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Election Panel Outlaws Vote—Then Changes Mind

Last week's general elections were invalid for 12 hours before the Election Commission changed its mind this morning and rejected a protest it had approved Tuesday night.

The protest, filed by sociology graduate student Mike Miller, charged that the balloting was not secret and that voters were in

another voter was making Hoffman said.

This morning the commissioners reversed their decision after it was pointed out that University Regulations on elections stipulate that only a candidate or election commissioner could file a protest. Senate President-elect Kent

Caperton argued for his own election when, as a proxy for an absent election commissioner, he read the regulation to the commission, pointing out that Miller was neither a candidate or a commissioner.

Some of the other commissioners weren't sure this was true,

but Caperton said he had checked the list of candidates and could not find Miller's name.

Steve Clark, who voted to allow the protest Tuesday, suggested that the commission wait until it could check the lists for sure.

He also wondered whether Miller had filed the protest on

behalf of a candidate. Caperton said he had seen Miller's protest and that it had not mentioned another person.

But no one could check that either, because Charles Hoffman, who was absent from today's session, seemed to have the only (See Election, page 4)

Runoff elections will be held May 7 instead of Thursday, the Election Commission ruled this morning.

This will enable the commission to hear further election protests and also make final preparations for the election, commission President Nokomis (Butch) Jackson said.

some instances forbidden to carry handwritten lists of candidates into the polls.

Commissioners Tuesday rejected the charge concerning hand-written lists, but validated the claim that the voters did not have enough privacy to mark their ballots in secret.

According to Charles Hoffman, who presided at the evening session it was because of the non-secret ballot that commissioners voted 4-2 to invalidate the results of the entire election.

On election day, ballots were filled out on open tables where anyone could observe what marks

A&M Board Members Increase Parking Fees, Fines for Fall

Parking fees and fines for students, faculty and staff will be higher this fall, the A&M Board of Directors decided Tuesday.

The board also approved a record \$126.9 million operating budget for the A&M University System for 1970-71.

Acting on a Feb. 25 recommendation from the student-administration University Traffic Committee, the board adopted a \$15 parking fee per year, an increase of \$5.

Board members also approved a \$12 rate for nine months, up \$3; \$7 for a semester or trimester; up \$2; and \$6 for summer sessions, up \$2.

According to a letter from T. D. Cherry, vice president for business affairs, the university needs about 2,149 more parking spaces. He noted he had been told by the system attorney that state appropriated funds cannot be spent for parking facilities.

"This means," he wrote, "parking fees and permit reinstatement fees are presently the only means by which facilities may be funded."

The board approved a traffic committee proposal to increase parking violation fines to discourage habitual offenders.

Under the new system, effec-

tive Sept. 1, the current \$2 reinstatement fee for the first violation would be doubled for each time for subsequent violations through the fifth offense, which would require a \$32 payment.

On the sixth offense, the violator's campus permit may be revoked for the remainder of the semester.

Cherry noted that 6,913 tickets were given for non-moving violations last semester indicating that "many are not attempting to abide by present policy."

The new budget represents an

increase of almost 10 per cent over the current year, with all major parts of the system receiving record expenditures.

Operating budgets for educational institutions of the A&M system, effective Sept. 1, are: Texas A&M, \$64,495,472, up \$6,078,682; Prairie View A&M, \$11,304,422, up \$796,340; Tarleton State, \$4,731,433, up \$670,868, and Texas Maritime Academy, \$1,019,822, up \$214,301.

Contracts totaling \$1,805,583 were awarded for 11 construction and related projects and \$419,010

was appropriated for 13 additional undertakings.

Young Brothers, Inc., Contractors of Waco, was awarded a \$188,500 contract for preparation of Kyle Field for the laying of artificial turf. The board also transferred \$114,200 from the New Men's Dormitory Reserve account to supplement the \$586,300 appropriated for the turf project last February, raising the total cost of the undertaking to more than \$700,000.

Other contracts included \$83, (See Board, page 4)



WATCHING CLOSELY—Graduate student Evelyn Dunsavage (left) and M. B. Flippen, who filed protests with the Election Commission, listen while others debate during Tuesday night's commission meeting. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Taylor, Bain to Command 1970-'71 Corps of Cadets

Van H. Taylor of Temple was named Tuesday to the top command position of the A&M's Corps of Cadets for the 1970-71 school year.

Serving as deputy corps commander will be Thomas C. Bain Jr. of Dallas.

Announcement of the two ranking corps members was made in the office of Col. Jim H. McCoy, corps commandant.

Member of the Army ROTC and a mechanical engineering major, Taylor serves as corps sergeant major this year. He has a 3.7 overall grade point ratio. He is a member of the

Ross Volunteers, elite honor military unit; the Town Hall Committee; the Student Conference on National Affairs; and Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi, engineering honor fraternities.

Bain, an Air Force ROTC student and architectural construction major, is a cadet technical sergeant and scholastic sergeant on First Group staff. He played freshman basketball at A&M, and has a 2.8 overall g.p.r. He is a member of the RVs, Town Hall and the Singing Cadets.

"These young men have a real challenge ahead of them in providing the leadership for a Corps

of Cadets of which students, parents and former students can be proud," McCoy said. "We look forward to continued improvement in the corps next year and feel they have the qualities to make this possible."

The commandant noted that Taylor and Bain will be making recommendations soon for major commanders in next year's corps. He added that the new cadet colonel of the corps and deputy commander were selected on the basis of "what they have done and their understanding of what needs to be done" to improve the corps.

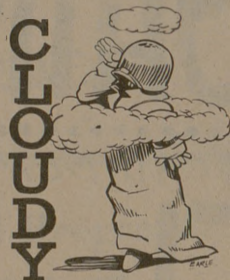
Student Involved In Rally To File Suit Against A&M

One of four students placed on conduct probation for participating in an unauthorized on-campus rally April 15 says that he will file suit against the university for denying him freedom of speech.

Richard Worth said that the American Civil Liberties Union has appointed an Odessa lawyer for his defense and that he expects to file suit either at the end of this week or the first part of next week.

Worth said that he, John McAuley, Bill Fischer and Tim Le-gere had asked Acting President A. R. Luedecke that their case be appealed to the Board of Di-

records, but that apparently he had taken their appearance be-



Thursday — Cloudy, partly cloudy. Scattered afternoon rain showers. Southerly winds 10-20 mph. High 84 degrees, low 73 degrees.

fore him as their only appeal.

"We got a letter from Dean of Students James P. Hannigan saying that Luedecke had rejected our appeal and upheld him," Worth said.

The four were placed on conduct probation following the peace rally held on the parade grounds. A Texas Ranger and University Police arrested an Austin man and took the students to the Dean of Students Office.

About 300 students attended the rally which had been expressly forbidden earlier that day in a memorandum issued by Hannigan.

MSC Budgeting System Questioned

By Fran Haugen
Battalion Staff Writer

Four budgets for 1970-71 were approved at the first meeting of the 21st Memorial Student Center Council amid questioning by a new council member concerning the effectiveness of the student center's budgeting system.

The council also approved a list of prospective speakers for Great Issues which included columnist William Buckley and news commentator David Brinkley.

Budgets for the MSC Council, MSC Directorate, Aggie Cinema and Host and Fashion Committee and the Great Issues speakers list will go to the university Executive Committee Monday for approval.

Under the MSC budgeting system each organization not earning all its funds asks the university to allocate a specific amount of money for it. The organization submits a budget categorizing ways it will receive its income and amounts it will disburse during the upcoming year.

Money is spent either through purchase vouchers which with-

draw money from the Fiscal Office or through cash accounts in the University National Bank.

Before money can be spent the voucher or cash account request must be signed by Secretary-Treasurer J. Wayne Stark, the committee chairman, and the committee adviser.

"By the time someone graduates, he knows the system," council president Tom Fitzhugh said.

"Do you find your fiscal arrangements an impediment?" faculty council member Dr. Richard Wainerdi asked. "If you tried for 1,000 years, could you figure out a more complicated system? It sounds like a swindler's paradise."

Students, faculty members and accounting experts have been working to improve the system for the last 20 years, Stark said.

"The purpose of the budget is to help the program, and if you don't understand it until you graduate, it's not effective," Wainerdi said. Maybe it would be better to have more revolving accounts."

Fitzhugh defended the system, saying, "When you are working with \$12,000, it's really helpful

to have everything categorized."

Up until several years ago, the student center organizations didn't know how much money they would receive from the university, and this made budgeting more difficult, but this year the budget is stabilized, Fitzhugh added. The Council and Directorate is increasing its budget 6% in accordance with the 6% increase in student activity fees, he explained.

Council Comptroller Al Bradley, who presented the council and directorate budgets totaling \$7,945, said that accurate records of expenditures were not kept this year because when checks were signed "MSC Council and Directorate," it was sometimes hard to tell whether the council or the directorate had spent the money.

Fitzhugh said he and other councilmen had not yet proposed the idea of a campus open "soapbox" forum to Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, but that they would probably have a meeting with Hannigan sometime this week, after which there would be "a definite report." The objective of the proposal,

approved by the council April 6, is to provide an organized outlet for students, faculty an administrators to engage in free discussion, dialogue and to freely express opinions on current issues on a budgeted time basis.

In a directorate meeting before the council meeting, recreation vice-president Caren Conlee announced the formation of a new MSC committee, the New Tradition Singers, a mixed chorus sponsored by Mr. Robert Boone.

The committee will be approved by the council at the next council meeting May 11, Miss Conlee said.

Marital Sex Topic Tonight At 'Y' Forum

The Student 'Y' Association will present the final Marriage Forum program of the year tonight at 7:30 in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Dr. Henry Bowman, retired psychology professor at the University of Texas at Austin, will speak on "Sex in Human Relations—Marital."

Bowman spoke to an overflow crowd last week on premarital sex.

He is the author of Marriage for Moderns, now in its sixth edition and used as a textbook for the family and marriage course here.

The Colorado City resident also is a member of the National Association of Marriage Counselors.

Special Programs Committee Chairman Ronald E. Owens said Bowman will give a 45-minute talk followed by a question-answer session.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

Westmoreland Will Speak at Commissioning

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, will address newly-commissioned officers May 23 during commissioning exercises.

The renowned four-star general's A&M appearance will coincide with spring commencement, commissioning and Final Review.

Graduation of more than 1,500 students will be at 9 a. m., commissioning of Army, Air Force and Marine Corps officers at 1:30 p. m. and Final Review at 3:30 p. m.

The new second lieutenants will receive their gold bars and hear Westmoreland in G. Rollie White

Coliseum.

Westmoreland, 56, began his 34-year military career in a regiment of horse-drawn 75mm guns at Fort Sill, Okla. At the U. S. Military Academy, he was first captain and regimental commander. The recent commander of U. S. Forces in Vietnam, he graduated and was commissioned an artillery officer at the Point in 1936.

The general served with and commanded the 34th Field Artillery Battalion in the early stages of World War II. He moved the unit to Morocco, North Africa, in the spring of 1942 and com-

manded the battalion in combat in Tunisia and Sicily.

Following attachment of the battalion to the 82nd Airborne and 1st Infantry Divisions, the 34th returned to its parent 9th Infantry Division Artillery, of which Westmoreland was named executive officer in 1944. Following D-Day, he fought with the 9th through France, Belgium and into Germany.

Training at Fort Benning, Ga., after the war led to the Parachutist and Glider Badges and the general assuming command of an 82nd Airborne outfit.

A native of Spartanburg Coun-

ty, S. C., instructed at the Command and General Staff College and at the newly-organized Army War College during the early 1950s.

He was promoted to brigadier general at the age of 38 while commanding the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Korea. While under Westmoreland's command, the unit was twice committed to combat and during the interim was in Japan as theater reserve. He was awarded the Master Parachutist Badge in 1953.

Following study in the advanced management program of the Har-

vard Business School, the general was named Secretary of the Army General Staff. In late 1956, Westmoreland received his second star at the age of 42, making him at that time the youngest major general in the army.

Westmoreland went from the Pentagon to Fort Campbell, Ky., to command the 101st Airborne Division "Screaming Eagles" and then in 1960 to the superintendency of the Military Academy.

He became commanding general, STRAC and XVIII Airborne Corps, at Fort Bragg, N. C., in 1963 and reported to U. S. Military Assistance Command, Viet-

nam, duty in January, 1964. He reported as deputy commander, then became acting commander, and within seven months was made commander of MACV.

The general became Army Chief of Staff on July 3, 1968. His many decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star medals with clusters and recognition from Germany, France, Belgium, Korea, The Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Brazil, Bolivia and the United Nations. Among Westmoreland's honors are five honorary doctors' degrees, including one from Howard Payne College.