

Tradition yields . . . women given chance at yell leader

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Shattering a long held tradition, the Student Senate resolved, Wednesday night, to strike the word "male" from the qualifications for student Yell Leaders.

As expected, the line of discussion ranged from laughter to heated debate.

For instance, Curt Marsh, student vice president of finance, suggested that a woman who wished to run for Yell Leader could bring a

case of sexual discrimination to the courts and gain publicity that would aid her election.

Supporting the resolution, Marsh emphasized, "What I want to do is cheat this girl of any chance of publicity."

On the other hand, Freshman Senator Ann Stone cited crowd control and respect for Yell Leaders as reasons for defeating the resolution, mentioning the 1973 Rice football game as an example.

"Many will look at the yell leader

(presumably female) as a piece," she said.

Meanwhile, Steve Taylor, a current Yell Leader, delivered a verbal lashing to the Senate, saying, "The student body should decide on it and not the Student Senate," referring to earlier senate action which refused a student referendum on the subject.

The Senate, in a roll call vote, opted 36-32 in favor of the resolution.

In an urgent matter concerning

international students, the senate recommended to the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives that the Senate Bill concerning the possible increase in international student's tuition to 40 dollars per semester hour be defeated or at least amended to allow present foreign students to finish their education at \$14 per semester hour.

The prevailing reasons for the senate's decision were financial and ethical.

In a presentation to the senate by John Sharp who represented Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, it was discovered that by increasing tuition the state would produce revenues of 4.3 million dollars at a loss of 6-8 percent of all foreign students. The fact that \$40 million worth of revenue is brought into Texas each year by international students was pointed out. Consequently, the state would not realize any substantial revenue gain by increasing foreign student's tuition.

It was brought to the senate's attention by Fathallah Ben-Ali and Senator Rajesh Kent that 85 percent of the international students live in developing countries where the income is \$1,000 - 1,500 per year.

Senator Tony Pelletier from the Corps of Cadets held "that American citizens (out of state) should pay what a non-American citizen pays."

But Freshman Senator Paul Ferrar pointed out that the state's motive is only financial and Texas would gain \$4 million, which was "a drop in the bucket." Meanwhile, he stated the international student is not only contributing socially and culturally, but is helping in the U.S. balance of payments.

When debate closed, the resolution was accepted 34 - 17.

In other business: — The senate voted against funding the graduate Student Council from student fees.

— Recommendations for a Study Abroad program were approved.

— The senate allocated \$500 from the Academic Affairs Budget in order to broaden research for student's choice of Professors.

Confusion on the Parking Resolution caused it to be defeated. The Traffic Panel wished to close all parking lots in the middle of campus so a shuttle system could be instituted that would transport students into the campus interior. Since the Administration was thought to be doing this in the future anyway, the resolution was canned.

The Student Business Council resolution was enacted which establishes a student committee to promote the financial welfare of the student body.

A motion to incorporate the

Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources more actively into the programs of the main campus was approved. These programs include the presentation of Gathright Academic Awards to three students of Moody College and for balloting in elections.

The Blood Drive Proposition was also approved which would investigate the feasibility of transferring

from the Wadley Blood Bank located in Dallas to the Red Cross which would establish a distributing center in Bryan.

Finally, the Recycling Program, the Tuition Tax Exemption, Teaching Assignments for the spring, Academic Program Evaluation and the Vending Machine Reform resolutions were discussed but no vote was taken.

The deadline for filing for the three open positions on the College Station City Council is 5 p.m. Friday and, as of Wednesday afternoon, only two candidates had officially filed for those posts at City Hall.

Gary Halter, a political science professor, has filed for Place 1. Incumbent Fred Brisson said he will retire from the council and not seek re-election.

Larry Bravenec has filed for re-election to Place 5.

Don Dale has announced he will run for re-election from Place 3, although he has not filed for the position. Resident Hall Association president Greg Magruder and KTAM station manager Bob Bell plan to seek one of the open positions, although neither of them have filed.

The Battalion

Thought for today: Meet success like a gentleman and disaster like a man — Lord Birkenhead, English statesman, 1872-1930.

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Foreigners request 'grandfather clause' in letter to Williams

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Even if the bill to raise foreign student tuition passes, students already enrolled may be allowed to pay the same rates until graduation.

The bill, sponsored by State Senator Bill Moore, would raise foreign student tuition from \$14 to \$40 per semester hour.

In a letter sent to President Jack K. Williams, Charles Hornstein, Foreign Student Adviser, recommended that foreign students presently enrolled be charged the present tuition. He also said he would like to see more scholarships and aids for these students.

Presently there are 25 foreign students with scholarships attending A&M. They cannot apply for

these scholarships until they have been accepted in the university. "Competition is quite high," Robert Logan, Director of Financial Aid, said yesterday.

There are 200 scholarships available. Students from 20 countries are eligible for the scholarships.

"About 20 to 30 per cent of all that apply through A&M are selected," Logan said.

Financial aid is very limited because the students have certified to the American Consul that they are able to pay their way and not be dependent on anyone in the United States, Logan said.

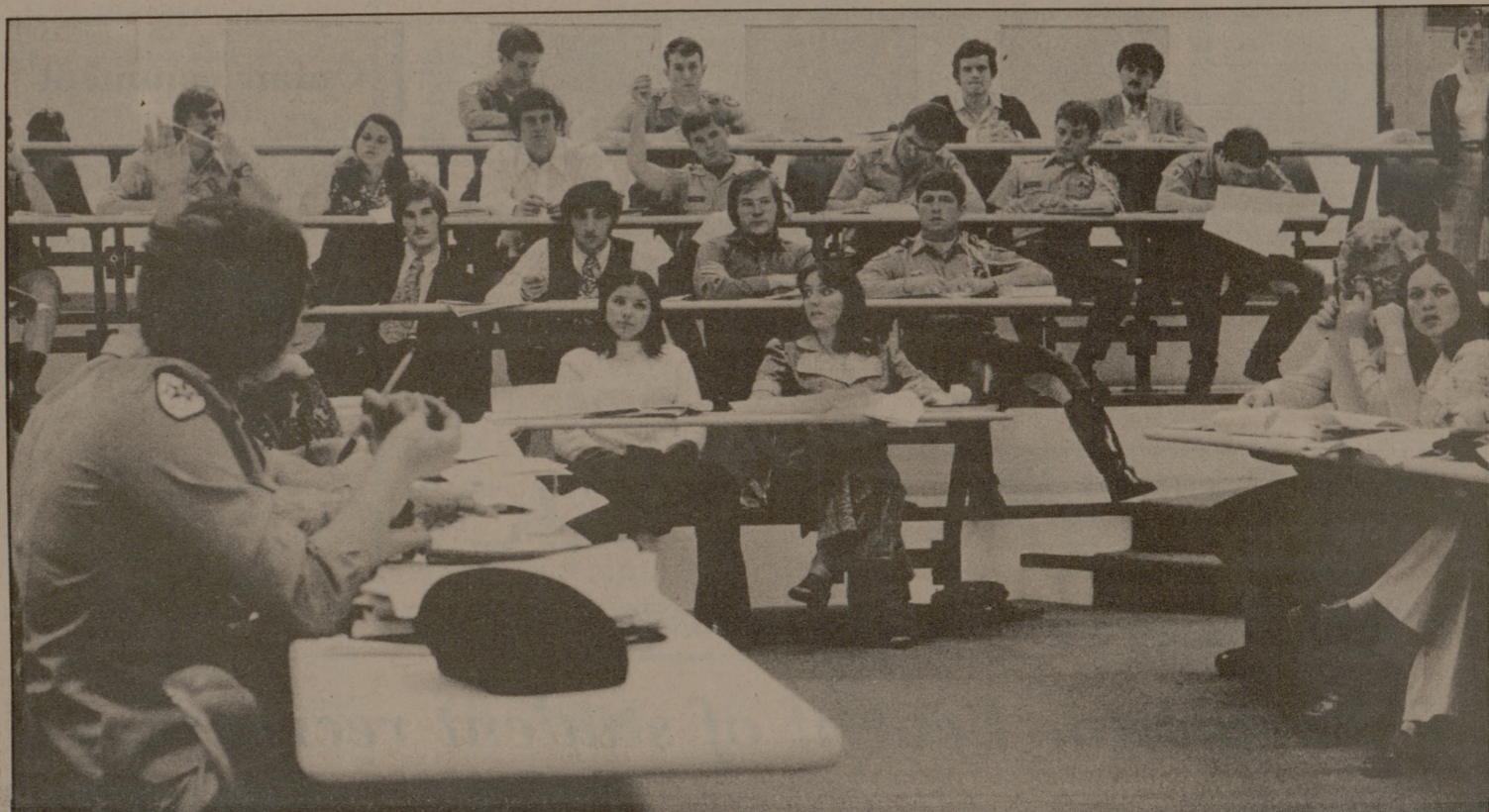
It is hard for a foreign student to obtain permission to work during the school year or in the summer. "It's almost virtually impossible,"

Hornstein said. A student may work only if there has been an unforeseen change in his economic situation since he arrived. Difficulty lies in proving the change, Hornstein said.

The stringent work law results from the high unemployment rate in the U.S. With 150,000 foreign students, it would cut the job market for Americans.

The International Student Association (ISA) circulated a petition which 1,300 students signed. It will be sent to the state senate.

The petition is to make the students aware of what is going on, Fathallah Mohammed Ben-Ali, President of ISA, said. Some may have been afraid to petition.



The student senate met Wednesday at eight o'clock. Topics of discussion at the meeting in-

cluded higher tuition for foreign students and a vote to allow women yell leaders at A&M.

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Religious groups can return to campus

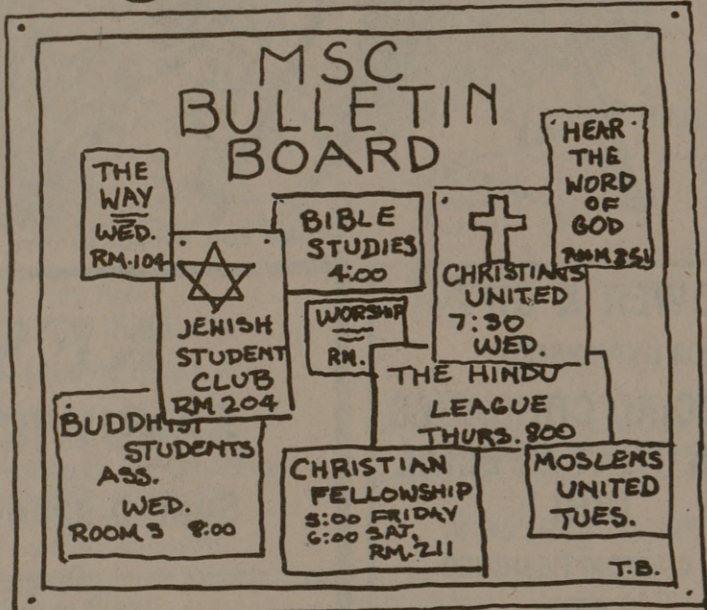
By DON MIDDLETON
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Religious organizations may soon be meeting on the A&M campus. An opinion issued by Texas Attorney General John Hill holds that the use of university facilities by religious groups is legal under the Texas and U.S. constitutions.

The state charter prohibits the appropriation of state funds for support of religious programs. However, the expenditure for utilities and maintenance of buildings used only occasionally by such groups is so small that it is insignificant, according to the Attorney General's opinion.

The University is now deciding how this statement will affect the A&M campus. "We're in the process of coming up with a policy as relates to the Attorney General's opinion," said Dr. John Koldus, vice president for Student Services.

The policy being drafted by Koldus has been submitted to the various deans, members of the Faculty



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Advisory Committee, and student leadership groups for approval and possible changes.

The final draft will then go to the University Rules and Regulations Committee for its approval.

Koldus says he believes minimal use of campus facilities by religious organizations is within the scope of the Texas Constitution as interpreted by the Attorney General.

He stressed, however, that any organization using campus buildings or grounds must be a recognized student organization.

Meetings would be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis for all student groups officially registered with Dr. Koldus' office.

The effect of the Attorney General's statement on certain campus and community organizations is one of "wait and see."

"There is no change as of this time," said Colonel Logan Weston of the Student Y Association. "Until we receive a refinement of the At-

torney General's opinion our program is unaffected."

Colonel Weston also stated that all applications for University recognition by religious organizations would be channeled through his office. They will be under the same restrictions and obligations that pertain to all organizations. No applications have been filed yet.

The new stand will also allow certain off-campus groups to expand their programs.

"This will enable us to take our program to the people, rather than making the people come to us," said Ron Wells, director of the Baptist Student Center. "We're moving as fast as we can to start planning events."

Certain functions would not be allowed under the new policy. Worship services may not be held anywhere except the All Faiths Chapel, Dr. Koldus said, and religious retreats or conventions could not be held on campus.

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Weather

Partly cloudy and mild Thursday and Friday with easterly winds 8-13 mph. High today 69; low tonight 45; high Friday 76.



Inquiring Battman

Should international student tuition be raised to \$40?



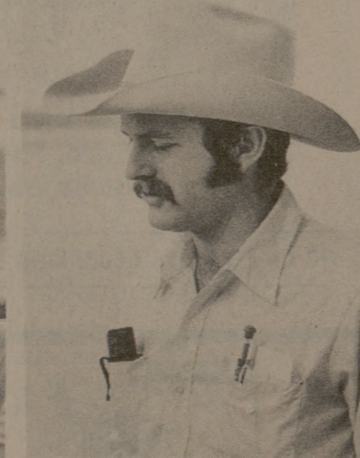
Pat Hart, Freshman, Accounting
"I really don't think a foreign student should have to pay more than a student from here."



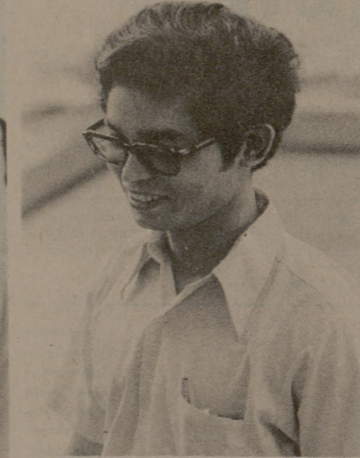
Richard Phillips, Junior, Nuclear Engineering
"I think that it is a rather poor suggestion. The influx of foreign students into A&M and the U.S. as a whole has helped us. I think it will help foreign relations."



Lisa Jones, Freshman, Biological Medicine
"I think it's good right now because A&M is growing so much and it's a way of controlling it."



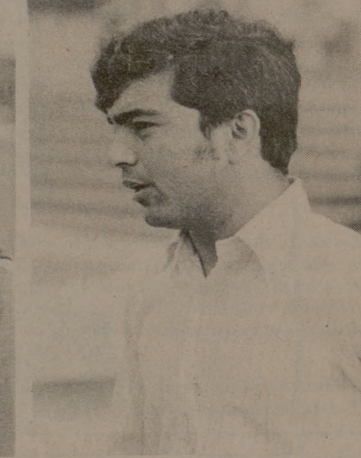
Buster Williams, Freshman, Biological Medicine
"I guess you might call it biased right now, but I think it's only fair that they should pay the same as us."



Joseph Yu, Graduate, Chemical Engineering
"I don't like any of it. The parents of foreign students can only support them with so much."



Bhupendra Patel, Graduate, Industrial Engineering
"It's just impossible to pay that much. It's not a worthwhile suggestion."



Nazimuddin Dhanani, Sophomore, Computer Science
"I feel that foreign students shouldn't have to pay more than they have in the past. Most of us are not from oil producing countries."