

Discusses importance of compromise...

Nash favors national student input

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"We have to make sacrifices," said John Nash, SG vice president of external affairs.

He was explaining that concessions with other schools are necessarily involved in TAMU belonging to the National Student Association (NSA).

A strong advocate for being involved in NSA, Nash discussed national and state student organizations and community relations in a Battalion interview Tuesday.

TAMU joined National Student Lobby (NSL) about two years ago and got into NSA just this year.

Nash mentioned substantial Senate opposition to joining NSA, but said, "There has been a definite growth in interest students have shown in the outside world."

"People are waking up to the idea that students have a legitimate right to have a say in national affairs."

But to have a real input to national policy, schools need to work on a group basis, said Nash.

He said schools would have to compromise with each other on certain issues, mentioning that in the past TAMU has expressed dissatisfaction with certain liberal positions NSA has taken like marijuana re-

form.

Nash listed what he said were tangible services of NSA membership.

These included a discount book service, low cost insurance program available only through NSA and a student information service.

TAMU has already used the information service to obtain facts about co-op programs and student judicial systems, said Nash.

He said NSL's emphasis has been shifting from moral and philosophical issues to keeping the cost of education down.

On the state level, TAMU is involved in the Texas Student Association (TSA) and Texas Student Lobby (TSL).

Nash attended a regional TSA meeting in Houston last weekend where students' right to allocate student service fees was discussed.

University of Houston students have drafted a bill for students' right to allocate student service fees. The bill will be introduced to the State Legislature.

Nash favored granting students the right, saying, "We've demonstrated that we've developed a via-

ble mechanism here for allocating funds. And the Board has thought so since they've passed our recommendations exactly as they stood. We've done a pretty good job and proven that we're responsible."

Another issue raised by University of Houston students at the regional meeting was levying of building use fees. A questionnaire will be sent to all state schools to get a record of their aggregate debt. This is to try to give students some control over allocation of building use fees, said Nash.

"It appears they've been levied arbitrarily," he said.

A bill drafted against the ruling was sent to Hill. He then reversed his position and left the levying of student service fees to the discretion of each school's Board of Directors.

Also at the convention, an executive aide of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen may speak on student input to Congressional action.

Besides the main speaking sessions, open to the public, the convention will consist of workshops on private schools' interest in TSA, academic innovations, legal aid for students, alcohol on campus and dorm students' legal rights.

Beside involvement in state and national organizations, external affairs is concerned with community, consumer and business affairs.

Nash said he felt a much more effective liaison is developing between the university and community.

Connected with external affairs is the Fair Housing Commission. Nash said this commission handles students' complaints related to apartments and publishes a tenant's rights brochure and an apartment guide giving criteria for apartment selection.

Students with apartment-related complaints may contact any of the commission members.

A senior economics major, Nash was an executive aide his freshman year and a senator from Law-Puryear his sophomore and junior years.

He became extensively involved in external affairs as a delegate to various conferences and workshops.

Convocations plans '74 commencement

By BARBARA WEST
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The planning of the December commencement ceremony was the purpose of the Convocations Committee meeting Thursday.

Committee Chairman E.H. Cooper, dean of admissions, appointed committees to handle the various phases of planning.

Prof. J.F. Griffiths, meteorology, was reappointed to chair an ad hoc committee responsible for proposing speakers for commencement.

Dr. T.J. Hirsch of the Civil Engineering Department will be responsible for securing ushers for the ceremony.

Dr. C.W. Landiss, Health and Physical Education, will arrange for the use of the coliseum.

Cooper pointed out the importance of thorough planning for the commencement ceremony.

"As far as we know, we probably have the most elaborate commencement in the southwest," he said. "All students still walk across the stage."

The group brought up some of the problems that were encountered with summer commencement last August. The major problem seemed to arise from the great number of family members and friends of the graduates swarmed the floor to take pictures.

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Court to consider annual budget date

The County Commissioners Court will decide on a public hearing date for the annual county budget at its monthly meeting Monday at 10 a.m.

The court will seek approval to hire an assistant county auditor. County Auditor Mary Nichols said Thursday additional help is needed because a new bookkeeping system will be installed in the county auditor's office within a few months.

"The new system will incorporate computers in an effort to eliminate a lot of the paperwork. Hiring of an assistant auditor will help us make the transition over to the new system," Nichols said.

The court will also consider:—Abandonment of right-of-way on certain streets in Lone Oak Acres.

—Acceptance of a minute order from the Texas Highway Commission with reference to extending Briarcrest Drive from Highway 6 to FM 158 through the proposed Brazos County Park.

—A Mid-Tex Fire & Safety proposal to recharge extinguishers for Brazos County.

—Acquisition of right-of-way and ultimate location for the proposed construction of FM 1940 in County Precinct 2.

—A request from A&M United Methodist Church for tax-exemption on a house recently purchased for the minister's home.

Education bill gains approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved 388-0 a compromise package of improved GI education benefits Thursday that would increase most payments to veterans by 23 percent.

Passage sent the \$1.48 billion measure to the Senate, where quick approval is expected to rush it to President Ford after a year of wrangling over the legislation.

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Assault, robbery charged

The Miss Courtney Ann's Seafood market, 3411 So. College Ave., was robbed and the store's manager, Mary Catherine Simmons, was allegedly assaulted Wednesday, said Bryan Police.

Dale B. Claypoole has been charged with aggravated robbery and was put in county jail Thursday around 5:30 p.m. No bond has been set.

Simmons told police the man came into the store with a knife and demanded all of the money. She gave him about \$30-\$40, she told police, and asked him to leave, but he refused. He took yellow electrical cord and tied her hands in front and proceeded to sexually molest her, she said.

She said he took the money out of his pocket and threw it on the weighing scales. He then left the store on foot.

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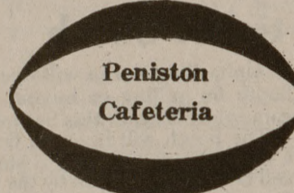
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