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Senate President Kent Caperton goes over a proposed new constitution with senators during Thursday night's meeting. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

New plan provides students bigger say

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A proposed new constitution for the Texas A&M student body would allow students a more important, more direct role in the student government process, Student Senate members learned Thursday night as they continued to study the plan.

Senators also voted to hold a belated Silver Taps for sophomore cadet Charles E. Wolfer, slain Jan. 22 by a Brenham police officer while supposedly fleeing the scene of a crime.

They also heard reports recommending that Silver Taps be held for any person who dies while a student at Texas A&M, and for the second time sent a

recommendation on the selection of the Aggie Sweetheart back to committee for further study.

The constitution under study by the Senate was first unveiled last week. Under it, Texas A&M would have a student association, to which every student and every student organization would belong. The Student Senate then would be the governing body of the association.

Senators this week looked at the executive and judicial branches of the proposed new government, which parallels in structure that of the United States. The legislature makes the policy, the executive branch carries out that policy, and the judicial process provides for review of the policies implemented—judicial interpretation.

Last week senators were told students would have power, under the plan, to recall a senator if they felt it were necessary. In addition, according to the second half of the constitution handed out Thursday night, students would have the rights of initiative and referendum.

Initiative is the right of the people to petition for legislation that a legislative body refuses to enact. Under the plan, 20 per cent

of the student body could petition the Senate concerning a proposal the students felt was needed. The Senate then would be required to call an election to put the measure up for popular vote by the student body within 20 class days.

Referendum gives the students an opportunity to reject enacted legislation they feel is bad or not needed. Again, 20 per cent of the student body must sign a petition asking for the referendum, and upon presentation of the petition an election must be held within 20 class days.

The student association president would be given a veto power under the new plan, but he would be specifically barred from vetoing any measure passed by initiative.

The Association president would be required to either sign or veto part or all (thus, an item veto) of all legislation presented him by the Student Senate. Failure to sign act within the 10 days would allow the measure to become effective automatically.

All legislation passed by the Senate would have to receive some sort of action from the association president.

The association vice president would have powers similar to the

powers given the vice president of the United States, except the association vice president would be allowed to vote in the Senate whenever his vote will change the decision, not just to break a tie.

With that provision, the vice president could cast a vote providing the two-thirds required to pass a bill, or cast a vote creating a tie and thus causing a measure to fail.

Any student association officer would be subject to recall upon submission of a petition signed by 20 per cent of the student body.

Membership in any committee of student government formed by the executive branch would be open to any interested student.

The judicial section provides for a nine-member judicial committee appointed by the association president and approved by the Senate. Many of this body's powers were vague, and further committee study was recommended by senators.

Public Relations Chairman Jimmy O'Jibway presented a special report to senators from a recently formed Silver Taps committee. The committee was formed to answer questions raised in a memorandum from Dean of Stu-

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Goncharoff's day with students

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The YMCA-sponsored Changing World Events Seminar kept its speaker, Dr. Nicholas Goncharoff hopping both Thursday and today.

Thursday Goncharoff, Russian-born National YMCA Council executive, toured the campus and visited political science and Russian classes after an early breakfast.

"You sure believe in starting early here," he laughed when told he was meeting with an 8 a.m. class.

He then spoke to a noon gathering in the Social Room of the MSC.

After lunch the international affairs specialist toured the campus more and spoke at various classes. At 6:30 p.m. he addressed students in a forum sponsored by Schumacher and Walton Halls. He ended his day in a special meeting of the YMCA Cabinet at the Pizza Inn.

Friday morning he observed the Corps of Cadets' morning formation and breakfasted with YMCA officers. After breakfast there was another strenuous schedule of classroom appearances topped off by a noontime luncheon with local YMCA officials. He then departed for Dallas.

During his stay, Goncharoff

stressed the desire for an expanded cultural exchange program with all countries.

"I think it would be wonderful if we could take \$5 billions of the defense budget and use it to set up new intensive waves of cultural exchange," he said, "involving hundreds of thousands of scientists, students, orchestras and artists to study the mentality of other peoples and see how the human heart ticks."

Goncharoff explained several aspects of the YMCA which help to "bridge the gap" between the United States and communist countries. He said that through their many exchange and seminar programs they are trying to "mediate," and repudiate many false conceptions that one country may have about another.

"With the splitting of the atom everything has changed except our thinking," the Russian native said, quoting Albert Einstein. "We on earth have been developing in our human relationships at a donkey, horse body speed and at a donkey, horse mentality," he said, contrasting scientific achievements with social and political achievements.

"We think about it and would like to do something, but don't do a thing," he added. "I would like to just make a little contribution."

"Thank goodness my wife feels this way," he laughed, "or I would have a revolution at home and that's too many revolutions!"

In speaking of Russia, Goncharoff explained that a system of Communism as Marx, Lenin, or Stalin knew it does not exist in Russia any more. The impact of scientific technology and the inability of the obsolete Communist ideology to cope with the changes, couple with the rising of a new rebellious youth who have not been indoctrinated in pure Communism and cannot remember

the 1917 revolution, has created a "spiritual and intellectual vacuum."

Goncharoff, a naturalized U.S. citizen, said he felt that one of the best ways for Americans to understand their country and themselves, as well as other countries, was to "articulate the American heritage."

"Not in the flag waving, rousing manner, which is an easy escapism," he said, "but through knowing your forefathers like Jefferson, Washington, Madison and people like that."

One-tenth of A&M students women

Women now account for more than 10 percent of total enrollment at Texas A&M University.

Official registration figures released Thursday show 1,411 women included in Texas A&M's record 13,403 spring enrollment.

Current coed enrollment is up 178 from the fall semester and 382 from last spring. Women were first admitted to Texas A&M, on a limited basis, in 1963.

Registrar Robert A. Lacey said the total spring enrollment rep-

resents an increase of 327 over the same period last year.

He noted, however, spring enrollment is traditionally lower than in the fall. Registration last semester totaled 14,406, but 930 of those students were graduated at mid-term.

Included in Texas A&M's enrollment are 387 veterinary medicine students and approximately 3,000 graduate students. The figures also include 82 cadets at the Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston.

Julliard strings to perform

Chamber music that has been enthusiastically received in a Java village, American embassies in Asia, Russia and most of the rest of the world will be presented here Tuesday by the renowned Julliard String Quartet.

An artists Showcase presentation of the Memorial Student Center Hown Hall committee, the 8 p.m. performance in the MSC Ballroom promises to be a spotlight attraction of the 1970-71 series.

The group acknowledged worldwide for its virtuosity, broad repertoire and exceptional playing skill is composed of first violinist Robert Mann, second violinist Earl Carlyss, violist Samuel Rhodes and cellist Claus Adam.

"They played as if the instruments were parts of their bodies," commented Alexander Sveshnikov, Moscow Conservatory director. In 1961 they were the first American

string quartet to visit the Soviet Union.

Since its 1946 beginning, the quartet has built a repertoire of 135 works, ranging from the classics—Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert—to the moderns—Bartok, Webern, Schoenberg, Ginastera. Champions of American composers, they bring to an ever increasing public, works by Copland, Schuman, Sessions, Piston and Carter.

The Julliard Quartet is regularly invited to help celebrate the opening of new halls, among them Houston, Colorado Springs, New York's Philharmonic and Tully Hall, the New York Lincoln Center's new auditorium for chamber music.

On their 20th anniversary four years ago, the group's aura of excitement and glamor surrounding appearances was examined by Newsweek:

"The extraordinary unity the

Julliard Quartet achieves is not the compromise of four musicians mixing a rich harmonizing brew with every music ingredient at hand; instead, the players dynamically assert their individuality, intensifying the tension between the one and the many. The Julliard's uninhibited performances crackle with electricity as they gamble on a promised fusion that can be almost nuclear in its explosiveness."

Town Hall chairman Bill Leftwich noted that Town Hall season ticket and Texas A&M activity card holders will be admitted free to the Julliard performance. A&M student date tickets are \$1, other student \$1.50 and faculty-staff-patron, \$3. He said seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Looking for something to do? Activity abounds at the 'C'



Senior Jack Abbott performs in the basement at the Memorial Student Center open house Thursday night.



Above, Virginia West, David Anschutz and Tom Bauch explain the Aggie Cinema at the open house. In the lower picture, Vernon Lewis, left, Virgil Gay and William Grays discuss the Black Awareness Committee with a browser.



Kendra Ward waits to tell guests about The New Tradition Singers.



President Dr. Jack K. Williams views the Chess Club's exhibit. (Photos by Bob Cox)