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FRIDAY — Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low tonight 62.

SATURDAY — Partly cloudy and warm with southerly winds. High 80, low 60.

Constitution slayed; falls 2 votes short

By HAYDEN WHITSETT
Battalion Assistant Editor

The Student Senate defeated Wednesday night a proposed new constitution by a vote of 43 for and 26 against, one and a third votes short of the two-thirds present and voting required to pass it.

The constitution has been under consideration by the Senate for over a semester.

The main reason for the de-

feat was due to the proposed system of representation apportionment in the Senate. The new constitution provided for 26 senators to be apportioned among the colleges according to the total enrollment.

It also called for one or more senators to come from living area districts to be apportioned annually by the Senate, trying to keep the ratio as close to one senator to 750 students as possible.

Five senators (as is now done) were to be elected at large from the freshman class immediately following fall mid-semester grade reports.

The current system has 53 senators selected from the colleges, nine executive officers, five freshmen, and 10 ex-officio members, a total of 77.

Steve Hook (soph-Sci) spoke for most of the assenting senators when he said, "Certain factions here in the Senate are worried about their prominence, their power on this campus, rather than the students. They are putting a minority above the whole."

All those voting against the proposal were cadets, a group that would lose much of its current representation in the Student Senate if the reapportionment section of the constitution was passed.

Kent Caperton, president of the Senate and a strong supporter of the constitution, said afterward

that the defeat "makes it almost impossible for us to get this in this year."

The constitution would have to be ratified by the students in a general election before it could take effect.

"If this thing is going to work we've got to give it a chance, and that's what I think some of the people here are afraid of, giving it a chance," Tommy Mayes, (jr-LA) said of those opposing the proposal.

Caperton pleaded with the senators to put aside feelings of loyalty to one side or another and "to look at the document as a whole."

"Certainly it's a compromise," Caperton said vehemently, "but it's a step up to a new system of representation. The change is necessary because the old way just isn't working."

One large topic of dissension was the 10 senators apportioned to off-campus students. Caperton harangued the Senate, commenting that "51 per cent of the students live off-campus and we've got to quit treating them like outcasts." He later apologized for sermonizing.

Before the Senate considered the constitution as a whole, Mike Essmyer, parliamentarian, moved to amend the new constitution's apportionment system to 50 senators distributed among the colleges and have at least five freshmen as senators along with four

executive positions. His proposal was much the same as the present system.

"We just had a motion made that was taken off the top of his head. He just made it up, pulled it out," Tommy Henderson, (sr-LA) said of Essmyer.

"I'm getting g--- tired of going around and around with this thing," he said, "you've had your chance to change it and now in the last minute you come up with this."

"For a month and a half you've been coming to the meeting and bitching. You're just tearing it down, not offering any constructive ideas," Charles Hicks, welfare committee chairman, said.

After a five-minute recess to find out how many votes were needed to carry the amendment—and to let tempers, which were rising, cool down—the proposal was defeated, 21 for and 53 against. For a moment it looked as if the amendment might have carried but as the end of the roll was called, the nays pulled ahead.

After more debate on the constitution as a whole, Steve Hook called for the previous question and a roll call vote was taken on the whole proposal, which was defeated for the first time, by the same vote that later defeated it again.

The second, and final, defeating vote came after most of the Senate seemed dissatisfied with (See Senate, page 3)



The Student Senate considers a roll call vote on the constitution after it had been defeated the first time Thursday night. Those with hands raised are voting against a roll call vote. (Photo by Larry Martin)

Ph.D. language requirements draw graduate student's gripes

By GARY AVEN
Battalion Staff Writer

Sayed Hasan (Ind-Eng) said at the Graduate Student Council (GSC) meeting Thursday that the foreign language requirements for Ph.D. candidates should be re-examined.

"Many feel the ETS doesn't test the real ability to translate a language," he said.

The ETS (Education Testing Service) Test, often called the Princeton Test, is a language proficiency (grammar and comprehension) test that all Ph.D. candidates must pass. There are three alternatives: six to eight

extra hours outside the major and a language reading exam; a writing and speaking exam; or reading exams in two different foreign languages.

Only French, German, Russian in some departments Spanish are acceptable, Secretary Jeanne Snider (Ocn) said.

"Many teachers," Hasan said, "feel the ETS deprives them of the right to grade the language ability of their students. The Graduate College doesn't accept the grade given by the language department as proof of proficiency."

"We have complained before that it's set up like it is," President Larry McGill (Vet-Path) agreed.

"Proposals had been made to alter the language requirements, making it optional to the department heads," McGill said. "But they (the administration) were going to raise the requirements in other areas. This went to the Academic Council, but they never accepted it. And then the Executive Council zapped it."

"Many other good schools have no language requirements," Hasan said.

"I recommend that we set up a commission to get the facts as to how the language requirement is handled on other campuses," Treasurer Kamaluddin Hyder said.

Hasan was the only member of the council who would volunteer to serve officially on the commission.

In the Traffic Committee report, Secretary Jeanne Snider

warned that plainclothes policemen are watching the MSC beginning at 7 a.m. for students who park there and walk from there to classes.

"Don't park in service vehicle spots," she added. "Nor in front of dumpsters. They come around at night, and you'll always get a ticket. You can park in service vehicle spots at night, but leave your trunk up to signify that you're loading. If you park in the spaces around the Cyclotron where there aren't any parking signs and you get a ticket, appeal it." Jeanne is on the Appeals Court.

"They are going to start giving pedestrians traffic tickets," Jeanne said, "if there are pedestrian walks open, and they don't use them."

Hyder said the GSC newsletter was tentatively scheduled to come out April 1. He called the newsletter the only way the GSC can communicate with all the graduate students and urged that GSC funds be used to mail it to every graduate student who lives off campus. Hyder also asked that any articles for the newsletter be in before the next GSC meeting (March 25).

Ernie Davis (AgEd) suggested that the newsletter contain a questionnaire to find out what the graduate students thought about various issues.

"We included a questionnaire before," President McGill reminded the council, "but we never did study the results."

Ernie Davis (AgEd) asked that the fight be continued to get the consideration section for those

who wish to sit at football games moved to better seats. He said he wants the first five rows on the upper deck for the consideration section.

"It's like voting against apple pie because it's a tradition to stand up at football games," Mickey Land (Educ) said. "Don't misunderstand. I'm for it."

Carolyn Adair (Educ Admin) said the Complaints Committee is asking for input.

"Not enough people know about it," she said. "If you have anything you'd like to know, let me know, and I'll find out."

Civilians hear Centrex official, discuss Battalion, constitution

By DOUGLAS GIBBS
Battalion Staff Writer

Replies to student gripes about centrex phone service were given by officials of the General Telephone Co. at Thursday's Civilian Student Council meeting.

Other issues discussed included the student newspaper, The Battalion, civilian student weekend and the proposed constitution.

Representatives from both Bryan and San Angelo offices of the telephone company appeared in response to a letter written by CSC President Mark Olson listing student complaints.

Olson read the letter he wrote, its reply, and a letter from President Jack K. Williams that assured A&M would not be used as an agent in bill collecting.

Bill Irwin, of the Bryan Office, spoke for the phone company and addressed answers to the problem areas Olson mentioned in his letter.

Billing procedures that leave some students with a backlog of calls from several months are caused by the frequent dorm-to-dorm, room-to-room movement of A&M students, according to Irwin. He urged students who move to contact the telephone company directly, since the University accepts no responsibility to do this.

Irwin said complaints that too little time is allowed student to reply to mailing statements had no foundation.

Prompt delivery of bills was assured him by the San Angelo mailing office and the College Station post office, he said, and repeated billings actually allow a 17-day reply period, before fur-

ther action is taken by the company.

In response to voicings against the telephone contracts, Irwin said \$21,000 plus in unpaid bills has been attributed to A&M students since 1968, when the service was first installed.

Bill investigations are handled so that "if you deny a call, that call is removed from your bill until investigated," Irwin said.

Concerning the charge that the university is used to collect phone company bills, he flatly stated "the University does not assist us." However, Irwin regretfully admitted that for a 60-day period during the summer of '70 several students were told by phone company officials that disciplinary action would be taken by the university if phone bills weren't paid, due to a mistake over what turned out to be tentative approval of such a program. The approval

was withdrawn by the university when the program was defeated.

Irwin asked for specific instances of rudeness to substantiate the claim of insufficient service from Bryan officials.

We want to work with you to get the service you want and we want to provide," Irwin added.

Commenting on the company's efforts to answer student complaints, Olson commended the company highly for its response.

Also present at the meeting was A&M Vice President Tom D. Cherry, who praised the council for its work on the problem and challenged them to find solutions to phone company problems amongst themselves.

Olson reported on a conversation he had with Dave Middlebrooke, editor of The Battalion, in which Olson suggested The Battalion do less editorializing, and stop "pitting the corps against civilians."

According to Olson, Middle-

brooke replied that most editorials are written to clear up misconceptions, and that he would talk to his reporters about editorializing.

"He's got a few reporters that seem to miss a few facts," Olson said. "This seems tragic, I would hope he would select them a little bit better."

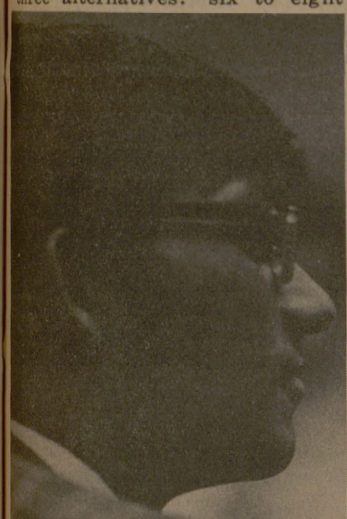
Olson said Middlebrooke pledged full co-operation of The Battalion with Civilian Weekend.

"They know we are out on a limb," he said.

In closing, Olson said, "I don't sympathize with David Middlebrooke, but he made sense and talked rationally."

"To the best of my knowledge," Middlebrooke said later, "our news stories do not carry editorial bias—in fact, we work damn hard to make sure none is present."

"I find it interesting," he said, "that people are reluctant to (See Civilians, page 2)



Sayheed Hasan tells the GSC Thursday that foreign language requirements for Ph.D. candidates are making students and teachers unhappy. (Photo by Larry Martin)

Dr. Pepper prescribed for calming jittery bear

Dr. Pepper aided in the treatment of one of Baylor University's junior mascots during the past two weeks at the university's Small Animal Veterinary Clinic.

Dr. Pepper, not a staff veterinarian but the popular soft

drink, was used to settle the bear during examinations.

A 15-month-old female black bear named Delilah was admitted to the clinic Feb. 27 suffering from a skin condition and loss of hair. She is one of several mascots for the Baylor Bears athletic

teams.

Drs. Richard Heller and Gene Gowing treated Delilah.

"She was easy to handle only when given a Dr. Pepper to drink," Gowing said.

A case of Dr. Pepper was kept near her cage to settle her nerves when she became excited. The bear became very nervous when around people and disliked the presence of dogs, Gowing said.

"The 100-pound bear was fed a diet of high-quality dog food, a normal diet for any captive bear," Heller explained.

A skin biopsy revealed Delilah had a chronic bacterial skin infection. An autogenous bacterin was prepared from cultured bacteria taken from her body.

The bacterin, in the form of a vaccine, is to be injected to develop an immunity to the infection, Heller said.

Other medications given Delilah included a hormone preparation and a fatty acid diet treatment.

Delilah was released from the hospital this week under the care of Dr. E. K. Lamb, a Texas A&M graduate with a small animal practice in Waco.

A&M staff veterinarians have treated most of the Southwest Conference school mascots at one time or another, a College of Veterinary Medicine spokesman reported.

Arrested students now out of school

Three Texas A&M students arrested last week for possession of drugs have been suspended indefinitely, James P. Hannigan, Dean of Students, announced Thursday.

Hannigan identified the students as Richard N. Mathis, 20, of Jacksonville, Ark.; George C. Reeser, 19, of Beaumont, and August William Lentz, 18, of Houston.

The trio was arrested late Thursday in three separate university dormitories by University Police. Lentz and Reeser were both freshmen civilian students, while Mathis was a sophomore in the Corps of Cadets attend-

ing A&M with an Air Force ROTC scholarship.

Mathis and Reeser were charged and jailed for possession of marijuana and Lentz was charged and jailed for possession and sale of dangerous drugs. All three were free on \$1,000 bonds each last weekend.

J. D. Gossett, criminal investigator for the University Police, said Thursday that the drug problem on this campus was becoming a serious one.

"We are going to be more observant in the future in this problem because it is becoming more serious every day," Sergeant Gossett said.

"The problem is here to stay. We can't get rid of it, but we can contain and control it," he said.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

Juniors' dates can be entered for sweetheart

Entries for the 1970-71 junior class sweetheart are now being accepted, Class President Jerry McGowen of Mansfield has announced.

Juniors wishing to enter their dates for sweetheart should contact Mary Hanak, Richard Tillman or Carl Olson. Deadline for entries is March 20, McGowen said.

Ten finalists will be chosen by a selection committee. The '72 class sweetheart will be picked by ballot at the Junior Ball, a March 27 event in Duncan Hall.

McGowen said continuous playing bands will be featured at the 7:30 to 12:30 p.m. dance, which will be semi-formal. The bands are "The Gripping Force" and "Sundance."

"The Gripping Force," Fort Worth organization formerly of Shreveport played at one of the dances for Gov. Preston Smith's inauguration in January. The band has a new Decca Record release coming out in May.

"Sundance" plays out of San Antonio and has a new hit single, "He Gives Us All His Love."



General Telephone Division Manager Bill Irwin speaks before the Civilian Student Council Thursday night. He said that over \$21,000 in unpaid telephone bills has been attributed to A&M students since 1968. (Photo by Larry Martin)