

Changes in resolution OK'd by Faculty Senate

Status of student evaluations still up in air

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Although holding back on a final vote, the Faculty Senate Monday made several major changes in what has become a controversial resolution that calls for annual, universitywide course/instructor evaluations.

Each department at the University now conducts its own evaluations based on the department's preferred questions.

The new document attempts to standardize the evaluation system for the University so that uniform results can be obtained for the benefit of students and faculty.

Jointly devised by faculty and students, the resolution first came before the Senate at its November meeting but was found to be lacking in several areas and was sent back to committee for revision.

Sen. Luis Costa, associate professor and head of the department of modern languages, reinfroduced the resolution to the Senate Monday, saying the committee had made substantial changes.

Costa stressed that, although the document was recommended

highly, departments would not be required to use it if an alternative evaluation was found acceptable by a joint Student Senate-Faculty Senate oversight committee.

There was a sense of dissatisfaction with the revised document, and several changes were approved overwhelmingly. Although the resolution didn't

meet most expectations, many senators were intent on revising the document to avoid sending it back to the committee again.

"Every time we send it back to committee," Sen. Jon Bond, profes-sor of political science said, "it gets worse instead of better

Debate on the resolution centered around two questions: whether undergraduate courses and instructors should be evaluated more than once

per year; and whether the results of the evaluations should be published. Shortly after the resolution was introduced by Costa, Sen. Keith Arnold, professor of wildlife science, passed out a set of substitutions for the resolution, but the Senate ran out of time before it could consider the substitutions.

several recommendations in the document, but these cannot be implemented until the entire document is

Douglas Andrew Chin i is applying for the Ma Scholarship, which he and less prestigious but more approved. The Senate approved yearly eval-uations as opposed to ones to be is-sued each semester, and also detive. "I'm extremely elated," cided departments could use either the suggested evaluation form or one approved by the oversight committee The prestigious schol awarded by the Rhode

Evaluation forms would be made available to department heads for tenure, promotion and salary considerations. This particular recom-mendation stressed that "student evaluations are only one of several factors that will be employed when judging the teaching qualifications of faculty members.

The senators considered making evaluation results available to the Student Senate. As currently writ-ten, the document says, "If pub-lished, results shall include appro-priate statistical data and comparisons." Also, "instructors who wish to may append brief ex-planatory comments and depart-It of time before it could consider e substitutions. The senators tentatively approved ment heads may require that, be-cause of unusual circumstances, certain results not be published."

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Woman's Christmas cards raise spiri of military personnel away from U.S.

WACO (AP) — Rowena Dempsey has received letters from people from Georgia, California, Oregon, Utah and Montana — people she doesn't even know.

Dempsey isn't too surprised, though. After all, she wrote to them first

This rather unique correspon-dence is the result of Dempsey's par-ticipation in Military Mail Call, a project in which individuals and organizations send Christmas cards to service men and women who are away from home at Christmas.

The American Legion Auxiliary No. 121 in Waco has participated in the mail call project for three years, The captain told as has Dempsey, an 11-year member of the organization.

Last year Dempsey wrote 300 Christmas cards and placed fourth in the nation in number of cards sent notes to the auxiliary women. Others

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by an individual. The Waco auxiliary placed second in the organizations category for sending 1,625 cards.

"It's just kind of a fun thing," Dempsey said. "I just get a feeling that maybe they won't get any mail from anyone and at least they will get one card."

As expected, the cards are appreciated.

Dempsey says she once got a letter from a Navy captain who received one of her cards. "He thought it was so great that I

took time to write a Christmas card to someone I didn't know," she said. "That makes me feel good that they

The captain told Dempsey he would like to exchange Christmas cards and put her on his family's Christmas mailing list.

Some soldiers send thank-you

promise to visit if they are passing through the area.

Dempsey said she and the other women who write cards each receive from three to 15 responses a year. Writing to military personnel is not a new experience for Dempsey.

She has had a husband in the Army during World War II, a brother and a son in the Navy, a son in the Air Force and now three grandsons in the Navy.

"So I know how much they (soldiers) enjoy cards and letters. know they get homesick," she said.

Dempsey said that when she writes the Christmas cards, she often thinks of her children and grand-At 75, Dempsey said she is thing but idle.

As an American Legin Aux children, "especially, my son who was in the Korean conflict." "I think, what if it were he," she Department of Texas represe to the Veterans Admini Medical Center in Waco, D think, what if it were he," she said. "My heart just goes out to all of

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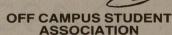
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1. Make a quick survey of notes and reading in order to get a general picture of what has been covered. Jot down a few words about the purpose of the course. Make a brief time line or outline to get an overall picture of the materials. Note your weak

them.

2. Go over old tests, paying attention to the kinds of questions generally asked.

Rather than reread, it is often better to skim material and stop at material you don't know. 4. Try to find our what the final will cover.

5. Know your professors and their biases

6. Look at questions and problems at the end of the chapters for additional review. Thry to predict exam items, both general and specific, and prepare answers for them.

Concentrate on areas emphasized in lecture and/or in your text.

These tips are only part of the information included in "The Aggie Guide to Conquering Your Fi-nals". Copies of this guide may be ob-tained in the Student counseling Center and in the Off Campus Cen-



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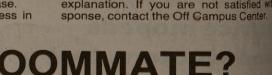
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3. Clean the apartment in accordance with the move-out cleaning instructions.

4. Pay all rent according to the terms of the lease. 5. Give your landlord your forwarding address in writing.

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5. Do allow time to think over your decision