of the "Parade Field

Incident," an occurrence last Wednesday in which University Police broke up a peace rally that the university deemed unauthorized. Since then, four students who participated in the rally have been given conduct probation.

The senate is also scheduled to consider possible disposal of the grease rack in the College View Apartment area, suggestions on alternatives to Bonfire, and senate reapportionment.

## Civilian Week Activities Tonight

7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Elections—Sbisa newsstand, Library, MSC basement, Dorm 2

5 p.m. Mud Football, Horseshoes—Intramural Field

6 p.m. Pool Tournament—Aggie Den

8 p.m. Spades, Chess Tournaments—MSC

## Friday

5 p.m. Mud Football—Intramural Field

8 p.m. Dance—KC Hall

8 p.m. MSC Basement Coffee House—MSC Individual Hall Activities