

Senate delays decision on constitution 2 weeks

By HAYDEN WHITSETT

The Student Senate Thursday night delayed voting on the proposed constitution and passed the recommendations of a Silver Taps committee on who Silver Taps should be held for.

Voting on the constitution was delayed for two weeks on the recommendation of Kent Caperton, Student Senate president.

"We've really been besided by a lot of questions and opposition from organizations," Caperton

said as he explained his request for the delay. "I think two more weeks will give use adequate time

The Student Senate voter registration drive has been extended to Sunday night.

Forms may be picked up at the main desk in the Memorial Student Center, and must be filled out and mailed by each student to his own tax assessor-collector.

to answer any complaints," he said.

Most of the meeting was taken up by discussion and explanation

of the constitution and proposed changes. Nothing in the constitution was changed at the meeting.

The new constitution would organize all full and part-time students at A&M into the Student Association of A&M. Its objectives are listed to act as the official voice of the students, promote the welfare of the students, assist in the determination of University policy and provide a liaison between faculty and administration and students.

According to the constitution, 26 senators will be apportioned

annually as equitably as possible among the colleges according to fall semester enrollment.

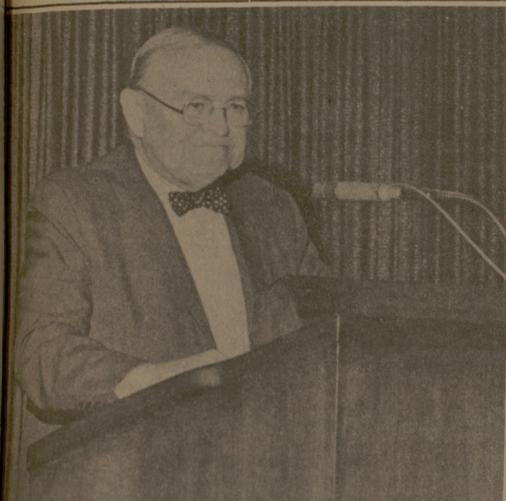
One or more senators are to be elected from living area districts established by the fall semester enrollment. The ratio of senators to students in the districts is to be a close to one to 750 as possible.

This is the first time any senators have been elected from the living areas.

Five senators are to be elected from the freshman class immediately following the issuance of the preliminary fall grade re-

ports. Apportionment by population drew most of the remarks during the discussion. "I don't think that how we reapportion is going to get to the students any better," said Ray Kopecky (Jr-Eng) "We are giving the most apathetic students 10 students, the day students, and that means we are giving one fifth of the senate to them."

His remarks were countered by Sam Drugan (Jr-Sci) who said that more than 50 per cent of the leaders in the Memorial Stu- (See Senate delays, page 2)



Dr. Joseph Fletcher

'Spare part medicine' needs donors: Fletcher

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People are faced today with a badly lack of organs and of living donors, Professor of Medical Ethics at the University of Virginia Medical School Dr. Joseph Fletcher said Thursday night.

"Shouldn't we be screaming about the houseposts for more donated tissue instead of worrying about how to destroy it in burial," Fletcher asked.

Speaking on the moral and ethical aspects of organ transplants, Fletcher said that in many cases, donors do not have a moral right to try a transplant.

"We are wasting, and immoral, our vital body parts selfishly when we are alive and even more selfishly when we are dead," he said.

He continued, saying "spare part medicine" is still in its younger stages, but is definitely here to stay.

"It was once quite frequently stated that the human body is worth only 87 cents in its residual qualities," he said, "but now it has become worth quite a bit in respect to its life-saving capacities."

Fletcher used New York City as an example, where he said, there is a constant waiting list

of 50-100 in need of kidney transplants.

"There are quite often enough kidneys at hand which are not therapeutically available," he said.

He cited cases of persons who have promised organs, and after death the family refuses permission for a transplant.

Persons wishing to donate organs upon death may obtain a wallet-size card from the State Department of Health stating an agreement to an organ transplant,

he said. The body was once thought of as a form of religious materialism, Fletcher said.

"Many believed that a dead person robbed of an eye or other organ, would go on to 'whatever comes next' crippled, maimed or blind" he said.

The present loss of faith in immortality should enhance the overcoming of fear in donating body parts, he continued.

"However," he said, "the old (See Spare parts, page 3)

GSC thanks dean, limits party

By GARY AVEN
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The Graduate Student Council (GSC) passed a resolution unanimously yesterday thanking Dean of the Graduate College George W. Kunze "for his effort and success in formulating and implementing a modern system of graduate records at Texas A&M University."

In other business, Student Senate President Kent Caperton explained the proposed revisions in student government at A&M to the GSC and urged its support; the council voted to send out a

bulletin prepared by their Communications Committee to people who write to the Graduate College for information; delegates were selected to attend the Spring Leadership Conference in Houston.

The GSC voted in the extended session to have its annual party opened only to GSC members and their guests.

Ernie Davis (Ag.Eco.) said that in the past, of the more than 3,000 graduate students who could have come to the annual GSC party, only about 20 couples showed up.

Considerable expense is involved, he said, so the GSC voted to invite GSC members and their guests only this year. They also voted to finance the party out of their own pockets, in the words of Vice-President C. A. Bedinger (Bio.), to avoid a reflection on themselves.

The resolution thanking Dean Kunze refers to his work in developing a computer program and a computerized information file to help faculty and graduate students retrieve graduate student records previously difficult to obtain.

GSC Treasurer Kamaluddin Hyder (F.Tec.) said the records, previously time-consuming and exasperating to obtain, have been delivered automatically, directly from the computer, to graduate students and faculty for the past three semesters.

Hyder said Kunze was applauded by educators from all over the country for his work on the program.

Student Senate President Kent Caperton explained the proposed revisions in student government, now being considered by the Student Senate, as an attempt to separate the legislative from the executive branch of student government. Then, he said, A&M

students need to start a judicial branch.

"If student government has been inefficient in the past," Caperton said, "it's because it's bad management to have one branch look after so many things. This is why it's ineffective. I think I've neglected the legislative aspect."

Caperton said under the new plan, students would vote by living area instead of by colleges. Off-campus students would elect their representatives at-large, he said, because it is nearly impossible to divide them into living areas.

Caperton said some people wanted to give day students less representation, arguing that they aren't interested anyway.

"I am opposed to this," Caperton said. "The one man-one vote principle is proven, and I'll stick

to it."

The revision plan would remove ex-officio members (which graduate students are) of the Student Senate from the legislative and put them in the executive, he said. In other words, they would lose their seats on the senate.

Dean Kunze asked how the graduate students could bring a bill before the senate after they lost the right to speak on the floor.

"Graduate students could bring a bill through the President's Advisory Cabinet," Caperton replied. "The Student Association President has the right to speak on the floor of the senate. Or just go to a meeting, stand up and say, 'I ask that the rules be suspended so I can make a presentation.' No one I know of has ever been turned down."

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Prairie View toll \$50,000

Early morning violence at Prairie View A&M College caused an estimated \$50,000 in damage Thursday.

President Alvin Thomas blamed the trouble on three or four "real professional" agitators.

Prairie View is part of the Texas A&M University System.

After unsuccessfully demanding the resignations of Thomas and three deans, nearly one-fourth of the 4,000-member predominantly Negro student body marched from Thomas' home to the campus and burned a police security building, wrecked the college exchange store, looted the campus laundry, smashed windows in two dormitories, and overturned and burned a campus security patrol car.

By midmorning, most of the students were back in classes.

There also were reports the students were protesting cafeteria and exchange store prices.

A senior from Baltimore said there also was discontent over a 10:30 p.m. curfew for women students and over the student newspaper and student govern-

ment being controlled by the administration.

Thomas said the newspaper basically is a public relations outlet for the college while the student government is designed to teach students democracy.

Thomas traced the troubles to last week's dismissal of 200 or so students for academic failure. Many, he added, were members of an organization that had been outlawed from the campus, People for Afro-American Life.

This was not Prairie View's first experience with campus violence. Some 22 persons were indicted by a Waller County grand jury after a football player was stabbed to death and three campus buildings were burned March 29, 1969.

Dr. T. R. Solomon, dean of students, traced the new violence to the Black Panthers.

"We feel some outsiders from the Black Panther organization are in on this," Solomon said.

Solomon said the People for Afro-American Life are really Black Panthers in disguise and that the Black Panthers had start-

ed their attempts to organize on campus at the beginning of the fall semester and have been at it ever since.

Solomon said the group was dissatisfied with the administration because of a contention it was not sufficiently oriented to Negro awareness.

There were no arrests and Thomas said no students would be expelled unless convicted of a crime resulting from the incident. He said the investigation of the situation was being turned over to the FBI and state police.

Dr. Jack K. Williams, president of both Texas A&M and the Texas A&M University System, told The Battalion he is insisting criminal charges be brought against students known to have participated in the disturbance.

He said he believed the destruction of buildings and a car took the students' actions out of the prank category.

Thomas was scheduled to meet with student leaders today. He spent yesterday evening meeting with faculty and staff members.



Graduate Student Council President Larry McGill reads a resolution thanking Dean of the Graduate College George W. Kunze for implementing a modern system of records at A&M. (Photo by Gary Aven)

Olson promises exciting Civilian Week - Weekend

By CHERLYN PERKINS
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Civilian Week-weekend promises to be more exciting than ever before, according to Civilian Student Council (CSC) President Mark Olson said Thursday night.

Olson said that the CSC is almost doubling last year's \$4,000 budget in an effort to "attract more civilian students to the events taking place April 9-24."

Highlights of the weekend will be a casino on Friday, the Three Dog Night in a Town Hall performance and the Sweetheart Presentation dance following Town Hall Saturday, Olson said.

Prices for the events depend on student residence hall activity cards. Olson explained that if a student holds a fall activity card, the entire weekend which would cost \$15 may be purchased for \$9.

If a student holds both fall and spring residence hall activity cards, the cost will be \$8, Olson said. If only the spring card is held, students will pay \$12 for the week, he added.

"The new thing for this year is the casino," Paul Ammons, CSC treasurer commented. Leon Drodz, committee chairman for the weekend, came up with the arrangements after the group

decided on the idea from attending the 1970 National Association of Colleges and Universities Residence Halls conference (NA CURH) held at Texas Tech.

"The casino will take up the entire second floor of the MSC and will feature all types of games," Ammons continued. Authentic gambling tables will be used and "Aggie loot" will take the place of money.

Saturday the Civilian Sweetheart will be chosen from the 17 residence hall sweethearts and presented at the dance at Sbis Dining Hall. The present Aggie Sweetheart, past Civilian Student Sweetheart and members of the CSC will act as judges.

Other events during the week include a car show on Monday; Residence Hall Day, Tuesday; Aggie Muster on Wednesday along with a luncheon honoring student-oriented faculty members and Academic Day.

Finals for the intramural competition held throughout the week will be Thursday, and the Aggie Cinema is hosting a Grove movie that night.

Unlike previous years there will be no barbecue due to "logistics and finances," according to Ammons. The money will be used for the other activities.



Waiting for the meeting that moved, Battalion reporter Cheryl Perkins, her husband David (left) and Tim Ingraham of the Aggie Cinema wait in MSC room 3D for the CSC to meet. Because of communications snafus, the three were unaware the CSC was meeting in the Lutheran Student Center as part of an attempt by the CSC to find a suitable meeting place for next year when the MSC renovation will be taking place. (Photo by Bob Cox)

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