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By FRAN ZUPAN

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President Nixon and Congress disenchantment that Americans feel, Democratic Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana told a standing-roomonly crowd in the Memorial Stu-dent Center Ballroom Thursday.

"There is an erosion of faith that individuals have in the nation, in institutions and in themselves to use their abilities to bring about change," Bayh, who presidency in 1972, told the six- stroyed the people's faith. teenth Student Conference on Nathen Ryans tional Affairs audience.

id was an "I wonder if the president understands how much he has addfree through ed to this disenchantment?" he said. "The number one problem as Carver is how we are going to stop the war and secure peace in South Vietnam.

Nixon disenchanted the young the most when last April 23, he vith less th withdrew 150,000 troops, and then 10 days later without the counsel of Congress invaded Cambodia. This disenchanted the older people

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Bayh, in his second term in the to share the responsibility." senate, serves on the Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution are responsible for much of the of the Committee on Public Works toral college and elect the Presiand the Select Committee on dent directly. Equal Educational Opportunity.

"I'm not sure what is happening in Laos, but it is disenchant- it, the Senate couldn't even get ing to have the President say one it put to a vote," he said. "I can't thing and newsmen on the scene say something else. The people have a right to demand utmost honesty in government."

Bayh mentioned other instances is a potential candidate for the by which, he said, Nixon has de-

> He said that Nixon had promised much money for pollution control in his State of the Union speech this year, but before that week was over the president had threatened not to spend over one half of the money Congress had allotted to build sewers in cities

> However, Bavh did not blame all of the disenchantment on Nix-

"I am well aware that the cause for the lack of faith is not all long period of status quo follows deposited at 1600 Pennsylvania

was his efforts to abolish the elec-

"I don't think it's a measure of faith that after the House passed rationalize a democratic society that denies one vote to one man."

Bayh said a third discreditor of faith is erosion in the minds of many older citizens that think that young Americans can't live up to the responsibility they have.

The young "perked the conscience of the nation" in relation to the Vietnam War and ecology, and because they showed this concern, they have a "sober obligation" to accept the responsibilities of their concern, he said.

"Revolution is a magic word, but the way revolution really works, it loses a little luster," Bayh continued. "After a revolution, you don't immediately have a rebirth of social progress. What usually happens is that a while leaders establish a power Avenue," he said. "Congress has base. We have to have action. We can't afford the luxury or a period of business as usual."

Bayh said that in order to restore lost faith Americans were going to have to say that they are not afraid to dream and invest personal interest to make these dreams come true.

"Healthy bodies, clean air and water, strong minds, and that fleeting eternal dream of peacepeace in the world, peace in the nation and perhaps, most important of all, peace in our neighborhoods," he said were worth dreaming about and working for. "We can move along higher

roads if not for ourselves then for our children or their children,"

In a question and answer period, Bayh was asked how these dreams could be implemented.

He said one example of this stopped, America would not have the resources or the "togetherness" to realize them.

He said once the war is stopped, money would have to be spent in different ways than it is being spent now-funds would have to go to education, health and environment

"Vice President Agnew has said that we should land on Mars by 1980," he said, "but I'd rather cleanup my own back alley or a ghetto in Indianapolis than worry about what's going on on

The audience applauded. A cadet asked Bayh if he had any solutions to getting out of Vietnam that would be better than Nixon's Vietnamization.

Bayh said he thought that a programmed withdrawal should (See Disenchantment, page 3)



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Sen. Birch Bayh speaks to SCONA delegates and A&M students Wednesday afternoon. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Mass action dead, delegate says

Battalion Staff Writer

"Cop out," was the advice given to students by a Rhodes Scholar from Vanderbilt University at a SCONA panel discussion Monday in the Memorial Student Center.

The panel, comprised of John Gaventa, student body president of Vanderbilt University, David Ifshin, president of the National Student Association, and Kent Caperton, student body president of A&M, was moderated by Dr. Frank E. Vandiver, former Rice University president, who stated the topic as the role of the student in the 70's.

Gaventa said people have come to think of political protest as the only way to bring about changes, and describes his method as one of resistance.

He said students must accept

social change without destroying the fabric of society.

A member of the Presidential Commission on Campus Unrest, Gaventa urged students not to become involved in such activities, explaining they have no

"During the '60's, we beat our heads against the wall," he said. "but we didn't make any fundamental changes. We gained an identity out of protesting the old and we haven't done anything but affirm it," said Gaventa.

"Massive political movements are no longer the way," Gaventa said. "Mass movements attract violence, and destroy our goals."

Decrying Gaventa's remarks, Ishfin called for students to build up a mass movement.

"It is my experience that people who get involved in decadence the challenge of bringing about usually die at 30," he said.

sponsibility," he said. "Too many students are interested only with student problems." He gave the war in Vietnam

top priority, calling it the "U.S. war of aggression." "Ending the war will end other

problems such as poverty and racial strife," Ishfin added. Caperton, commenting on the recent lull in campus activity, ex-

pressed optimism over the inac-"Just because things are quiet," he said, "does not mean they are

Caperton said the student must be "society's conscience" because

no one else will do it. He sees the 18-year-old vote as a chance for students making talking with them "politically at-

tractive" to politicians. Caperton said people have a tendency to talk with others of due Monday the same viewpoint. He said students have an appalling ignorance about one another that must be bridged if they are to become aware of their problems and do something about them.

Vandiver described his remarks as the "view from the foxhole." "I represent the most besieged group in America—the college

presidents." He said the function of the president should be to act as academic director, but he is so busy

playing "academic roulette" that he doesn't have time. He said the students' role must be to communicate with officials

and elimninate misinformation. He said he was surprised by the lack of authority given to the president.

"The president has no power," she said, "but from what I can he said, "decisions are made by

His role makes him the "nat-

ural enemy of the students and faculty," he said.

Vandiver said he believes research must go hand in hand with teaching, but large universities with many departments mean non-identity.

"We must make the university a place of the mind and spirit that concentrates on thought," he

ed, Vandiver said, to stop universities from becoming "cities in themself."

Restricting enrollment is need-

Vandiver warned against allowing the university officials too much power.

"Given its (power's) head, it will destroy the university," he

MSC applications

Applications for chairmanships of 12 Memorial Student Center committees, including SCONA XVII, are being accepted at the Student Program Office.

Prospective chairmen of Aggie Cinema, Basement, Black Awareness, Radio, Recreation, SCONA and Travel Committees will be interviewed Wednesday, according to directorate assistant Mickey Wiesinger.

Minimum grade requirements for chairmen include an overall 2.4 grade point ratio or 2.65 for the two previous semesters. Applicants cannot be on any proba-

Deadline for applications is 5 p. m. Monday.

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SCONA delegates give opinions of A&M ized, and that he was getting a more conservative than at David- versity is their locations," Law-

By BRUCE BLACK Battalion Staff Writer

A&M, SCONA delegates visiting he campus for the first time gave a wide variation of answers.

Sen. Charles Goodell

A group of three black students Wilbert Watson and Lercy mes of Grambling and Robert ackwell of Southern University gave their views:

"The students I've talked to ave mostly been blacks," Watson id; "They all say its pretty ugh. It seems that most people ere sit down and listen to the ack problem, but action stops

"The first night we were here." mes said, "a lot of people kept ferring to us as 'boy' . . . things ke that kind of put you on your

SCONA XVI

Tonight

Minority Report-8-10 p.m.; An Alternative Point of View

Saturday

Sixth Plenary Session-10:15 a.m.-12 noon; former N.Y.

Fifth Roundtable Session-4-6 p.m.

Sixth Roundtable Session-8:30-9:45 a.m.

When asked what they found blacks in high positions such as military schools. most impressive about Texas on your senate or the football

don't you try to recruit blacks?" (Texas A&M has signed four Eduardo Reyes said. black students in the current football recruiting drive.)

To Don Gunther of the U.S. Naval Academy, A&M's most outstanding trait is its unity.

"It amazes me how you have the military group and the civilians working so close together," he commented. "I was very impressed by Silver

academy.'

SCONA conference well organ-

team," Blackwell said. "Why ent from the University of Mexico, visiting SCONA delegate

> "Students here are very openminded," he said; "you can express your views and know that they will be listened to."

"Everyone is very friendly and helpful," Reyes continued. "When we arrived, we had no place to stay, and you found us one right

Bill Mayfield, of Davidson Col-Taps," he continued. "I'm going lege in North Carolina, said he to discuss the possible adoption was very impressed by the of such a tradition back at the amount of spirit at A&M, which could be seen from the corps re-Gunther said he found the view Thursday afternoon.

"There just aren't enough wide view from both civilian and son," Mayfield commented, "but rence said. "Academically, how-Things here are quite differ- the students from a different lo- respects." cale. A&M is much more unified than most schools."

> "Any school that's bigger than 4,000 students is impressive to me," Dave Kurz of Del Mar Junior College said. "The people here are so friend-

> ly they just overwhelm you," he continued, "but I never realized that the school was so conserva-

> John Lawrence spent two semesters at A&M before going to work for Cong. Olin E. Teague. He presently is visiting A&M as a delegate from American University in Washington, D.C.

"About the only difference be-"The student body is definitely tween A&M and American Uni- against blacks."

I believe that comes from drawing ever, I think A&M excells in many Lawrence went on to say he

> thinks that when A&M gets a large number of girls, it will tend to have a snowballing effect, making the school much more open minded. "When I first came here, I expected A&M to be more of a mili-

tant, radical school than it is," Pam Wright of Auburn University said. "But I was surprised to see that there was so much bigotry here,"

she continued. "A Auburn we are working on

see here, they seem to be working circumstances."

Freshman Sweetheart will be selected at formal ball crest High School in Dallas, is 16 Five semi-finalists for freshman sweetheart will contend for and has brown hair and brown the title at the Freshman Ball Saturday night, the highlight of Susan Lyn Hagler, a freshman



Cynthia Sue Berger



Freshman Weekend. The formal ball at 8:30 p.m. in "Heritage," rock group from

Houston, and the selection of the sweetheart by a committee, Freshman Social Secretary Richard Chaplin said. Tonight in DeWare Field House

there will be a sock dance with the "Cornerston Blues." Saturday at 11 a.m. a catered

barbecue-all you can eat-will be held in Hensel Park.

A reception for the five sweetheart finalists, their escorts, class officers and judges will be held in the Birch Room of the Memorial Student Center at 3:30 p. m.

The finalists are: Cynthia Sue Berger, a fresh-

man elementary education major at Sam Houston State University. Cynthia, of Houston, is 19 and has blonde hair and blue eyes. Andrea Clark, a junior at Hill-

speech and hearing therapy major at Hardin-Simmons Univer-Duncan Dining Hall will feature sity. Miss Hagler, of Midland, is 18 with blonde hair and brown

Karen Lois Pekar, a freshman at Temple Junior College. Miss Pekar, of Granger, is 19 and has blonde hair and green eyes.

Karen Dale Seibert, a senior at David W. Carter High School in Dallas. Miss Seibert is 17 with brown hair and green eyes. Tickets for the entire weekend

will cost \$8.00 and can be obtained at each of the three main events of the weekend, though there will be no reduction in price regardless of which event the tickets are purchased at.

"We need people to start decorating at 5 a.m. Saturday," Maness said, "anyone who can help in any way." To sign up for work crews,

5-6686 or Chaplin at 5-4540.

freshmen should call Manness at



Karen Pekar



Karen Seiber



Andrea Clark