

RHA Constitution Topic of Thursday Special Meeting

Constitutional revision was the main topic discussed at the TAMU Resident Hall Association in a special meeting Thursday night.

The problem confronting the RHA concerned to which constitution the association was functioning under. Since the constitution connected with the name Resident Hall Association was not accepted by the administration last year the RHA is operating under the Civilian Student Council constitution.

"The CSC constitution is outdated and needs revisions," said RHA President Randy Gillespie. "Until we can get a new constitution passed and acceptable to

all we will be essentially ineffective."

Ron Blatchly, director of student activities, said he was not content to let things be as they are. "I believe in a strong Student Government, a strong RHA and a strong directorate. I don't want to duplicate efforts."

Gillespie pointed out that even the RHA constitution was somewhat outdated and to some extent needed to include people forced to live off-campus due to lack of on-campus housing.

Presently off-campus students can participate in RHA activities but they do not get the same discount as do resident hall members of the RHA. During fresh-

man orientation Gillespie told students they could not participate in the RHA, yet could participate in their activities.

"One idea," said Gillespie, "was to associate each shuttle bus route with one or two of the resident halls to let interested students participate in dorm activities."

Another problem in the constitution was whether or not a program dorms should be mandatory. A program dorm is one where residents are required to buy an activity card. Present program dorms charge a five dollar per semester fee, 50 cents of which goes to the RHA for programming.

Both Blatchly and Gillespie

lean toward University wide program dorms. Dorms must now have a 90 per cent approval of its residents before it can become an RHA program dorm.

"We're going to get on the ball and do some things that have never been done before," said Blatchly. He continued to say he wanted to give each person their five dollars worth of activities each semester and the more money the RHA has, the more activities they can do.

During the revising of the RHA constitution Blatchly mentioned other areas the RHA should consider in the constitutional revision process. Among these were another collection system for ac-

tivity fees besides the door to door system currently in use, how much kickback the RHA should get from such activity fees and the establishment of some long and short range goals.

"We need to go back to the halls and generate enthusiasm and support," said Gillespie. "If the foundation is shaky then there is no way in which the top can survive."

Gillespie said that more individual student input was needed in the association. Students should contact their dorm councils and presidents with their ideas concerning the RHA, he added.

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A&M Gets Million Dollar Grant From Feds for Sea Grant Work

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Texas A&M has been allocated \$1,080,000 for continued federal support of the institution's Sea Grant Program, Cong. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague announced Thursday.

Congressman Teague said he was informed of the award by Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent.

The grant, administered by the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will be used for marine-related research, education and advisory services programs. It also will support programs at Lamar University, Baylor College of Medicine, Brazosport College Education Service Center at Corpus Christi.

A&M President Jack K. Williams said the university will provide 50 per cent matching funds to bring the total effort to over \$1.5 million for supporting various marine-related projects in Texas for the year ending Aug. 31, 1974.

A major research activity at TAMU is the experimental aquaculture of shrimp which has succeeded in producing the first commercial pond-grown shrimp for market. On-going follow-ups include diagnosis and treatment of diseases in pond-reared shrimp and engineering improvements of systems for large-scale culture of the food source. University re-

searchers will be evaluating commercially prepared rations for the cultured shrimp, the effects of various rates of water exchange in their tanks and the economics of the entire production system.

Other research projects include a continuing study to determine the size distribution of valuable species of fishes taken incidental to shrimp trawling and to evaluate the market for them. Investigations will be made into storage, sanitation and quality control of fishery products, including a new project focusing on microbial deterioration resulting from packaging fish in polyester.

Environmental quality projects include investigations of potential harm from hazardous materials being shipped in the Texas coastal waterways, disposal of dredge spoil containing industrial wastes, contamination of Sabine Lake with heavy metals and methods of supplemental aeration for improvement of water quality in polluted estuaries. A new project in this category seeks to improve disposal practices of firms engaged in cleaning holds of ships and barges.

A study of the risks and costs of shipping accidents involving hazardous materials will continue. A new study will evaluate the potential impact of changes in traffic patterns resulting from operation of a deepwater port in Texas waters. Two projects in recreation are planned. One will establish investment standards for private development in the Coastal Zone and compliment a continuing study at Lamar University on the economic impact of recreation and tourism. The other is aimed at developing techniques for efficient administration of recreational land and facilities in Southeastern Texas.

The category "Shoreline Processes and Marine Technology" includes research in minimizing

failure of off-shore pipelines establishing hydraulic characteristics of diked, dredged spoil, and determining rates and processes of coastal erosion and silting in the Intercoastal Waterway.

226 Units Built for Hensel Park

The number of university-owned, married student housing units will be boosted 25 per cent by the end of November.

The newest addition to the Hensel-College View housing complex, air-conditioned College View, will add 226 units to the existing 804 apartment project.

Begun in August, 1972, the \$2.5 million dollar project is scheduled for completion in November.

"Right now, we have 16 apartments occupied, and another 16 scheduled to open in two weeks," said Charles Halton, manager of the married students apartments.

"The remainder of the apartments will open at the rate of 16 units every two weeks," he continued.

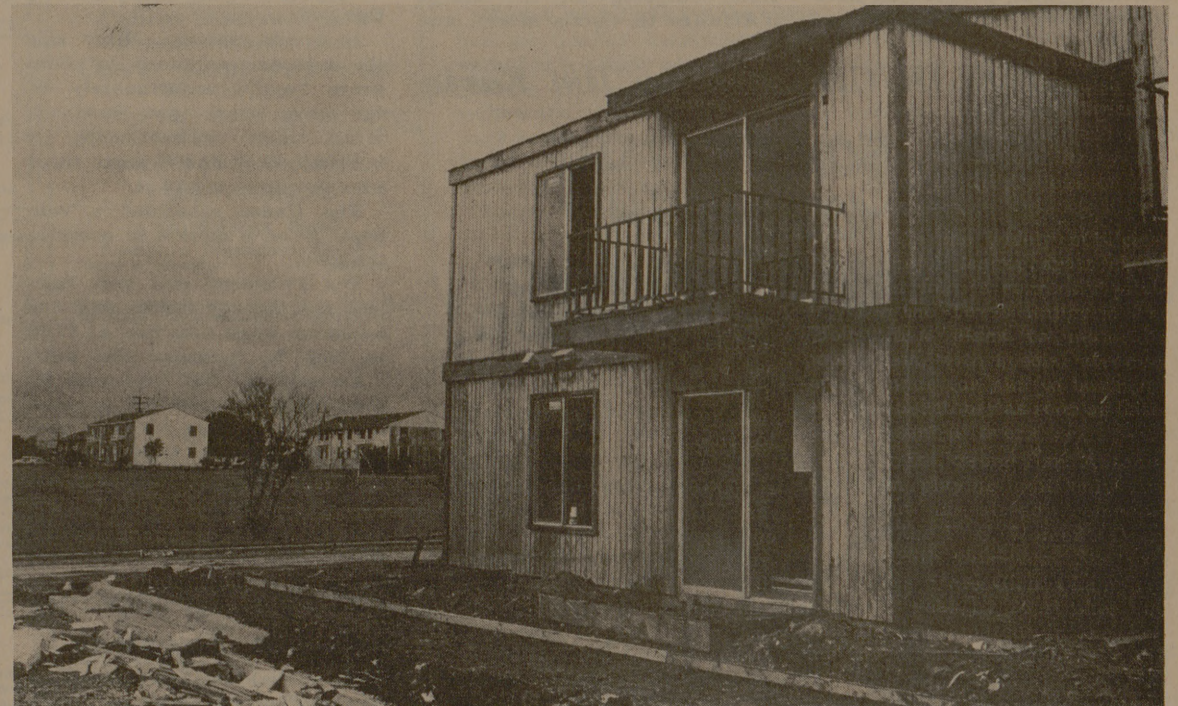
The one or two bedroom, one bath apartments are partly carpeted and completely furnished, except for the washers and dryers. Laundry rooms are provided in the complex.

The one bedroom apartments rent for \$125 a month, while the two bedroom units are \$135. Both rates include utilities. Pets are not allowed.

Although Halton predicted long waiting lists for the new units, Karla Welder, married student, said she and her husband "aren't going to move out of here (Old College View) until they run us out."

Although Old College View is unfurnished, a two bedroom unit rents for \$55 per month, including utilities.

"We really enjoy living here," said Mrs. Welder. "It's all just married couples and kids—everybody's in the same boat."



THE MARRIED STUDENT HOUSING situation is improving with the addition of 226 air-conditioned units by November. The new apartments will cost from \$125-130 per month compared to the \$50 per month rent for the barrack-style units (background).

Senate, Judicial Posts Open

Filing for the three open Senate positions has been extended to Thursday, announced Barry Bowen, Student Government Election Board Chairman.

Applications may be picked up and turned in through the Student Government office in the MSC from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Senate positions available are the seats from the Henderson-Fowler living area, Keathley-Hughes living area and the Dunn living area.

Four positions are also open on the Judicial Board including the chairman, one graduate student and two sophomores. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Monday.

Interested students for all posts should be familiar with the policies outlined in the University Rules and Regulations handbook.

Booze in Dorm Rooms Okay, Says UT Dean of Students

AUSTIN (AP) — No longer need dormitory tipplers at the University of Texas fear the footfalls of counselors outside their doors.

Dean of Students James Duncan has given students the right to have alcoholic beverages in their rooms.

He said he decided to act after the new 18-year-old rights law took effect Aug. 27.

There still are some restrictions on the use of alcohol in dormitories.

Drinking is not allowed in halls or lobbies. Alcoholic beverages must be concealed in paper sacks or other opaque containers while being carried through public areas.

"I know that in the past, quite a few people in the dorm had liquor. At least this new rule eliminates the sneaking and keeps kids off the streets," said Phaldy Norris, an adviser in Kinsolving women's dormitory.



WARREN AND BRANDY are two guests of the Student Government Day Care Center. The center is currently

taking applications for Aggie children, ages 2-4. The service costs \$60 monthly. (Photos by Rodger Mallison)

Weather

FRIDAY — Increasingly cloudy today with a chance of isolated light showers this afternoon and tonight. Warmer temperatures expected with a high of 84° and a low tonight of 74°.

I Will Study
And Get Ready, And
Perhaps My Chance
Will Come. —Lincoln

Four Super Athletes Enter TAMU with Freshman Class

Wags have on occasion quipped that he "A" in Texas A&M University stands for athletics.

Such contentions might be bolstered this year with a freshman class which, in addition to an array of top football players and other collegiate athletes, includes

an Olympic gold medalist, a major league pitcher, a nationally ranked woman golfer and an Australian woman who has set 13 world records in distance running.

While sporting definite athletic inclinations, TAMU's "fish"

class also stands out on the basis of its academic credentials. Admissions and Records Dean Edwin H. Cooper reports this year's class has one of the highest, if not the highest, scholastic averages in the school's history.

"It's also the largest class, all of which is fitting for the group which will be the first to graduate in Texas A&M's second century," noted the dean, referring to the fact the university will celebrate its centennial in 1976.

The diversity of the class is exemplified, if not typified, by John C. Williams, David Clyde, Brenda Goldsmith and Adrienne Beames.

Williams is the Olympic gold medalist in archery. He also won the world championship twice. A native of Erie, Pa., he just completed a tour in the Army and is enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts.

Clyde is the widely publicized No. 1 major league draft choice this year and is currently pitching for the Texas Rangers. The Houstonian plans to major in journalism, with special arrangements made for him to begin his studies in October as soon as baseball season is over.

Goldsmith, from San Antonio, has been playing golf only five years but has already competed twice in the U. S. Women's Open, placing 25th this year. She won the Texas State Girls Championship this year by 26 strokes and was the low amateur in the Alamo Open. She is enrolled in a library. (See Four Super, page 3)

Folklife Festival Hosts 7 Cultures

All of Texas' 26 major ethnic groups will be represented in the state's biggest party this weekend, the Texas Folklife Festival in San Antonio.

Seven cultures will join in the festivities this year for the first time at the second annual celebration at the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures.

The newcomers—French Alsatians, Danish, English, Swedish, Swiss, Yugoslav and Dutch—will join last year's festival participants to complete the line-up of ethnic groups which have given Texas its cultural heritage.

Two thousand participants from over 100 Texas cities will converge on the Alamo City for the four-day event.

Describing the festival as "Texas' Biggest Block Party," festival manager O. T. Baker said, "This is a fun thing. Texans from 26 ethnic groups come here to identify themselves. It's sort of an informal statewide family reunion."

Festival visitors can sample the foods of 23 different nations, enjoy the music and dances of over a dozen ethnic groups, try their skills at horseshoe pitching and Belgian bowling, or join in on the "East Texas Style Singing Convention" held nightly under a Pioneer Brush Arbor.

On the grassy slopes of the Institute grounds, visitors can relax and be entertained by a variety of performers — Negro and Wench choirs, old-time fiddlers and country-western bands, foot-stompin' Cajun music makers and flamenco guitarists.

Baker said 17 festivals from throughout the state will participate, from the Albany Fandango to the New Braunfels Wurstfest.

The 15-acre site will be covered with many exhibits ranging from Texas Longhorns to Irish

artifacts. Other events include watermelon seed spitting contests, Cajun crawfish races, domino tournaments, cow calling demonstrations, Scottish caber tossing and Indian stick ball games.

In a nostalgic vein the festival will recall a spectrum of pioneer life with such activities as corn shuckin' and shelling, log rolling, log house raising, rail splitting, quilting bees and many other bygone experiences.

Texas artists and craftsmen will be demonstrating their specialties throughout the celebration and children will have the opportunity to build their own toys, play in a haystack or just slide down the grassy hills of the Institute.

An attendance of 100,000 is estimated for the festival, compared to the 64,000 persons who turned out for the event last year.

Free shuttle bus service will be provided throughout the Folklife Festival, servicing San Antonio's major downtown parking lots.

Campus Radio Station Seeks Voluntary Aid from Students

Applications are now being accepted for voluntary positions with Student Government Radio, A&M's campus radio station, in the Student Government Office in the Memorial Student Center until Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

Positions offered are: station managers, who will be in charge of advertising and bookkeeping; news director, and program director, who will be responsible to the station manager, disc jockeys and news announcers. All will be responsible to the Student Government Radio Board.

The new station will be at 107.5 on the FM band through Midwest Video Cable.

"We feel the need for a student radio station to meet the interests of Texas A&M students," said Mike Gaertner, member of the Student Government Radio Board.

"A&M has an educational campus television station, KAMU and we are working to give those students interested in radio an opportunity to get involved in radio and get a taste of what it is like," said Stephen Gray, Radio Board member.

"Our goal, however, is not to stop here but to make Student Government Radio an open air radio station," said Steve Wakefield, board chairman.