

University committees

Students' chance for input

Editor: At this time of year, namely student government and yell leader elections, there are a sizeable number of students who would like to become involved in some decision-making organization without the burden of running for elected office or the time consuming duties those offices entail.

Such organizations exist but few students know of them. The organizations I'm referring to are the university committees such as the Bookstore Advisory, Laundry, Library Council, Long Range Planning and Menu Board committees. Last year there were over 30 different committees. All students are appointed by the new student body president and some committees meet as little as one hour a month.

As a member you would have voting privileges (in some committees the students are the only voting members). I am in one of these committees and will be next year. It has been informative and a lot of fun.

At one hour a month, what do you have to lose?

Tom Dawsey

Before you throw away this letter and resume your activities of scandal-mongering and perpetrating, I ask that you ponder the words of Jesus. "Cast out first the beam of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to out the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

Daniel E. Wheeler

See Your man at Batt — Ed.

Doc's running

Editor:

In the past, and regrettably in the present, student government elections have voiced the opinions of the minority. This condition is a favorable one for student government because, should the majority's voice be heard this organization would no longer exist.

The apathy which this and other campuses experience is a direct result of the personalities which are time and time again elected to office.

They must be people who are willing to fit their beliefs to those of people who are most able to help them in attaining their goals. In the case of an election it is the voters. But after being elected the people whom they are pressured to please are unfortunately the members of the administration.

A second personality trait common to most, if not all, student government members is the need to be patted on the back. This need is fulfilled by being elected, which is okay. But after the election the pat must again come from the administration. These two traits would of course be crippling to anyone who ostensibly represents his or her constituency.

It is on these facts that I base my candidacy for student government president. The student government which exists now leaves students completely at the mercy of the administration. What we need is a body of people, and most importantly a president, that is not afraid to criticize the administration publicly when it does things which are contrary to student wishes (the Northgate wall, the lack of student facilities in the MSC, the rejection of the "pub" on campus idea, etc.)

My one campaign promise is that, if elected, I will voice my opinions loudly enough to be heard by students and administration alike. My opinions, like anyone's honestly stated, cannot please everyone. But to me it is more important that half of the students be represented rather than none at all, as is presently the case.

Doc Shroff

Vote for Dunn

Editor:

I am quite interested in the future of student government. I do not like popularity contests or simple propaganda, but I would like to comment on the election for Student Body President. I have seen posted signs and leaflets around campus and North Gate. I have read with interest Jeff Dunn's platform and qualifications and I often read of his doings in the Senate. His opponent, Tom Walker, strikes me as being a "true raspberry." I do not mean to be vindictive, but where is his platform? Why hasn't he publicly stated his plans for next year, except "Enthusiasm, Teamwork, and Communication." Mickey Mouse could run on that platform.

The other night at the Dixie

Chicken, Walker told a friend of mine that he supports the continuation of the Book Mart, as Jeff Dunn does, which saved students \$3,000. He pointed out that the off-campus bookstores were collaborating on their prices, and for this reason a continuation of the Book Mart is essential. I'll buy that, but as I was leaving the Chicken I noticed Walker's leaflets were on the windows of Loupot's, Texas Aggie Bookstore and University Book Store! What is he telling the managers to get them to place his partisan literature on display? Where does Walker really stand on book co-ops? The students have a right to know, because if he feels that he can be two faced on this issue and get away with it, how do I know he is not like this on all the issues? His platform is obscure, or is it actually one thing on the Corps side, and another thing on the Civilian side, and another thing off-campus? I will not waste my vote on this type of campaign.

As for me, I don't necessarily agree with all of Jeff Dunn's ideas, but at least he has enough guts to state them in public, through this newspaper and his leaflets. Until I see otherwise from Tom Walker, I wish to encourage the student body to elect Jeff Dunn next Tuesday.

Dennis Medina

Supervisor quits

Editor:

When I learned that Mrs. Marylon Wyatt was resigning as head supervisor at Sbsia Dining Hall, I was both saddened and angry. Wyatt is undoubtedly Sbsia's ablest supervisor, if not the best in the whole food services department. She will be sorely missed by all who know her and worked with her in Sbsia.

I was also extremely angry when I found out the reason she was resigning was because of continuous harassment by the TAMU Food Services Director, Col. Fred Dollar, concerning her personal mannerisms and dress. I have never heard anyone object to Wyatt's mannerisms or dress and as far as I know, Col. Dollar is the only one who did. I think it is time Col. Dollar realized he is not a god who can wave a magic wand and chase off good employees simply because of personal prejudices or feelings.

His attitude towards food service workers is dictatorial and his manner overbearing to the point of being intolerable. Perhaps Col. Dollar's position should be examined and re-evaluated. Anyone who wields as much power as he apparently does should at least be expected to possess a good sense of judgment and Col. Dollar has demonstrated that he does not. I'm sure I speak for all the employees in Sbsia Dining Hall in wishing Wyatt all the luck in the world and sincerely hoping her next boss is better than her last.

Name on file with the Battalion policy to withhold names, but writer said he believed if his name was revealed that he would be fired. He said if he wasn't fired, he was sure that working in Sbsia Dining Hall would be made very unpleasant for him.

Col. Dollar said no action would be taken against the letter's author, and that he felt it was unfair to allow the letter to be printed without a name.

"It's inconsistent," he said. "The Batt's supposedly protecting him (the writer) by withholding his name, but you're printing a letter

that could threaten my job. If I did anything, it would be to explain my position to whoever wrote the letter."

The colonel explained that any university employee who has a complaint should take it directly to the Personnel Department. They can bypass their superior, he said, and any problems will be handled by a university procedure — Ed.

Your man at Batt

Investigation of the Board is possible

By WILL ANDERSON

A letter from Laura Beall in last week's Listen up column questioned many of the TAMU Board of Directors' decisions (Board investigation urged, March 26).

"An investigation and hearing is just what is needed to clear up a lot of questions and justify a lot of claims about the Board of Directors' actions here on campus," wrote Beall. "Also, the investigation and hearing could answer a very vital question — is a university supposed to benefit

the people attending it or benefit the people running it?"

My reply was that an investigation and hearing were not likely, and I suggested more participation in university committees as an alternative method of producing a responsive Board of Directors.

Well, Ms. Beall, my apologies; here's a better answer to your question.

If the Student Senate feels there is a need to investigate how students' money has been spent by the Board, it may request an inquiry by a committee of the State Senate. The process was explained to me by State Senator Oscar Mauzy of Dallas, chairman

of the Senate Education Committee.

Letters requesting the investigation should be sent to the lieutenant governor, Bill Hobby, and to Mauzy. The letters should include a packet of "pertinent information" to support the request. Mauzy and Hobby will study the information and decide if an investigation might be warranted. Mauzy said a reply could be ready in three or four days. That's all there is to it.

The Battalion has done a lot of investigative reporting about the MSC interior and now has a large file of "pertinent information" if it's decided to request an investigation.

It is up to the Student Senate to make any requests like that. Senators are elected to serve the best interests of the student body, and I think an explanation of how the students' money is spent should receive first priorities.

The University of Texas Board of Regents was investigated a few years ago because of the money it spent remodeling the chancellor's house.

I asked Student Body President Steve Eberhard if he would favor requesting an investigation. He said his initial reactions were favorable but that he would have to study the facts and talk to several people before he was sure.

The three candidates for next year's presidency all answered in varying degrees of "yes."

Doc Shroff's answer was short and sweet. "You're damn right I would," he said.

Tom Walker said he would strongly favor an investigation.

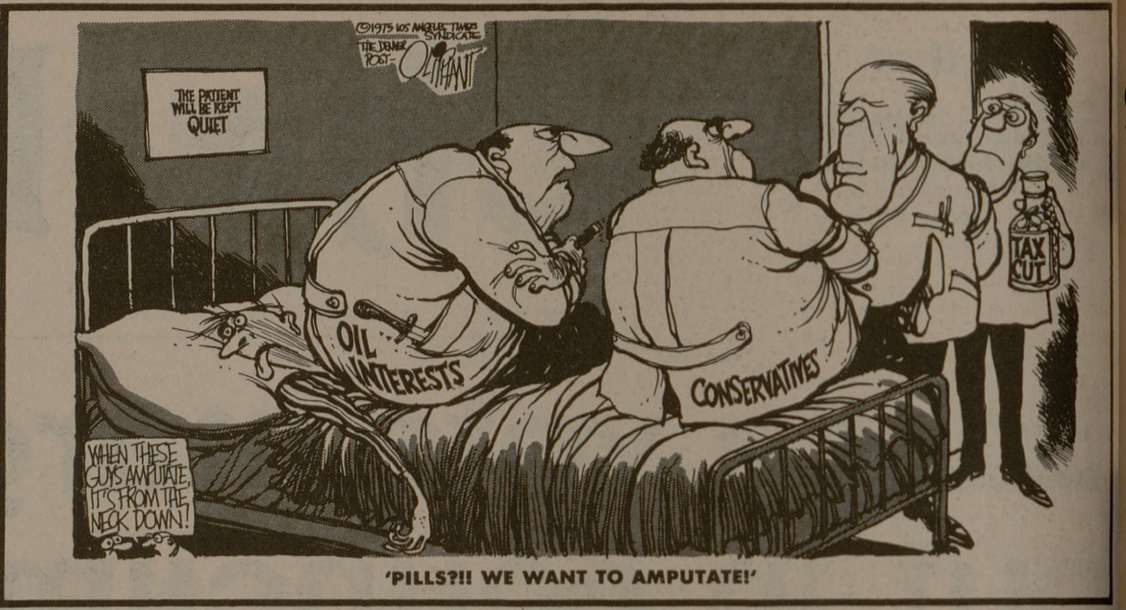
Jeff Dunn also favored the idea and he asked if he could get the "pertinent information" from the Batt (he can).

So, the process of securing an investigation of the Board of Directors is surprisingly simple. If students want it, they may request it. And if the initial information indicates a need for an investigation, the students may have it.

So think about it. Go to the MSC and sign up for one of the eight bowling lanes (be prepared to wait); drop in and watch members of the Basement Committee convert a storeroom into a coffee house using old railroad ties and scrap lumber. Then make yourself comfortable on one of the 37 cowhide benches and ask yourself, "Is it possible that my student fees have not been wisely spent?"

If the answer is, "Yes," then mention it to your senator. It's election time and senators are unusually receptive to their constituents thoughts and requests.

Even if TAMU's request is denied or an investigation turns up nothing definite, something would be accomplished; students would have voiced dissatisfaction with the Board. — But any action should come from the Student Government.



Sour grapes

Editor:

I am writing to let you know that I would construe as a personal favor any attempt on your part to publish, somewhere among your pages of complaints, criticisms, and other nebulous trash, some small item of TAMU campus-related news. If anyone on your staff can remember how, please print the aforementioned news item with minimum distortion.

Face it, in addition to your conspicuous absence of any hint of priority, lately your objectivity in reporting has been surpassed only by that of The Peking Review. This is especially true where your renditions of the events occurring at meetings of the TAMU Student Senate are concerned. It is anything but a credit to your publication's quality that your front page account of last week's Senate meeting and your editorial dealing with the same topic are virtually indistinguishable.

It is indeed lamentable that the Battalion is not under as many scrutinizing eyes as is the Senate. If the Battalion were responsible to groups other than the Battalion, if the Battalion had His Eminence King Jack and his Nine Appointed Paper-pushing Boyars and a constituency to respond to, there might be a discernible paucity of complaints coming from the Battalion. If the Battalion were under as many eyes as is the Senate, they would never have been able to so discreetly enter the grotesque fetal cadaver which was the product of the chaotic, Battalion-supported birth of the Necktie Party.

If the situation were different, if there were multiple sources of media on this campus, you at the Battalion might occasionally feel a few blows from the lash which you are now wielding exclusively. You might be asked, for instance, why you bitch, but go no farther, why you never propose anything in the way of a feasible solution to the problems you cite. Some impertinent competitor might have the audacity to call to public attention the fact that, in spite of your plurality of gripes with the incumbent Senate, you've not devoted a single line in the Battalion to evaluation of those running in the upcoming election, even after doing so for local school-board elections. But, because you are subject to no outside force, because you, fortunately for yourselves, are subject to no chastening power, you may do as you please.

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