

Senate rejects committee's academic reapportionment

by Cyndy Davis
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The Student Senate failed to approve the transfer of one Senate seat from the College of Agriculture to the College of Engineering, which was suggested by the Rules and Regulations Committee at Wednesday night's meeting.

The Rules and Regulations Committee is required to recommend adjustments in the distribution of Senate seats annually, according to the Senate by-laws.

To find out how many posi-

tions each college or living area is entitled to, fall enrollment figures for each are divided by total Texas A&M University enrollment. This figure is then multiplied by 38, the number of Senate seats available in either the living areas or colleges. Rhonda Rhea, student vice president of rules and regulations said.

The number derived is rounded to the nearest whole number and this is the number of Senate seats given to this college or living area, she said.

The College of Agriculture currently has six seats, but would only have five under reapportionment.

The College of Engineering currently has 11 seats, but would

have 12 under reapportionment.

Speaker Pro-tempore Mike Wolff said it was unfair to candidates involved to reapportion Senate seats after filing for spring elections had closed.

"Let's keep the rules the same all the way through the game," he said.

If passed, the new positions would have had no bearing on the elections, student body President Ken Johnson said.

The next session of the Senate would have to deal with the situation, he said.

Also, senators ejected Senator Fred Seals from the meeting for eating Oreo cookies. This followed a Senate policy established at the last meeting which prohibited food from the meetings.

"It's stupid for cookies to hold up a meeting," one senator said.

Jeff Anthony, speaker of the Senate, first asked Seals to put away his cookies, but Seals ignored his request. Anthony then requested Seals leave the room, which Seals also ignored. Seals was then ejected from the meeting by a vote from the Senate.

Anthony later explained that complaints were made by Uni-

versity officials about the poor condition the Senate left the room in after each meeting.

In other action, senators voted not to appoint Matt Woodruff to the College of Liberal Arts Senior Senate position, though he was approved favorably by the internal affairs committee. Woodruff was re-interviewed for the position after the Judicial Board ruled that his application be re-considered.

Anthony, however, failed to declare the College of Liberal Arts Senior position open for applications.

Constitutional revisions, expected to be acted upon tonight, were tabled. If the revisions are not voted upon in the next meeting — which is also the last meeting of the 1981-82 session — the revisions will automatically be thrown out.

One such revision reduces the required grade point average of all Student Government officers and senators to 2.0. Current rules say officers must have a 2.5 at the time of election, while all other officers and senators must have a 2.25.

In new business, a noise control bill was introduced recommending a "minimal amplitude public address system" be purchased by the University to be used everyone wishing to speak near the Memorial Student Center complex or Sbis Dining Hall. These are the only two areas where public address systems are currently allowed.



Signing up for freedom photo by Athena

Signing a petition, which is to be sent to President Ronald Reagan, is Ricky Mann, a senior mechanical engineering major from Decatur. The Texas A&M chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists observed Freedom Of Information Day Wednesday by asking students to sign the petition, which attempts to restrict the FOI Act.

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Council to discuss rezoning requests

by Jean Kiser
Battalion Reporter

The College Station City Council will meet at 7 tonight to hold public hearings to consider two rezoning requests and a preliminary map for a housing development.

Final plats for the College Station Apartments Subdivision and Eastmark Subdivision will be discussed by the council.

One also will be discussing a proclamation designating Tuesday as "Freedom Information Day" in College Station. The request for proclamation came from the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi and A&M University.

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