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Pat Wood: MSC not just building

By KARI FLUEGEL
Staff Writer

MSC Council President Pat Wood discussed the goals — programming, service and facilities, and personal development — of the Memorial Student Center during Sully's Symposium sponsored by Lambda Sigma Wednesday.

"Our (the MSC) historic role on campus has been to bring the diversity of this world right here to Aggie-land, so that we can experience life more fully — be that through entertainment, educational or cultural programs or through the various recreational activities," Wood said.

The MSC is more than a building, Wood said. It is the campus unit responsible for 98 percent of the programming on campus.

"I don't buy for one minute the bogus, lazy remark that Bryan-College Station is a rural cowtown. That's bullshit," Wood said while discussing the MSC programming activities.

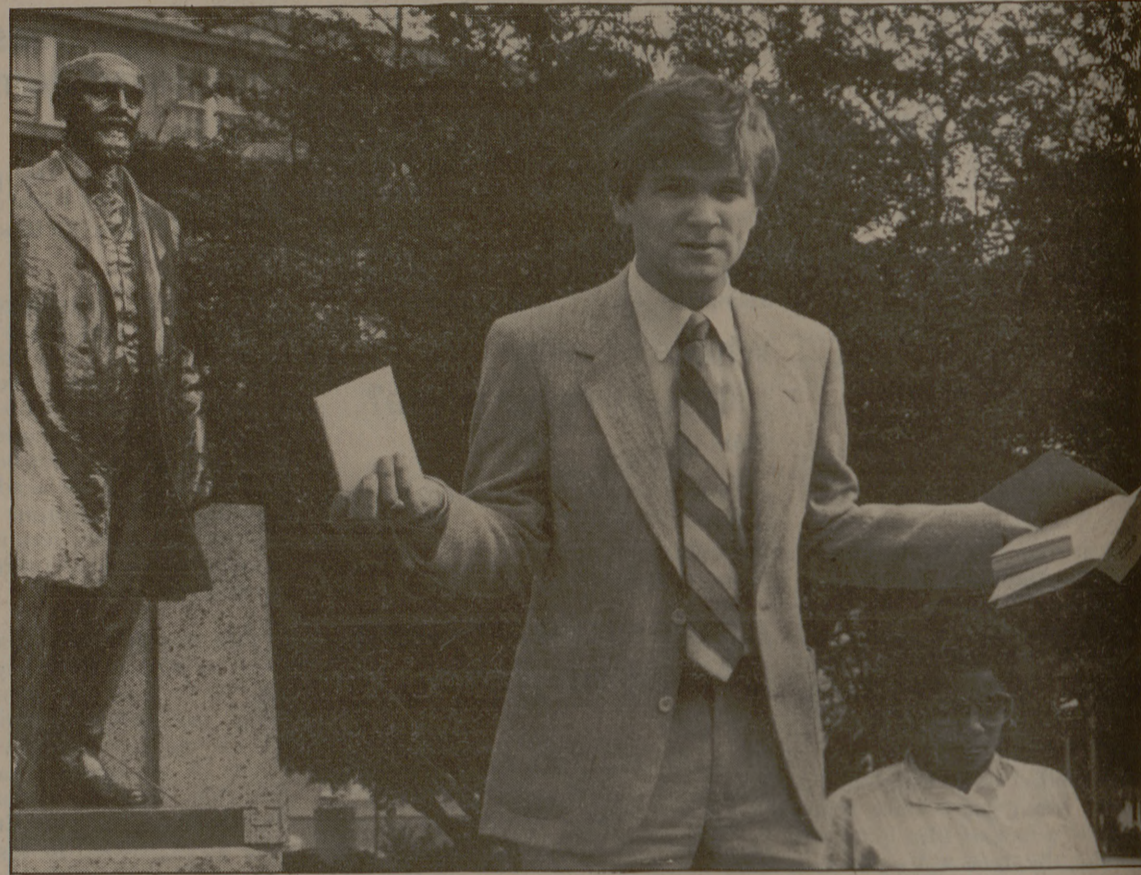
"Tell me how many rural cowtowns have had the London Philharmonic, Alabama, an economic debate between Buckley and Galbraith, a lecture by Alex Haley, a Guatemalan native weavings exhibit, a professional photography workshop — to name a few — all in the space of 19 days."

Though Wood said he was proud of the work the more than 1,600 students involved with the MSC were doing this year, he also said there are some programming areas being missed by the MSC.

For example, Wood said the MSC should have sponsored a free-speech symposium like the one sponsored by Students Working Against Many Problems (SWAMP) two weeks ago.

"Quite honestly, that's something the MSC should have been doing all along," he said.

Wood also discussed the MSC



Pat Wood speaking at Sully's Symposium.

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service and facilities goals. The MSC now provides services such as the Student Finance Center, Rumours, the MSC Box Office (located in Rudder Tower) and the Student Programs Office.

When asked about expanding MSC facilities, Wood said expansion was definitely needed and, the MSC Council was looking into expanding.

"The more places for students to

sit and relax or study, the better off this campus is going to be," Wood said.

The final MSC goal discussed by Wood during the symposium was personal development.

Wood said the students involved with the MSC get a lot of hands-on business experience. He said that during his time associated with the

MSC, he has gained skills in communicating, planning, problem solving, time managing, policy making and program evaluating.

Wood also said that those students who are involved with the MSC are volunteers, and that unlike student unions at other campuses, the MSC is run by students instead of a professional staff.

Mondale says 'message didn't take'

United Press International

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Walter Mondale, standing in the rubble of a massive Reagan landslide, said Wednesday his presidential candidacy was scarred by Democratic in-fighting, but he lost because his campaign message "didn't take."

Solemn, but showing flashes of humor, Mondale wished President Reagan well at a post-mortem news conference, but predicted Reagan will eat several "meals of crow" during his second term on the budget deficit and other issues.

The former vice president said he does not plan to run again for any office.

"I did my best," Mondale said. "I worked my heart out."

"In the end I think history will deal fairly with this campaign."

Mondale said he knew from the beginning he faced a "tough race" to

unseat an incumbent president, but there were times when he thought he could pull it off — in the euphoria after the Democratic convention in July, when he named Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate; and after the Oct. 7 domestic policy debate with Reagan in Louisville.

"My chances of winning probably disappeared at the end of the second debate," he said. The debate was Oct. 21 in Kansas City on foreign policy.

From St. Paul, the former vice president and Minnesota senator flew to Washington, where he was to meet with Ferraro at the airport, then fly to the Virgin Islands with his family for a week's vacation.

During the news conference, Mondale rejected the notion that Reagan's overwhelming victory — 59 percent of the popular vote and the biggest Electoral College tally in his-

tory — signals a realignment of the major parties.

"I think we're going to see a strong revival of the Democratic Party in this country," he said.

He said he seeks no special role in the Party other than that of any citizen to speak his mind on the issues, and declared, "I have no plans for seeking the presidency or any other elected office again."

Looking to his future, Mondale, 56, said, "The time has come to pursue certain economic necessities, among other things." He said he would practice law in Washington, and maintain his voting residence in North Oaks, Minn.

Asked what contributed to his defeat, Mondale said:

"From the very beginning of my campaign for the nomination, I seemed to have trouble convincing young Americans and others that I

had that vision for the future that I believe I had.

"I was unable to appeal to independents, moderates, who were necessary for my victory. Even though I thought my message was a moderate, practical, sound and solid one, it didn't take. I was unable to make the case which I thought was a strong one."

Mondale also said he is "satisfied with that judgment" of selecting Ferraro for his ticket, although the campaign lost "seven or eight precious days" during the controversy over whether her husband, John Zaccagnini, would release his income tax returns.

Playfully wrestling with his microphone, Mondale said it was obvious he has "never been comfortable" with television as a medium to get his message across.

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