

# Controversy

## Student Senate handles touchy subjects in fall

by Nancy Floeck  
Battalion Staff

Student Body President Ken Johnson told the Student Senate Wednesday night they had handled more legislation and seen more controversy last semester than in all of last year.

These issues ranged from consumer safety to Texas A&M academic policies, from student opinion to the pros and cons of moving Student Government to the computer age and Greeks into the University sphere.

The semester's trend began in September, when Student Government established a committee to study the possibility of University recognition of fraternities and sororities, which would have given Greeks the same rights as other student organizations, including access to University facilities.

Two months later, the Student Senate handed down its verdict — no recommendation or recognition until the organizations are willing to comply with University regulations.

This decision followed a committee report by Johnson, who said that the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, the Greek governing bodies, had withdrawn their request for recognition. The councils said the petition was withdrawn because they felt that University financial policies were not in their best interests.

Student representatives also conducted two Campus Canvases — informal, subjective student surveys on campus issues. While this acquainted some students with their representatives and gave them an opportunity to voice their opinions, it has created controversy within Student Government.

Student Government officers said the results of the polls were meant to reflect constituent work — not to be a statistically accurate measure of student opinion. But some senators requested that the project be terminated because of the surveys' invalidity and the amount of time and work necessary for senators to poll constituents.

Much of this dissatisfaction

resulted in legislation — one bill asks that Student Government drop the poll because it is a statistical embarrassment; another recommends that a statistically valid survey be added to the canvass; another requests that executive officers of the organization actively participate in the polling, as senators are expected to do.

These bills are scheduled to be acted on this semester.

Student Senate also took stands on campus issues and opposed some high-ranking decisions.

Saying that an engineering enrollment policy designed and approved by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents discriminated against current students and violated the University Rules and Regulations Handbook, the senate voted unanimously to recommend that currently enrolled students be exempt from the policy.

The policy states that an overall grade point ratio of 2.25 is needed for enrollment in junior level engineering courses. Senior level courses require a 2.25 GPR in all engineering courses as well.

Further opposition to Regents' actions presented itself in the form of the approved University Press Location Bill.

This bill recommends that the University Press be built somewhere other than its proposed site of the intramural field behind Duncan Dining Hall. The possibility of moving bonfire, which traditionally is held on the field, was one reason for the bill; another was the fear that the building would interfere with intramural sports.

The senate also recommended colleges form committees and outline what is expected of professors in order to be considered for tenure. It also recommends that student evaluations be considered when evaluating professors for tenure.

Student and vehicle-pedestrian safety was another concern of the Student Senate during the fall semester; it approved several pieces of legislation dealing with the topic. These bills recommend that:

— University Police ticket illegally parked motorcycles and mopeds and encouraging impounding vehicles of repeat offenders.

— a committee be formed to study problems and possible solutions to increased bicycle usage on campus.

— motorcycle and moped parking areas be continually expanded, with new spaces being along University streets and in parking lots.

— the sidewalk leading to the Academic and Agency Building be widened to accommodate pedestrians.

— the Senate work with the city of College Station to lower the Highway 30 speed limit to 30 mph.

— the Senate work with the City of College Station to make

the west side of Puryear Drive available for parallel parking, because of a lack of legitimate parking.

— the Senate support merchants in University Square Shopping Center, because merchants have agreed to work with the Senate in correcting hazardous parking lot driving conditions.

Revising the Texas A&M University Regulations was another area Student Government ventured into last semester.

Most of the changes corrected grammatical errors or clarified vague wording, but some added or changed academic policies.

For example, one addition says no academically deficient student — one with a GPR below 2.00 — may participate in intercollegiate sports or attend con-

ventions as a Texas A&M delegate.

Keeping track of such changes and Student Government records may be easier in the future — in November, the Student Senate approved the purchase of a \$7,300 micro-computer system for maintaining records.

An executive office charged with maintaining the system's software was created when the system was approved. Bill Price, college of engineering senator and researcher of the computer system, was elected to this position.

The system is expected to be delivered to the University by Wednesday and in operation by May.

FLORICULTURE - ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB

# PLANT SALE

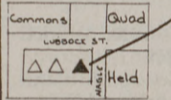
## SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

AT THE

FLORICULTURE GREENHOUSE

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PLANT SALE



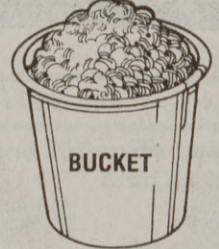
**Luv'n Oven**  
RESTAURANT

INSIDE THE BREAD BOX  
NEXT TO THE WASH HAUS

## WOODSTONE CENTER INTRODUCING

All New... All Different

**SPAGHETTI**  
by the



COUPON

Buy 1 Bucket of Spaghetti  
Any Size & Get Another for  
**1/2 PRICE!!**  
for 2 or more people please  
expires Feb. 28th

# GIVE US A CALL BEFORE YOU DIG.

WE CAN SAVE YOU TIME, MONEY & TROUBLE



If you damage one of our cables there can be serious consequences. Neither of us needs unfavorable public reaction... expense... or, most important, interruption of vital emergency communications.

Won't you do your share to help eliminate dangerous and costly cable damage? Before you dig, call 779-4102 (Bryan, College Station, Snook-Tunis) or 779-6158 (Kurten) or nearest General Telephone repair service number.

**GTE**

General Telephone

## SG collects exams for new quiz file

Student Government is looking for quizzes to set up a central quiz file in the reserve room of Sterling C. Evans Library. The file will be a composite of various on- and off-campus quiz files and will be accessible to all students.

Student Government is collecting quizzes from the 1980 spring semester through this semester.

"When it becomes functional depends on when the students are going to turn their tests in," Kathy Bartholomew, Student Government vice president for

academic affairs, said.

Student Government is asking each Dorm Council to help set up the central quiz file by donating either quizzes or manpower.

"The main advantage is that it will be a larger, more organized file than the existing files on campus," Bartholomew said.

Quizzes should be turned in at the Student Government office, 216 Memorial Student Center. Each quiz should have the course name and number, the semester it was used and the professor's name written at the top.

## KAPPA SIGMA SPRING RUSH '82

Sat., Jan. 30 Golf Party  
Arbor Square  
Party Room  
Info: 696-3172

Tues., Feb. 2 Aggie New Year  
Sundance #9  
Info: 696-3172

For information regarding  
RUSH, please call:

Will Symonds 693-5696  
Rush Chairman  
Gregg Eslinger 696-3172  
President