Capp Coming

AL CAPP (Hippie? Isn't that short for hypocrite?) will speak at Western courtesy of Associated Students Tuesday, March 26. He is the creator of the famous comic strip, "Li'l Abner".

Money Making Proposal Under Consideration

A.S. has approached the administration with a proposal to regulate the sponsorship of activities, dances and money-making projects. Presently the A.S., Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic and entertainment for a profit.

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Coed Dorm Hours Being Investigated

The Associated Students are now in the process of investigating a change in the dorm hours for women.

At the present the A.S. is taking no stand on the issue but is simply gathering data concerning dorm hour regulations. Terry Gilpin, committee head, plans to administer a sample survey to Western's student body.

From this survey will come the future action taken by the Associated Students. Working with Terry on this committee are Thelma Lee, Tom Evans and Keith Petrie.

A.S. Registers Support Of Student-Regent Bill

The Associated Students Congress met in regular session last Thursday and passed a resolution backing the Kentucky Student Association's (KSA) proposal to support Senate Bill 118. This bill authorizes student representation on each state institutions Board of Trustees.

The bill proposes appointment of the President of the Student Government as student-trustee at each of these six schools--Morehead, Murray, Eastern, Western, Kentucky State College and the University of Kentucky.

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"Even though the representative will not be a voting member, his presence will have definite impact on the Board of Regents. If this bill is passed, and I have every reason to believe it will be, all students will then be granted representation on the universities' governing bodies; it will be another step in uniting student thought with that of the administration." These words by A.S. President Winky Menser best summed up the feelings of Congress as to the importance of this legislation.

Sheryl Synder, president of the KSA, has released a report from that association further stating the importance of the passage of this bill. In his report, which was sent to Frankfort for discussion, Synder states that the "central segment" of the campus community is conspicuously absent from the government of the University, which is vested in a Board of Trustees.

The KSA argues that "Students are, realistically, citizens of the campus community for four or more years...Like any concerned citizen of any community, they desire and deserve representation in their government."

The student group attributes a lack of understanding and failure to communicate as the causes of difficult campus problems and sited a specific example concerning the University of Kentucky.
President Speaks . .

A Look Into
Immediate Future

The remaining two months of office could well prove to be the most critical period of the year for the present A.S. administration. Much time has been spent in organizing and planning, and now the student body must have some results. We have reached a point for not only forceful application, but for serious re-evaluation--a period of thinking.

In the past semester much knowledge and experience have been gained. We've learned that there are times to conform and time not to conform, that it's unwise to be anti-anything simply for the sake of being anti; that voices most often heard do not always speak for the majority; that it's sometimes better to be criticized than to have nothing said at all; that many students feel no more a part of the Associated Students than a part of the U.S. Weather Bureau; that student apathy is a definite problem but one has shown improvement and one that can be dealt with.

We've learned that too many activities can produce the same staleness as too few, that Western students, "ARE going home on weekends if weather permits, that students are interested in things other than dances, that students are searching, continuously striving for knowledge about themselves, that they will participate in chess and bridge tournaments, that they will take time to study a student art display, and that they are interested in their state's future.

A brief look into this semester's future reveals this:

---Continued "in depth" studies on married housing.
---An attempt to adopt a policy which will allow any club, organization, sorority or fraternity to sponsor activities, dances and money-making projects on the Hill.
---The establishment of a Book Exchange Program organized by the Veterans Club under the auspices of Associated Students.
---A study on regulations governing hours for girls' dormitories.
---The application of the Collegiate Issues Committee, which will provide faculty and student stimulation through "give and take" discussion groups on subjects such as draft and other topics of interest.
---A study of our present voting system, with careful consideration given to the IBM program presently applied by other universities.

The past is viewed with interest. It has proven a time of experimentation, of asking questions, of looking for the right key. We've seen The Lettermen, The Four Tops, Wilson Pickett and Glenn Yarbrough, successful mock elections with political debate, increased activities, numberous dances, beauty contests, chess and bridge tournaments, student Art exhibits, lectures on sex and monthly calendars.

In reality these things prove to be but a small aspect of the functions of Associated Students. The prime purpose for A.S. existence is to represent the students. It is my belief that the remaining two months will determine whether or not we have accomplished that purpose.

Winky Menser
A.S. President

SUGGESTION BOX

Crossing the Russellville Road in front of Diddle Arena has proven a challenge to Western's collegians. Only the brave or the foolish will attempt such a feat during the busy periods. A possible solution would be the construction of an overhead crosswalk. This has proved successful at other universities.

Nancy Noffsinger
Rodes-Harlin Hall

The "suggestion of the month" will appear in a permanent column in the newsletter. We urge all students to make known their suggestions by placing them in the suggestion box located in the lobby of the student center. All suggestions will be considered and forwarded to the proper authorities.

News Releases
Aid Publicity

Lack of manpower and time are adding to the already difficult task of supplying hometown newspapers with current student accomplishments.

In an attempt to offer assistance to the already overworked public relations department, the A.S. has organized the A.S. News Release Committee.

Co-chairmen Mike Klein and Becky Cooper plan to work with the public relations department to help keep parents and friends informed of their sons' and daughters' accomplishments at Western.

Letters have been sent to all campus clubs and organizations directing them to inform the Associated Students when new officers are elected or any member achieves distinction.

This involved task will be carried out by approximately ten students who will sift the incoming club news. This committee will submit the news to the public relations department who will in turn send it to the hometown paper for publication.

As with so many organizations on the Hill, the student News Release Committee can succeed only with the cooperation of Western's many clubs. An appeal is therefore made to each group to help us remind the people at home that Western is a multi-purposed university.

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Private Finance Only Solution to Problem?

By ELLEN GRAVES

Searching for a solution to the married student housing situation is a major project of the Associated Students this year. Western provides only 28 living units for 1,024 married students according to a study released by the economics department last fall.

During the next ten years the situation is not expected to improve. Mr. Ronald Kramer of the economics department said in a recent interview that the drafting of graduate students will not have a great effect on the study's prediction of an enrollment of over 1,550 married student by 1974. They are expected to continue to comprise ten percent of the student body.

No provisions for married housing have been included in the ten year plan, but this does not indicate that the administration is not concerned. President Kelly Thompson, in a meeting with the Associated Students' committee on married housing, said that he realized that such housing was needed, but that, "Our handicap is simply the lack of funds," Dr. Thompson also pointed out that there is an inavailability of sufficient land for a building site.

President Thompson went on to explain that funds are made available with restrictions on their use. This explains how an athletic complex can be built while some students live in substandard housing. He stated that if legislation to provide funds for married housing was introduced in Congress, he would personally go to Washington to work for its adoption.

Other colleges in this region have been able to construct modern housing for married students. Housing at Morehead, Murray, University of Louisville and Indiana University was investigated in a recent HERALD survey.

At Murray, much of the housing was financed by Federal Housing and Home Administration funds. Indiana University, where one third of the 6,500 married students live on campus, financed their buildings by the sale of mortgage bonds. All four universities have provided living quarters at prices Western's married students could afford, according to the study by the Economics department.

In a visit to the Tennessee Tech campus, Winky Menser, Associated Students' President, discovered that their 120 apartment complex will belong to the school in 30 years. This is the result of an arrangement between the private contractor and the administration.

According to Bill Straeff, chairman of the Associated Students' committee on housing, a privately financed complex is the only possible solution for Western at this time. Mr. Kramer said last week, "Even with the new draft law the market for married housing would justify the construction of between 99 and 124 apartments. The question is whether a private investor could make a larger profit if he invested his money somewhere else."

At Tennessee Tech, the Director of Housing said that non-occupancy was feared at the time their apartment complex was built, but that there is now a waiting list.

About 500 Western students are on the waiting list for housing at Vets Village. The survey made shows that the majority of married students would consider moving into a modern complex, even if the rent would be higher.

The Associated Students' committee believes a privately financed complex is the solution. The next step will be to approach contractors with the market study made by the economics department.

Regent Bill

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The Board of Trustees at the University selected a site outside the city for the building of the new football stadium. Preliminary studies were authorized without consulting the students. When a campus referendum sponsored by the student government at that institution was conducted, it was found that over 90 percent of the students opposed a stadium so far from the campus, and the trustees reversed their previous decision.

The enactment of this proposal would be a sound and much needed legislative action.

A.S. Opposes Enrollment Limit Bill

A resolution opposing House Bill 110, which would limit the enrollment of out-of-state students admitted to state institutions, has been unanimously passed by the Associated Students.

This resolution is in support of the recent Kentucky Student Association proposal that the proposed bill is unfair to in-state students as well as out-of-state students. The Associated Students and KSA oppose the original bill on several points.

House Bill 110, presently before the Kentucky General Assembly, would limit the enrollment of out-of-state students to 15 percent of the total enrollment of the state-supported colleges. The parochialism engendered by such a limitation would adversely affect the quality of higher education in Kentucky. In an age of rapid transportation and instant communication, it is imperative that the future leaders of Kentucky have ample opportunity to exchange ideas with students from outside Kentucky.

Collegiate Issues Committee Formed

In an attempt to promote intellectual stimulation within and between the faculty and student body, the Associated Students has established the Collegiate Issues Committee.

Chairman John Adams, a sophomore from Fern Creek, Ky., explained that the purpose of the newly-formed committee is to provide an opportunity for students and faculty to actively discuss controversial topics.

Wednesday night, March 6, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Paul L. Garrett Student Center, the first topic of the series will be presented.

The subject, "Are our Present Draft Laws Fair?" will be discussed by Dr. Jim Wayne Miller of the foreign language department. Dr. Thomas Madron
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of the government department, Dr. William Koon of the English department and
Dr. William Jenkins, Dean of the College of Commerce.
Other tentative topics for discussion this semester include "Legalized Abortion" and "U.S. Involvement in Vietnam."
Members of the Collegiate Issues Committee are Lyn Davis, a sophomore from Dahlgren, Va., Mike Calderaro, a sophomore from Mt. Holly, N.J. and Pat Garrison, a junior from Louisville.

Facts and Figures

---Associated Students was organized in the spring of 1968.
---Congress is made up of 29 students.
---Associated Students is a member of KSA (Kentucky Student Association).
---Associated Students is a member of SUSGA (Southern Universities Student Government Association).
---Associated Students have sponsored 21 dances as of March 1, 1968.
---All officers of Associated Students serve for one full school year.
---Associated Students, with cooperation from the Administration, has sponsored four concerts and has booked Dick Clark's Caravan of Stars, featuring Paul Revere and the Raiders, May 9, 1968.
---All officers of Associated Students must be carrying at least 12 hours of undergraduate work.
---Dean Keown, Dean of Student Affairs, is the Associated Students' advisor.
---The four elected officers of A.S. are granted President's scholarships. The President and Vice-President receive $120 per semester, and the Secretary and Treasurer receive $50 per semester.

Budget Excludes Student Head Fee
This year's A.S. budget of $3,600 was confirmed by President Thompson in the spring of last year. The amount is twice that appropriated A.S. the previous year. Prior to the confirmation of the present budget, a committee composed of President Jim Haynes, President-elect Winky Menser, and Vice-President-elect Ron Beck, met with President Thompson and Dean Keown to discuss the financing of A.S. This committee proposed that each student be assessed a minimum fee at registration to support student government. The committee felt that the activities of A.S. should be financed directly by the students since it is they who are being represented by the organization.

It was disclosed that if this plan were instituted, students could possibly be admitted to various campus functions free of charge. Also with the increased finances, a higher quality of activities and entertainment could be provided.

It was, however, the feeling of the Administration that all registration fees should be kept to a minimum. Therefore, A.S. finances are procured through the university, rather than through a student head fee.

A.S. feels this year's expanded functions and activities have produced a need for increased finances for the coming year.

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A drawing at which certain weekends and other prime dates will be distributed. Those organizations who fail to obtain a date for their activity will be given first consideration at the beginning of the following semester. The complete program will be administered and regulated by the Associated Students.

All big name entertainment will remain under the sponsorship of A.S. Because of the nature of these events, the large amount of cash needed for the guarantee and complex physical details connected with producing a major concert, a great risk is involved in the overall sponsorship of such an activity.

Student Discount
A.S. is currently investigating the possibilities of establishing a student discount service at Western.

The student discount service is an arrangement whereby various merchants in the city agree to give discounts ranging from 5% - 50% to students who subscribe. The items in the service would include everything from bowling, gas and clothing to food, drugs, haircuts and jewelry. At Georgia Tech, one of the first colleges to set up such a program, the service involves some 50 merchants and nearly half of the student body. Subscriptions cost $1.00 for the school year and are available at registration.

If present plans are formalized next year, subscription fees will be used to finance A.S. operations.

Congress Checklist

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Winky Menser, Ron Beck, Larry Heishman, Claudia Fowler, Bill Straeffer, Mike McDaniel, Tom Evans.

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Many students desire a basic understanding of the mechanics of Associated Students, but few will sacrifice the effort and energy required to wade through a lengthy constitution. In the following lines an attempt has been made to reduce the A.S. constitution to its essentials.

Associated Students is a complete, complex governmental system consisting of three branches—Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.

The Executive Branch consists of an Executive Council composed of seven members, four of which are elected by the Student Body and three elected by and from Congress. The four elected officers are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Legislative Branch, known as Congress, is composed of some 30 members. Congress consists of:

- Senior Council—president, vice president and one representative at large
- Junior Council—president, vice president and one representative at large
- Sophomore Council—president, vice president and one representative at large
- Freshman Council—president, vice president and one representative at large
- Departmental Clubs—one representative
- General Clubs—one representative
- Interfraternity Council—two representatives
- Panhellenic Council—two representatives
- Residence halls (women)—two representatives
- Residence halls (men)—two representatives

At-large representatives—two representatives

The third branch, the Judicial Branch, is theoretically our Supreme Court. It is composed of seven members appointed by the executive committee and ratified by Congress. The members of this committee are very carefully selected for they shoulder much responsibility. The Judicial Council shall:

- a. appeal and adjudicate all election disputes arising under this constitution.
- b. hear student traffic violation cases that are referred by the Dean of Students or requested by the student.
- c. hear cases concerning student conduct referred to the Council by the Dean of Students.
- d. hear all cases involving offenses by student organizations that are referred to the Council by the Dean of Students, Congress or the Executive Council.
- e. declare an organization guilty or not guilty of specified offenses.

The Rules and Elections Committee shall:

- a. propose and execute all election laws directly affecting the Associated Students.
- b. decide all disputes arising from elections under this constitution subject only to appeal to the Judicial Council.
- c. compose a guide to the executive committee.
- d. hear all cases involving offenses by student organizations that are referred to the Council by the Executive Council.
- e. declare an organization guilty or not guilty of specified offenses.

These are only five of the 12 areas of responsibility over which the Judicial Council has jurisdiction. For further details read Article IV, Section 4 of the A.S. Constitution.

A.S. consists of three very important Constitutional committees. These are the Rules and Elections Committee, the Finance Committee and the Student Activities Committee. Committee membership is again appointed by the executive committee and ratified by Congress.

The Rules and Elections Committee shall:

- a. provide an annual budget to the Executive Council for study and preliminary approval before submission to Congress for final approval.
- b. assist the treasurer in financial affairs of A.S.
- c. maintain a bulletin board in the Student Center which shall be for the listing and advertising of meetings, events and activities of the A.S.
- d. co-ordinate the activities of the several student organizations on campus.

Realizing a need for additional committees, the Executive Committee appointed three new committees in September. They are the Publicity Committee, composed of 12 members who supervise advertisement for all A.S. activities, the Newsletter Committee, composed of six members whose responsibilities center around the publication of this newsletter and all other A.S. publications, and the Student Center Program Committee, which regulates A.S. activities within the Student Center.

A.S. is the vehicle by which the students are represented in all phases of campus life, including not only representatives in Congress but also on faculty committees such as the Academic Council, Traffic Board and Class Attendance Committee.
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