

Senate tries for say on new president

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In a surprisingly active first meeting, the 1970-71 Student Senate empowered the senate executive committee to act as the voice of the Texas A&M student body in matters pertaining to the selection of a new president for the school.

The committee also was empowered to submit to the A&M Board of Directors a list of qualifications that A&M students think are necessary for anyone selected president.

Senators also defeated for the fourth time this year a constitutional amendment that would allow University Women an ex-officio seat on the senate.

Debate on the presidential selection issue began when Dave Mayes, urban planning graduate student attending the meeting by proxy, told senators that the 1969-70 senate on April 9 made it known that it wished to be considered in the selection of a new president.

So far, Mayes said, there has been no reply from the board on the matter.

He also told the senate that on May 6 Acting A&M President A. R. Luedeker sent a memorandum to the college deans asking for faculty nominations.

"It is well established in both law and practice that the responsibility for the selection of the President of Texas A&M University rests solely upon the Board of Directors," the memorandum states.

"The Board will consult with members of the faculty and staff

at Texas A&M University," it continues, "on the selection of the President, in keeping with the procedures outlined herein."

"It is also the intention of the Board to seek the advice of other constituents of the University," the memorandum adds, "including students and former students, as well as the advice of state and national leaders."

Mayes noted that the memorandum asked the faculty submit its recommendations by this coming Monday. This, he said, does not leave the students much time to act, if they wish to.

Mayes also noted that the meeting was the only one senators would have until next fall. If action was to be taken, he said, it must be immediately. He urged senators to act, to provide student input.

"I believe time to be of the essence," Mayes said, "and I recommend adoption of a motion that the senate submit nominations to the board."

Mayes said that, if the motion were adopted, he had done his homework and was prepared to offer two names for nomination. Tommy Henderson (sr-LA)

warned senators that it would be irresponsible of the senate to make nominations at the meeting. He said that he did think it important that the senate submit a list of qualities, ideals and philosophies that it would like to see the next president have.

He said the senate executive committee should serve as the senate's input on the subject.

Mayes said he would like to see the senate act in some manner on the matter, and to act quickly.

Sam Roosth (jr-BA) said he would rather see the senate make the actual choice, and submit names. Spike Dayton (jr-BA) said that hasty input at the present time could hurt the senate in the future. Hasty action now, he said, would make administrators more apt to ignore students at a later date.

The discussion resolved into two main camps, those favoring immediate, though admittedly hasty, action to provide student input on the matter and show that the students are interested and want a voice in the matter.

Others felt that, due to the short time involved, no action might be better than hasty, pos-

sibly irresponsible action. Why not, some asked, find out if the deadline applied to students and proceed from there?

During the debate an amendment to the motion was made which would allow the senate executive committee to act as the voice of the students in submitting nominations. The amendment passed, 43-13.

A later amendment gave the executive committee power to submit a list of qualifications and/or a list of names. A subsequent amendment deleted the power to nominate.

Following the deletion, many senators expressed the view that the motion had been watered down to the point where it was useless. Some argued that if others propose names and the senate only submits qualities, why should they bother?

The measure that finally came up for a vote, and was defeated, would have given the executive committee the power to prepare a list of qualities students would like to see in a new president and to submit the list to the board of directors.

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SENATORS SPEAK—Roger Miller (left), senate vice president and Tommy Henderson (sr-LA) present their sometimes differing views during Thursday night's initial meeting of the 1970-71 Student Senate. (Photos by David Middlebrooke)

'70-'71 battalion, group CO's corps staff men announced

Corps staff members, battalion and group commanders of the 1970-71 Corps of Cadets have been named by Van H. Taylor, first year's corps commander.

Taylor and deputy commander Thomas Bain, Jr. of Dallas recommended the eight senior staff members and nine battalion-group commanders.

The cadet officers, all of whom will be lieutenant colonels, were approved through the commandant's office.

Working with Taylor and Bain on the corps staff will be Randall E. Betty, adjutant; Conway B. Denny, Jr., operations officer; William S. Leftwich, inspector general;

Thomas C. Fitzhugh, III, information officer.

Also, Morris K. Patteson, chaplain; David E. Owen, personnel officer; Albert E. Kinkead, supply officer; and Myles A. Yanta, scholastic officer.

Commanding the battalions will be Charles L. Korbell, Jr., 1st Battalion commander; Henry A. Hansen, II, 2nd Battalion; Michael D. Cristiani, 3rd Battalion; Robert A. Harms, 4th Battalion; and Robert E. Smith, 5th Battalion.

Groups will be under the command of Richard A. Mallahan, 1st Group; Perry R. Miyachi, 2nd Group; Steven E. Clark, 3rd Group; and James W. Russell, III, 4th Group.

Aggies made it possible

Community center will open to public Sunday

A combination community center and resource service will be opened by the public for the first time Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at 635 Peyton in College Station.

Six A&M students under the supervision of Robert Cornish, architectural professor, have refurbished a house in the Prairie View Heights area as a Community Improvement Service Center organization (CISCO).

Tom Niederauer, fifth year student, said that he and George Hezard began the project in September.

The house was donated around Thanksgiving and money started coming in by Christmas. At mid-

term they were joined by John Oteri and James Wolford, fourth year students, and Marvin Daniels and Douglas Darr, third year students, he said.

"We are trying to get the university and the community together," Niederauer said. "We provide free services to the community and we have the opportunity to meet real-life problems."

The downstairs will be used by the community for meetings, storage of park equipment and a coffee house and the upstairs will be devoted to services available to the residents, he said. This is a branch of the Community Improvement Club, a group of Pra-

irie View Heights citizens.

"We hope to offer legal, financial, academic and architectural services for those who can't normally afford them," Daniels said.

"We have received \$300 in cash and \$100 in materials from people in Bryan and College Station," Daniels said, "and we have several pledges for annual donations. This is what we really need to ensure that this project will be perpetual."

As a part of this program Daniels is serving as a go-between for employers and potential employees. He asked that anyone with a job to fill contact him at 846-4297.

Nixon officials seek aid of party senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three top Nixon administration officials were reported to have told Republican senators Thursday they must, in order to maintain confidence in the presidency, oppose efforts to restrict American involvement in Cambodia.

The plea, which was said to have made clear the administration prefers no restriction on presidential powers in Southeast Asia, came from Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, White House national security aide Henry Kissinger and Undersecretary of State Elliot Richardson.

Sen. Charles E. Goodell, R-N.Y., quoting the officials, said they did not base their plea on party loyalty.

"They are talking in terms of confidence in the presidency," he said.

"They made it clear," Goodell said, "that although they have not analyzed all the bills they would prefer no restraint on the President whatsoever."

Meanwhile, Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said maintenance of South Vietnamese troops in Cambodia after President Nixon's June 30 deadline would mean the United States would remain indirectly involved there.

Mansfield discussed the meaning of keeping South Vietnam troops in Cambodia in a conversation with reporters.

But Mansfield, a Montana Democrat, declined to say whether he felt that would mean Nixon's pledge to end the U.S. operation into Cambodia by that date was not being adhered to.

Sihanouk's ouster opened way for Cambodian action

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
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WASHINGTON — It is becoming increasingly apparent the Nixon administration decided to hit the enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia because the right conditions had arisen, rather than as a result of a major new military threat.

The key to opening the way for U. S. and South Vietnamese forces to hit the enemy's long-secure base complex was the overthrow in March of Cambodia's neutralist chief of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Until the new regime led by Premier Lon Nol took over, the United States felt it had to respect Cambodia's neutrality and its borders.

But the change presented a new situation, the importance of which in administration thinking can be seen in the statements of U. S. officials in their lengthy discussions of the Cambodian operation.

Secretary of defense Melvin R. Laird has said: "For a long period of time there have been political considerations—international political considerations that had been involved, and the situa-

tion changed and this opportunity was presented."

And Thursday, the secretary said about one-third of the 40,000 North Vietnamese troops in the Cambodian sanctuaries had fled away from South Vietnam starting about mid-April.

This created a situation in which he said the risk to allied forces became less and "the possibility of much lower casualties became apparent."

When newsmen pointed out this

appeared to contradict the administration line of a buildup and increased threat from the sanctuaries, Laird answered there was evidence at the same time the North Vietnamese intended to hit harder inside South Vietnam from Cambodia.

The main thrust of the administration rationale has been the escalated threat to U. S. and allied troops in South Vietnam resulting from military developments in the enemy base areas.

2 students killed, 10 injured in campus disturbance

JACKSON, Miss (AP) — Two students were killed and 10 others were injured, two of them critically, officials reported, when highway patrolmen and city police opened fire early today on the campus of all-black Jackson State College.

Most of the injured had gunshot wounds.

Officers fired at a women's dormitory after they said someone had fired at them.

One highway patrolman was injured and was taken to the Hinds County Hospital.

A heavy, concentrated barrage

of gunfire, lasting seven to 10 seconds, was directed at the building. Students in front of the building dropped to the ground to take cover.

Many of the windows of the four-story dormitory were shot out.

Students looked out of the windows of other dormitories and screamed at the officers.

Earlier Friday, National Guard troops moved onto the campus after rock and bottle-throwing erupted for the second straight night.

Civilians appoint chaplain

In the first meeting of the 1970-71 Civilian Student Council Mark Olson, president, announced the appointment of David Smallwood as civilian chaplain.

Perry Van Dyck, junior psychology major was also elected parliamentarian of the council.

Smallwood, sophomore recreation and parks major, will serve both CSC and civilian chaplain next year. He will be in charge of freshman religious orientation

and will give the invocation at football games and muster.

Olson also appointed Bill Scherle to organize and chair a female recruiting committee which was authorized by last year's council.

The council also voted to appropriate \$132 to send Olson, Gordon Pilmer, first vice president; Jean Mah, second vice president; and Shelton Wallace, secretary, to the Midwest Association

of College and University Residence Halls Convention in Wichita, Kan., August 20-23.

Olson read the constitution of the CSC and explained each section to the new members.

In other action, the CSC authorized members of the council to purchase maroon blazers to distinguish themselves from other groups on campus. A patch for the pocket will be designed later.

Robinson.

Gold keys went to members already holding silver keys from previous years. They were Lucy Gravett, James Dennis, and Irene Fazzino.

A fourth gold key had been presented Thursday afternoon to Travis Miller, a senior education major from Houston who is student teaching in Schulenburg.

Players present 6 awards at banquet

Six members of the Aggie Players were awarded keys and the 1970-71 production schedule was announced at the players' annual banquet Thursday night at the Kerridge Smokehouse.

C. K. Esten, Aggie Players director, announced that two pro-

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—Adv.

ductions are scheduled: a Shakespeare comedy in the fall and George Bernard Shaw's "Devil's Disciple" in the spring.

Esten said that the Shakespeare play would most likely be "Measure for Measure."

Esten explained that the reason for only two productions is the uncertainty of a place to put them on next year due to the planned

destruction of Guion Hall to build a new theater complex. The Aggie Players normally produce four plays a year.

Three silver keys and three gold keys were awarded to members of the Aggie Players in honor of their contributions for the past year.

Silver keys went to Sue Hachbold, Dennis Turner, and Bob



NIGHT DIGGER—Workmen continue to dig out portions of Kyle Field turf Thursday night, trying to remain on schedule for the installation of AstroTurf on the playing field. A Tartan track will also be installed in the stadium. (Photo by Mike Wright)