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Texas Student Association

Group may not exist next year

By TERESA COSLETT
Staff Writer

The Texas Student Association (TSA) was told it may not exist next year.

The TSA Convention was held this past weekend and sponsored by TAMU.

Reporting on the association's present financial records, Don King said, "We don't know where we stand. We don't know if we're going to be able to exist next year."

King said setting up a bookkeeping system with separate operating, programming travel, wages and de-

velopment budgets will be the committee's goal.

The finance committee is chaired by King, student body president of Southwest Texas.

TSA President Jack Martin set a fund raising goal of \$5,000 to \$10,000 in his State of the Associa-

tion address. The funds would be used for lobbying and travel expenses.

By-laws subcommittee chairman Ed Martin, a Texas Student Lobby (TSL) board member from the University of Houston, said the University of Texas is doing research into the tax status of TSA and TSL as a dual corporation.

"By-laws mean nothing if we don't get down to issues," said Martin. The by-laws subcommittee will meet Nov. 2 at the University of Texas in El Paso.

Administration subcommittee chairman Quincey Johnson, from North Texas State University, said the administration subcommittee

will be responsible for recruitment, fund raising and public relations.

Also during the convention, TSA Vice President Larry Zacharias gave notice of his resignation due to lack of time to TSA President Jack Martin.

Martin said he will send the name of his appointment to replace Zacharias within 10 days to association members for their approval.

At the convention, finance, by-laws and administration subcommittees were established.

At an informal TSL meeting at the end of the convention, Ed Martin said an interim committee on university relations was needed to hold hearings, compile information and keep input going in between the legislature's six-month sessions.

Martin said it was vital to get a few students on each campus doing research on issues in time to prepare proposals for the start of the legislature's next session in January.

This year TSL will concentrate on regulating building use fees, getting students on the Board of Regents and making students' right to allocate student service fees statutory.

The next TSA board meeting will be Nov. 24 in Austin. Two more conventions may be held this year.

Science Fiction collection ranks among nation's top 10

By BARBARA WEST
Staff Writer

"The size and completeness of the A&M science fiction collection

places it among the top 10 in the country," said Professor James E. Gunn at the formal announcement of the Texas A&M University Library research collection Monday.

Gunn also revealed that A&M has been named as the regional depository for the Science Fiction Writers' Guild.

Gunn, a professor of journalism and English at the University of Kansas, teaches courses in fiction writing and science fiction. He has authored over 60 stories and 13 published books.

He also edited films shown as part of the dedication ceremonies. The films concerned the history, ideas and directions of science fiction through the thinking of Isaac Asimov, Frederick Pohl and Harlan Ellison.

Gunn explained the continued interest in science fiction from the time it became a literary specialty in the late 1800s to the present as a matter of perspective and potentials.

"Science fiction might be consid-

ered letters from the future," he said. "It provides different vantage points for looking at the world."

Dr. R. E. Stewart, chairman of the Library Council, spoke of science fiction as a mirror where "society looks and smiles and says, 'This is what we really can do.'"

"We need to consider more potentials of humanity," Gunn said. "In growing up we lose many possibilities. The educational system, by teaching something (in particular), also by implication leaves out all else. In science fiction all ideas can be made applicable."

The A&M collection is the result of four years of development and acquisitions. Donations to the collection were made by an A&M graduate, by Dr. Leslie M. Bagnall of the mechanical engineering department and by others interested in the collection.

Part of the collection is three manuscripts of Howard Waldrop, author of "The Texan-Israeli War."

The Texas A&M University Library was chosen by the Science Fiction Writers of America as a regional depository.

"Our one wish, I think, would be that this collection may benefit and encourage scholarship in years to come," said Dr. Henry L. Alsmeyer, acting director of libraries.

The science fiction works are now a part of the Special Collections section of the library.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Comedian Vaughn Meader played the piano. A waitress undid the top of her gown to find relief from the heat of the ballroom. Six belly dancers performed.

Others, in costumes ranging from mostly naked to white ties and tails, just did their thing at the first annual Hookers Ball which ended early Monday morning at the Longshoremen's Hall.

It was billed as "the social event of the year for heterosexuals, bisexuals, trisexuals, transexuals, nonsexuals and other minorities who feel they are discriminated against."

The event which started Sunday night was sponsored by Coyote, an organization of prostitutes which describes itself as "a loose women's organization."

"Isn't this marvelous," said Marge St. James, Coyote leader. "We just hope this will raise enough money so that we can lay down a financial base for the organization and establish a bail bond fund."

It was not immediately known how much the event raised. About 300 persons attended the party that preceded the ball, and they were supposed to pay \$25 each. But those who couldn't pay were admitted free. The same policy held for the ball, where participants were to pay \$10.

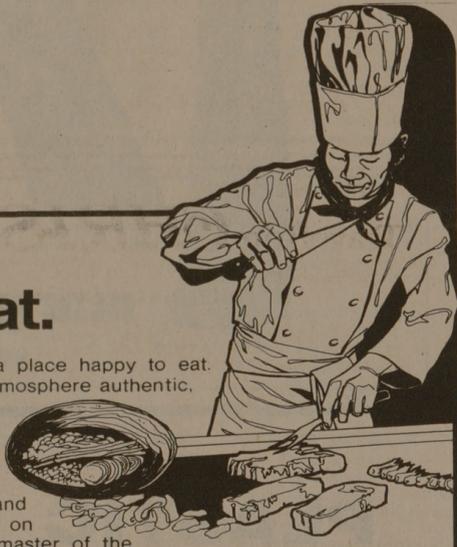
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