

Revision would chop 14 from Senate

Grade contesting procedure set up

VICKI ASHWILL
Reducing the Student Senate from 84 to 80 persons is the proposal of the informal constitutional revision committee agreed upon today afternoon.

After three hours of heated discussion concerning the restructure of the legislative branch, the 15-member panel, including one non-voter, reached its decision. The proposal, the first of three revisions to be revised, will be presented to the Senate Feb. 6 for consideration.

Rules and Regulations Chairman Curt Marsh said the main reason behind the proposal was to prevent its growth in the future. The 80 member Senate would be composed of five voting members from the executive branch, five freshmen senators at-large, 40 college representatives and 30 living area representatives.

Exact details of how many senators will represent any specific colleges or living areas have not yet worked out yet.

Presently 50 senators are elected on the basis of college representation. On-campus representatives are elected by districts approximately on the basis of a 10 to 500 ratio. The Corps of Cadets is an exception in which

each of the sophomore, junior and senior classes have at least two senators with additional seats elected at-large after 3,000.

Off-campus representation as well as the freshmen senators are apportioned on the basis of approximately one per 500 students.

Committee members discussed the pros and cons of three types of representation: total college representation, total living area representation or a combination of the two, as it is now.

John Tyler (Corps) said the living area representation is the best system but the off-campus students would be hard to represent due to their spread-out living area. Tyler also noted that the process of election would be simpler if done by college.

"You can't guarantee that under any situation there would be good representation," said Marsh, "but persons from the same colleges are much more responsive to their constituents when he thinks like they do."

External Affairs Chairperson Barb Sears said the off-campus students needed to be represented better, either by using a caucus or a ward type system.

"There are no off-campus polling places," said Sears, noting the lack of off-campus student participation in elections. "Why not

put polls in the parking lots so day students will find it easier to participate?"

Student Government President Randy Ross previously proposed a system to the committee similar to the one it agreed upon. In Ross's system the maximum amount of voting members was 70, leaving five executives, five freshmen senators and 60 other senators.

These 60 senators would be divided equally to represent the college and living areas on a 30-30 basis.

Ross also said that the Senate

operated under the college system two years ago but under the system the Corps was guaranteed a majority of the seats.

Marsh said, "The Corps has changed over the past several years out of the reality that they are not the only persons on campus. Also, civilian students are becoming more and more involved in the colleges."

"Total college representation would now be a different situation," continued Marsh. "The only reason we went to both college and living area system was to eliminate the Corps vote."

Committee members discussed the possibility of requiring students running for office to get an unspecified amount of constituents' signatures, possibly 15 for senators, before they can compete for the office.

Marsh said the reasoning behind this was to eliminate the "dead weight" from the Senate.

Senatorial responsibility was also discussed in the meeting. Members concluded that a senator should become informed and relay his views on other Senate information to his constituency.

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Weather

Fair and mild Tuesday; cloudy and mild Wednesday. Today's hi 62°. Wednesday's hi 65°.

Four movies at this week by MSC clubs

The Ingmar Bergman film, "The Touch," begins this week's series of movies from MSC committees.

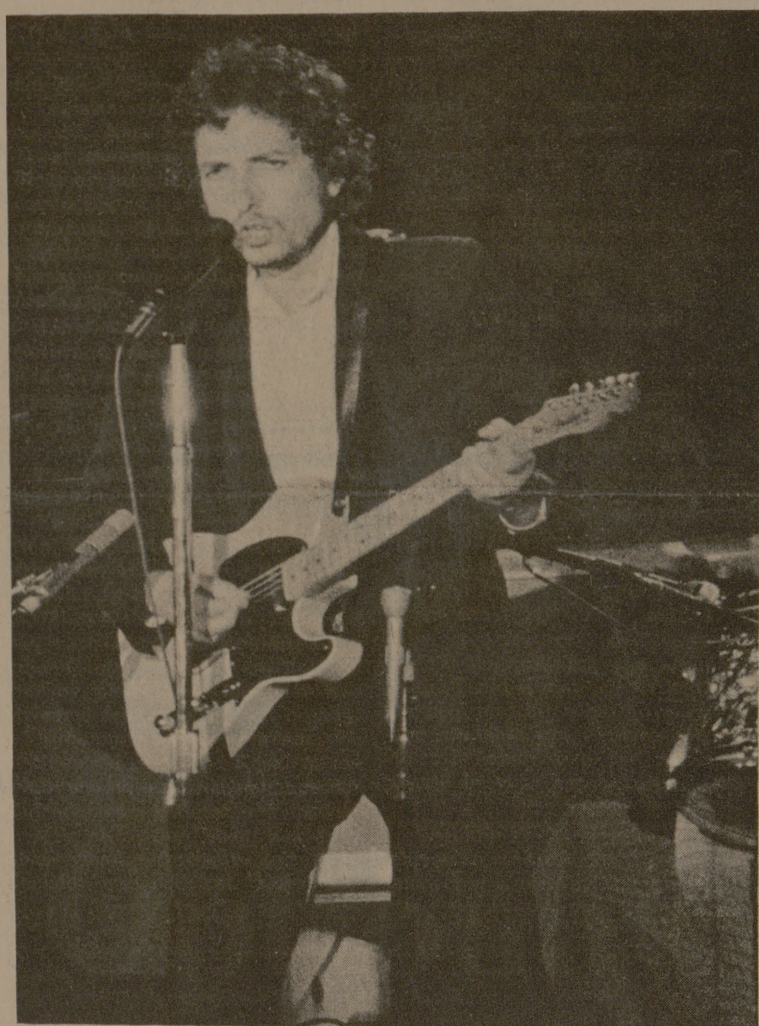
"The Touch" stars Elliott Gould, and is the only English language film by Swedish director, Bergman. The film is the first of five of Bergman's to be shown this semester by the Arts Film Series, and shows tonight 8:00 and 9:30 in the University Center Theater for \$1.00.

"Slaughterhouse Five" is the Wednesday night presentation of the Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Committee. Based on the novel by Kurt Vonnegut, this movie is both a war story and the preservation of life by a man who is "unstuck" in time and sees the events of his life in random sequence. The film shows in the University Center Theater Wednesday night at 6:00 and 8:15, for \$1.00.

Friday and Saturday nights the Regie Cinema presents "Sometimes a Great Notion" with Paul Newman and Lee Remick, directed by Paul Newman. This is the story of an Oregon lumberjack family, and shows in the University Center Theater at 8:00 both nights for 50 cents. Ken Kesey wrote the book.

At midnight Friday the Arts Film Series Midnight Movie will be the rock-western "Zacharia." Written by the Firesign Theater, this film features performances by Country Joe and the Fish, Doug Kershaw, and the James Gang. It shows in the Theater at midnight Friday for \$1.00.

Optional athletic fee rejected



BOB DYLAN returned to the performing arena in a much ballyhooed concert tour with the Band. He played two shows at Houston's Hofheinz pavilion Saturday night. See story, page 3. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)

By ROD SPEER

An optional athletic fee plan was voted down 7-4 with one abstention Monday night by the Student Service Fee Committee.

The plan, presented by committee members Tom Taylor and John Nash, proposed a \$1 or \$2 user fee for football games that

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would reduce Student Services Fees to \$17.50 or \$16.25 per semester from the current rate of \$19. Under these programs the Athletic Department would receive \$192,800 from services fees based on last year's attendance.

The committee agreed to recommend giving Athletics \$195,000, which is \$25,000 less than it requested but \$25,000 more than it received last year.

"Athletics does a good job and a user fee would reflect that," said Taylor at a preliminary hearing Friday night.

The committee had to cut \$88,991 from amounts requested this year, which exceeded the \$735,358 available from Student Services Fees.

"If we have to cut somebody, it should be athletics," said Nash. He argued that a student's utility from athletics would be about the same despite a large cut since "a student would still see the same number of games." He added that similar cuts would drastically hurt the programming of something else.

"A \$20,000 cut from athletics would only be one and a half per cent of their total budget," noted

David White, committee chairman.

Rules and Regulations Chairman Curt Marsh suggested giving all groups funded under Student Services "the absolute maximum" except athletics.

Taylor, an economics major, was critical of the committee's role in distributing student funds. "We are working under the assumption that we know what is best for them (the students)," he said. "If the benefits of the particular services were great enough," he added, "they wouldn't need us; private businesses would handle the services."

"We should work to institute some kind of user fees for as many services as possible," said the moustachioed senior. "We can then tell which services are wanted from the response."

Taylor said Great Issues and Political Forum "would dry up" without help from student services. He said that would not be a bad idea "if students felt we're giving them a lot of bull."

"I don't like people subsidizing my football ticket," he continued, arguing for an optional athletic fee.

Larry McRoberts countered saying once the student athletic charge is taken away from the mandatory fee students could no longer prevent a price hike.

"A user fee would hurt the groups that must attend football games, such as the band and the Corps," said Ron Miori.

"Athletics is to some extent a public good, but the goer gets more benefit," argued Nash.

McRoberts suggested holding a referendum to determine student interest in an optional athletic fee program.

Last year 3,026 students signed a petition calling for a similar referendum for the 1973-74 Student Service Fees, but school ended before action was taken.

White reported that Athletic Business Manager Wally Groff said he had no objection to a

user fee, adding that it had the potential to raise more revenue.

Taylor and Nash's proposal will be submitted to the Student Senate at its Wednesday meeting as a minority report. The fee allocations recommended by the committee are listed in the chart below. The committee also agreed to recommend that the \$14 Health Center fee remain the same.

Taylor and Ernest Hernandez voted against the hospital fee proposal while Ron Miori abstained.

The intramural department's request for \$99,569 was cropped to \$70,000 by the committee. McRoberts led the attack on the intramural budget suggesting the \$15,000 request for women's athletics be reduced to \$5,000. He also felt the number of officials at flag football games could be reduced from the proposed three to two.

Carol Moore advocated giving intramurals the full \$99,000, saying women's sports should be treated on an equal basis and sports clubs should be subsidized somewhat through student services.

The addition of two buses was included in the Shuttle Bus budget request of \$60,000. The committee decided one additional bus was adequate and recommended \$52,000.

The student lawyer program found the most support among committee members, as they agreed to okay all but \$304 of the \$23,304 requested. "Since it's our program let's give it all the support it needs," Marsh said.

Memorial Student Center Programs and Student Government also found much support among committee members as the group recommended large fee increases for both. The committee voted to give MSC Programs a \$52,000 increase and give SG nearly double what it received last year.

Student Publications requested a \$37,000 increase but the committee saw a need for only \$20,000 over last year's budget. White said he was told by Jim Lindsey, chairman of the Student Publications Board, that an expected advertising rate should net The Battalion at least \$20,000 in increased revenue in the next year.

Student Services Fees

Dept. requesting funds this year	Received last year	Requested this year	Recommended this year
Athletic Dept.	170,000	220,000	195,000
Intramural	50,000	99,569	70,000
MSC Great Issues	13,500	14,150	14,150
MSC Political Forum	9,000	9,500	9,500
MSC Student Program	198,331	255,629	250,000
MSC Town Hall	32,500	37,500	34,608
Shuttle Bus	42,000	60,000	52,000
Student Government	9,000	18,060	17,600
Student Handbook	4,500	4,737	4,500
Student Lawyer	15,500	23,304	23,000
Student Publications	45,000	81,900	65,000
	\$589,331	\$824,349	\$735,358

Amount Available \$735,358

SCONA drops Kuntsler talk

'Chicago Seven' lawyer still willing to come

GREG MOSES
William Kuntsler, controversial lead defense lawyer for the "Chicago Seven," was scheduled to speak to the Student Conference on National Affairs here Feb. 16. But he was canceled.

Consider this order of events: On Jan. 21 the executive committee of SCONA voted to schedule Kuntsler as the speaker for the judicial priorities topic. The next day TAMU President Jack K. Williams met with the SCONA chairman Steve Kosub and, according to Kosub, explained that contributions to SCONA might be endangered if Kuntsler was allowed to come. After the meeting Kosub vetoed the executive committee's decision and canceled Kuntsler.

"We decided it was not in the best interest of TAMU," said Kosub. "SCONA is a function of TAMU and Kuntsler is not the most popular man at this time."

SCONA is financed by pledges from alumni and businessmen so-

licited by SCONA representatives. This year's budget of \$24,000 is made up of small contributions of \$100-\$200, according to Kosub. "This is so we can be independent in our programming," explained Kosub.

"It was strictly a personal decision," Kosub said of the veto. "Last semester I was led to believe by members of the SCONA committee that Kuntsler was qualified to speak on the judicial system. I don't think now that Kuntsler could contribute to the program."

John Nash, SCONA planning chairman who met with Williams and Kosub, said, "We made our decision to remove Kuntsler from the agenda" right after the meeting with President Williams.

President Williams refused to comment on the matter.

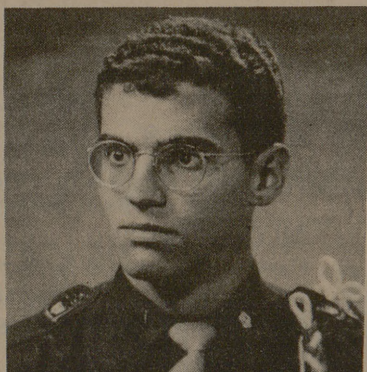
Kosub said no formal invitation was sent to Kuntsler. Kuntsler, nevertheless, had the speech marked on his calendar.

"These things have happened before," said Mrs. Kuntsler in a phone interview. Kosub notified her by phone that Kuntsler was dropped from the agenda because of a change in the program. She said she asked Kosub to explain the nature of the change but did not get a satisfactory answer.

Mrs. Kuntsler then asked if there was any pressure and if the decision was political. Kosub an-



William Kuntsler



Steve Kosub

swered "no" to both questions. She then requested a formal letter.

"When this has happened in the past one of two things occurs," said Mrs. Kuntsler. "Either Mr. Kuntsler has flown down free, or the students organize under another campus organization and sponsor him." She explained Kuntsler could no longer afford to give free lectures.

"I'll do anything the students want," said Kuntsler. "If SCONA cancels me, I'll come anyway. If the students get a place for me to talk and raise the funds, I would be very happy to come."

William M. Kuntsler seems to thrive on controversy. In 1961, he answered a plea by the American

Civil Liberties Union to help the southern black "freedom fighters." Although he wasn't enthusiastic about the project at first, he became impressed with the courage of the civil rights protesters and decided that "only by personal involvement can one justify his existence either to himself or to his fellows." After 13 years of estate, marriage and business law with a few ACLU cases, Kuntsler moved into more sensational cases and the limelight of criminal law.

Kuntsler has an impressive list of clientele including Martin Luther King, Stokely Carmichael, Adam Clayton Powell, the Berri brothers, H Rap Brown, and the "Chicago Seven." He is now defending the Indians of Wounded (See SCONA, page 4)

2-car accident brings death for A&M grad

A Texas A&M graduate was killed in a two-car accident south of College Station during the heavy rainstorm Saturday morning.

Dr. Robert Hideo Hayashikawa, 30, of 700 Dominik Dr. in College Station, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan shortly after 1 a.m.

He received his doctorate in Bio-chemistry last December and was working for M. D. Anderson Clinic in Houston.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said that Hayashikawa was driving north on Highway 6 when his auto collided with the car driven by Roy V. Torres, 17, of Navasota as it traveled south on Highway 6.

Torres and a passenger were treated and released.

The body will be flown to Hilo, Hawaii, Hayashikawa's hometown, for funeral services. Callaway-Jones Funeral Home is directing the funeral arrangements.

Presnal will seek nomination again

The race for area State Representative has become warmer as Bill Presnal announced his intention to run for re-election against Lloyd Joyce in the May Democratic Primary.

The incumbent has served six years as representative for the 28th Legislative District, composed of Brazos and Robinson Counties. His seniority is outranked by only 20 members of the 150 representatives of the House.

"Seniority is vital to the people in our district," said Presnal, who feels that seniority will be a valuable criterion for the next Legislature. "Brazos and Robertson counties are represented by senior ranking members in each of the other legislative bodies, both in Washington and in Austin. The citizens of these two counties deserve no less in the State House of Representatives."

"This will be especially so should Texas adopt a new constitution. Many new laws will require re-writing should we be operating under a new Constitution," he continued.

Presnal feels that drafting the Constitution is his primary purpose. He is presently serving on



Bill Presnal

the Education Committee now drafting an education article for the Texas Constitutional Convention.

"Our first responsibility is to get the constitution drafted and in doing all we can to represent the people in it," Presnal said. He concluded, "I will carry on a vigorous race as soon as I get this out of the way."

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