



'MY NAME IS JOHN DEAN AND I DEMAND EQUAL TIME!!'

Not so qualified

The Student Senate decided Wednesday night that Jerri Ward was qualified to head the Judicial Board and approved SG President Steve Eberhard's appointee for chairman of that body. Eberhard cited a 3.26 GPR, debating experience, being a freshman senator, and doing committee work for Student Government as her major qualifications for the post.

The backgrounds of the other two applicants for the job were not considered germane to the subject by the Senate. Eberhard and External Affairs Chairman John Nash stressed that it is the president's role to make appointments and the Senate should merely consider the merits of the individual appointee. To make comparisons with other applicants, they contend, could allow the Senate to pick and choose for a satisfactory nominee, thereby usurping the president's constitutional power to make appointments.

However, the Senate constitution has no restriction on what kind of rationale is appropriate for the Senate to use when voting on presidential appointments. We contend the qualifications of the other applicants is very important when considering appointments of this type—otherwise, someone who meets the Senate's minimum standards could be approved, when a Supreme Court justice's application is ignored as irrelevant.

The differences in the judicial-related backgrounds of the three applicants was significant in this case and should have not been ignored by student senators. Ward, a freshman, has not served on any judicial board at TAMU. Larry McRoberts, a senior who will return as a grad student, was a member of the Puryear judicial board as a sophomore. Michael Perrin, a junior and the third applicant for the post, has served on the SG Judicial Board since it was formed two years ago.

Ward's committee experience has been with the SCNA XIX planning committee and the SG Rules and Regs committee. McRoberts, in addition to being Campus Projects Chairman, has been on the student insurance study committee and been vice chairman of the Senate's fee allocations committee. Perrin has served on Review Board B and the Academic Appeals Panel, as well as the Judicial Board.

In light of the three candidates' relative experience Jerri Ward was not the best choice for the Judicial Board chairmanship. The Senate should be more careful in reviewing future committee appointments and should not limit the scope of its investigation by blinding itself to other applications.

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Beethoven fan knocks Kalos review

Editor:
Kalos' writing in The Battalion of April 30 misrepresented the musical heritage of Ludwig van Beethoven. Kalos writes: "Most of Beethoven's music is an expression in sound of that peculiar blend of brutality and sentimentality. . ."

Needless to say, the music of Ludwig van Beethoven could never be defined in such terms. His genius was above brutality; he abhorred the extremes of the French Revolution, later, the horrors of Napoleonic wars. His music was played during the Congress of Vienna, celebrating the consolidation of the peace in Europe. Beethoven felt that the purpose of art was not entertainment, but moral improvement. Therefore, his music is never shallow or sentimental. Sentimentality was repugnant to him. He once said: "Artists are made of fire. They never weep." Beethoven achieved intensity and grandeur of expression never trespassing into brutality.

The next implication is that the same blend of brutality and sentimentality is reflected in the heroic make up of Hitler and Patton. It is very sad indeed to compare Hitler with Beethoven and Patton, all in one sentence.

Further, the public is consoled, for: "There is nothing immoral a priori in enjoying Beethoven's usual military schmaltz. . ." In another place in the critique, the musical style of Beethoven is explained as: "simple pasturale melodies wrapped in fat, juicy chords" . . . Such comparisons are not accurate or acceptable.

In reference to Kalos' comments on the weak quality of the sound of Shirley Treple's cello, he should familiarize himself with the system of reverberation in the concert hall. Until the technicians, which are responsible for the sound of the concert, acquire the proper feeling for the necessary adjustment, even man could not sound louder. But perhaps Kalos would like a man to do Brunhilde's job, because: "one should never send a girl to do a Brunhilde's job," as he put it. (Brunhilde was a goddess, described in German mythology).

In all, Beethoven's concert is an appealing idea, but for a university town, with one concert per year, the program could have

included at least one American composer. The contemporary music, especially the American contribution, should be part of such a representative program. An orchestra, besides acting as curator of the musical past, should help the living artist to be accepted by his people. Beethoven was known to his contemporaries.

My students tell me that the prices of tickets are prohibitive. Perhaps OPAS could give a number of free passes, or sell unsold tickets, shortly before the concert to students at a reduced price.

Jelena M. Djuric

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Man or sissy?

Editor:
In this year's Democratic primary election, the people of Texas have a clear choice in the governor's race. This choice is between one candidate, with a proven record of accomplishments, and the other candidate, who has campaigned with a completely negative outlook on Texas.

This governor's election is a highly important one due to the fact that this next term is for four years. Texas doesn't need four years of negative leadership which one candidate is offering. Texas needs four years of leadership with a governor who can accomplish the needs of Texans. Governor Briscoe's record is a proven one over the past two years. The governor has provided Texas with the type of leadership and progress we need in our state.

We urge everyone to vote along with us to re-elect Governor Dolph Briscoe. Let's keep Texas on the rise. After all, who do you want, a man or a sissy?

Ken Skins Walters
Dale Foster
and three others

Convinced

Editor:
After serving as chairman, of the City-County Relations Committee and in various capacities on other student and university committees, I have become aware of the great need Texas A&M has for good hard workers and friends at the capital in Austin. It has further come to my attention that a person of the highest caliber has been serving in that capacity in the House of Representatives the last six years.

Mr. Bill Presnal has indeed been a fine representative for Brazos & Robertson counties, but more important to us, he has represented the needs and requirements of Texas A&M with unbelievable persistence and unqu-

vocable determination. In things as the Permanent University Fund in the Constitutional Convention, Mr. Presnal has set up for A&M to see that the core of our financing is retained.

Over the past several years Bill Presnal has proven time and time again that he does have the best interests of The Texas A&M University System at heart. Furthermore, Bill Presnal has courage and strength to stand for his convictions and get taken on them.

Although I have only met Bill Presnal once, his record is enough to convince me that he has my respect, my confidence, and my vote—I think he's earned yours, too. Vote May 4th. Ron Mies



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