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Stephenson presented outstanding senator award at banquet

By PAM TROBOY

Battalion News Editor

Jim Stephenson (sr-LA) was named outstanding senator during the annual Student Senate Awards Banquet Wednesday night.

President Gerry Geistweidt also presented Bill Hartsfield ('73), David Moore (soph-BA), Marcus Hill (jr-Ag) and Collier Watson (sr-Life) with awards as outstanding senators in their class.

Stephenson has been deeply involved in senate affairs this year. He was a member of the constitutional revision committee, and he introduced and succeeded in passing a statement of students' rights and responsibilities.

He also was a proponent of the school court system the senate debated early in the school year.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, Associate Dean of Students Don R. Stafford and civilian corps Advisor J. Malon Sutherland were given appreciation awards.

Geistweidt passed the senate's gavel to president-elect Kent Caperton and charged him to maintain and build on the constructive and productive student body government that was his legacy.

"Student interest and participation has been at an all time

high this year," he said. "Students are more concerned and have been putting greater demands and pressures on the senate. This means the senate must assume a greater role."

"The senate must guide carefully the role and direction of the campus, not the state and the nation," he said.

Geistweidt said that student government was not the place for condemnation of national policy but for the expression of opinion on life at A&M.

He characterized the '69-'70 senate as a "do something senate" that had contributed to faculty-student cooperation in many areas.

During his term in office, Geistweidt said the senate had gone into the area of community affairs, established a Legal Rights Commission and conducted Operations Feedback and Jericho to increase the senate's relevance.

Caperton said that he was responsible to those who were for and against him in the recent elections but most of all he was responsible to those who had not voted.

He said student opinion polls, referendums, a senate newsletter and representation by living areas were being contemplated for next year to learn what the students really wanted.

He announced that members of the executive committee had already voted to spend one evening a week listening to student complaints and requests.

An election revision committee has been appointed and will make its report early next fall, he said, and plans for the reevaluation of the roles of the standing committees are being made.

"We must adjust our system to the changes which have occurred here," Caperton said. "We must go forward together — in partnership."

Caperton presented Geistweidt with a watch for his work on the senate and the audience gave him a standing ovation.

The members of the outgoing Senate Executive Committee members were also given certificates for their work. Kent Caperton, Ronnie Adams, Richard Reese, Kirby Brown, Collier Watson, Jerry Bramlet, Lee Crawley and Marc Powell were honored.

Others receiving awards for outstanding service were Shy Hicks, Donna Witt, Jo Scanlin, Fay Yates, Charlotte Gay, Dale Foster, Jackie Kirkey, Tom Stone, Mike Holley, Sandi Flannigan and Elizabeth Chapman.

Each Senator was given a certificate of appreciation and a service key.



PROUD SMILE—Student senator Jim Stephenson (sr-LA) beams with joy after being presented with the outstanding senator award at Wednesday night's senate awards banquet. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

More warm, humid days in store

Lubbock declared a disaster area

By TOM DeCOLA

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Tex. — A severely damaged skyscraper remained a target of concern Wednesday as this stricken city sought to restore order after what some have called Texas' most destructive tornado.

Meanwhile, President Nixon ruled that Lubbock is a disaster area — making it eligible for special federal funds.

The tornado killed at least 21 persons and injured 350 or more when it struck Monday night. Authorities said there could be more bodies in the rubble or in automobiles still under floodwaters.

Reese Air Force Base authorities named the 21st victim of the vicious twister Wednesday. She was Mrs. Ola Belle Hatch, 77, of Lubbock who died in the Reese AFB Hospital of injuries suffered in Monday night's storm.

Official damage reports passed the \$100 million mark and seemed headed toward unofficial estimates of \$200 million in losses.

The presidential declaration authorizes use of federal funds for relief measures in several other cities and towns on the South Plains and in the Texas Panhandle.

The twister knifed an eight-mile-long path through this South Plains city of 170,000.

This also means relief for victims of a series of tornadoes that struck from Plainview to Clarendon April 17-18 as well as for the giant twister that hit Lubbock.

The federal money can be used for housing, unemployment compensation for victims and recov-

ery work, including public and private facilities hit by the storm.

The 20-story Great Plains Life Building worrying authorities is in the heart of downtown Lubbock. It suffered heavy damage, particularly to a huge section of its brick outer wall. A large crack was visible through that area.

A cursory investigation aroused fears that at least the east wall was in danger of falling and the building was cordoned off to all but owners and inspecting engineers.

"The building is falling," civil defense sound trucks warned late Tuesday and ordered everyone from the vicinity. The warning was rescinded later.

Meanwhile, power and water crises eased as Canadian River water was pumped in to fill the city's mains. The Canadian is the main source of city water, but pumps damaged in the tornado failed, and Lubbock went to emergency water conservation. Power was being restored.

Lubbock's hospitals apparently passed the crisis with enough beds now to accommodate storm victims. The official injury list exceeded 350, with nearly 100 still in hospitals late Wednesday.

The Red Cross said 430 homes were destroyed, 462 suffered major damage and another 662 were damaged to a lesser degree.

Red Cross officials estimated that some 3,000 persons of an estimated 4,800 left homeless were sheltered Tuesday night in the Municipal Coliseum. Others took refuge with friends and relatives.

Lubbock's major streets resumed a semblance of order Wednesday as most of the debris was cleared away. Most traffic signals were inoperable — many were blown down — but police reported no accidents despite throngs of sightseers.

There were still plenty of reminders of the storm, apart from the obvious sight of damage.

Telephone company workers still faced restoration of service thousands of phones that were out of order Wednesday, but the service had improved appreciably.

Wearry policemen continued to work extended shifts under control of the city's emergency operations center, but the looting problem appeared to have dissipated. Some 430 National Guardsmen patrolled the area.

All the searching was not confined to the rubble of destroyed buildings.

Preregister or lose fall room reservation, Madeley warns

Students who have reserved campus housing for the fall semester must preregister for classes or have their names removed from the room roster, Housing Manager Allan M. Madeley warned Wednesday.

The only exception is students who have been prevented from preregistering by the dean of their college.

"Students who do not preregister may find it extremely difficult to reserve a room for the fall since they will be in competition for rooms with all other students not now in school," Madeley pointed out.

Preregistration continues through Friday. Current students will not be able to register again until the week of Aug. 24.

Finals schedule

Final examinations for the spring semester, 1970, will be held according to the following schedule:

Date	Hour	Series
May 25, Monday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWF8
May 25, Monday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF12
May 25, Monday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting TTh8F1
May 26, Tuesday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWTh2
May 26, Tuesday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF9
May 26, Tuesday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting M3TTh10
May 27, Wednesday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting TF2 or TWF3 or TThF3
May 27, Wednesday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF10
May 27, Wednesday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting TTh12
May 28, Thursday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting M4TTh11
May 28, Thursday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF11
May 28, Thursday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting TTh9F2
May 29, Friday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWF11
May 29, Friday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting TF1

Reactor available for use by surrounding colleges

A&M's nuclear reactor, one of the busiest in the nation, has taken on a new responsibility: to provide research and instruction to colleges within a 150-mile radius of College Station.

Dr. John D. Randall, Nuclear Science Center director, reports a new Atomic Energy Commission contract with the center provides funds for use of the reactor by students who normally would not have the opportunity to use the multi-million-dollar facility.

Four Prairie View A&M graduate students this week became the first to visit the center and use the reactor for graduate instruction. One other student group had materials irradiated and sent to their school classroom, Dr. Randall said.

Prairie View's experiment included using the reactor to irradiate material and measuring

the half-life when it decayed.

"The AEC pays for the reactor use and consulting service," Dr. Randall said. "The only costs to the college or university is transportation and meals, if necessary."

He added the expanded program makes senior and junior colleges eligible to use the facility.

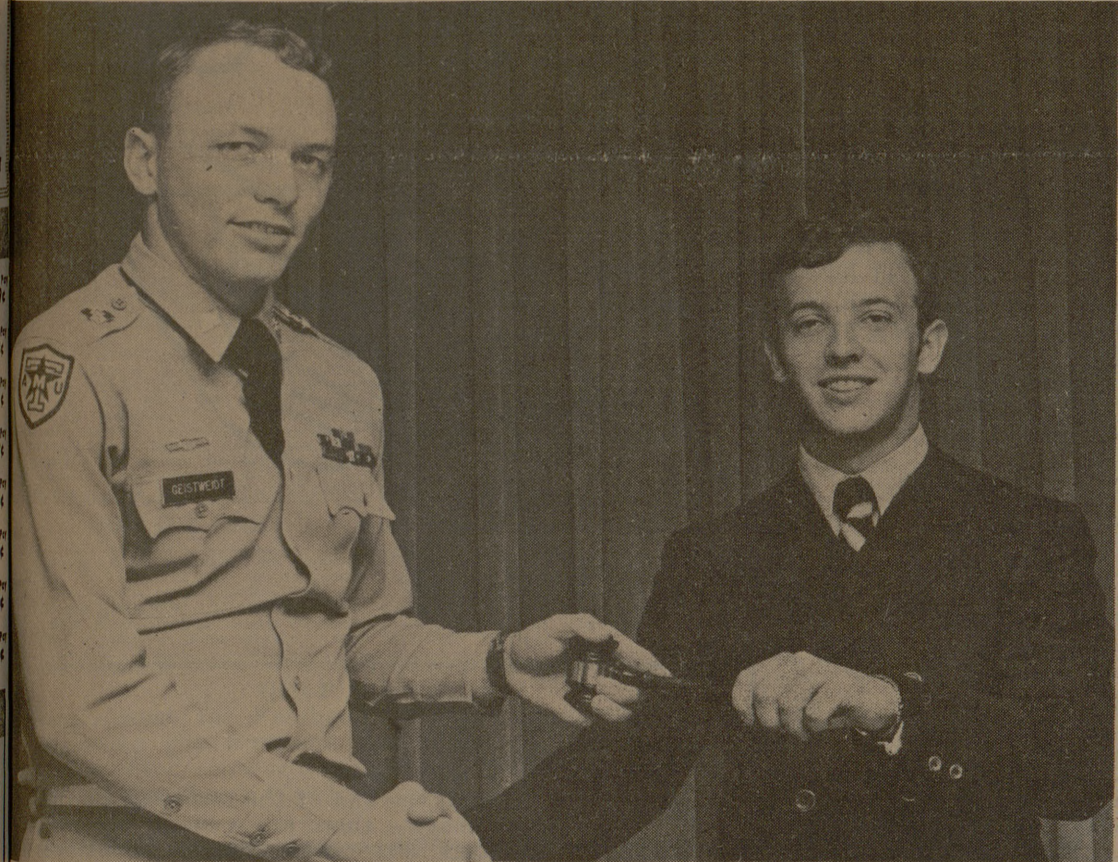
However, its primary use will be for graduate studies and occasionally for advanced undergraduates.

Since beginning operations in January, 1962, the center has provided radioisotopes, irradiation services and research facilities for numerous A&M scientists, other universities and industries and for A&M's nuclear engineering undergraduate and graduate degree program.

Dr. Randall said the reactor can be operated continuously at

any power level up to 1,000 kilowatts, or it can be pulsed to 1,500,000 kilowatts for approximately one-hundredth of a second.

Dr. Charles Urdu, professor of chemistry at Prairie View, said he is highly enthusiastic about the program. Members of his class taking part in the experiment this week were Nelson Patterson of Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel Byrd Jr. of Waskon, Texas; Felix Osuji of Owerri, Biafra, and Mrs. L. P. Ghangurde of India.



TAKES CHARGE—Outgoing Student Senate President Gerry Geistweidt (left) presents 1970-71 president Kent Caperton with his symbol of office and turns the senate over to him during Wednesday night's senate awards banquet. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Kent, Cambodia protests continue

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Student protests against the fighting in Cambodia and deaths at Kent State University simmered at many colleges today but there were new outbursts of dissent elsewhere on the nation's campuses.

An estimated 100 to 200 students were arrested at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg this morning after state police used a pickup truck to pull open a door students had chained when they occupied a campus building.

The students, angered because college officials refused to close the school in support of the antiwar protest, allegedly caused considerable damage to the building. Those arrested were ordered to pick up their belongings, get off the campus and stay off.

At Ypsilanti, Mich., a state of emergency was declared after a riot on the Eastern Michigan University campus. During it, a state police official charged that students were using slingshots to shoot steel balls at police.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

Eighteen youths were arrested, making a total of about 85 arrested there since Monday.

The emergency order by Gov. William Milliken included bans on the sale of liquor and gasoline in cans or bottles. Tensions calmed after the order was issued at 1:30 a.m. and all was reported quiet on campus today.

At San Diego State College in California, police moved in late Tuesday night and arrested 32 demonstrators who had held a building since Monday. The students removed chains from doors to let the police in and went quietly.

In Denver, National Guardsmen, most of them carrying unloaded rifles, occupied the University of Denver campus while a shantytown christened "Woodstock Nation West" was torn down for the second time in three days. A police official said anyone trying to rebuild the shantytown would be arrested.

At Princeton University in New Jersey, a dud fire bomb was discovered at the Institute for Defense Analyses building, operated under Defense Department auspices and the target of earlier antiwar demonstrations.

An hour later a fire labeled "definitely suspicious" broke out in another building, but caused little damage.

At Tucson, Ariz., a group of youths including some University of Arizona students tried to detain a bus load of Army inductees, and after the bus drove off entered the induction center and scattered pamphlets.

At the University of Maine, 2,500 students volunteered to give blood for servicemen in Vietnam to show that their primary concern is saving lives. An Air Force medical team could process only about 800 Tuesday, but an officer said they might return to the Orono campus to process the rest.

Earlier antiwar protests at Smith and Amherst colleges in Massachusetts apparently inspired a decision by the President's daughter, Julie, and her husband, David Eisenhower, to stay away from their colleges for the rest of the term and avoid graduation ceremonies.

At Fairfield University in Connecticut, about 150 striking students, occupied two campus buildings, bolted doors and were still sitting in this morning.

Two suspicious early morning fires were reported in the Reserve Officers Training Corps building at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Disorders continued at the University of South Carolina, where 100 persons were arrested.

The arrests Tuesday night at the 13,000-student campus in Columbia, S.C., were made after students threw bottles, bricks and firecrackers at city and state police, backed by National Guardsmen, who were imposing a 9 p.m. curfew.

Law enforcement officials used tear gas and clubbed several students. Two guardsmen received minor injuries.

The student strike information center at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., reported today that 266 colleges and universities were on strikes of indefinite length.

Draft Director Curtis W. Tarr said in Washington that a majority of the nation's students have turned against the Vietnam war and the Nixon administration because of the dispatch of U.S. troops into Cambodia.

His office announced that student draft deferments will not

be jeopardized by the campus strikes and closings.

Strikes at many of the nation's 1,500 four-year colleges and at other educational institutions began last week to protest Nixon's decision to send American combat troops into Cambodia and the deaths of four Kent State University students shot as National Guardsmen attempted to quell a disorder.

All but a small number of the campuses were never officially closed or have been officially opened. However, unofficial student strikes and protests have continued on many campuses with impacts of varying degrees.

Striking students engaged in a variety of antiwar activity, including demonstrations, leafletting, lobbying, withdrawing money from banks, urging workers to strike for peace, and cashing in U.S. savings bonds.

The New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam announced in Washington that GIs at 22 military bases will stage antiwar demonstrations this weekend to coincide with Armed Forces Day Saturday. The announcement said organizations (See Students continue, page 2)