

Student Senate to Consider Liquor-on-Campus Study

The national liquor-on-campus question has hit A&M in the form of a resolution to be presented to the Student Senate for its approval tonight.

Senators, meeting at 7:30 in Room 102 of the Zachry Engineering Center, will discuss the controversial issue.

Rules and Regulations Committee Chairman Curt Marsh said the group was working on the passage of such a provision slowly in order to get the general student consensus.

The resolution would allow students of legal age to have alcoholic beverages in on-campus

housing facilities as long as they are consumed only within the rooms. While being carried in or around campus the beverage must be maintained in some form of covering or wrapper. The University of Texas and Stephen F. Austin have similar policies.

Sale of alcoholic beverages

would remain prohibited on the campus. Also individuals disrupting life in the on-campus living facilities because of possession of liquor would be subject to discipline.

Senators will also be considering a resolution concerning the dedication of the Memorial Stu-

dent Center as a memorial. The MSC was originally built and dedicated to honor those former students of A&M who gave their lives in defense of their country.

At this time the memorial status of the center and its grounds have not been specifically extend-

ed to the new addition to the center.

Marsh said the resolution will not be voted on at this meeting as it "needs more research."

External Affairs Committee Chairman Barb Sears will present material to the senate concerning the publication of the freshman handbook. The purpose of this action is to establish the handbook under the Student Publications Department, said Sears.

"Presently the handbook is in limbo between several offices and really needs to be placed in an area where someone can handle

it," Sears said.

Senators will also vote on the Texas A&M Scholastic Service budget presented to them Sept. 26.

TAMSS is asking for \$130 in comparison to its \$118 budget request of last year.

Senate by-laws revisions concerning the judicial writ of mandamus will be presented by Marsh and voted on during the session. Specifically, these revisions define a senator's duties and leave a senator's constituents a way to encourage better representation from their senator.

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Bryan Council OK's Hotel Occupancy Tax

By VICKIE ASHWILL

An ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a three per cent hotel occupancy tax was unanimously approved by the Bryan City Council Tuesday night.

Jim Wright, president of the Bryan — College Station Chamber of Commerce, said the purpose of the tax was a new concept in the business community dealing

with the promotion of tourism and conventions.

The tax would not apply to permanent residents but to visitors staying in hotel rooms costing two or more dollars per night.

Wright presented a short slide production explaining the purpose of the tax and how it could be used.

The slide presentation brought out that Texas had 22 million vis-

itors annually who promoted \$185 billion annually resulting in \$166 million in additional sales tax.

"Hotels are the second largest business in Brazos valley and have approximately a \$180 million dollar economic impact on the area," Wright said.

"We hope to develop a bureau based on a stable market plan to sell our community," Wright continued. "We would consider Texas A&M, the Texas World Speedway and Lake Somerville major attractions for the area."

"The area has the advantages of a central location, a variety of meeting places, various accommodations and plenty of restaurants."

According to Wright, the bureau would be called the Tourist/Convention Bureau and would receive support from the Chamber of Commerce.

Presently 45 cities in Texas have such a tax and Bryan College Station is one of four cities left with a population of over 50,000 which does not collect it.

"While visitors are here they use our streets and our services," said Wright. "It is right for these people to have to pay for these uses."

Wright went on to say that 90 per cent of established bureaus in cities like Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Nacogdoches, Abilene and Amarillo have a fulltime staff and rely heavily on the collection of the hotel room tax.

Basically the bureau would be a committee organized to be exclusively devoted to the development of tourism and conventions. The commerce has suggested if a bureau is created that it be under the direction of a blue-ribbon committee of local citizens

appointed by the respective mayors.

"The bureau would be set up as an agency separate from the chamber with a separate budget," Wright said "It would also have to have equal representation of both Bryan and College Station for proper operation."

The slide presentation illustrated that a bureau could be operated on an annual budget of \$50,000. This budget is based on two-thirds of the room tax revenue going to the bureau.

"This is the minimum that could be allowed to do a proper job," said Wright.

George Webb of the Holiday Plaza Motel favored the ordinance yet said he would like to see some of the funds generated toward some type of recreational activity for the weekend.

"Motels will be out of business," Webb said, "if they can only operate four or five days a week when conventions are in town."

"We need to get our heads together along with the money and come up with some weekend recreation so that people will want to come here. Otherwise the bureau will fail and our taxes will go to waste."

Panel Studies Parking Lot Overcrowding

The continuous complaints concerning the overcrowding of the Krueger-Dunn parking lot was the subject of the Traffic Appeals Panel meeting Tuesday.

"The current parking policy only guarantees the right to park your car and not the right to a parking place," said Ron Miori, student panel member.

In the Krueger-Dunn lot more parking permits have been sold than there are parking places. When an overflow occurs, residents may park in lot 50 across from the Zachry Engineering Center or lot 48 by Kyle Field. These are the only legal additional parking sanctuaries for Krueger-Dunn residents on campus.

Lot 24, Krueger-Dunn parking lot, has 10 rows for parking. Five rows are for upperclassmen and five are for freshmen and sophomores. When this is full, residents must park at the other designated areas.

It is not legal to park outside of the white lines in the lots.

Another misunderstanding involves the 30 minute parking zone in front of the Commons. The limit must be observed on weekdays and weekends.

The Traffic Appeals Panel, consisting of seven students and two university staff members, decides the validity of a parking ticket. Any complaints about parking should be brought before the Appeals Panel.

Champion Fiddlers Expected for Fest

Champion Texas fiddlers will meet in Manor East Mall Saturday for the Brazos County People's Festival fiddling contest.

One of the noted fiddlers expected is Dick Barrott of Pottsville.

Barrott, age 55, heads a family folk band with his daughter Christy on guitar and his son Brett on stand-up bass. The group has played for folk festivals throughout the country.

The older Barrott won two national fiddling contests at Weiser, Idaho in '71 and '72. He then won the Grand Master Invitational Fiddler's Contest at Nashville, Tennessee in 1973.

E. J. Hopkins a state fiddling champion from Houston and his son Carl, 12, will also compete.

Carl won the festival fiddling contest last year in his age division.

The contest is divided into three age groups: 60 and older, 21 and younger, and the open division for the ages between.

Division winners will be presented with cash prizes and will compete in a playoff for the contest champion. The contest champion will also receive a cash prize and trophy.

Registration for the contest

ends at 9:45 a. m. for the 10 a. m. contest.

Each contestant will play a breakdown and a waltz, says Joanne Carol, chairman of the budget committee for the festival.

A breakdown is a traditional—country style similar to square dance music.

Three judges will rate the contestants on a scale of one to 10 according to accuracy and technique.

One of the judges for the event, Byron McClellan, is a district judge from Gatesville.

"Different regions of the country have adapted variations to the breakdown," says Carol. "The Texas style is one of the more popular styles."

"Texans have won the Grand Master contest for the past five years," she said.

"Fiddlers learn their art from other fiddlers," says Carol. "There is very little written breakdown music."

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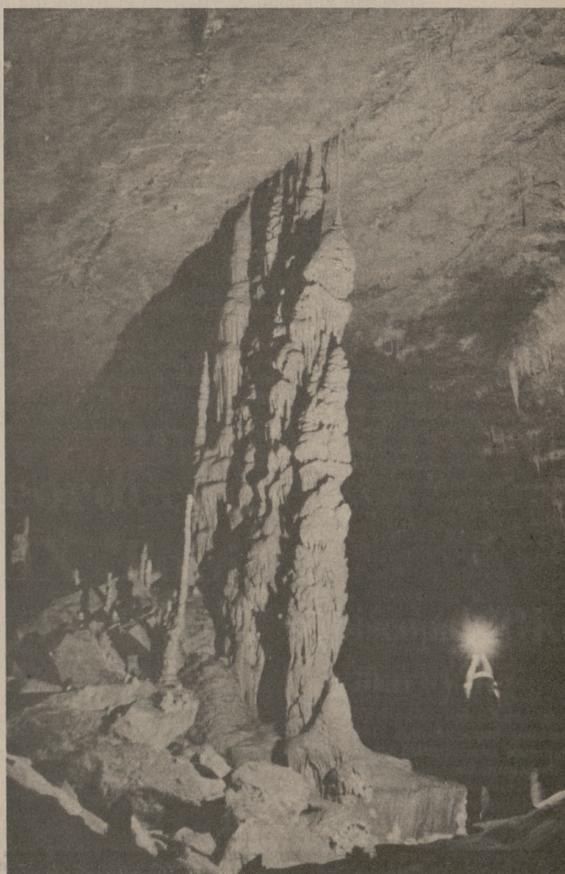
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THE LAND OF stalagmites and stalactites is sought by those curious and daring enough to explore the depths of the earth. The members of the A&M Speleological Society hopes to get such glimpses of rare splendor when it takes its first field trip Saturday to Gorman Cave near Bend, Texas. (See story page 4)

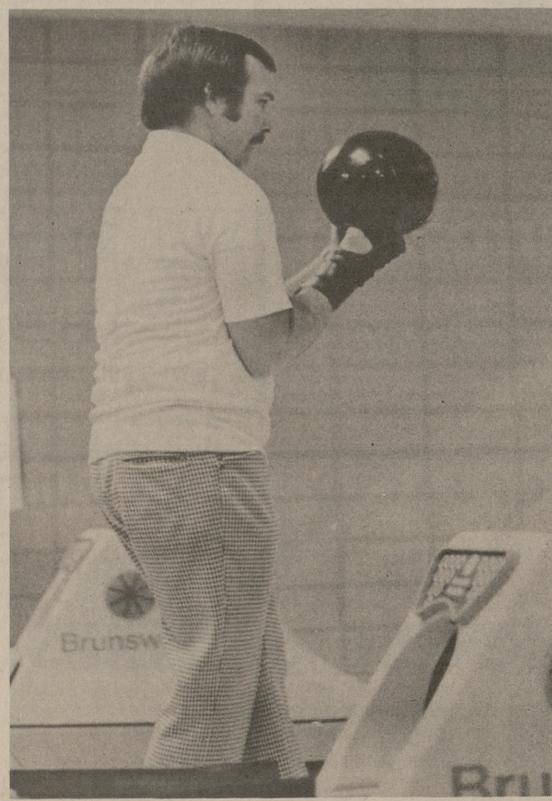
Calhoun Honored By Award

Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., TAMU vice president for academic affairs, is the recipient of Pi Epsilon Tau's first "Award for Outstanding Contributions to Petroleum Engineering Education."

The award from the honor society of petroleum engineering was formally presented to Dr. Calhoun at the annual meeting of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME.

Dr. Calhoun has been an AIME member since 1946 and was SPE president in 1964. He has held numerous other positions within the society, most recently serving as chairman of the Petroleum Branch Education Committee and the Student Affairs Committee.

In addition to serving as TAMU's vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Calhoun also holds the rank of distinguished professor of petroleum engineering. He joined the university as dean of engineering in 1957.



BOBBY COOPER, bowling pro and Brunswick representative, is not telling fortunes from a crystal ball but is eyeing the 10-pins in an exhibition tournament held Tuesday night at the Memorial Student Center bowling lanes. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Noontime Raid Destructive Israeli Jets Pound Damascus

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Israeli jets bombed Damascus Tuesday as the city bustled with noontime activity. Many civilians were killed or wounded, witnesses reported.

This correspondent saw three Phantom jets score direct hits on the Defense Ministry near a busy square.

Bombs also hit a diplomatic and residential complex nearby, totally destroying at least one four-story house and damaging many others.

Marta Servic, wife of a Polish Embassy official, arrived three hours later at the Syrian border town of Jdeidah and said, "I saw so many dead and wounded it was terrible."

An embassy official said he saw many houses damaged, including the Soviet cultural center and a building occupied by Soviet military advisers.

"It appeared as if the Israelis were trying to hit this house," he added.

The 10-minute raid came shortly after noon, when this city of 840,000 was humming with activity. Hundreds of civilians, soldiers and militiamen were walking in the square when the Phantoms struck.

Within seconds, the square was pitted with bomb craters and a number of cars and trucks exploded in flames.

"Oh God, Oh God," screamed two women as they ran for shelter.

At least one bomb went through the roof of a radio station and exploded inside. The Defense Ministry and the nearby air

force headquarters were similarly damaged.

Smoke and orange flames shot out of both buildings, which remained standing.

In the square below, a woman lay on the ground, the stump of her right arm gushing blood. The arm lay severed several yards away.

There was no official casualty count.

The government said the wife of a United Nations expert was killed and the families of the Indian and Pakistani ambassadors were wounded.

In Jerusalem, the U.N. truce

supervision headquarters announced a Norwegian officer, his wife and young daughter were killed in the Damascus raid.

The Polish evacuees said a school converted to a war hospital was hit but apparently was empty at the time of the raid. They added that the windows of the British ambassador's apartment were blown out and the Soviet cultural center was damaged by a near miss.

In New York, CBS carried a report from a correspondent in Damascus who said the Soviet Embassy was hit directly and quoted a Soviet diplomat as saying at least 30 Russians, including women and children were killed.

The raiders apparently evaded Syria's missile defense system to get to Damascus but were later chased by Syrian MIG21 jets. Except for submachine-gun bursts, the raid went unopposed.

Space Ready For Yearbook

Space for clubs and organizations in the 1974 AggieLand is now available.

Contracts may be purchased in Room 216 Reed McDonald Services Building. The rates are \$30 for a half page and \$55 per full page.

Group shots will be arranged by the AggieLand staff and a copy will be given to each club. All additional material such as activity shots, written copy and art work must be submitted to Linda Beck, section editor.

All organizations must have a contract to appear in the AggieLand.

Priority Reordering SCONA XIX Topic

SCONA XIX chose "Reordering American Priorities" for the topic of the February 13-16 conference at A&M.

Chairman Steve Kosub announced the topic and said arrangements for top speakers and roundtable chairman have begun.

The topic for the 19th Student Conference on National Affairs was selected by student members of the Memorial Student Center committee in cooperation with faculty advisers.

Kosub said the subject will enable conference participants to delve into an analysis of individual priorities, and, at the national level, such areas as isolationism vs a relaxing of political tension, guns vs butter, free market vs controlled economy, and energy needs and the environment.

"Our country has done well," Kosub said, "but perhaps we should reexamine our personal and national priorities to see if we could not do still better in the future."

He said some of the questions that can be asked and studied through the topic include: Are Americans beginning to orient themselves away from mass-produced materialism toward stronger interpersonal relations? Is the reaction to Vietnam leading to a new age of isolationism? In pursuit of detente with China and Russia, is America giving with no hope of getting? Will defense cuts upset the world balance of power? Are governmental restrictions the cause of, or solution to, economic instability? Must an industrial nation compromise its environment to secure the energy it needs?

"SCONA XIX will give delegates an opportunity to hear and evaluate pertinent facts and opinions on each issue," Kosub noted, "so they will leave with a better understanding of the problems of our time."

Episcopals OK Remarrying

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—The Episcopal Church wiped out on Tuesday its historic laws banning second marriages and opened the way for thousands excommunicated for remarrying after divorce to return to full communion in the church.

The sweeping changes, explicitly recognizing civil divorce for the first time and permitting those who have been through it to remarry in the church, was approved overwhelmingly by the church's 900-member House of Deputies, finalizing a previous action by the church's House of Bishops.

At the same time, the deputies voted to abolish an old rule barring from communion those whose marriages did not conform to church regulations.

Back 'The Bunch'—Yell Practice 5:30 Thursday, Kyle Field