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## Peace plan knocked but still not rejected



THE JAZZ ENSEMBLE from the University of Texas performed Thursday night in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. The group brought alive some of the old and introduced some of the new jazz in their performance. (Photo by Robert Williams)

By Student Senate

## New constitution draws talk

The Student Senate touched on the proposed constitution Thursday night but did not go into the heart that may cause the most argument within the senate.

The part left untouched in the Senate's quick consideration of the constitution dealt with the apportionment of student senators. It was this segment that was responsible for an earlier constitution being defeated last year.

The apportionment system calls for 50 senators selected from the colleges, as is now the case, and representatives from living areas on the basis of one senator to every 500 students with each class having an equal number of senators.

It was the living area representation that defeated last year's proposed constitution. The system would weigh the odds in favor of civilian students since they are in the majority.

The consideration of the apportionment was put off because of the lateness of the meeting. Several more meetings are to be held before the senate votes on the constitution. If it passes the senate it must go before the students in a referendum.

The Student Senate also passed two resolutions dealing with College Station. One deals with setting up absentee voting booths on campus because the College Station Spring General Elections fall on April 4, during the spring break. The resolution has already been shown to the City Council and was not well received.

The other calls for the senate executive committee and the City Council to "meet in conference to exchange ideas and discuss problems in an effort to establish and increase communications" between TAMU and College Station.

Details of the Student Support

Program were given out by Layne Kruse, Student Life Chairman. The program provides for discounts from Bryan-College Station businessmen for TAMU students.

The discount will be available to students in stores that will exhibit a discount sign in a window. An ID card must be shown in order to receive the discount.

A tentative list with 27 entries has been prepared and more are expected to be added, said Kruse. Most of the discounts are being given on a percentage of purchase basis.

Goods purchasable under discount include gasoline, tires, jewelry, radios, TVs, clothing, auto repair, books, food, and other items.

Kruse said he expected the list to be complete and the discount operable by Wednesday.

The senate also allotted \$1,500

PARIS (AP)—North Vietnam and the Viet Cong unleashed a barrage of criticism Thursday against every major point of President Nixon's peace plan but stopped short of outright rejection.

The U. S. delegate told the Vietnamese Communists the United States will not complete a total withdrawal from South Vietnam until a final agreement is signed based "on all aspects" of Nixon's plan. The United States and South Vietnam placed the eight-point plan before the Paris peace talks.

The Nixon plan was under discussion over the past two years in secret meetings in Paris, between presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, and North Vietnamese negotiators. The South Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegations were excluded from these talks because the Communists would not negotiate with Saigon's representative.

In presenting the plan, U. S. Ambassador William J. Porter and South Vietnam's Pham Dang Lam stressed that it was flexible and open to negotiation. The allied delegates hoped that the Communist side might take up the challenge and open bargaining in public or secret meetings.

The meeting produced no hint that the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegations were ready to bargain—publicly or privately—on the basis of Nixon's plan.

After denouncing the plan as a maneuver by Nixon to get himself re-elected president, Xuan Thuy, the North Vietnamese delegate, said he would have "other comments to make" later.

Thuy denounced Nixon for divulging the secret Kissinger contracts in spite of a formal promise he said the United States gave the North Vietnamese. It was the second time in the

three-year-old conference that Nixon has violated a similar undertaking, Thuy asserted, and added: "If Mr. Nixon cannot keep such a solemn promise, then what credibility will his other statements have?"

Both Thuy and the Viet Cong's Nguyen Van Tien referred to the Viet Cong's seven point peace plan submitted to the talks last July 1. They avoided all reference to the nine-point plan North Vietnam put to Kissinger in the secret talks. The Hanoi plan demanded American war reparations. The United States rejected the demand while offering Hanoi a share in a multibillion-dollar reconstruction program.

Porter told the Communist side: "We would be willing, once there is an over-all agreement in principle, to begin implementing certain military aspects of the agreement, such as those affecting withdrawals and prisoners, while we continue to negotiate on other aspects."

"However, in connection with troop withdrawals, I wish to make it clear that although they could start on the date of the agreement in principle, they would not be totally completed before a final agreement on all aspects of the problem is signed."

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had asked questions about the American plan, particularly dealing with procedures for a proposed election. "That is a good sign," the secretary declared, "that is what negotiations are all about."

He tempered his encouragement with such statements as: "It is not clear at all" that the North Vietnamese and their Viet Cong allies are seriously interested in a peaceful settlement. "North Vietnam insists that the government of South Vietnam be removed and a government by their choosing take over," Rogers said, adding the American position insists on a free election.

"We are perfectly flexible" on the procedures involving an election, the secretary said, and "we are prepared to do anything to insure the election is fair."

However, he said, "we cannot accept North Vietnam imposing a Communist government on South Vietnam . . . the United States cannot retreat from that as a matter of principle."

## Rogers reveals optimism regarding peace proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State William P. Rogers expressed some hesitant optimism Thursday about the future of President Nixon's eight-point peace plan because the North Vietnamese had not rejected the proposal at the Paris talks.

After saying a main sticking point in the negotiations is Hanoi's insistence on a Communist-imposed government for South Vietnam, Rogers told a conference of editors and broadcasters: "I am somewhat encouraged by the fact that they (the North Vietnamese) have not rejected our proposals at Paris this morning."

"There has been a good deal of invective," the secretary continued, "but they have not rejected" the plan outlined by President Nixon earlier this week and formally presented at Paris Thursday.

Rogers said he had talked to William Porter, the chief U. S. delegate at the Paris talks, following his meeting with the North Vietnamese representatives and was told the other side

## Don't mess with board, GSC is told by Cooper

Ed Cooper, assistant to President Jack Williams, said Thursday that to ask for a student representative on the Board of Directors wouldn't be the easiest thing to do at the Graduate Student Council meeting.

Cooper presented the administration's position concerning the controversial matter.

The council was considering making a proposal that the Student Senate president be placed on the Board of Directors as a non-voting member. At this time students may only attend the open meetings of the board. Across the nation 105 colleges have student representation on the Board of Directors.

Cooper feels that the students already have a good way of communicating with the board. "The students are represented by the administration at board meetings," he said. Cooper emphasized that students should use organizations like the Student Senate as a

means of expressing opinions through the administration and to the board.

"The present system is workable and good," Cooper said. Cooper is worried that to allow the Student Senate president to be a member of the board would give numerous other organizations justification for asking for the same representation.

Cooper said that to have the administration to submit the proposal at a board meeting is not the proper way to approach the matter. He would rather see the proposal submitted to the state legislature. Cooper went on to say, however, that the administration could not question the Attorney General concerning the legality of the proposal due to the "delicate nature of the subject." "The president would be put in a precarious position," he said.

The Graduate Student Council is considering sending a copy of

the proposal to the lieutenant governor and to congressmen.

The council decided to table the motion for the proposal and consider it later.

Recently the administration assigned student representatives to what were previously all faculty committees. The GSC would like to see graduate student representation on some of these university committees. Cooper replied favorably to this proposal but asked that the council present the administration with statements justifying the need for having a graduate student on a particular committee.

Senate President John Sharp

## Dorm consolidation plan best arrangement available

The university policy on consolidation of dormitory students is designed to provide the most equitable arrangement between student desires and financial concerns, said Housing Director Allen M. Madeley.

The policy, established by the Board of Directors three years ago, states that students living alone must pay rent and a third unless consolidation with another student is impossible.

"This gives the student an opportunity to live alone if he wants to and pay the extra or move in with someone else. The student without a roommate has a choice of who to live with rather than us telling him who," said Howard S. Perry, director of civilian student activities.

"We like to give the student a chance to find someone in his own hall to move in with. This sustains hall unity and no one is forced to take 'pot-luck' on a roommate or move to another

dollars to the Student Conference on National Affairs to be held here Feb. 16-19.

Bruce Clay, Public Relations Chairman, reported that one hour of time between 8:30 and 9:30 had been secured from KAMU-TV to have a senate show. Interviews will be held with deans and campus leaders.

## Elephant Bowl efforts bring Mental Health Center \$1,235

Checks totaling \$1,235 and representing efforts of TAMU students were presented Thursday to the Central Brazos Valley Mental Health Center Inc. of Bryan.

J. C. Jacques, center board chairman, and Gilbert Witsell, business manager, accepted the checks from TAMU student leaders.

"It is appropriate that students conceived and developed the Elephant Bowl idea leading to this worthy contribution," remarked President Jack Williams. "Student effort made it a success and again proves A&M students are among the finest in the world."

Joining the Elephant Bowl committee with funds for the mental health center were the Student Senate and Xi Delta chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

Tommy Pothoff made the presentation as chairman of the Elephant Bowl. The December Army vs. Air Force football game raised \$835 of the donation. TAMU's Athletic Department provided equipment and facilities for the game.

The idea originated with Mike Weynand, senior mechanical engineering major of Hondo.

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of Placedo, APO President Dale Foster of Bryan and Col. Thomas R. Parsons, commandant of cadets, attended the presentation ceremony in President Williams' office.

The contribution can form the basis for matching funds from other sources for the mental health center. The Corps of Cadets and APO have provided other services to the center.

## Discount prices for students to begin in B-CS Thursday

A TAMU Student Support Program will go into operation Thursday to help students and businessmen get more for their money.

Cooperating local retail merchants will provide TAMU students marked discounts, with the business to be identified as a Student Support Program participant.

The TSSP was arranged by the Student Senate with merchants.

"We believe the program will

benefit both the TAMU student and businessman," Senate President John Sharp said.

Layne Kruse, chairman of the Senate's business relations committee, indicated the program is designed to raise the merchant's volume and profit while giving the student an allowance on his purchase.

"This will be accomplished by guiding students' buying power to cooperating businesses," Kruse explained.

Student discounts of from two to 25 percent have been set by cooperating merchants to go into effect Thursday. Allowances originate with the merchant.

Businesses providing discounts will include auto repair, tires and auto parts and clothing stores, radio, TV and stereo shops, jewelers, sporting goods and photo establishments, service stations, eating places and a department store.

"Discretionary income of Texas A&M's 15,000 students will be in excess of \$45,000 in the coming year," Kruse commented. "Last year, students spent \$23 million in the Bryan-College Station area."

## 150 new refrigerator units to be available next week

One-hundred and fifty new refrigerator units will be available next week for lease to students.

There will be two styles available. The walnut-finished units, without locks, rent for \$20 per semester plus a \$10 deposit. The white model, with a lock, will rent for \$25 per semester plus a \$10 deposit. Students renting units will receive a free

6-pack of Pepsi and two free posters.

Students who have already rented refrigerators have until February 1 to file damage claims. Damage reports on units rented from now on must be filed in a week of delivery. Damages by students will be charged at the end of the semester. For additional information call the Student Programs Office, 5-1515.

## Correction

In the Jan. 27 issue of *The Battalion* the registration date for A&M's Free University was erroneously reported as being last night. The registration will be held Thursday, Feb. 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Single room consolidations being made between dorms

Room changes are under way at A&M through Wednesday by students consolidating single occupant quarters.

Housing Manager Allan M. Madeley reminded that students living alone must pay one and one-third room rent for the spring semester unless consolidation with another student is impossible.

Room changes within halls was accomplished Wednesday and Thursday. Changes from hall to hall will be accommodated at the Housing Office Tuesday and Wednesday.

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