

# Reorganization of parks proposed by A&M student

Reorganization of state parks to make them more attractive to today's youth was suggested by an A&M student before the National Conference on State Parks. Recommendations by Wayne C. Edwards, a junior recreation and parks major of College Station, included facilities for group

socializing, less restriction on closing times and noise and managerial changes to allow youth groups to self-regulate activities. Parks managers' fears that chaos might result may not be justified, Edwards told 500 recreation professionals and national officials at the September confer-

ence in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"There is some evidence from recent music festivals that large crowds of young people can get together in a small place in a self-regulated situation with complete harmony and few of the disturbances that characterize other kinds of group meetings," Edwards said.

Self-regulation may be the key concept, the student representative of the Recreation and Park's Department proposed in an invited 20-minute presentation. Edwards, selected by department head Dr. Leslie M. Reid for the talk, said the resources preservation ethic is valid among young people.

Similar ideas were advanced by Miss Susan Huskisson, Miss Teenage Tennessee who appeared on the July 4 Bob Hope television special in Washington, D.C., and Miss Valerie Bryant, Clemson University student.

Following Edwards' talk, they answered participants' questions in panel fashion to give the conference viewpoints of the young.

Edwards, a cadet technical sergeant in Squadron 11 of the Corps of Cadets, pointed out that potential young parks users differ markedly from the individual around whom public recreational facilities philosophy was organized in 1921.

They have money to spend, are extremely mobile, feel the need for privacy, experiment with things associated with the freedoms of adulthood and like to socialize with others their age.

"Park values or natural resource attributes important to family group users or college-age youths wanting an outdoor experience are only secondary values to the third category of parks users, the socializing young," Edwards said.

## Geistweidt

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The House speaker appointed Geistweidt as student representative on the Texas Crime and Narcotics Advisory Commission after making the Mason native's acquaintance while the 1969-70 student body president was assisting A&M to explain its programs to the legislature.

A distinguished student in political science and distinguished military graduate, Geistweidt was the outstanding cadet in his 1969 ROTC summer camp unit, served on the Cadet Court and was operations officer of the 2nd Brigade, in addition to heading the student body.

"His leadership as Texas A&M student body president and his ability to conduct the affairs of the Student Senate with extreme-

ly astute good judgment clearly distinguished him among his contemporaries," Luedcke said.

The president noted Geistweidt achieved influential positions in both the Corps of Cadets and the student body.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan said the Hughes award nominee was freshman class president, a member of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society; the Election Commission, Great Issues Committee and Aggie Players and posted an outstanding record in the university honors program.

Geistweidt had a 3.3 grade point ratio out of 4.0 and was third in his 35-member political science class, 10th of 165 in the Liberal Arts College and 34th of 328 in his graduating class.

He was commissioned a reserve second lieutenant in military intelligence upon graduation.

## Information

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Roberts also admitted that errors creep into newspapers, magazines and broadcasts, "just as surgical sponges sometimes get sewn up inside hospital patients."

The 19-year Newsweek veteran also conceded that newsmen don't often get the whole story on the first try.

He challenged Agnew for making the same kinds of errors, leaving out known facts and painting distorted pictures of the press.

"Censorship," Roberts added, "by definition, is censorship by officials."

He said that it is up to the people, rather than public officials, to decide whether the press is fair and accurate in its criticism and reports on those public officials, as reflected in the Zenger libel trial of 1735.

"If the press ever begins telling people just what the government wants the people to hear," Roberts said, "if it ever abdicates its 'watchdog' role, under pressure from an Agnew or anyone else, then the whole system envisioned in our Constitution breaks down."

## MSC

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neering, suggested that the group proposing the speaker might include a paragraph in the speakers' qualifications about what he should do for the presentation.

Webster said Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) and Dallas millionaire-philanthropist H. Ross Perot had tentatively agreed to speak at SCONA.

The Council also discussed whether some sort of organized group should be established to insure precautions are taken to prevent trouble when controversial speakers are on campus.

Under a new speakers policy established this fall, the group sponsoring the speaker is responsible for the conduct and behavior of the speaker. Speakers lists no longer must be approved by the University Executive Committee.

Dean Of Students James P. Hannigan will be given a list only for his information, Fitzhugh said.

"How do we carry out this responsibility," MSC director J. Wayne Stark asked the group.

He referred to the boozing of Gov. Preston Smith at the University of Houston last Wednesday and asked what steps should be taken if something of that nature should happen at A&M.

"I can't see where we have any more responsibility now than before (the establishment of the new policy)" Senior Class Representative Tommy Henderson said. "It is still the responsibility of the University Police to maintain order on this campus. If the list goes to Hannigan for his knowledge, I'm sure he will notify the University Police if he thinks there will be any serious trouble."

In other business, Stark announced that a 1970-71 Charter Flight Steering Committee had been established to make further arrangements for a January ski trip to France.

Charters will be offered to participants for their signatures in the next four or five days, he said.

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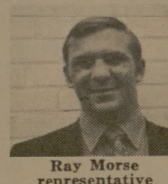
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