

Senate rejects bill to repeal 'no confidence' resolution

By MARY HARDIN
The bill to repeal the Confidence-No Confidence Resolution was rejected by the Student Senate last night.

The resolution was designed to provide information to the senate on the actions of the Board of Regents, the president and the vice presidents of academic affairs, business affairs and student services. With this information, the senate votes confidence or no-confidence on the particular administrator.

The student body president is to appoint a special committee to evaluate and report the actions of these administrators according to the resolution.

Robert Harvey, senior-Engr., proposed to repeal the bill on the basis that it had not been implemented successfully.

Stan Stanfield, student government vice president for academic affairs, defended the resolution by saying it was the responsibility of the student body president and the vice president for rules and regulations to implement the bill.

Raj Kent, who drafted the bill as a senator in 1974-75, was present as a guest speaker.

"We were looking for a way to put student input into the Board of Regents, the president and the vice presidents," Kent said. "The resolution came about as a result of this."

The senate defeated the bill without adding amendments. John Oeffinger, grad.-Liberal Arts, proposed a bill stating that the Student Senate of Texas A&M University will support the concept of a student ex officio Board of Regents member.

Both the state House of Representatives and Senate have proposed bills including a student on the Board of Regents of state supported universities.

"We support this bill because we feel the student Regent can provide student input into the Board of Regents and inform the student body as to the actions of the board," Jerri Ward, vice president for external affairs said.

The bill was voted on and passed on first reading.

Ward introduced a resolution that the senate also support the passage of the state House of Representatives bill requiring student input into student service fee allocations.

The House bill will make formalized student input into fee allocations legally required for all state-supported colleges and universities.

This bill was also voted on and passed on the first reading.

The Keep Off the Grass Resolution which recommended that signs be put up asking pedestrians to stay off the grass surrounding the Memorial Student Center passed with amendments.

An amendment to the bill by Mary Ellen Martin, senior-Liberal Arts, requested that the MSC grass be memorialized on Parent's Day, 1977.

Another amendment stating that Student Government should be responsible for funding the signs was proposed and passed.

A further amendment by Scott Sherman, off campus-graduate, proposed that the signs not be placed until the grass is memorialized.

The resolution now goes to the MSC Council for approval and then must go through channels in the MSC administration. The MSC council does not meet again until April 8. Parent's Day is April 17.

Harvey proposed a bill requesting the Student Publications Board to reconsider its decision allowing the inclusion of nonrecognized student organizations in the Aggieland.

This bill also will be voted on at the next meeting.

Top of the News

Campus

PROFESSOR EMERITUS in the Texas A&M Range Science Department, Dr. E. J. Dyksterhuis, has received the Fellow Award of the Society of Range Management. The honor came during the society's 30th annual meeting in Portland, Ore.

ONE of the five winners for the 1976 Mark Francis Award for Journalistic Excellence by the Texas Veterinary Medical Association was from Texas A&M. Mary Alice Woodhams of The Battalion was awarded \$200 and a plaque for a series of articles on the profession of veterinary medicine.

SAILING CLUB is having a weekend outing from noon Saturday through Sunday in Welsh Park on Lake Somerville.

REGISTRATION for the summer trimester at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine is next week.

First and second-year students sign up Monday, March 7 and third-year students enroll Friday, March 11. Registration is held at the veterinary medical complex west of the main campus.

Summer trimester begins

April 25 and ends Aug. 5 with graduation exercises for approximately 130 D.V.M. candidates.

Texas

IF RON PAUL wants back into the House of Representatives before the next election, he is going to have to convince fellow lawmakers instead of a Texas judge. The Texas Supreme Court yesterday upheld a request from Rep. Robert Gammage, D-Texas, to stop action on a suit by Paul to force a decision from a court in Harris County. Paul edged by Gammage by 268 votes in the November election. He filed suit in a Harris County court contesting Gammage's victory and filed an appeal with the House. Paul said there were illegal votes cast for Gammage, ballots were miscounted and ballots were cast by persons who cannot be located.

National

AN EFFORT to talk the assassinations committee chairman, Rep. Henry Gonzalez, out of resigning and to rally that committee's members was sought today by House Democratic leaders.

Gonzalez sent a letter of resignation which Speaker Thomas O'Neill received yesterday, but O'Neill has refused to talk with the leader from San Antonio.

AILING Nadia Comaneci has forced postponement of a five-city Romanian gymnastic tour and chilled promoters here who were counting on a full house for the March 12-13 American Cup competition at Madison Square Garden. Comaneci, winner of three gold medals, a silver medal and a bronze prize in the 1976 Olympic gym competition, was reported ill yesterday by the Romanian government.

Some international observers believe the Romanian government, fearful of further defections by its athletes, are deliberately keeping her home. Others think she is out of shape, and fearful of giving a poor performance.

USING air drills and hand-welded picks, a rescue team cut through 50 feet of coal today in an attempt to save one of eight trapped miners known to be alive in the water-ravaged Kocher Coal Co. mine near Tower City, Pa. Rescuers made contact with Ronald Adley, 37, Tower City, yesterday by drilling a 1 3/4 inch hole into the debris-filled tunnel in which he

has been trapped since noon Tuesday. Although state and federal officials said they still had hope that the other seven miners were safe, there was no firm evidence they were alive.

BELATED heavy snows across the Rocky Mountains have returned excellent conditions to the area's ski slopes and smiles to ski area operators. A dramatic shift in weather patterns over the region has brought a wave of snow-laden winter storms to the Rockies.

BEEF exporting countries have completed signing voluntary agreements to limit shipments to the United States to about seven per cent of domestic beef production this year, the State Department says. Plans for the agreement to keep American beef imports below a "trigger level" of 1,282 billion pounds had been announced earlier. Officials said the voluntary agreements would hold imports to 1,272 billion pounds. This is about 40 million pounds more than last year's imports, but it is 10 million pounds below the 1977 "trigger" level which would require the government to impose rigid quotas at a lower level.

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Group advises researchers

By DEBBIE PARSONS

The Texas A&M University system is full of checks and balances and the Committee for the Use of Human Subjects in Research is one of them.

"The committee reviews research involving human subjects if there is a risk involved," Dr. Joyce Davis said. "We make sure that the information to be gained is worth the risk involved and that the subjects are well informed."

Davis is the chairman of the committee that consists of seven members and seven alternates. The committee members include medical doctors, psychologists and lawyers. One member and one alternate represent the College Station-Bryan community.

"The rights and welfare of the researched subjects are protected by our committee," Dr. Robert Berg, a committee member, said.

Researchers wanting to receive federal backing or who wish to follow University policy by getting committee approval, submit their proposal in triplicate to the research office. Also submitted is a form explaining the procedures that will be given to the subjects of the experiment.

Copies of the proposal are given to each committee member and they review it to make sure the procedures are safe for the subjects' physical and psychological well-being.

The members also make sure that

the subjects are clearly informed of the techniques and procedures of the research.

The committee members meet the researcher and recommend changes or additions to his procedure. For example, one researcher wished to test a cooling suit for fire fighters or persons who have to deal with extreme heat. The advice of the committee was to be sure to have a medical doctor on hand at the experiment.

During the four years that the committee has been in existence, it has rejected very few proposals.

"It's our policy not to reject anything. We advise," Davis said.

"The committee does not have what Berg called "police power."

"Just as there is academic freedom, where we can't tell teachers what to teach and what not to teach, we can't tell people what they can

and cannot research," Berg said.

A rare example of research that the committee rejected was a graduate student who, in his experiment, wanted to take blood samples. The committee advised that this could only be done by someone who is authorized to do so.

Before researchers can get federal backing from such places as the National Institute of Health or the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, they must have approval from the University committee.

There are other committees at A&M that perform the same purpose as the research committee.


The psychology department has its own committee, headed by Dr. Mark McGee, and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station also has a similar committee.

As the medical school grows at A&M, the committee should have a lot more cases to review, Berg said.

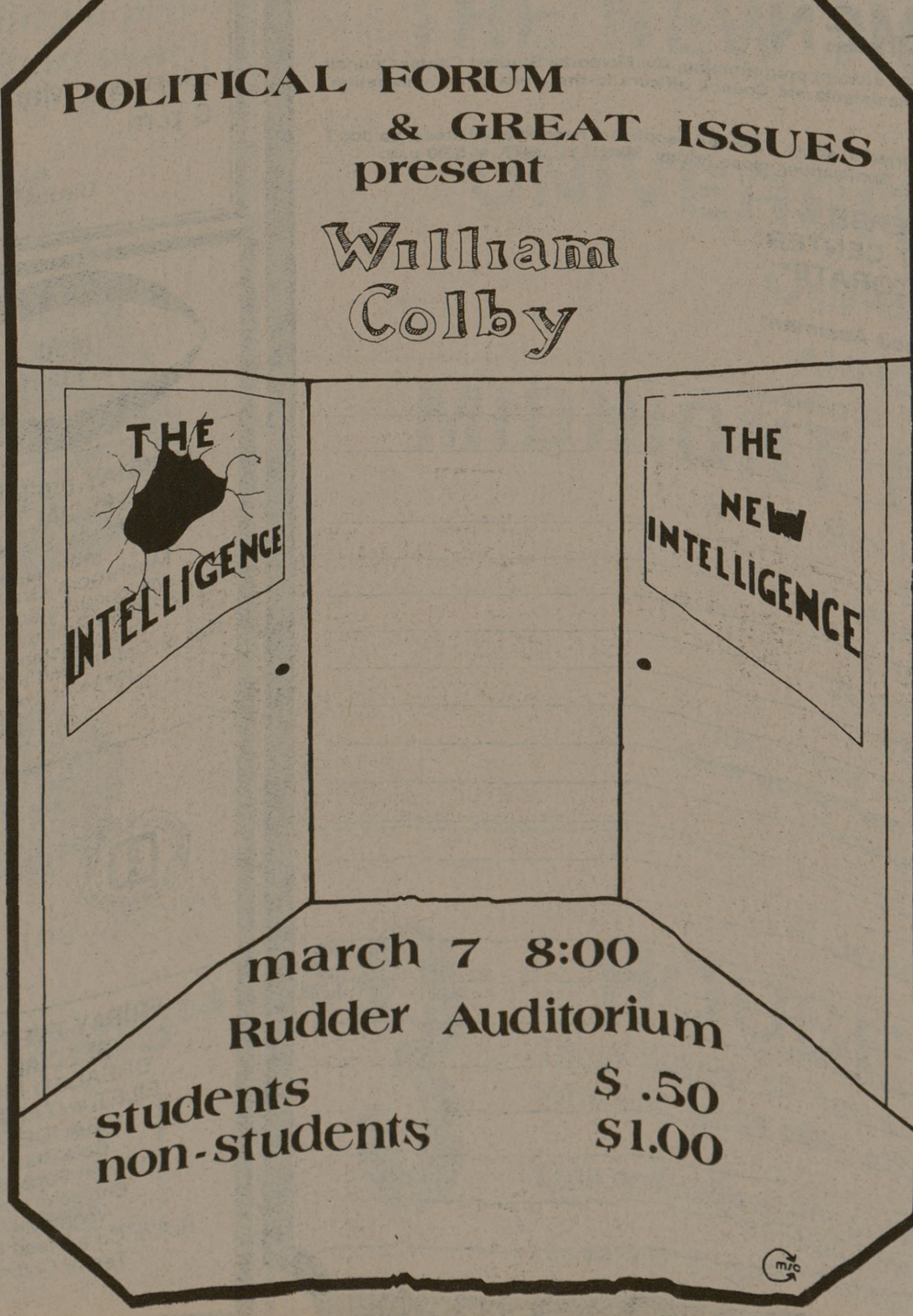
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