

WG proposes change in name, number

By LOUIS HEJTMANEK
The name of Student Government is the reason behind changing the name of Student Government and decreasing the number of senators from 70 to 50 as the major revisions proposed by a subcommittee met Saturday and Sunday. The student body constitution was the first convention to meet in October of 1972. The revised constitution would have only one representation. The purpose of the

Student Government is the reason behind changing the name, said Jeff Dunn, student body president. "We are not a government and we simply want the students to understand our position as an association." Raj Kent, vice-president of academic affairs, proposed the title change. The proposal decreasing the number of senators and the elimination of representation, did not pass as easily as Kent's proposal. According to the revision, on and off-campus living area representation would no longer exist.

Under the present dual system, there are 40 student senators elected on the basis of college representation and 30 elected on the basis of living area representation. "Dual representation is a more feasible and logical program because there's a better diversity in the cross representation," said Donny Payne, committee member. Kent disagreed and explained how impractical the living area method is because two-thirds of the students live off-campus. This makes effective representation by the senators difficult. "There's no way to effectively distribute

representatives to the off- and on-campus living areas," Kent said. According to the motion, the number of senators per college would be based upon the percentage of the student body enrolled in that college during the fall semester, with each college being allotted at least one senator. If possible, within each college there will be an equal number of sophomore, junior, senior and graduate student representatives. Any remaining representatives would be elected at large. When all four classifications cannot be represented the senators would be elected at large within

the college. "The reason for the meeting," said Duane Thompson, chairman of the committee, "was to update the present constitution because of the many changes that have occurred within the structure of the Student Government. Also, the committee felt it was necessary to reword it in order to make it clearer, so that any new student could pick up the constitution, read and understand it," Thompson said. The required grade-point ratio of a student senator was lowered from 2.25 to 2.0. "There is no correlation between grades

and a student's performance in the Student Senate," said committee member Tom Dawsey. Minor deletions and word changes made up the majority of the committee's 50-plus changes. The revised constitution will be presented to the Student Senate for its first reading tonight at 7:30 in Harrington 203. The senate will make its final decision on the constitution at its next session on Feb. 25. If any portion of the constitution is approved by the senate, final approval will then be decided by a student body election March 11.

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Guatemala death toll increases as millions remain homeless

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GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — More than a sixth of Guatemala's population was reported homeless today as the death toll from the earthquake last week topped 17,000. President Kjell Eugenio Laugerud told students that the count of casualties in last week's earthquake had risen to 17,000 dead, 54,825 injured, 221,994 destroyed and 1,034,441 of the nation's 6 million people homeless.

It was the worst recorded disaster in Central American history. Relief supplies from many nations flowed into Guatemala City and on into the stricken countryside. There were complaints from many localities but "distribution of relief supplies is far better coordinated than in any other recent disaster I can recall," said Brian Moss of the U.S. Foreign Disaster Relief Office.

Col. Guillermo Echeveria of the national relief committee, said 100 armed troops were sent into four villages Monday to control food distribution. "There have been disturbances but nothing serious," he said, denying reports that a helicopter crew was attacked and all the craft's cargo of food stolen at San Andres Itzapa, 50 miles north of Guatemala City. Laugerud met with the diplomatic corps to discuss additional aid. Moss said U.S. government aid so far totals more than \$1.5 million and could reach \$5 million. Private U.S. relief agencies have committed more than \$13 million in short-term

aid, a report from Washington said. The U.S. Embassy said these organizations have already delivered 47 tons of food and 11 tons of medicine. Authorities started a program of mass vaccination against typhoid and tetanus throughout the 30,000 square miles of stricken area. U.S. military experts worked to get water mains functioning again and to purify contaminated wells and cisterns. Another strong earthquake was reported Monday afternoon in the Pacific Ocean off Mexico. It was not felt in the closest towns on the Mexican coast although it gave Richter Scale readings of 5.5 to 6.2. The big quake in Guatemala measured 7.5.

Grand jury expected to return indictments

Associated Press
AUSTIN, Tex. — A holdover Travis County grand jury was expected to return at least two more indictments today against Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel.

The strongest allegations remaining against Schnabel involve the purchase of a hi-fi set for his Capitol office and the use of "volunteer" work by five Senate employees to type "heat sheets" at the Texas Relays. Beth Beto, daughter of former prisons director Dr. George Beto, reportedly says she never received a \$184 supplemental paycheck in 1971 when she worked in Schnabel's office. The hi-fi set cost about that much. The five Senate employees all had worked overtime for which they were not going to be paid, and Schnabel reportedly offered extra pay for those who worked at the relays. Four made \$50 each for 6½ hours, and the fifth worked both days of the relays and earned \$92.

The state called eight witnesses before the grand jury Monday to complete presentation of its evidence in the Schnabel case. Schnabel decided not to testify before the grand jury, sources have told The Associated Press, for two reasons: the grand jury cannot rescind the three indictments already voted against him, and since the jury refused his plea to testify prior to returning those indictments it is unlikely to be sympathetic to anything he has to say. Smith declined to say whether the grand jury was looking at anyone besides Schnabel and former Senate Print Shop supervisor Alex Martinez for possible indictments.

"It is an autonomous body. I wouldn't want to predict," he said. But he wouldn't rule it out?

"No." Then he paused and said, "I wouldn't want a great number of people to get paranoid over it either."

He said there was nothing to rumors the grand jury might be considering indicting 31 persons. "I don't know where they (reporters) got that number," he said.

There are 31 state senators. Schnabel fired Martinez last Sept. 15 for allegedly stealing state paper. On Sept. 22, he filed a complaint against Martinez and Penni Stoner, an Austin woman with whom Martinez says he had only a "casual" relationship.

Frank J. Smith III, a Senate employe Schnabel is accused of working on Schnabel's farm on Senate time, says the relationship between Martinez and Miss Stoner was "purely sexual." Her attorney twice declined to allow her to be interviewed.

Martinez was among the witnesses who testified Monday.

Others included a bank employe, who brought records of Schnabel's personal checking account, and Doug Richnow, former head of Senate Media Services, now with the State Bar of Texas.

Richnow was one of four Senate employes who went to Arkansas to pick up canoes for Schnabel allegedly on Senate time. All of the employes reportedly had "comp" time coming when they made the trips.

The grand jury indicted Schnabel Dec. 30 on one count of official misconduct and two counts of theft.

Epidemic strikes, expected to linger

The flu is affecting A&M students in epidemic proportions, Dr. Claude Goswick said Monday night. Goswick said that the students started showing up last week with the fever, sore throat and muscle pain that are symptomatic of the flu. The Health Center physicians saw as many as 500 students in one day last week. Goswick said that he expects the sickness to linger for a few more weeks. He hopes that professors will accept the excuse that students have been sick and allow them to make-up quizzes.

There is little that students can do to prevent catching the flu because of the close proximity in the classroom of students and its air-borne nature, he said. It's the season for flu, Goswick said, and the unpredictability of the flu. General care for the flu is to take aspirin to bring down the fever and stop the muscle pain, drink plenty of fluids and get lots of sleep, Goswick said. Visitors are asked not to come unless a person needs something because of the number of patients in the ward.

Popcorn, boiling water return to legal status

Dorm residents may again pop corn and boil water legally. Director of Student Affairs, Charles Powell, banned all cooking in the dorms two weeks ago. However, he said that he would be receptive to any alternative plans that the Residence Hall Judicial Authority might propose. Last Friday, the RHJA, with the approval of the Residence Hall Association members, submitted a proposal to Powell, which was accepted and issued to all residents and resident advisors Monday evening. The proposal states, "The only enclosed-heating-element appliances to be

used are electric percolators and popcorn poppers. Electric percolators may be used for the sole purpose of boiling water to make only the following items: coffee, tea, hot chocolate and instant soup mixes. Popcorn poppers are to be used for the exclusive purpose of preparing popcorn."

"The confiscation of illegal cooking property for a specified period of time" was the recommended penalty for violations of the policy as stated in the proposal. "In case of second-offense violators, the individuals shall be referred directly to the Area Coordinators."

— Gale Kauffman

Hearst testifies

Patty claims 'deaththreat'

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — Weaving a child's saga of fear and degradation, Patricia Hearst says her Symbionese Liberation Army kidnapers forced her to embrace violent revolution and enslaved her mind in the belief she would never escape the terrorist underground. Fighting back tears, Miss Hearst finally told her story to the world Monday in testimony at her bank robbery trial. It was a rare account of weeks in darkness, sexual assault, months of living with the recurring threat of death and a night of watching one of her most vicious tormenters die in prison. Testifying with the jury absent, she said she took part in the robbery only out of fear and said she never surrendered because remaining SLA members threatened to stalk her for the rest of her life if she did. She was captured last Sept.

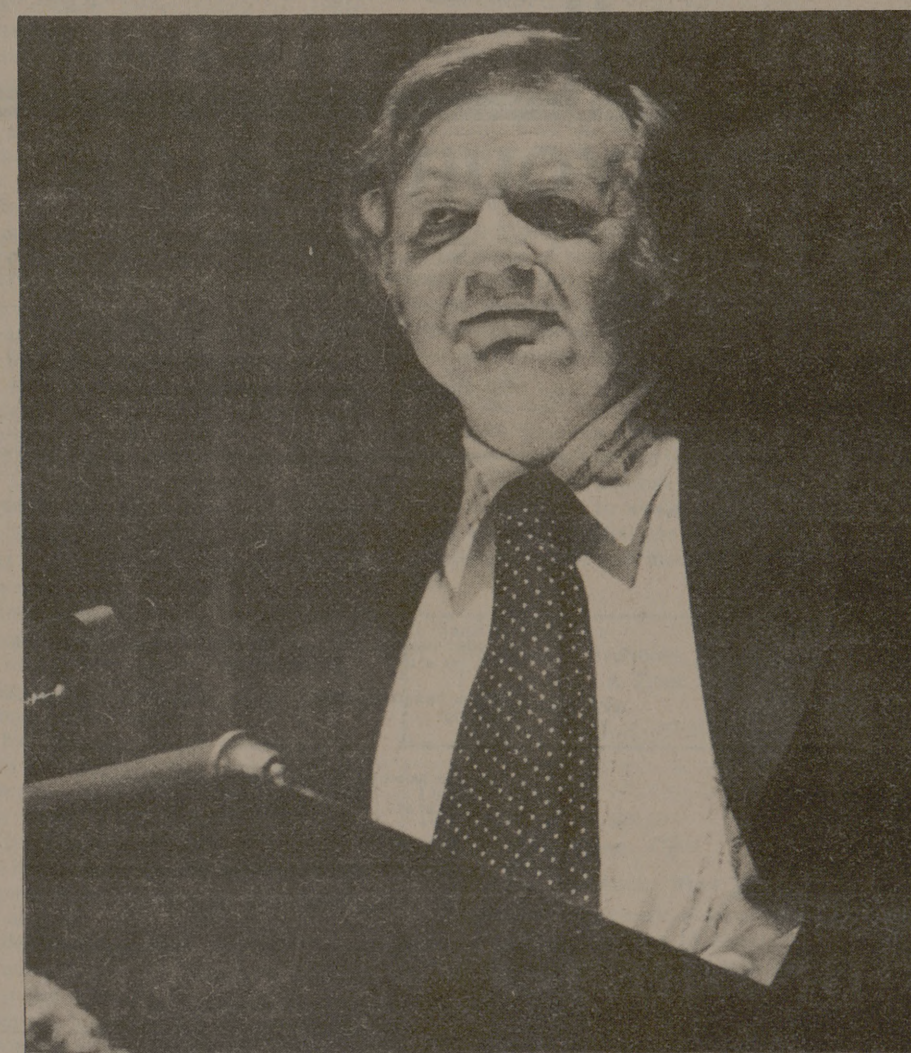
J. Carter to let the jury hear a tape of Miss Hearst and young Matthews' testimony. Under questioning from chief defense attorney F. Lee Bailey, Miss Hearst said SLA members William and Emily Harris, now awaiting trial in Los Angeles, kept up the barrage of intimidation after six SLA members were killed in a fiery shootout with Los Angeles police on May 17, 1974. Reflex actions She admitted under cross-examination by U.S. Atty. James L. Browning that she sprayed a sporting goods store with gunfire a day earlier to allow the Harrises to flee a bungled shop-lifting attempt. She called it a reflex action from repeated SLA indoctrination on how she should act in a given situation.

Asked by Browning if she had felt good about aiding the Harrises with her gunfire, she replied, "It did not give me any feeling, it happened so quick, I did it without even thinking." She said the Harrises ordered her to tell Matthews that she had willingly joined the SLA and freely participated in the bank robbery. If she failed to follow their instructions, she said, "they told me I would be killed." Miss Hearst spent four hours on the stand Monday and quietly implicated nearly a dozen persons in her underground odyssey, some dead, most still alive. She said the April 24, 1974, taped communication in which she boasted of her role in the bank robbery was written by SLA member Angela Atwood. During cross-examination, Browning handed her the brown-barreled, sawed-off M1 carbine she had wielded in the bank and asked if it was her weapon. She said it was, holding it with both hands and basing her identification on "the stock and the bolt."

Asked if the weapon was loaded during the robbery, she replied, "I believe it was." Bailey objected at that point but was overruled, and the defendant later said she wasn't. Miss Hearst sat emotionless through much of the testimony, sipping water from a styrofoam cup and occasionally waving her right hand softly in the air as she made a point. She startled the courtroom twice, perhaps most dramatically with her declaration that she had been sexually assaulted by Wolfe when she was kept blindfolded in a closet for several weeks after her Feb. 4, 1974, kidnaping. She said her June 7, 1974, taped eulogy of Wolfe and the other SLA members who died in the fire was written by the Harrises. In the tape, she proclaimed her love for Wolfe, calling him "the gentlest, most beautiful man I've ever known."

Sexually assaulted On the witness stand, however, she portrayed Wolfe as callous. Choking back tears, Miss Hearst said Wolfe accosted her in the closet a month

Senatorial duties take priority over campaign



Allen Bird

John C. White

John C. White, Lloyd Bentsen's presidential campaign manager, spoke in the MSC Monday night on the necessity of cooperation between banking interests and agriculture.

Presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen may limit the number of states where he will campaign, but he wants to stay in the race for the presidency, his campaign manager, John C. White said.

In an interview last night at the Memorial Student Center following his speech to some 200 bankers and agri-businessmen, White, Texas commissioner of agriculture, said that he had talked to Bentsen around noon yesterday.

"He has to make a decision whether to spend more time campaigning or to spend more time in the Senate," White said.

Bentsen feels his Senate duties may be more important than time spent campaigning, White said. Bentsen was very upset by the defeat of the Krueger bill which would have de-regulated natural gas prices.

"Bentsen recognizes the fact that he lost votes over his support of the Krueger bill which called for an increase in natural gas prices," White said.

"We don't regulate intra-state gas, therefore we are paying more for gas in Austin than people in the east," he said.

White supported Bentsen in his belief that we all must share equally in the cost of natural gas.

In defense of Bentsen's poor Oklahoma showing, White said that he thought Bentsen had done well for only three days of campaigning.

"Being a Texan is a disadvantage in Oklahoma," White said.

"Considering he was running against Wallace and Carter, who had campaigned there for years, Fred Harris, a former U. S. Senator from Oklahoma, he did well," White commented. Bentsen won two of the six congressional districts in the race.

Asked if he thought Bentsen would lose face if he withdrew from the presidential race, White said that was not realistic.

"Jackson and Reagan both have run several times, not to mention the non-candidate, Hubert Humphrey," White said.

"Texas needs national leadership. We need people like Bentsen who can speak for us," he said.

— Kathy Young

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THE FORECAST for Tuesday and Wednesday is mostly cloudy, warm and windy. Winds are from the south at 15 mph, gusts to 25 mph. Tuesday's high, 79; tonight's low, 68; Wednesday's high, 77.

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