

## State and Local

# Experts consider trade policies during MSC Great Issues forum

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Representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the European Community, also known as the "Common Market," Wednesday night discussed issues of world trade and the possibilities of a common trade currency by the next century during a program sponsored by the MSC Great Issues committee.

Moderator Bill Murchison, political columnist for the *Dallas Morning News*, introduced "The Future of U.S.-European Trade: Your Marketplace or Mine?" by saying world trade is one of the most complex modern questions because it depends on many aspects — including consumers, producers and businessmen throughout the world.

Sir Roy Denman, head of the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to the United States, said the purpose of the committee, which was formed after World War II, was to unite European nations and to create positive conditions for economic growth. The committee now consists of 12 European trade countries and more than 320 million people benefit from its policies.

"The aim of the founding fathers," Denman said, "was to follow the example of the United States in the creation of a trade market."

He said the reason for the unification of European countries was to increase the size of trade, to create a common trade policy and to make a political alliance that would enhance world trade.

The committee has created trade tariffs, a common trade policy and an executive branch that speaks to the U.S. Congress about its actions. The committee has big prospects of a common currency between trade countries within the first 20 years of the 21st century, Denman said. This, he said, will be a great economic event.

Denman discussed European economic problems — including a high unemployment rate — that, he said,



Sir Roy Denman, left, Bill Murchison and William T. Archey discuss the future of world trade.

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could lead to a dangerous situation, and he addressed the American budget deficit.

"We both have problems that will have to be dealt with and we have to choose our own means," he said. Problems, he said, are inevitable in trade situations. However, he said the United States and Europe are "on the same road" to solutions.

He discussed European agricultural trade, which has increased almost 20 percent in the last 10 years, but, he said, Europe "hasn't taken the bread out of the mouths of Americans."

William T. Archey, vice president of the International-U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the world, said that one of the biggest problems of American trade involves agricultural

export, which has fallen considerably in the past several years.

The Chamber of Commerce makes recommendations to the government on national economic problems. The USCC influences local and national legislation and political action.

Denman and Archey discussed a trade legislation in Congress that would give a definition of international trade rules.

Denman spoke positively about the prospective legislation. "If we can all relax and resist temptation of trade disputes, we could have good trade support by 1988 or 1990," he said.

This, he said, would create a stable, stronger and better trade route to U.S.-European trade unity.

"We have to try and reduce over-

all expenditure and abolish obstacles to trade," he added.

However, Archey said that he does not expect the United States to produce a protective trade bill. "The U.S. will have big problems if there isn't a decision in the next few years," he said.

Archey said that U.S. trade issues are heating up, especially in agricultural export, telecommunications and electrical generation equipment. "If something doesn't come up, we'll both bite the bullet," he said.

He added that the recent impact on Wall Street may be a big influence — even a positive one — in international markets.

"This incident represents a very significant point in American history," he said. "The United States has come to realize it can no longer take trade for granted."

# Student Senate OKs bill to set up panel to get seat on Board

By Drew Leder  
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The Texas A&M Student Senate Wednesday approved legislation that will form a committee that will attempt to get a student on the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

A unanimously supported bill created a committee to work for the inclusion of a student on the Board, in either a voting or advisory position. The bill originally called for the committee to work solely to get a voting seat but was amended to allow the committee some flexibility when negotiating with the Board.

Mark Browning, director of the Legislative Study Group, addressed the Senate in support of the amended bill saying that while obtaining a student voting seat on the Board is not likely, getting a student to act in an advisory capacity is feasible.

"Getting an adviser is a more concrete possibility than getting a voting seat," Browning said. "There might be no support in the Legislature for a voting member."

Browning was also on hand to push for a resolution, which the Senate accepted, that will allow the LSG to advocate the passage of a state proposition that would authorize the state to sell \$500 million in bonds. The revenue from the bond sales would be used towards the building of a supercollider and superconductor facility. The state is competing with 24 other states to secure federal support for the project.

Browning said the LSG wants the proposition to pass because it will give the federal government incentive to locate the project in Texas.

"It's waving a carrot in front of their face," he said.

If the facility is located in Texas it will bring jobs to the state

and research money to Texas A&M, Browning said.

"Over \$20 billion will be injected into the state's economy over the life of the project," he said.

The LSG will lobby for the proposition by submitting guest columns and editorials to newspapers around the state urging voters to support the proposition, he said.

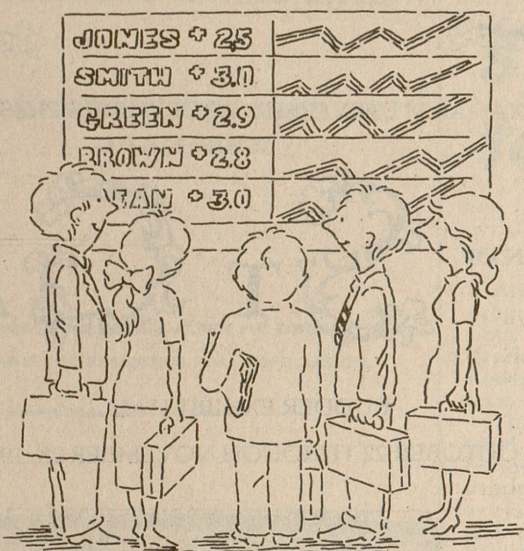
The Senate also accepted a resolution stating that a study of potential changes in the University Q-drop policy be made. The changes would involve increasing the time period the University allows for Q-drops, Speaker of the Senate Jay Hays said. According to the bill, many students have expressed dissatisfaction with the current policy.

Another bill, which would increase campaigning time for students involved in a Student Government runoff election, was introduced to the Senate and will be up for a vote on Nov. 4.

The bill calls for a minimum of seven days between a primary and runoff election. Mason Hogan, student body president, said the bill would primarily affect freshman elections because there is customarily a short time period between those election dates. There were two days between the freshman primary and runoff election this semester.

Hogan also informed the Senate of the preliminary results of a survey to determine how faculty members feel about the possibility of the University converting the Rudder Tower dining facility into a faculty lounge. He said the survey indicated that about half of the respondents didn't support the proposed lounge and about half said they wouldn't mind if it was not located in Rudder.

The Student Government is opposed to having the Rudder dining area closed.



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