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Kruse, Chairmen Propose Plan To Cut Senate Seats By Half

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How effective can a Student Senate be when over one-fourth of the incumbent senators have been appointed by the Student Government president during the year?

The fact that Student Government President Layne Kruse has appointed 19 out of the 83 Senate seats with eight more in jeopardy is just one reason for leaning toward the acceptance of the proposed constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the Senate.

"We want to decrease the size of the Senate to make it more workable and better informed," said Fred Campbell, Rules and Regulations Committee chairman. "Presently it is too large to be an effective body."

"The communication between the Senate and executive committee was really weak this year," said Bill Hartsfield, Academic Affairs Committee chairman.

The amendment, if passed with a two-thirds Senate and student body approval, would basically cut the size of the Senate in half and would become effective with the spring election 1974.

"Some people argue that we should wait another year before we bother with the size of the Senate," said Hartsfield. "But if it is decided with the spring elections this year it won't affect anyone for another year."

"We want the students to decide on this amendment as well as all other constitutional amendments during the spring elections," continued Hartsfield. "It is at this time we have the greatest student input on Student Government matters."

"This Student Senate would be much more objective and less politically conscious about the best size for the Senate," said Kruse. "Next year elections will be coming up that will affect those making the decision."

All three pointed out that several positions within the Senate either have no one running or no one running against them.

"People tend to consider an

office more important with more competition," said Campbell.

"With the added competition, a student would actually have to get out and campaign for his position," continued Hartsfield. "They are really going to have to care about what they are doing."

The increased competitiveness would possibly increase the quality of the Senate, said Kruse.

"This amendment preserves the concept of having both a living area and college representation,"

said Hartsfield. "We are not trying to judge which is a better system of representation at this time."

"In the long run, it will be easier to hold representatives accountable for decisions they make," said Campbell.

"The amendment would allow increased participation of individual student senators, allowing each senator to become more involved with the Senate and resolutions would have more of a proper hearing," commented

Kruse.

The proposed revision states that 25 senators will represent the college areas on the basis of the percentage of the number of students enrolled within each college. Each college will still have equal class representation from the sophomore to the graduate level if possible with remainders being elected at-large.

The living area representation ratio will be doubled from one senator to every 500 to one for every 1,000 on campus, except for the Corps of Cadets. Corps representatives are apportioned in the same manner with class representation.

The off-campus representation will also be increased to one for every 1,000. Freshman senators are to be elected at-large by the freshman class with the ratio the same as it is now, one to every 500.

"The freshman senator ratio will remain the same as we feel the freshmen do not have the opportunity to vote on their representation except at this time," said Campbell.

Boney To Speak Tonight For BAC

Dr. J. Don Boney, Houston schools instructional officer, will lecture at 8:00 tonight in the Black Experience III program under way this week.

The HISD official will discuss education and its relevancy to the Black experience.

A public-free event, the talk will start in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room, announced Black Awareness Committee chairman Wayne DeVaughn.

The MSC is also the scene of other Black Experience III activities this week, including a Thursday performance by the Bryan High School Stage Band and an exhibit of African artifacts and materials from the Institute of Texan Cultures.

Dr. Boney recently called security a top school priority. The Houston Independent School District chief instructional officer said, "If you don't cool down the schools and get some order, nothing is going to happen educationally."

He is a certified psychologist and formerly was associate dean of the College of Education at the University of Houston.

Black Experience III has lined up Wednesday for "Soul Food Day" in the TAMU dining halls. On Friday, the Chocolate Glass Band of Houston will provide rhythm and rock music for a 9 p.m. to midnight dance at the KC Hall on Leonard Road in Bryan. Tickets at \$2.50 per person are available at the Student Program Office in the MSC or from BAC members.

A 3 p.m. Sunday worship service at the All Faiths Chapel will conclude Black Experience III.



Dr. J. Don Boney

Rudder Lecture Series Set With Dr. Seaborg Speaking

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, will discuss "A Nuclear Decade 1961-71" at the second annual Rudder Lecture Series beginning Monday at Texas A&M.

The three-part presentation will be held at 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the Zachry Engineering Center auditorium.

Dr. Haskell Monroe, vice president for academic affairs and Rudder Lecture Series Committee chairman, said Dr. Seaborg emphasized his talks will be non-

technical.

"We anticipate Dr. Seaborg's talks will center on the problems of relating the world of science to the realities of government and politics," Dr. Monroe noted.

Supported by the Association of Former Students, the lectures honor the memory of James Earl Rudder, TAMU president for more than a decade prior to his death in March, 1970.

The admission-free lectures are intended to bring to the campus each year a scholar of renowned insight and experienced talent, Dr. Monroe pointed out.

Dr. Seaborg, co-recipient of the 1951 Nobel Prize for chemistry, is currently University Professor of Chemistry and associate director of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory at the University of California-Berkeley. He was chancellor of that institution for three years prior to accepting the AEC chairmanship in 1961. He returned to Berkeley in 1971.

Seaborg served as president last year of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is now chairman of the AAAS board of directors. Since 1966, he has been president of Science Service, an organization devoted to the popularization of science. Since its inception in 1959, he has chaired the steering committee for the Chemical Education Material Study, a program that has revolutionized high school curricula.

Dr. Seaborg has served five Presidents. He was AEC chairman under Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon and served under President Truman as a member of the AEC's first General Advisory Committee and under President Eisenhower on the Science Advisory Committee.

As AEC chairman, Dr. Seaborg visited over 60 foreign countries.

Sweetheart Forms Ready For Juniors

Applications will be available starting tonight for Sweetheart of the Junior Class, announced Class Secretary Penny Ball. Forms will be passed out at the class meeting being held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Physics Bldg.

Tickets for the class ball being held in the Sbis Dining Hall annex at 9 p.m. Saturday (March 31) are available at the MSC Student Programs Office for \$7.50. The price also includes tickets to the class barbecue to be held at 12:30 p.m. the same day at Hensel Park.

Sweetheart applications are due at 5 p.m. next Wednesday in the Programs Office and up to six finalists will be picked. The winner will be picked at the semi-formal dance. Music will be provided by "Excitement, Inc." of Louisiana.

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Emphasis On Speed, Accuracy

'Magic' Check-Out System Coming In Exchange Store

Computerized book numbers, automatic calculators and "magic" wands will be featured in the book section of the Exchange Store when it is relocated in the new Memorial Student Center complex.

The new equipment is part of a system of book pricing and inventory that will speed check-out time and prevent incorrect pricing.

The heart of the new check-out equipment will be 10 National Cash Register NCR 280 Retail Terminals with wand tag read-

ers. The NCR 280's will be used in conjunction with color-coded tags which will be prepared and placed on each textbook.

The tags will contain the book's price, the course in which it will be used, the book section department and the book's International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

Upon checking out, the customer will place his books on a counter and the wand reader will pass over each tag. The tag information will be shown on the terminal and the terminal will automatically compute sales tax, show total of the purchase, and compute change due the customer.

All data contained on the tag plus the transaction codes keyed on the terminal will be recorded and saved on a magnetic tape for inventory purposes.

The ISBN, which is the focal point of the tagging system for the new Exchange Store, is a standardized book numbering system used throughout the United States. The number contains a group identifier, a publisher identifier, a title identifier, and a check digit.

The information captured through the NCR 280 system will be used to update the Exchange Store's master book file and to generate sales reports. The master book file will be accessed to produce inventory reports, purchase reports and sales reports.

With the new system, the Exchange Store management will be able to find the quantity of books in stock for a given course without physically counting each book on the shelf.

The new system, according to Exchange Store manager Chuck Cargill, will be used only in the

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WEDNESDAY—Clear to partly cloudy. Increasing cloudiness tonight. High 77, low 51.

THURSDAY—Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and a few thundershowers. High of 73.

Ag Band Performs Friday

The Texas Aggie Concert Band will perform the first time in public Friday in a free presentation sponsored by the Bryan Public Library.

The new organization composed of 75 members of the Texas Aggie Band was formed this spring.

The "Star Spangled" concert, at 8 p.m. in the Bryan Civic Auditorium, will feature patriotic anthems, military marches, popular music and symphonic pieces.

The evening of music comprises this year's "Family Night" event, an annual public-free presentation of the library.

Maj. Joe T. Haney, associate director of the Aggie Band, will direct the special group in an 11-number program including "March Militaire Francaise," "Cole Porter-A Symphonic Portrait for Concert Band," "Great Themes from Great Italian Movies," "Introduction and Fantasia" and "Fiddler on the Roof."

On the popular side will be "Sounds of the Carpenters," a symphonic arrangement of the Carpenters' top-selling hits.

Some of the featured soloists will be Paul Herrington and Tim Clader, flute; Marty Glass, clarinet; Steve Moore, Daniel Vrla and Mark Wright, percussion; Mark Herrington, oboe; Steve Kosub, trumpet; Cliff Simmang, French horn; Robert Townsend, baritone, and Dennis Kelly, alto saxophone.

Moore and Townsend are All-State Band musicians. The Aggie Concert Band, an extra-curricular activity for bandmen, also includes a number of all-region and all-district performers.

"This is something the men want to do and enjoy doing," commented Haney, who also directs a 17-piece stage band. They also are members of the Texas Aggie Band, directed by Lt. Col. E. V. Adams.

The stage band will play a free concert at the Grove later this spring and at the April 20 All-Sports Banquet for the TAMU Athletic Department. Both organizations welcome inquiries about appearances.

Kruse Recognized By TISA As Top Student President

Student Government President Layne Kruse was recognized as an outstanding contributor by a student body president to the Texas Intercollegiate Scholastic Association last weekend.

Four other student body presidents were recognized at TISA's three-day convention at the University of Houston.

According to External Affairs Committee Chairman Barb Sears, the main purpose of the convention was to elect officers for the following year although there were also some workshops and speakers.

Sears was elected to the board of directors for this region which also gives her a director's seat in the Texas Student Lobby. She is also on the National Student Lobby's board of directors.

Keynote speakers included Secretary of State Mark White and

Ron Waters from the Texas Legislature.

White spoke mainly about a proposal under consideration which would change the primary election dates from April with run-offs in May to August with run-offs in early September.

"This type of action would lower campaign costs for persons running for office," said Sears, "and basically make things easier on the politician."

Waters, 22-year-old Houston representative, spoke to the delegates representing schools on marijuana reform.

Darwin McKee, present Student Government president at Austin College, was elected by the delegates for 1973-74 TISA president. McKee will be a law student at the University of Texas next year.

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'Night Gallery' Host To Speak Here



Rod Serling

Tickets went on sale today for Rod Serling's April 10 talk at A&M.

A playwright and author whose works have treated the man-eat-man nature of society, Serling will speak in a Great Issues presentation coinciding with Civilian Student Week.

Serling's topic will be "Impact of Mass Media on Today's Society."

The host of NBC-TV's imaginative "Night Gallery" and the long-running TV series "The Twilight Zone" will speak at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, in G. Rollie White Coliseum, according to Great Issues chairman T. C. Cone.

The Residence Halls Association is assisting Great Issues for the program.

Serling's appearance here will

fulfill a special interest of the prolific TV writer. His company commander in World War II was an Aggie and "I've always wanted to see Aggie land," Serling said.

TV's most outspoken authority on "the devious ways of television censorship" according to Time Magazine, Serling constantly bickers and contends with networks, ad agencies and sponsors on what he could say and scraps with directors over how to say it.

Yet Serling served TV, Time credited, "with some of the most tightly constructed, trenchant lines it has ever spoken."

One example is "Requiem for A Heavyweight," winner of six Emmy Awards including one for Serling himself. It was the first original 90-minute drama written

expressly for television.

Other TV credits include the current Night Gallery series and the Hallmark Hall of Fame's "A Storm in Summer" screenplay and, for Universal Pictures' TV "World Premiere," "The Dooomsday Flight."

The MGM screenplay "Saddle the Wind," Warner Brothers' "Seven Days in May" and 20th Century Fox's "Planet of the Apes" also carried Serling credits. The latter was co-authored with Michael Wilson.

The 48-year-old New York native has also published three anthologies of short stories from The Twilight Zone, two from Night Gallery and other books.

Serling still writes the current "Gallery" series, a feature film a year and, in between two books and the book for a musical, takes

to the lecture circuit for a dozen speeches a year across the U. S.

Serling enlisted in the U. S. Army Paratroopers the day he graduated from Binghamton, N. Y., high school. During three years in the Pacific with a demolition-assault platoon of the 511th Parachute Infantry, he was runner-up for the division feather-weight boxing championship. This exposure to prize-fighting led to "Requiem for A Heavyweight."

The first writer to serve as national president of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Serling has won numerous other awards, including the first Peabody Award given a writer.

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