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All eight passage to surprise prof

By JACK HODGES
Battalion Staff Writer

A Texas A&M University political science professor said Thursday he will be surprised if all eight propositions that will revise the present Texas constitution pass next Tuesday.

"But I will vote in favor of all eight propositions and they will improve what we have now," Gary Halter, also a College Station Councilman, said. "One of the reasons why it is better is that one of the changes in the revision is the integration of the Texas Supreme Court with the Criminal Court of Appeals."

According to the present constitution it has separate functional bodies in the judicial process. The

Texas Supreme Court handles civil matters while the Court of Criminal Appeals hear criminal appeals.

"Right now, the civil appeals courts do nothing and the criminal appeals courts are too bogged down with cases," Halter said. "If the judicial proposition is passed all courts will be able to handle criminal and civil matters, according to the proposition."

To have legislative sessions every year seems to be one of the better parts of the revision, Halter said.

"Almost all of the states have them and I can't understand why we don't," he said.

The local government proposition may fail because of the reorganization of government offices, Halter said.

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The dance is sponsored by the Dairy Science, Horsemen's Association, Poultry Science, Range Science and Saddle & Siroin clubs.

Seeking volunteers

Peace Corps alive, well and recruiting

By LEE ROY LESCHPER, JR.
Battalion Staff Writer

The Peace Corps is alive, well, and looking for help. So say representatives who will be recruiting on campus next week.

Representatives will be in the first floor MSC corridor Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Representatives will also be interviewing prospective volunteers in the Placement Office on the tenth floor of Rudder Tower.

Volunteers will be recruited for either a 27 month Peace Corps commitment, or a 13-month tour with Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA), representative Pat Brian said Wednesday. The Peace Corps operates entirely overseas, while VISTA is an inter-USA program.

Only graduating seniors and graduate students are eligible for the programs, Brian said. The most desired students are those with specific skills rather than "generalists," he said.

"We don't train them in a skill," Brian said. "They have to be qualified prior to going in, because they're hopefully going to be in a position to utilize their background or skills."

A&M graduate student and Peace Corps representative Phil Leturte said that degrees in agronomy, animal science, economics, and civil engineering will almost guarantee a Peace Corps position.

7,600 volunteers are presently working under the overseas program in 63 underdeveloped countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, the Pacific, Africa, and Asia.

Corps members receive three months of language training and then work for the next two years

overseas. All such operations are coordinated and operated through corresponding agencies of that country's government.

For his service, the volunteer receives transportation expenses, a living allowance while in the program, and a readjustment allowance about \$2000, after leaving the program.

"The monetary rewards are not there, but I think they are overcome by the other benefits," said Brian, who spent two years working with agricultural programs in Colombia.

He cited exposure to other cultures, extensive experience in a volunteer's field, greater self-awareness, and travel opportunities as examples of such benefits.

Bonfire nears

Ecologists, Ags, in environmental battle

By DON MIDDLETON
Battalion Staff Writer

As Thanksgiving Day draws near, the annual battle between zealous bonfire fans and environmentalists begins to shape up. But this year, the defenders of Mother Nature may not have a leg to stand on.

In the past few years, the annual bonfire has been criticized as a useless waste of trees by vehement ecologists. Not so say the experts. "At one time this area was grassland that was maintained by periodic natural grass fires," said Dr. Joseph L. Schuster, head of the Range Science Department.

"When man intervened and stopped the fires, the range was invaded by the brush and scrub trees that are on it now.

"The ecological impact of the bonfire is minimal," Schuster said. "The timber is of little economic value and the pollution created by the burning of natural fuels is negligible."

This year, one of the bonfire cutting areas will be part of a project by

the Range Science Department to restore part of the University-owned land to its natural grassland condition. The land is located two miles from the campus off Farm Road 2818.

The program is under the direction of Dr. Jerry Stuth, assistant Professor of Range Science. It will focus on the clearing of the post oak trees and low-lying brush to re-create what Stuth referred to as "savannah."

A savannah is a grassy, open range dotted by occasional clumps of trees. According to Stuth and Schuster historical records show this is the condition that characterized most of South-Central Texas before man began using the land for agricultural purposes.

Once cleared, the land will be used for teaching and demonstration purposes. Classes in Range Ecology as well as those dealing with range vegetation, weed and brush control and range management will use the site as a laboratory.

"We're looking at the area as a place to study the natural succession of plants in a grassland and the competition of the various species," Stuth said. "We'll also be studying the effect of fires and granulated herbicides as methods of brush control."

The Range Science department will be supervising the cutting in co-operation student bonfire personnel headed by senior Clayton Kennedy. A buffer zone around the area will be left in an effort to avoid unauthorized use of the land.

The student body will provide the labor and the equipment for the operation. The Range Science Department will supply the technical assistance to insure the land is cleared properly.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Chess Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Friday in Room 212 of the MSC.

Muslim Student Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Room 302 of the Rudder Tower.

Silver Tongue Toastmasters will meet at 12:15 p.m. Friday in St. Mary's Student Center.

Bridge Committee will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday in Room 228 of the MSC.

Student Government will meet at 8 p.m. Sunday in the conference Room of the MSC.

APO will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in Room 216-0 of the MSC.

Inter-Service Council will meet at 9 p.m. Sunday in Room 305-A&B of the Rudder Tower.

Alpha Zeta will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Room 601 of the Rudder Tower.

Texas A&M Nursing Society will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 305 of the Rudder Tower.

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