

Election list hassle developing

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A subcommittee of the Election Commission met in an unofficial and closed meeting Monday night to discuss charges that two candidates in the spring elections had circulated lists of candidates that were "good" for the Corps and civilians.

The entire commission had met earlier in open session. The five-man subcommittee then withdrew to the room of David Moore, commission chairman, to meet privately.

The group refused to let anyone else into the room. In one case, Moore told a *Battalion* reporter, "You have five seconds to get your ass out of here," as he casually swung a golf club.

Moore informed the *Battalion* reporter there were not enough members present for a quorum. Therefore, the meeting was not subject to the Texas Open Meeting Law, he added. Mark Blakemore, a commission member, said that no decision would be made at the meeting. Moore told the reporter after the open meeting that "evidence we're unsure of" was to be discussed at the closed session.

"We might have another open meeting," Moore said, "but then again, we might not." He continued that a lot of the information to be discussed in the closed meeting would not be of interest to the student. "I don't care what the *Battalion* writes about me, I'm getting out of this place May 6th," Moore said vehemently.

One list in question read "These candidates are good for the Corps" and gave a listing of all the corps candidates. A similar list was made regarding civilians. The controversy concerned placing candidate's names on lists without the candidates' permission.

Earlier Blakemore, had told *The Battalion* editor that two candidates in last week's general elections were believed to have been passing out the lists.

The two, said Blakemore, were Terry Brown and Jerry Arterburn. Brown, currently freshman class president, is in a runoff with Louie Gohmert for sophomore class president. Arterburn was defeated by Barb Sears for the position of External Affairs chairman of the Student Senate.

According to Blakemore, neither would say who had prepared the lists in the first place.

He added that he thought the Election Commission would have to invalidate the elections the two were involved in to some extent or the other.

But Terry Brown, one of those who is suspected, has denied any knowledge of such an action.

"I don't know anything about it," he said early Tuesday morning. "It would seem kind of stupid for me to be seen passing about lists, especially one having to do with Corps candidates."

Brown is a civilian.

"I'm in a runoff Thursday and I don't know what this is going to

do," he added.

Jerry Arterburn was not immediately available for comment.

Blakemore later said that the evidence against the two was all hearsay. He also said that he did not believe there was enough evidence to decide who was guilty.

In the open meeting a complaint concerning the Keathley-Hughes voting site running out of ballots for Keathley-Hughes student senator was discussed. Tom Locke, who lost that election by three votes, submitted the complaint.

The ballots were unavailable at 6:30 p.m. and from that time on voters were informed of the problem. Voters were given the option of voting in another poll site or marking their choice for dorm student senator on the general election ballot.

Locke requested a recount of the vote. The election commission granted him a recount but felt that another election was not necessary.

The commission will meet tonight at 9 in the Dorm 2 Guardroom to consider the protest of Bill King, a runner-up in the Junior Yell Leader contest.

Blakemore said that protest centered around the "opinion poll or election that's held in the Corps" to decide who will run in the yell leader election.

The "poll" is a form of straw vote that sometimes takes place to determine who shall run in order to keep the candidates in the Corps from splitting the vote.

Wednesday — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Afternoon rain showers. Southerly winds 15-20 mph. High 88°, low 67°.

Thursday — Cloudy, thunder showers. Southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 83°, low 68°.

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Hunt, adopted mom of students, named Aggie Mother of the Year

Mrs. Ruth S. Hunt, adopted Mom to hundreds of A&M students, was named Sunday the Aggie Mother of the Year.

As an employee at a College Station convention center, she has befriended students and exes who headquarter at the Ramada Inn.

Mrs. Hunt was the first person to say "howdy" to President Jack Williams when he arrived in September, 1970. She is known for always wearing Maroon on days of A&M athletic events.

The 1972-73 Aggie Mother of the Year was introduced at a Stu-

dent Senate Parents Day program and was honored at a Corps of Cadets review Sunday.

Mrs. Hunt succeeds Mrs. Ruth H. Hewitt, Memorial Student Center director's secretary at TAMU, as the honor mother. The presentation coincided with Mother's Day in the past, but is now made early to be included in the A&M school year.

Announcement was made by Layne E. Kruse, Senate student life chairman who cited Mrs. Hunt's warm personality and capacity for helping students. The Senate, chaired by John Sharp of Placedo, presented her a dozen roses and Class of '72 pin engraved with the title.

Mrs. Hunt was among more than a dozen honor mother nominees. Two hundred student signatures appeared on her nomination to the Student Senate selection committee. Corps Deputy Commander Jack Carey of Carrizo Springs, Corps operations officer James Ham of Fort Worth and senior Terry Browning of Andrews headed her nomination.

Browning is a bellman at the Ramada Inn, where Mrs. Hunt is cashier.

"The Aggie Mother of the Year usually becomes involved with

Texas A&M because she has a son in school here," Ham commented. "Ruth did it because she didn't have a family, so she just adopted all Aggies. She has a place in her heart for each one. She calls us 'her boys.'"

Mrs. Hunt came to College Station in 1967 from Henderson where she grew up. Shortly after starting work at the Ramada as a waitress, she met some Aggies who took her to the Thanksgiving game bonfire, Browning related.

"After that she really got gung-ho about A&M and adopted the Aggies as her family," he added. The honor mother's son James is an extension assistant editor and photographer in the Agricultural Communications Department. He (his wife Janis and children Dianna and David reside at 2605 Todd, Bryan.

A member of the Association of Former Students and Brazos County A&M Club, Mrs. Hunt has been provided a ticket and transportation by students to every Corps Trip and home football game since she arrived. She maintains a bulletin board on campus activities near the Ramada main entrance and averages more than a cake a week for birthdays of students.

Runoffs scheduled April 20, election chairman announces

Runoff elections will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 20, said David Moore, election commission chairman.

Senior class president candidates are Bill Darkoch and Hank Paine. Running for vice-president are Jim Green and Russell Phillips. Candidates for secretary-treasurer are Robert Grady and Robert Lee. Jerry Elmer and Juan Gonzales will contend for Memorial Student Center representative.

Running for junior class president are David Carpenter and Ray Huffines. Vice-presidential hopefuls are Mike Turner and Gary Sauer. Candidates for MSC representative are Ray Marshall and John Pledger. Sophomore class president candidates are Terry Brown and Louie Gohmert. Running for vice-president are Jess Bowman and Dan Anderson.

The civilian student council 2nd vice-president position is between Roland Love and Paul Gugenheim. Running for secretary are Bill Suter and Ralph Howy.

In the College of Business, Ken Walsh and Paul Ammons are running for the graduate post.

In the College of Education, Robert Lee and Bill White will vie for the senior position.

Running for Pre-Vet senator are Robert Olmstead, Carol Silverthorne and Mike Klem.

A fee slip and student identification card will be necessary to vote in the upcoming runoff.

"The Last Picture Show" author to speak for Contemporary Arts

Larry McMurtry, author of the book and screenplay for the movie "The Last Picture Show," will speak Wednesday at A&M in a Contemporary Arts Committee lecture.

Until recently, the noon speaker in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room taught in the English Department of Rice University.

He also wrote "Horsemen Pass By" which became the movie "Hud." Other works by the au-

thor are "Leaving Cheyenne" and the recent "All My Friends Are Going To Be Strangers."

A Houston columnist called McMurtry "the only writer of note to spring" from Texas. He now resides in Washington, D. C. McMurtry taught off and on for 17 years at Rice.

McMurtry's lecture is free to TAMU students with activity cards. Admission for all others is \$1, announced Contemporary Arts chairman David Dacus.

Civilian Weekend offers lively pace

Civilian Week activities culminating in a "Rare Earth" performance and sweetheart presentation dance Saturday will keep A&M's 9,000 civilian students busy through April 22.

A girls' "dig for a brick" contest, greased pig scramble, a motorcycle race on the campus east entrance street and the popular "Las Vegas Night" are among

activities planned for the week by the Civilian Student Council.

The agenda is coordinated by Margaret Shaw, wife of council vice president Bill Shaw, and David Ater, McInnis Hall president.

Today and Wednesday residence hall day activities include the girls' dip into a mud puddle for bricks, a "wet newspaper" (See Civilian, page 2)

New committee positions now open to applicants

Student government committee applications are being accepted in the student senate office until April 26.

Three new positions, created by the newly adopted constitution, are open. These include:

The student elected board chairman, who will be responsible for the administration of the elections of class officers, student senators, yell leaders, student government officers and all special elections.

The public relations committee chairman, who is responsible for coordinating and assisting with the publicity for student government activities.

The services committee chairman, who will handle such projects as the Blood Drive, Campus Chest, Parents Day and other assigned projects.

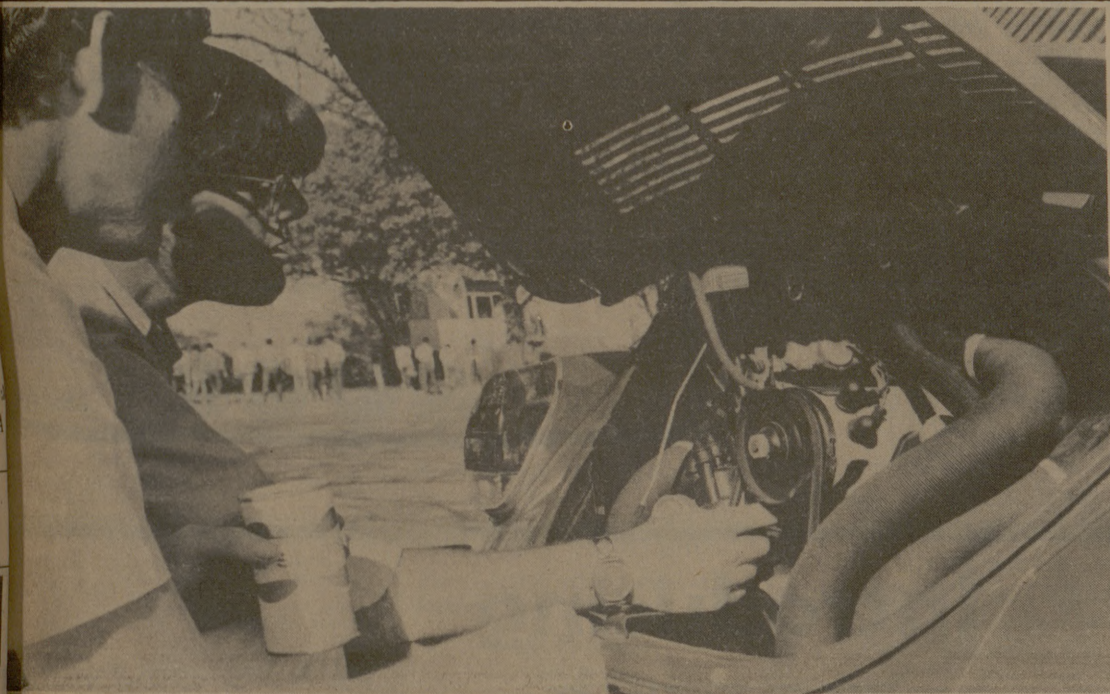
These three chairmanship are open to any student and all inquiries about them will be wel-

comed at the student senate office or by Layne Kruse.

Also, nine positions on the student body judicial committee are open. This committee has judicial review in all cases of constitutional interpretation and procedures. It is a study committee of the judicial procedures in effect at A&M and is responsible for the legal rights commission.

The nine members will include two sophomores, two juniors, two seniors, two graduate students and a chairman. The members cannot be in the student senate or members of the student government executive committee. They must have an overall grade point ratio of 2.25 or higher.

All of the appointments will be subject to the approval of two-thirds of the student senate.



ENTOMOLOGY, it might be called, for the engine of a 1972 Super Beetle is the object of study by Mike Hatch (left) and Clay Smith. The cars were open to inspection in the civilian area quad as part of Civilian Week. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Kalb, authority on China, slated for Great Issues

Bernard Kalb, CBS News' expert on Asia, will speak Wednesday at A&M University on "The Trip to China With The President."

Kalb will be presented at 8 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom by Great Issues.

Admission is free to students, faculty-staff and the public, reminded T. C. Cone, 1972-73 Great Issues chairman.

Kalb's unique perspective on Asia comes from the distillation of a decade and a half of living in China. He has reported the changing and turbulent Asian scene from Pakistani Kashmir to South Vietnam.

In recent years he was headquartered in Hong Kong as CBS news bureau chief until his recent return to Washington, D. C.

Because Kalb has spent the major part of the last 20 years out of the country, mostly in Southeast Asia, he quipped that the U. S. is a foreign assignment for him.

The broadcast veteran appears as Washington anchor man on the CBS Morning News with John Hart. He has numerous awards including the 1969 Overseas Press Club award. A February, 1968 broadcast, "Viet Cong," on CBS Reports received national attention. Kalb has several exclusives.

The latter included an interview of Nguyen Cao Ky for a special "Face the Nation" in August, 1967. He made the notable "non interview" with Chinese

Communist Premier Chou En-Lai before the entire diplomatic corps in Indonesia in 1968. Posing with a Kalb question on Vietnam, Chou smiled and walked off to his car.

The former New York Times correspondent also was one of several reporters who interviewed the Communist Chinese leader during Chou's visit to Cambodia.

When the Chinese delegation came to New York, Kalb and Walter Cronkite flew to Paris to accompany them. Kalb conducted interviews on the return flight which were broadcast by CBS. Kalb also had several exclusive interviews with Prince Sihanouk of Cambodia, including one with the prince and American prisoners there in 1968.

Following Red China's push into India's Himalayan territories late in 1962, just after Kalb joined CBS News, he was the reporter for the hour-long CBS Reports: "The War at the Top of the World." In World War II Kalb served with the U. S. Army in the Aleutians. He edited a newspaper for troops stationed there and in Alaska. He also wrote and broadcast a daily 15-minute radio news program for the armed forces.

Kalb in 1961-62 held a Press Fellowship granted annually to an American foreign correspondent by the Council of Foreign Affairs. His article, "I Remember Da Nang," appeared in Saturday Review.

A&M war vet to speak at Aggie Muster

On July 5, 1968, a land mine in South Vietnam tore off Army Lt. Larry B. Kirk's legs and part of his right arm. His dog tags were blown away. Several chaplains administered last rites. The mine that ripped Kirk's body missed his spirit. He lived to prove a casualty of war is not a casualty of life.

Larry Byron Kirk, 32, Dallas native, A&M graduate, war amputee was selected by the U. S. Jaycees as one of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1971. Kirk returns to A&M Friday as featured speaker at the annual Aggie Muster in G. Rollie White Coliseum. His topic is "The Aggie Heritage."

The campus Muster is one of more than 500 held around the country. Banking is a pleasure at First Bank & Trust.

world by A&M students and exes to honor Aggies who died during the past year.

It includes the traditional roll call of the deceased, in which a comrade answers "here." University students and officials will participate in the 5:30 p.m. program headed by Layne E. Kruse, Student Senate student life chairman and president-elect of the A&M student body.

Kirk was honored by the Jaycees for outstanding courage while undergoing treatment and his work as a director of seven civic boards in Aurora, Colo.

Jaycees claimed he is an inspiration to all disabled men.

Kirk attended A&M from the fall of 1958 through the fall of 1959 before enlisting in the Army. He was first assigned to the 82nd Airborne and later was with the 10th Special Forces in

Germany. He turned down Officer's Candidate School to return to A&M in 1964 and complete bachelor degree requirements in business administration.

While at A&M, Kirk was a member of the Fish Drill Team, played freshman football, was a member of the General Moore Award company in 1959 (Co. C-2) and 1966 (Co. H-2). He was in charge of the bonfire cutting area in 1965.

He was a distinguished military graduate in 1966, accepted a regular Army commission and completed Ranger and Jump Master School. Reassigned to the 82nd Airborne, he went to Vietnam in 1968.

After only three months in Vietnam he had won the Air Medal and two Bronze Stars for bravery as a combat platoon leader. The land mine ended his

Army career dream.

Since the battlefield wounds, Kirk has spent six months in bed, nine months in a wheelchair and undergone 10 operations. He is able to walk with the aid of crutches and prostheses.

While at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Kirk helped raise \$42,000 to bring relatives of disabled veterans to the hospital for Christmas.

Kirk and his wife, Jacqueline, and two daughters make their home in Aurora, Colo., where he plunged into civic affairs. He has been a dynamic force on seven boards of directors for various organizations, including president of the Denver A&M Club, Aurora Jaycees and Colorado Cares for POW's and MIA's.

An effective speaker, he has lectured on such topics as ecol-

ogy, low-flying aircraft noise, Vietnam and POW programs. He has been a Red Cross director over three years.

In addition to civic work, Kirk was manager of a Colorado company whose assets grew from \$40,000 to \$300,000 in less than two years. He currently is executive vice president of the Colorado Jaycees, a non-paying full-time job.

Last year he was selected one of Three Outstanding Young Men of Colorado by the Colorado Jaycees. The Ten Outstanding Young Men of America honor is given to a man between the ages of 21 and 36, a member of the Jaycees, who distinguished himself by service to his fellow man.

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