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## New constitution, service fees pass

By HAYDEN WHITSETT

In perhaps its most important meeting of the year, the Student Senate approved both the new constitution and the student services fees allocations.

Both have been the subjects of many previous meetings and sometimes heated feelings.

In secret ballot, proposed by Randy Ross, chairman of the welfare committee, and approved by the senate, the constitution passed 54-23 with one abstention. The proposal needed a two-thirds majority, or 53, to be approved.

For final approval, the student body must approve it in referendum by a simple majority. The new student government is similar to the current senate in many ways but radically different in others.

The greatest difference lies in the apportionment of Student Senators. In the current system all the senators, except the executive committee and ex-officio members, are elected from colleges. Freshmen senators are elected at large.

The new apportionment plan still retains the college system for 50 senators but has living area representation included.

The living area representation for civilian and off-campus students is done on approximately a one-to-500 ratio. The exact ratio would fluctuate with population and dorm sizes.

Apportionment for the Corps of Cadets is done differently. Each of the sophomore, junior and senior classes will have two senators regardless of Corps population. Any increase in the

size of the Corps will result in at-large senators appointed on a one to 500 ratio.

Structurally, there are major changes as well.

The three branches will be similar to the U. S. Constitution — executive, legislative and judicial. The Student Body president will be the executive head, and the job of presiding over the Senate will go to the Vice president.

"The President's job this year is legislative and administrative," explained John Sharp, senate president. "They need to be separated, so that everyone can do a one hundred per cent job."

The president will also have the power to veto legislation by the Senate. The veto can be overridden by a two-thirds vote in the senate.

Though more than 20 changes had been made in the constitution since it was presented, there were still proposed changes Thursday night.

Scott Williams (Sr-LA) felt that the off-campus representation should be done on one to 1,000 rather than half that.

"I just don't think the majority is that interested in A&M," he said.

His proposal got nothing but opposition from the rest of the senate and died for lack of support.

The senate, in a state of general confusion most of the night, almost ended up voting for the constitution before it intended to.

A motion was made to end debate and vote on the proposal made by Williams. Williams had not made an actual motion how-

ever, so the call for the previous question ended up applying to an earlier proposal calling for a vote on the entire constitution. Many senators started to vote thinking they were voting on Williams' proposal.

After several explanations the senate finally understood well enough to defeat the measure.

When the final vote did come, the reaction was relatively subdued.

The student services fees allocations became the next order of business with Spike Dayton, treasurer, presenting the budget.

Accepted without too much controversy was a \$2.00 increase to the Student Center Complex fee. The increase, in the words of senate officers, is nothing more than a legal way of adding \$2.00 to the services fee.

The bulk of the argument came about the athletic appropriations. The proposal given by Dayton and later approved by the senate budgeted \$170,000 to athletics. The figure, as compared to the athletics allocation for last year — \$89,000 was thought much too high by some members.

Resistance to the athletics budget strengthened when Dayton said that due to "certain idiosyncrasies" by new head football coach Emory Bellard, the amount would have to be higher.

Among the idiosyncrasies were new helmets for all the players, rather than chipped or used ones. Dayton would not, even when questioned directly, relate the cost of the "idiosyncrasies" or tell what all of them were.

Most of the presentation Day-

ton chose to ignore any questions that threatened the athletic department's position.

"Well, I guess Dayton railroaded that one," was all Sharp had to say after criticism was raised following the vote.

Also considered at the meeting was a proposal to have course section and professor listings included in the computer pre-registration system.

The proposal, which was not voted on, asked that "the class schedule published prior to pre-registration include a list of courses, sections, and professors instructing each section."

The system also provides for "time-blocks" to be available to students. Receiving permission to "time-block" is currently difficult for the average student who does not work part-time.

## Senate reactions vary on approval of constitution, service fees allocations

By JOHN CURYLO

"I think the athletic department ought to be happy as hell." That was Student Senate President John Sharp's reaction Thursday night after the fee allocations proposal was passed, giving the athletic department \$170,000 from student services fees for next year.

The plan, presented by Spike Dayton, treasurer, followed with two exceptions the original suggestion of the administration regarding various organizations' allowances.

Late in the meeting, Layne Kruse, life committee chairman, discovered that the amount to be allocated to the athletic department was \$5,000 more than the administration had suggested. Kruse tried in vain to have this money given to MSC-Programs, since they were given less than was in the original plan.

"I was backing the administration, because that's all (\$165,000 to the athletic department) that

Dr. Jack Williams and Tom Cherry and everybody else wanted to give them," Kruse explained afterwards. "I think MSC-Programs could be helped by that money. I was trying to support the administration, not cut down the athletic department."

"I think it would have been a serious mistake for the senate to have cut the athletic department allocation," Dayton said, "since this is the first year under new leadership. They have to be given a fair chance to work without their hands being tied."

The plan passed by the senate still has to meet the approval of the administration, including the Board of Directors at its meeting next week.

"There may be some objections to the way we allocated the fees," Sharp said. "I can't say where this opposition would come from, but I do know that we have proven that if the students are given ample time, they can do a better job of distribution than the

business office can, keeping in mind the interests of the student body."

Sharp emphasized that even with the increase in the total amount of money the students will be charged to register for school, A&M has a better situation than other schools.

"Our fees are twenty to thirty dollars less per year than those of any other state school that is in the Southwest Conference," he explained. The only other schools besides A&M which are state supported institutions and members of the SWC are the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston.

The approval of the new constitution pleased Sharp, in that the senate spent the entire second semester last year having proposed constitutions defeated. The new document must have the approval of a majority of the students voting in a referendum Tuesday.

"I think the turnout will be strong," Sharp said, because it's something they've looked at for two years, and they know they need it.



A&M POLO CLUB MEMBERS are now practicing for the National Intercollegiate Championships to be held in Darien, Conn., March 11-18. The Polo Club is sponsoring a gymkhana Saturday at their grounds on FM 2818 to raise money for the trip. They are about \$400 shy of their \$600 goal. Horses will be furnished at the meet, so only team

members will go. Steve Sterquell, team spokesman, believes the club has a good chance of winning. They will be competing against Yale, Harvard and other Ivy League teams. Members of the Aggie team are Sterquell, Sonny Lonsford, Mike McCleary and Dennis Sipos.

## Williams asks fans to exercise restraint

A&M President Jack K. Williams has personally appealed for exceptionally good sportsmanship by all persons attending the A&M-Rice basketball game here Saturday.

"All of us are keenly aware of unfortunate incidents which have marred some games elsewhere this season," Dr. Williams said. "We must remember that we represent A&M men throughout this state and beyond its borders, and we must be extra careful to ensure that our conduct is above reproach."

"We have an excellent opportunity Saturday to set an example—an example of enthusiastic support for our fine basketball team and, at the same time, courtesy for visiting players, game officials and guests," the president added.

## Old 'ivory-tower' university is phasing out, Long says

The old "university as an ivory-tower" approach is on the way out as student involvement in technological fields grows, Dr. Frank Long, director of Cornell University's Program on Science, Technology and Society, said in a Great Issues presentation Thursday.

There is a growing interaction between the university community and the world as students become more and more involved instead of being separate, Long said.

"It is the role of the university to be the originator of ideas with the students acting as a mechanical connections between the world and the faculty," Long commented.

Technology has far surpassed the development of science in this country. The United States spends

\$25 billion to \$27 billion on research each year and only \$3 billion to \$4 billion of it goes to science. The rest goes to technology, he said.

"People used to think of technology as the thing that permitted national growth and expanded the world, but now there is a great emphasis on the secondary impacts of it. The belching smoke that comes from a factory chimney for instance," Long said.

Some of the obvious benefits of these secondary impacts are the greatly increased efficiency in agriculture and the improvements in national health. Today it takes fewer men to produce more food than ever before. This is one of the factors responsible for the rural to urban movement of people.

"Also, the impact of technology on the quality of life cannot be ignored," Long stressed. "Chlorination of our water supplies for instance."

"The U. S. has had a lot of economic problems lately and increasing doubt about industry. A lagging industry is a serious inflation threat to a country. For the first time we have presidential attention focused to this problem," he said. He has established a task force to study this and make some recommendations.

The university has a definite role to play in all of this, Long stressed. Too long the fields of technology and science have been by themselves. They need to be integrated with the other social and applied sciences so all can cope with problems better.

The university is the ideal place for this to happen. It has all these segments centrally located and students who want to and even demand to be involved, he said. This movement will not drastically change university programs, but be more of a slow movement toward a more relevant and meaningful place in society.

## Regardless of Taiwan

# Nixon, Chou talk of diplomatic ties

PEKING (AP) — After four closed-door sessions with Chou En-lai, President Nixon was described Friday as aiming at eventual restoration of full diplomatic relations between the United

States and mainland China — whatever the repercussions in Taiwan.

An informed American source said Nixon and Henry A. Kissinger, the President's national security affairs adviser, are talking with Chou about big-picture issues involved in establishing what the premier has termed "normal state relations."

While the top American and Chinese leaders formulated broad policy, Secretary of State William P. Rogers, his Chinese counterpart Chi Peng-fei and their associates were working out nuts-and-bolts questions of how to effect summit policies.

While no U.S. officials involved in the talks would discuss matters of substance, there was good reason to believe Nixon and Chou had embarked on setting up cultural exchanges, limited tourism between the two countries, a system for handling Chinese-American trade and means for establishing regular contacts short of full diplomatic relations involving an exchange of ambassadors.

While no one would talk about the means likely to be employed in continuing the dialogue between the two nations on a diplomatic level, there would be precedents for establishing consular relations without setting up embassies. Britain, for example, has recognized mainland China for 22 years—but it continues to have a consulate on the Nationalist Chinese island of Taiwan.

One American in a position to

know said Nixon ultimately seeks full and formal diplomatic ties with China's Communist government. However, he emphasized that the path in that direction would have to be navigated a step at a time.

Rogers and his Chinese counterpart were conducting significant talks aimed at carrying the process forward in practical ways, this informant reported.

In the matter of diplomatic relations, the question of the Nationalists is not easy to resolve, since Nixon has said he has no intention of abandoning Taiwan.

Nixon spent three more hours Thursday in private conversations with Chou. In their four sessions, they have been together 12 hours, but much of this time was taken up with the translations of interpreters.

Presumably, somewhere along the line the vexing subject of Indochina has come up. Unless one side gives, little can be expected. Chou made plain before Nixon came to China that the U.S. peace plan was unacceptable. Nixon has said aspects of the Vietnam war were on the agenda.

In far off Paris, North Vietnam and the Viet Cong walked out on the peace talks Thursday, protesting recent U.S. bombings of North Vietnam. Conference sources saw the walkout as a token of North Vietnam's independent stance in any bargaining between Nixon and Chou on Indochina.

Thursday evening Chou was host in the Great Hall of the People to the Nixons and members of their party at a two-hour dinner. The menu featured Peking duck, China's most vaunted delicacy.

Presumably, Chou and Nixon exchanged toasts, but what they said was not known because the American press was excluded from the private dinner. As a consolation prize the leaders of China's official press treated vis-

iting reporters to a duck dinner at the Restaurant of All Combined Virtues.

Friday is the Nixon's last day in Peking, before going on to Hangchow and Shanghai. The Chinese arranged for them to visit Peking's Forbidden City, a 65-year-old royal enclave now known as the former imperial palaces.

Once reserved for emperors and their families and servants, the (See Nixon, page 2)

## High school drill team competition will be held March 18 at TAMU

High school drill teams have until Feb. 29 to enter the State Championship Meet March 18 at A&M.

TAMU officials said a dozen teams have entered the competition.

The Marine Corps' famous Silent Drill Team will make a demonstration appearance.

Texas Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ross Ayers approved the March 18 competition as the state championship for high school teams. The annual A&M Invitational for college and university teams the following weekend, March 25, will also determine the state championship. Entries for the senior meet should be made by March 4, indicated Col. Thomas R. Parsons, TAMU commandant. His office and the Association

of Former Fish Drill Team Members chaired by Charles D. Lisner of Tyler co-sponsor the annual meet. Student members of the association, all of whom marched on the national champion Freshman Drill Team during the last four years, will judge the high school meet.

General Ayers indicated interest in teams from West Texas and the Panhandle also participating in the high school state championship meet. Teams from Laredo, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin and Killeen have competed since 1969.

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to Lt. Col. T. A. Ritchey, Military Science Department, Texas A&M University, College Station 77843.

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