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Student Senate seeks elimination of sex requirement for tickets

By TERESA COSLETT
Staff Writer

The Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday night asking for the elimination of the requirement that limits guest football tickets to the opposite sex and also that the number of away game tickets a student can buy be cut in half.

The resolution passed 49 to 10. The resolution was originally accepted with the exact figure of the maximum tickets that can be bought left open. For home games the senate voted 36 to 31 to retain the 20-ticket maximum. Ten and two were also suggested as limits.

For away games 6, 10 and 20 ticket limits were suggested, with 31 voting for 6, 32 against, 47 voting for 10, 16 against.

Senators discussed the effect various limits would have on the length of lines, scalping and the limited number of tickets available for away games.

Another ticket resolution calling for tickets to be distributed in envelopes drawn from barrels rather than the present seniority system, failed, by a 23 to 30 vote.

John Nash, student vice president of external affairs, proposed the resolution saying, "In the absence of a compelling reason to the contrary, people have an inherent right to an equal chance."

Nash accepted a friendly

amendment which would have put the resolution before the student body in a referendum on the spring election.

Senator Bruce Crager introduced a substitute proposal to Nash's amendment seeking a compromise between a lottery and seniority system. It failed, 24 to 34.

A third ticket resolution introduced by Senator Rajesh Kent, failed by a voice vote. It would have recommended the Athletic Department allocate to students a number of home game tickets equal to or greater than the number of students paying athletic fees.

Athletic Department Business Manager Wallace Groff said the resolution could have been detrimental to the department's budget if tickets allocated for students were unsold.

In other action, a resolution revising student election regulations passed by a voice vote.

The resolution will end the mid-semester grade filing requirement for freshman elections, and set a two-week time limit on campaigns.

A 10-day filing period was established ending five school days prior to the election. Freshman elections will be held Nov. 14 with a filing period from Oct. 31 to Nov. 7.

Candidates can not withdraw their names after the filing period ends.



HANDS RAISE HIGH as the Student Senate votes on ticket distribution proposals at their meeting last night. (Photo by Douglas Winship)

The resolution set a size limit of 32 square feet for campaign signs and clarified the enforcement of election regulations.

Elections commission officials can deal directly with overt violations. Disputed cases can be brought to the Judicial Board which can issue a 24 hour injunction halting the disputed action until the board can meet and decide the case.

Candidates found guilty of violations can be disqualified from the election.

After lengthy debate on the pros and cons of limiting campaign spending, an amendment reinserting the former limit of \$60 passed, 46 to 18.

On first reading, was a Battalion condemnation resolution by Dale Foster and Duane Thompson. The resolution supported the MSC Council's recent criticism of the Battalion's policy on coverage of campus news.

It also called for a survey on student opinion concerning the Battalion's news coverage.

David Stockard and Michael Papen were appointed to vacant senate positions. Stockard will represent the Graduate College of Engineering and Papen will represent Hotard-Walter-Milner.

Schooling 'de-emphasizes' Mexican-American culture

By MARILYN BERRY
Staff Writer

The public schooling which de-emphasizes his culture causes the Mexican-American student to eventually "reject his heritage," said Dr. Severo Gomez, the state commissioner of education at the Rudder Tower Wednesday night.

He discussed the importance of the Mexican-American culture in bilingual education at a meeting of the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture.

Gomez said the rejection is brought about by a child entering into a school where he is exposed to a different heritage and taught in a different language. Dr. Gomez asserted that there comes a point when the child thinks of ways to

change his lifestyle in order to be accepted.

Dr. Gomez defined culture as "behavior — what we do." He said that many people of minority cultures go through four stages in life: bewilderment in society, initial rejection of culture, gradual acceptance of culture and eventual pride in heritage.

Gomez, an advocate of bilingual education, said there should be bilingual education courses which "show that there should be pride in heritage," although he admits that "it isn't easy to tell what it is to be proud of one's heritage."

He said that currently only 212 schools in Texas participate in bilingual education programs, although 23 percent of the school population

in Texas is comprised of Mexican-Americans.

Dr. Gomez said the program benefits all students, not just the Spanish-speaking ones. "We believe that in order for it to succeed, Anglos must become involved."

"There are still objections to the program," but Gomez expressed the hope that continued success in the program will convince people of the worth of bilingual education.

Nixon readmitted

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon was readmitted to Memorial Hospital Medical Center of Long Beach Wednesday night for further diagnostic tests for the phlebitis condition in his left leg, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Spokeswoman Karen Krantz said Nixon was admitted about three hours after he arrived from his San Clemente home.

She said she did not know whether the decision to admit Nixon was made before or after he arrived or how long he would be staying.

Jack Weiblen, hospital vice president, said Nixon returned to the hospital in this seaside industrial city for "repeat diagnostic test." He did not elaborate.

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