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A&M faculty, student issues often overlap in respective senates

By **MOLLY PEPPER**
Reporter

While Texas A&M's Student and Faculty senates represent two different constituencies, work on issues that affect the University by the two often overlap.

The Student Senate sends a representative to the Faculty Senate meetings to voice the students' interests and bring back the faculty's opinions. Bills that pass the Student Senate and receive the student body president's signature go to the Faculty Senate for further approval.

Most issues that the Student Senate works on directly influence the faculty, such as the dead week issue, senior final exams and core curriculum.

When the Student Senate wants to propose a bill, Steve Monroe, the Student Senate representative to the Faculty Senate, takes the issue to the Faculty Senate and brings back its response.

Miles Bradshaw, speaker pro tem of the Student Senate, said the system of having a representative present at Faculty Senate meetings is an effective means of communication between the two groups.

"It always helps us to know what they're thinking," Bradshaw said.

Dr. Jaan Laane, Faculty Senate speaker, said this system works well because it takes both senates a long time to pass a bill. This provides time for feedback and discussion.

The bills passed by either senate need the signature of A&M President Frank E. Vandiver.

Sometimes the bills take opposite sides.

For example, during the controversy over whether graduating seniors should be required to take final exams, the Student Senate submitted a bill opposing finals for

graduating seniors. At the same time, the Faculty Senate submitted a bill supporting the finals.

The Faculty Senate's bill received Vandiver's approval, but a grandfather clause was attached to it as a compromise so students already in the University won't have to make the change.

Laane said that proposals for bills to the Faculty Senate begin at the department level with input from faculty and students. When an issue reaches the Faculty Senate, it has already gone through a long process and, according to Laane, often the outcome already has been decided.

The Faculty Senate's constitution requires it to tackle certain issues each year. Those issues include curricula, instruction, academic standards, scholarships, honors and academic personnel.

In comparison, the Student Senate has more freedom to choose its own work load, which is determined by the importance of current issues.

This will be the third year that A&M has had a Faculty Senate. One senator represents 25 faculty members, so the number of senators from each college depends on the size of that college.

The Student Senate is the legislative branch of Student Government. Senators are elected to represent the different colleges, locations on and off campus and the Corps of Cadets.

Laane spoke to the Student Senate this fall about the processes of the Faculty Senate and its history. The Faculty Senate is hoping to receive a similar speech in the spring from a member of the Student Senate or Student Body President Sean Royall.

Ron Sasse explains job's philosophy

By **TAMARA BELL**
Staff Writer

At least one thing in Texas A&M's Department of Student Affairs won't be changing Friday — the first name of the director.

Ron Sasse will replace Ron Blatchley as director of the department. Blatchley, who resigned in late September after 13 years as director, now owns and operates a McDonald's in Houston.

Dr. John Koldus, vice-president for student services, appointed Sasse as acting director when Blatchley resigned. On Oct. 23 Koldus announced that Sasse would permanently replace Blatchley.

"Just because I'd been associate director for seven years didn't mean that I would automatically become



Ron Sasse

director," Sasse says. "I had my doubts as to whether I'd be chosen. Dr. Koldus could have decided on a

Mayoral candidate benefits from gay gaffe

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A slip-up on live television has been a financial gold mine for mayoral candidate Louie Welch, who surpassed incumbent Kathy Whitmire in fund raising for the Tuesday election, according to campaign finance records.

Welch, preparing to discuss a plan for fighting the spread of AIDS, said during a live broadcast last week that one way to stop the deadly disease would be to "shoot the queers."

Welch campaign treasurer James Franklin said the remark provided a

burst of energy and activity to fund-raising efforts.

According to campaign finance reports filed Tuesday, Welch has raised almost \$1.5 million since he entered the race. The total includes \$69,105 raised Friday, the day after Welch made the remark.

Whitmire reported contributions of almost \$1.4 million, reports showed.

Welch's comment was broadcast Friday when a technician accidentally turned up Welch's microphone, station officials said.

Welch later apologized for the "unfortunate remark." He also said he was in good company because President Reagan once joked about bombing Russia during a microphone test that was not broadcast.

Local gay political leaders were not amused.

"It's a sick joke — if it's a joke," said Sue Lovell, president of Houston's Gay Political Caucus.

Welch, 66, is a former five-term mayor who recently introduced the prevention of AIDS as a campaign issue in the mayor's race.

Rich Dallasites may ignore poor trick-or-treaters

Associated Press

DALLAS — Youngsters from low-income areas venturing into the Swiss Avenue Historical District on Halloween may be getting a cold shoulder rather than a bagful of treats.

A district newsletter issued last year has recommended that homeowners use the silent treatment on the mostly Hispanic, black and Vietnamese children who pour into the neighborhood each year from nearby low-income homes and apartments a few blocks away.

Most residents in the area plan

to keep their porch lights turned off, their curtains drawn and not answer their doorbells.

The newsletter said those residents "not wanting to treat truckloads of non-resident trick-or-treaters" should use the silent treatment.

Some residents say they no longer can be expected to supply the vast amounts of candy they say is required to treat the droves of children who visit the tree-lined boulevard where scenes from the TV series "Dallas" are filmed.

But not everyone is ready to

turn a cold shoulder to the youngsters.

"I tell you, it's the saddest thing in the world," said Gilbert Aranza, an attorney who lives in the neighborhood of mansions.

"You can see the disappointment in their faces. They get all dressed up, come here and what do they have? Maybe me and five other houses."

Although Aranza and others opposed the move, it was approved at a meeting of the board of the Swiss Avenue Historic Dis-

trict Association with little discussion.

Some residents said later they have no choice but to turn off lights on the persistent crowd.

"You can't even close your door," Linda Molberg said. "There's always someone else sitting in the middle of the sidewalk."

Aranza thinks residents don't want any poor people at their front doors.

"Somebody said it best from 'These people tried to develop North Dallas neighborhood East Dallas, and it just ain't so," said.



"Do you really think it's wise to get out in a hurricane just to go to class?"

U.S. Navy rescue helicopter crashes killing 3, injuring 3

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — A Navy helicopter used for search and rescue missions crashed east of here Wednesday afternoon, killing three Navy crew members and injuring three others, authorities said.

The accident occurred about 2:30 p.m. on Mustang Island between Corpus Christi and Port Aransas on a routine training mission of the UH-1N helicopter, said Ensign Terry Reese, public affairs officer

for the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

The names of the victims withheld pending notification of relatives.

Petty Officer Gwen Newman, the three survivors were taken to base hospital, but she did not know the extent of their injuries. She said she did not know if the dead had been recovered from the scene of the crash.

An investigation of the crash under way.

Student Affairs getting new director

search committee and listed the position across the country.

"Or I could have applied and he could have said, 'no, we want someone with a Ph.D.' There's no set way in terms of internal promotions at the University."

As the associate director, Sasse says his priority was on-campus housing. As director, his responsibilities are more challenging, he says.

"Where before I was limited as to my duties within the department, now my scope will be far spread," Sasse says. "And since Blatchley and I worked as a team, our goals for the department are similar. So it's not like I didn't agree with the direction the department was going in."

Sasse says although some will be different within the department because he's not Blatchley there won't be any major changes. One of Sasse's duties as director will be to appoint an associate director. Although he makes the final decision, Sasse says he will consult with his staff.

"I'll study the needs of the department and where we are," he said. "This department operates on participatory management. I'll work with the staff and find out what they have to say about the application. This is not a democracy so the decision will be mine."

On campus issues, Sasse said staff aren't the only people he wants to hear from.

Correction

The Battalion incorrectly reported Wednesday that the semester would begin on Jan. 15. In fact, classes will not begin until Jan. 20.

Also, advisers may be available after Nov. 11. The Battalion reported that advisers would not be available after that date.

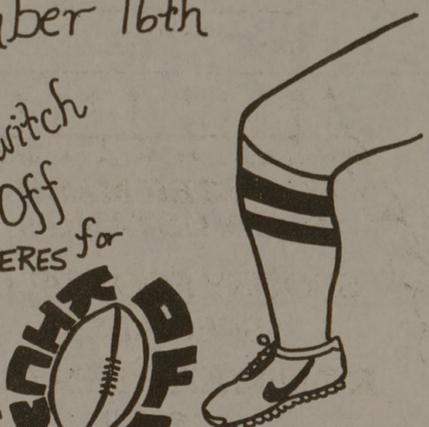
Next week has been designated for preregistration advising. Associate Registrar Donald McCarthy says, advisers may not be available at all times.

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