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A&M Represented By Student Lobby

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The TAMU Student Senate approved university wide representation in national politics by retaining the National Student Lobby Wednesday night in a roll call vote of 46-21.

The controversial topic of retaining NSL, the only student organization available in Washington, D.C., was brought before the Senate by External Affairs Chairman Barb Sears during the hour and a half hour session.

"To be effective in our lobbying efforts we need someone in Washington full-time in order to get to know the issues and know Congress," Sears said.

"Since the passage of the 18-year-old majority rights bill there are several issues in Congress of vital importance to us and all other students," emphasized Sears.

Among the major issues NSL is concerned with are education funding, airline youth fares and sub-minimum wage. At this time 638 students are attending A&M with the help from federal grants with many more students using such grants to attend A&M sister schools, according to Sears.

Sears also said the sub-minimum wage for students 21 and under would affect 4,500 A&M students.

Sears, also a representative from Region II to the NSL Board of Directors, pointed out that NSL worked for several issues on a national level that students were trying to achieve at home.

Examples include the voter registration drive on the A&M campus while NSL lobbied for post-card voter registration, a day care center for Aggies while NSL proposed federal funding for such programs and the A&M proposal to the Board of Directors for a non-voting student member as NSL proposed the same issue nationally.

The \$275 fee to join the lobby allows A&M to participate in a spring lobbying conference in Washington and to receive copies of the congressional roll call, congressional directory, educational full funding report and monthly legislative reports as they are printed.

Rules and Regulations Chairman Curt Marsh added an amendment to the NSL membership proposal which will allow for copies of the student body vote on issues to be sent to all Texas congressmen.

Several senators were against membership in the organization because NSL might support issues opposite TAMU viewpoints.

"The fact that they are lobbying for things we are against is much more reason to belong so we may exert our influence," said Steve Eberhard, academic affairs chairman.

On the state level, the senate rejoined the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association which is also affiliated with the Texas Student Lobby.

As regional director for the two organizations, Sears said the votes in the organization were in proportion to the number of students enrolled in the member school.

Membership to TISA will cost \$160 and \$5 additional will add on TSL.

The result of summer conferences Sears attended is the possibility that the two organizations will consolidate into a Texas Student Association, allowing individual schools to lobby on their own initiative.

One day conferences by TISA

member schools will be important this fall where each campus will host other institutions in a meeting to share information on various topics.

TISA also has plans to establish an intern program for college credit.

The snack bar lost out to the vending machine, 25-16, in the senate after a lengthy discussion on how to use the renovated Exchange Store. Presently, the old Exchange Store is being remodeled into a student lounge and registration headquarters.

Auxiliary Service Coordinator Ed Davis spoke to the senators about both types of food services. Davis said the building construction was not intended for a kitchen which would cost \$50,000 to employ. Likewise, a vending operation would cost around \$3,000, which could possibly feature cold to hot foods with micro-wave ovens.

In comparison to a snack bar, a vending operation could allow the lounge to be open at all hours and possibly allow such organizations as the Memorial Student Center Basement Committee to operate a coffee house at some hours.

After an hour and a half of often confusing litigation, senators chose Jan Faber (L.A.-Sr.) as chairman Pro Tem of the Senate in a secret ballot vote of 46-27 with one abstention against Debi Blackmon (off-campus-under grad.)

Chris Lawson (pre-vet-soph.), Ron Miori (business-grad.) and Mike Bunch (off-campus-grad.) also competed for the position.

Faber, promising to be non-political, won the chair after two run-offs, including a runoff for second place.

Flea Market Profits to Aid Needy Children

Thousands of people are expected to attend the flea market in the upper portion of Townshire Shopping Mall in Bryan on Saturday.

The event begins at 9 a. m. and lasts until 7 p. m. It is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Shrine Club with the courtesy of Townshire merchants and will feature hundreds of antique and garage sales from tables and booths. Attendance is free and entertainment will be provided throughout the day consisting of Western music, combo bands and colorful clowns.

The Shrine Club will hold a cake auction at 11 a. m. and a merchandise auction at 3:30 p. m. which includes such items as 100 Whataburgers, a security mailbox and stand, and many other things for general needs.

Shrine proceeds from the flea market event will go to the treatment and rehabilitation of disabled children. This event will take the place of the annual A&M Freshman game the Club usually sponsors but was unable to this year since A&M freshmen are playing varsity instead of freshmen games.

Refreshments will be available on the lot.

Weather

THURSDAY — Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain and scattered thundershowers today, tonight and tomorrow. variable winds 5-15 m.p.h. becoming northerly 8-18 m.p.h. this evening. The high today will be in the mid 80's with a low tonight in the upper 60's.

A Fault Once Denied,
Is Twice Committed.



THE SUL ROSS statue seems to have an acute nasal problem which drew a crowd of concerned coeds. Actually girls from the Omega Phi Alpha sorority spent part of their afternoon polishing the A&M landmark. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)



AN EXTRA DOORWAY was created for Sbis Dining Hall Wednesday after an Aggie crashed through a plate glass window. Larry Nathan tries out the quick exit route. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Buchanan Denies Fathering Campaign of Dirty Tricks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential speechwriter Patrick J. Buchanan today denied that he had fathered a campaign of political sabotage and dirty tricks directed at Democrats in last year's presidential campaign.

He accused the staff of the Senate Watergate committee of a "covert campaign of vilification" and maligning his reputation by leaking news stories linking him to unethical campaign practices.

His complaint brought expressions of sympathy from the chairman and vice chairman of the Senate panel during the day's televised hearing.

Buchanan, who was a stop strategist in President Nixon's reelection campaign, freely admitted that he had urged an early attack on Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine when he was the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

But he said he did not authorize, recommend or was aware of any campaign of political sabotage against Muskie or any other Democratic candidate.

He confirmed that he recommended measures to counter what he called the liberal bias of large, tax-exempt foundations such as the Ford Foundation and the University National Bank.

"On the side of Texas A&M," Adv.

Brooking Institution. And he said he and others in the administration believed that some Internal Revenue Service officials were pro-Democratic and anti-administration.

Buchanan asserted there was nothing wrong with what he did in Nixon's campaign service. "What tactics would you use?" asked Samuel Dash, the committee's chief counsel.

"Anything that was not improper, illegal, unethical or unprecedented in previous Democratic campaigns," replied Buchanan. The audience in the Senate Caucus Room broke into laughter.

Whatever improper tactics were actually used, Buchanan said, had little weight in the outcome of the campaign.

"Republicans were not respon-

sible for the downfall of Sen. Muskie," he said. "Republicans were not responsible for the nomination of Sen. (George) McGovern. . . . The McGovern people won their own nomination, and they lost their own election."

Buchanan also testified about a series of political memoranda that he had written, some as long ago as 1969.

Although he had refused to supply the committee with copies of the documents, on grounds that they were privileged presidential papers, the panel obtained its own copies from other sources.

Buchanan his dark suit well tailored and his mid-length hair neatly combed chuckled as he confirmed he had once urged in a memo that the administration "ought to turn all the dogs loose on Ecology Ed," meaning Muskie.

Bike Situation Topic of Meeting

The Campus Planning Committee of the Student Government will focus its attentions toward the bicycle problem on campus at its meeting tonight at 7:30 in Room 502 of the Rudder Conference Tower.

Registration, its advantages vs. disadvantages, means of enforcement, and possible alternatives will be discussed according to Chairman Barry Brooks. Other

aspects may be introduced by committee members of interested students.

Need for a channel for student suggestions as to the overall campus plan prompted the formation of this committee in the fall of 1972. It provides student input to the development of A&M's master landscape plan handled by the architectural firm of Myrick, Newman, and Dahlberg, Inc. of Dallas.

U.S. Overseas Troop Cutback Defeated in Close Senate Vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—Overturning a vote taken earlier in the day, the Senate Wednesday rejected an attempt to force a 40-per cent cutback in U. S. land-based troops stationed abroad.

A 49-46 vote Wednesday morning had resulted in tentative ac-

ceptance of the amendment by Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield. But a second vote was necessary to tie the provision to the defense-procurement authorization bill.

That vote was 51 to 44 against the amendment.

The management, strongly opposed by the Nixon administration, would have directed that 188,400 of the estimated 471,000 troops stationed abroad be withdrawn by July 1, 1976, with at least 47,100 being pulled back by next July 1.

Mansfield, asked his reaction, said, "I have nothing to say. We lost."

Asked how the votes were switched, he said: "You'll have to ask the Defense Department, Gen. Goodpaster and the White House." The reference was to Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, the chief NATO commander. Mansfield had said Schlesinger and other officials had undertaken intensive lobbying.

The proposed withdrawals would have applied to U. S. troops in all foreign countries.

U. S. forces are stationed on every continent, including Antarctica.

Mansfield had asked for a 50-percent withdrawal, but amended it at the last minute to 40 percent. A second vote on the amendment was to come on tying the cutback to the \$21-billion military procurement authorization bill.

Before the order could become effective, it would have to win approval of a House-Senate conference and later of both houses, and be signed by President Nixon.

The House voted earlier this year against a 20-per cent cutback in foreign-based troops. And Nixon has said this is the wrong time for a withdrawal.

But Mansfield told the Senate that action is long overdue.

Sen. John G. Tower R-Tex., said the Mansfield amendment would sabotage planned U. S.-Soviet negotiations on mutual and balanced force reductions in Europe.

Responding to statements that European nations have not contributed their share to NATO, Tower said, "We are not in Europe for some altruistic reason" but for protection of American security interests.

Sen. John O. Pastore, D-R.I., noting arguments that a U. S. presence in Europe is essential to the defense of that continent, asked: "Why don't the European nations do their share? Any time we try to pull back one man, they shout 'the Communists are coming, the Communists are coming!'"

He said that when dependents of U. S. servicemen, foreign nationals hired to support them, and U. S. civilians abroad are included, American taxpayers spend \$30 billion a year for maintaining a U. S. military presence around the world. Of that amount, \$17 billion goes for troops in Europe.

Seven Republicans joined 42 Democrats in voting for the cutback; 12 Democrats and 34 Republicans opposed it.

In addition to Europe, major U. S. troop commitments are in Thailand, Korea, Taiwan, Okinawa and the Philippines.

Annex Pool Closes Today

The swimming pool at the Texas A&M Research Annex will close for the season today announced Dr. C. W. Landiss, head of the Health and Physical Education Department.

Dr. Landiss said the university will keep Wofford Cain Olympic Pool open as long as the weather remains favorable, after which time the indoor pool in Downs Natatorium will be available at specified periods for recreational swimming.

The indoor pool will be open for recreational swimming from 7:30 to 9 p. m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 1 to 5 p. m. Saturday and Sunday.

Landiss noted the pools are available free of charge for A&M students and on an individual or semester fee basis for faculty-staff and their families. University identification cards are required for admittance.



CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES for the burial of two small fuel tanks near the University Laundry. Two million-gallon tanks have also been buried near Finfeather Rd. in anticipation of a winter energy crisis.