

CHRIS SWANSEN performs on the Moog synthesizer in the University Center Auditorium Thursday night. It took three men to operate the device; the sound was like that of many instruments together. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)

Education committee backs A&M-UT fund

AUSTIN (AP)—The continued exclusive use by the University of Texas and TAMU of revenue from the \$680 million Permanent University Fund has been approved by the Constitutional Convention's Education Committee.

The committee voted 14-4 Thursday against an amendment that would have given the legislature control of the fund.

It voted 12-8 against an amendment that would have given Prairie View A&M a separate board of

regents and a one-sixth share of the fund.

It voted 13-9 against an amendment that would have allowed money from the fund to be used to recruit and give scholarships to students from families with gross incomes under \$5,000 a year. "So much for the poor students of Texas," said Rep. Jim Mattox, D-Dallas, after the last vote.

The committee voted 18-5 to keep the fund as it is.

The revenue from the fund is approximately \$35 million a year. This is the Available University Fund. Texas gets two-thirds of it and TAMU one-third.

The fund was established in 1876 and consists mainly of revenue from 2.1 million acres of land, most of it in West Texas. The discovery of oil under the land in the 1920s made Texas the wealthiest university in the world a few decades later, and it still is one of the wealthiest.

A constitutional amendment in 1934 gave a third of the fund's revenue to A&M.

The 1876 constitution called for creation of "a university of the first class." Advocates of retention of the fund in its present status argue that spreading the revenue among all 37 public senior institutions of higher learning in the state would not raise any of them to that level but would insure the decline in the quality of education at Texas.

Rep. Bill Coady D-Weatherford, said the amendment to give the legislature control of the fund was one "appealing to greed and lar-

deny."

"I believe the legislature should control the bureaucracy," replied Rep. Joe Pentony, D. Houston, who sponsored the amendment. "The board of regents are at least as much a political body as we are." But the regents are not answerable to the voters, he said.

Mattox said the legislature should be given the flexibility to divert money from the available fund when it greatly exceeds what is needed to pay the building bonds of the two universities.

This year, that amounted to \$12 million, Mattox said. Next year, because of soaring oil and gas prices, it might be \$30 million or

\$50 million, yet all of it would have to be spent at those schools and nowhere else, he said.

Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, co-sponsor of the Prairie View A&M amendment, said of that school's satellite status with Texas A&M, "It has not profited that school to remain in the A&M system. It has not been fairly treated."

She said Prairie View has received only \$6.4 million from Texas A&M's share in 14 years.

A motion to table Mattox' amendment to recruit disadvantaged students failed on the 11-11 vote, but the amendment also failed on a later vote.

Student lawyer okayed

By VICKIE ASHWILL
Staff Writer

TAMU President Jack K. Williams gave final approval yesterday on the hiring of a student lawyer.

The student attorney concept was adopted by the Student Government Legal Rights Commission over two years ago, approved by the Student Senate Nov. 30, 1972 and is finally in its last stage.

Vice President for Student Services Dr. John J. Koldus will begin the paper work and processes involved in the hiring of a lawyer beginning Monday.

"We will have the use of a student attorney as soon as possible this semester," said Randy Ross, SG president.

According to the final proposal the student's legal advisor will be able to counsel and litigate for students and recognized student organizations who request his aid.

The lawyer will be limited in litigation only to include student consumer problems, as long as the problem does not relate to another student or the University.

The attorney will not be able to take any action against the University.

The proposal states that the attorney will have to establish a legal referral system in conjunction with the Brazos County Bar Association. He will also function to make students aware of their legal rights and responsibilities through various means.

The proposal states that the legal advisor shall be an attorney admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Koldus said \$15,000 had been allocated from Student Services Fees for the service this year and will receive \$23,000 for the program next year.

Complicated machine recreates real sound

By BRAD ELLIS
Staff Writer

The people were impressed with the Moog trio concert/demonstration Thursday night in the University Center Auditorium as Chris Swansen appeared with two other performers to play selections from the works of J. S. Bach, Lennon and McCartney, and other musicians.

Not everyone was pleased, but the sound was impressive. In the compositions all the sounds and figures necessary to the piece were present in startling clarity and precision of reproduction, even though all that was present was a collection of confusing looking electronic machinery, some very big speaker cabinets with some very big speakers in them, and three very intent looking men.

It sounded like some very soulful musicians were creating the music right there on stage but it did not look that way. It sounded that way, but it did not entirely look that way.

It did not look like they were doing a lot at all, but it seemed from the expression on their faces that they were doing a lot, and were conscious and appreciative of the fact that a lot was going on around them.

Swansen himself commented during the performance he too thought he and his partners were learning an incredible amount from playing the Moog synthesizer in that particular auditorium.

The audience seemed so impressed with the reality of the sound that no one applauded until the last sound of each piece had completely died away.

Musically there was a lot more to be heard. There always is with music. But for realism and clarity, and all the other things that make one's perception of the concert real, it could not be beaten by anything.

It sounded like there was a machine on the stage thinking about sound and about music.

Williams approves Senate allocations

The Student Services Fees Allocations recommended by the Student Senate Wednesday night were approved by TAMU President Jack Williams Thursday.

The recommendations now go for final approval to the Board of Directors, who are scheduled to meet here Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Directors' House, north of Sbis. The meetings are open.

Student Government President Randy Ross said, "This is the first time I know of when the president made no changes in the Student Senate's recommendations."

The allocations stand as follows:

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	9,500	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

Perrin firing discussed

By MARY RUSSO and GREG MOSES

LaTonya Perrin's hasty dismissal from her post as Arts Committee chairman was the subject of the Memorial Student Center Directorate's meeting Thursday night.

Don Webb, MSC president, and Mike Perrin, LaTonya's husband and MSC public relations chairman, faced off to battle what some considered a "put-up" job.

"She didn't keep in touch with the vice president who serves as an adviser and representative. She wouldn't get information in for the newsletter, passing up free publicity. LaTonya didn't comply with MSC rulings about making contracts through Mr. Hal Gaines, MSC adviser," Webb said.

LaTonya did not attend and her husband spoke in her defense.

"LaTonya had been sent a number of memorandums by the vice president, and she never answered them in any way. LaTonya didn't feel the newsletter was effective and didn't see using it as a means of publicity," said Perrin.

"Mr. Wayne Stark, MSC director, signed the contracts for Brooks, the Moog synthesizer, plus arranging for the art exhibit, all of which are LaTonya's committee's functions," Perrin added. "As you can see, there was plenty of com-

munication where needed," Perrin said.

"LaTonya's committee was delinquent in paying bills. There are some due from October. Also, there is the \$3,000 in art films, ordered by one of the subcommittees. These films were ordered without any staff knowledge," Webb added.

"The bills had been removed from their keeping place, when the treasurer left office," said Perrin. "So LaTonya didn't play by the rules. What's important is the students are getting the programming. On the large scale, the students are benefitting," said Perrin.

The final clash between LaTonya and Webb came over publicity for the Gwendolyn Brooks poetry reading. Webb said LaTonya was a habitual liar and the publicity wasn't adequate. LaTonya said she was doing the best she could under the circumstances.

Because of this credibility gap, Webb felt he could not afford to take the chance of letting LaTonya run the programs for the following week (Brooks, the Moog Trio and the film series). He told her an hour before the MSC council meeting that he would call for her resignation at that meeting.

LaTonya refused to resign and the council, in a 12-0 vote with Webb abstaining, dismissed her.

The inquiring Battman

Do you think President Nixon should be impeached?

Interviews by T. C. Gallucci

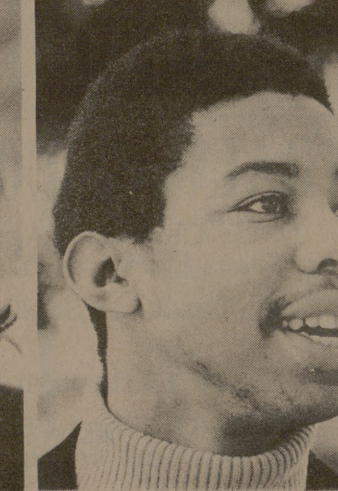
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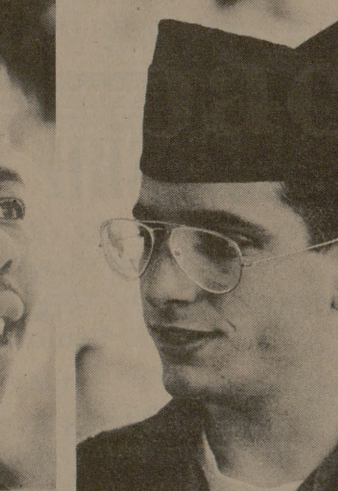
JOHN HUBBARD
No. I think that he's a pretty good President. He's made a few mistakes, but he's been pretty good considering what he's had to put up with.



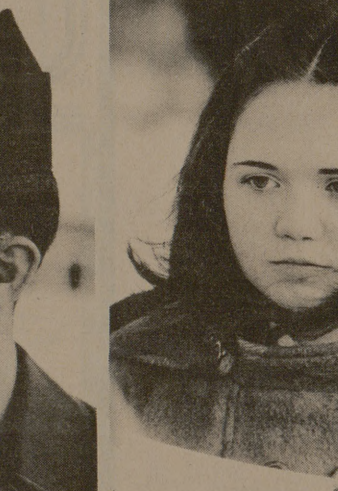
MIKE RYAN
Wow! I don't know if he should be impeached, but he sure is doing a lousy job.



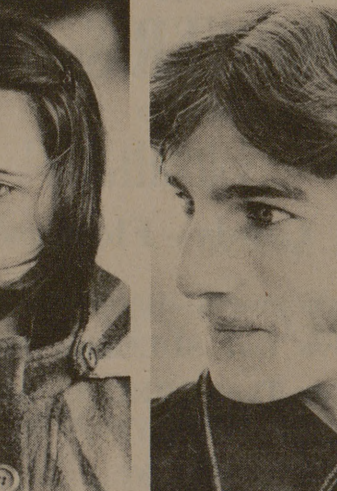
CEDRIC JOSEPH
Yes, I think so. Not because of what he's done but because he let himself get caught.



ALLEN McCORD
No, he's doing a good enough job as it is. The Congress should see that there are three branches of the government and they are not dictators.



DONNA JEANS
No, because all the facts aren't in.



STEVE EBERLE
Never! I've stood along with him from the beginning. I would have voted for him if I had been able to.



LARRY WINGS
Of course not, because a) he is one of the least immoral Presidents of our time and b) the power of the presidency would be severely curtailed.