

Senate elects speakers, chairman for 1992-93

By John Lose
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With 20 new senators present, the 1992-93 Texas A&M Student Senate was sworn in last night and elected three senators to executive office as their first act.

Brian Walker and Brooke Leslie were elected speaker of the Senate and speaker pro tem respectively, and Brad Britton was elected chairman of the Senate Rules and Regulations Committee.

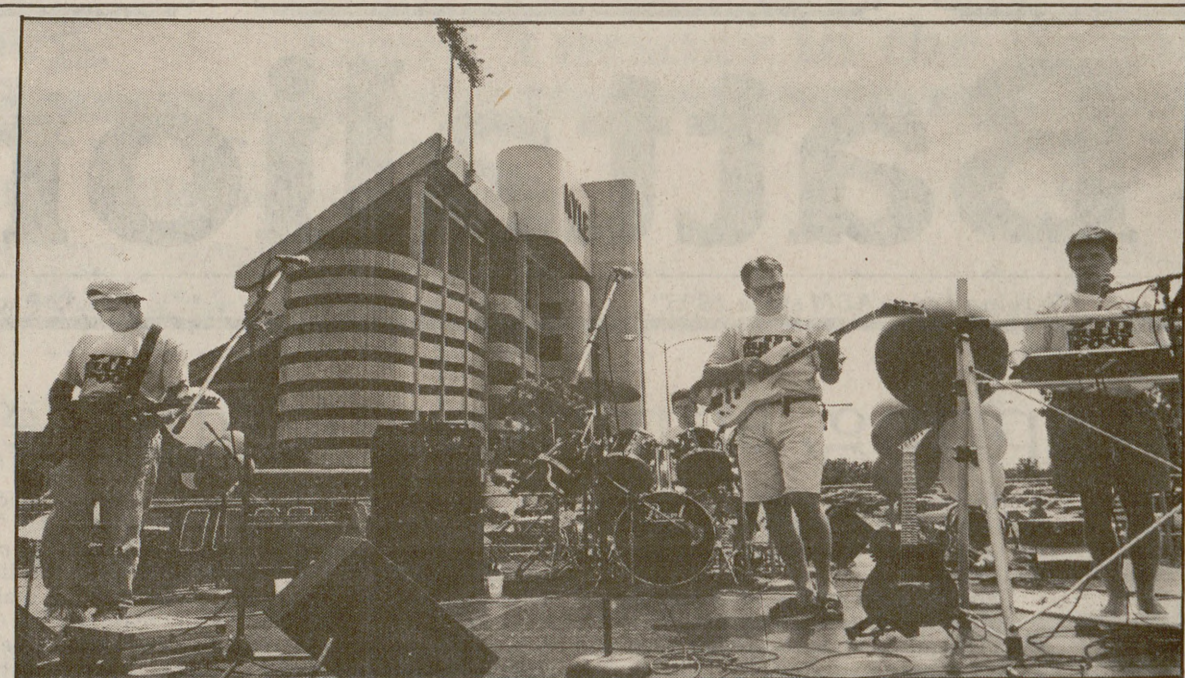
"My goals for the Senate next year include working with Student Government to improve our image with the students," Walker said. "I'd also like to improve our position concerning representation in Austin at the state legislature."

Walker and the two other officers will be accepting applications for chairman of the student services, academic affairs and external affairs committees until next week.

"We will then select the two best qualified applicants to each position and present them to the Senate for a final vote," Walker said.

The finance committee chairman will be selected after consultation with Student Body President-elect Steve Beller and the out-going chairman.

Beller said he was "very pleased" with the Senate's choices of officers.



"Touch-N-Go"

Sophomore Kyle Clark (left), and seniors Ken Monk (center), Russ Friesz (center right), and Jason Manning (right) are members of "Touch-

N-Go." They played at the YM (Young and Modern Magazine) Spring Break Pool Party at the Texas A&M Pool Wednesday.

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Texas criminal court denies appeal by Lucas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday denied an appeal by Henry Lee Lucas, who was sentenced to death in the 1979 for the murder of an unidentified woman.

Lucas once claimed he killed hundreds of people in 26 states, but later recanted his confessions for all but the 1960 slaying of his mother in Michigan.

He was found guilty in the murder of the woman whose body was found near Georgetown, north of Austin.

The woman became known as "Orange Socks," for the only item of clothing found on her body. She had been strangled.

In 1990, the Court of Criminal Appeals blocked

Lucas' scheduled execution to consider this appeal.

Lucas alleged that he was deprived of due process of law because the trial court failed to give proper instructions to the jury on applying the mitigating circumstances of mental illness and disease when his punishment was considered, according to the court opinion.

The court, which in 1989 had affirmed Lucas' conviction, rejected the latest appeal.

Danny Burns of Fort Worth, an attorney for Lucas, said he may ask the court to reconsider that decision.

He said he also will file another appeal with the state's highest criminal court, and that he would pursue the appeals in federal court.

Group promotes awareness of Muster

By Robin Roach
The Battalion

In the midst of Muster Awareness Week, students may have noticed the efforts taken by the Muster Committee to increase awareness of the event.

Tables were set up this week in the MSC, Blocker and Zachry to provide students with information on the Muster tradition.

Flyers and "pass it on" cards also are circulating around campus to promote Aggie Muster.

Aggie Muster is held each year on April 21. This date was first observed as "San Jacinto Day"

during the 1880s and was viewed casually by cadets as a day off from classes and a time to play.

Aggie Muster, as we know it today, began in 1943 in remembrance of the Aggies who died on the island of Corregidor during World War II. There was an overwhelming response to the Muster in 1943, and the tradition has been continued ever since.

"A&M has the largest alumni gathering worldwide, and it is also the most formal presentation," said Jenni Briscoe, Muster Committee Chairman.

Muster is not only observed in Aggieland. Nearly 400 Musters have been registered worldwide with the Association of Former

Students Field Office since 1980.

"I think Muster is probably the most important tradition," Briscoe said. "It is the most (unifying) of all traditions because it unites all Aggies in the same way."

Traditionally, the Muster ceremony is opened with welcoming statements by the student body president, the University president and the Association of Former Students, followed by the guest speaker, who delivers the keynote address each year.

"The Muster speaker is a very important part of the Muster Tradition," Briscoe said.

This year's Muster speaker is Frank W. Cox III, Class of '65. He

was head yell leader during his senior year at A&M, a member of the Ross Volunteers and first sergeant of Squadron Two. Cox is also the author of "I Bleed Maroon."

The Muster speaker is followed by the roll call for the absent, when the names of students and alumni who passed away during the last year are called out.

The deaths of the classmates of the honored class also are announced. Each year, the honored class is the class celebrating its 50th-year reunion, which takes place the same time as Muster.

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TEAC cuts back plan in effort to strengthen focus, members say

By Sharon Gilmore
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A&M's chapter of the Texas Environmental Action Coalition has been keeping a low profile lately because of fewer and younger members, TEAC members said.

The semester has been devoted to working on a new constitution, said Porter Hammit, a graduate student and TEAC member.

"We haven't been as active this semester, because we haven't had the numbers," Hammit said. "Hopefully, we are going forward."

The younger members are unsure of the environmental tasks that can be undertaken, said Jay Dubell, a biochemistry graduate student and member of TEAC.

"A lot of members are first and second year students and don't know what's available," he said.

Lara Mears, president of TEAC, said decisions in the group are made democratically, and students are able to make proposals to be discussed and approved.

"Our program is not set in stone," she said. "Members are most important."

Mears said the reason the organization seems less active is because the focus has been on educational programs since most members are younger.

The group does not consist of a bunch of long-haired hippies, she said.

"We are really interested in

cleaning up," Mears said. "I would like to do more for the community."

This weekend, students travel to the coast to clean Matagorda Beach in Bay City, camp out under the stars, and cleanup this weekend will be the first one of this year.

Students clean a half-mile of beach three times a year through the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program, Mears said. A larger percentage of people are becoming involved in the beach cleanup.

"It is nice to get out there and work with the community members," she said.

Dubell, area coordinator for the project, said last year's project grossed around 20 bags of trash.

"We ended up needing separate flatbed trucks to take up," he said.

Currently, TEAC is working on Earth Day activities, which will take place April 22.

"We have offered an opportunity for businesses on our campus to show how they are or are affected by the environment," Mears said.

Student organizations also are participating in the event, she said, and will explain how important a clean environment is to their activities.

This year's Earth Day theme is Environmental Consumerism. Around 30 groups will have set up outside of Rudder for the event, Hammit said.



Rub A Dub Dub

John Mihleder, Kelley Ennis and J.D. Haber raise money in front of Sbisra for the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center. They are members of the service fraternity APO.

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