Students Elect Pruitt SGA President

Pro-Rated Activity Fees
Object Of Much Controversy

Gene Waters, President of the SGA, and Dennis Pruitt, President elect of the SGA, attended the Student Advisory Council to the Board of Regents on April 14. Waters first brought up the story in the Savannah Morning News reporting that the Board of Regents has approved a bill by Senator Eddie Holt to give Armstrong students the option of paying the whole student activity fee or charging no fees. This would increase the total athletic fee for Armstrong to $20. Chancellor Simpson assured Waters that the report was in error. The report was for Albany State.

Waters then made the following proposal to the Board of Regents: Each institution of the University System of Georgia be given the option of pro-rating student activity fees according to the number of quarter hours taken for those students considered part-time (less than twelve quarter hours).

This proposal did not ask for a requirement that each institution pro-rate its student activity fees. It asked that institutions be given the option of pro-rating student activity fees so that each institution may assess these fees according to their needs.

The proposal to pro rate student activity fees failed by a vote of 6 to 9 with 5 abstaining.

ATCA Eyes Possible Speakers, Rep. Hill Emphasizes Action

Savannah Mayor John Rousakis and W. W. Law, president of the Savannah NAACP, are being eyed as possible speakers by Awareness Through Community Action (ATCA). Armstrong's social action group which last week presented State Rep. Bobby L. Hill as its first speaker.

Speaking in Jenkins Auditorium, Hill emphasized the role that today's college students can and should play in electing government officials, controlling national policy, and proposing legislation on the national, state, and local level. He said that students are very unaware of present problems facing the underprivileged Americans and must become active and vote to insure complete representation of their ideas. In a question and answer period which followed the speech, Hill stated that voters of all ages should question candidates on issues more extensively during campaigns. In this way, the candidate, when elected, will know what measures to concentrate on in his office, so as to better represent the interests of the voters.
New National Park

On January 8, 1971, President Nixon signed a bill authorizing creation of Voyageurs National Park on the Minnesota-Canadian border, which will preserve one of the country’s most beautiful recreation areas.

The Act states the Secretary of the Interior may establish the park, which is part of the National Park System, when enough lands and waters have been acquired or otherwise made available as is possible. The new park, roughly forty miles long and from three to fifteen miles wide, will contain about 139,000 acres of Minnesota’s north woods country and 80,000 acres of lakes and streams.

As present the Federal Government owns almost 38,000 acres in the area; the State of Minnesota more than 28,000. Some 79,000 acres are privately owned, mainly by lumber and pulpwood companies, and 6,000 acres are owned by two Minnesota counties. The state lands, according to the law, must be donated to the Federal Government. Private general land purchase program may begin.

The Act authorizes appropriation of up to $30 million for the land purchases. President Nixon has requested a $600,000 appropriation for land acquisition in the fiscal 1972 budget pending Minnesota’s transfer of acreage to the Federal Government. Private lands will be purchased outright, or traded for other federal-owned lands outside the park.

The Act authorizes the Interior Department’s National Park Service to spend up to $10 million for construction of visitor facilities in the park. More than 1/3 million people are expected to visit the park annually by 1977.

The park’s title refers to the French-Canadian voyageurs who years ago paddled trade goods back and forth through the region between Montreal and Lake Athabasca in Northwest Canada. Its northern border is the international border water forth in the treaty between the United States and Canada as the customary waterway of the voyageurs.

Some of the earth’s oldest rocks and mountains are located within the park’s glacier-scraped boundaries. The area is dotted with bogs, the habitat of many wild animals and breeding ground for aquatic life and waterfowl, and scenic lakes holding a variety of sport fish as well as the rare and endangered sturgeon.

Whitetailed deer and black bear are common in the park which shelters some of the country’s last disappearing timber wolf.

Waterways will be the primary means of travel in the park. Major lakes include Crane Lake, the voyageurs’ highway on the Canadian border, Kabetogama Lake, and Namakan Lake. The park borders Crane Lake on the southeast and the Crane Lake Recreation Area in Superior National Forest. The Crane Lake Recreation Area will be included within Voyageurs National Park’s boundaries.

Birds Die
In Spill

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Treatment center personnel said their chief task of making the victims feel at home. Birds kept in the Richmond center were swabbed in an indoor pool around a pool. A recording of surf sounds was played over background speakers twenty-four hours a day.

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In a city north of the border, snow lies clean a month after the run frequently snow on schedule, commuters scurry to work in spotless subways. The absence of only an occasional cigarette butt at the bus stop. There are parks in the heart of the city and the flag that flies over it all has a leaf on it.

Whatever that leaf may say for Canadians’ respect for their earth, their cities of Montreal is a civilized pleasure on a continent where cities seem to be growing increasingly dirty, littered, unhealthy and dangerous.

Other else Canadians think of their own. Montreal has a beautiful and silent subway that whirs along on giant rubber tires. America Beautiful would drool with envy at the absence of the smell of every car and station, underground shopping malls, sidewalks and streets. There may be armies of invisible janitors who make off with the junk before it can be perceived by the passing traveller. Unlikely.

Whatever the invisible poison content of Montreal’s air (the threat of which should be in no way minimized), snow in the heart of town is spotless. No dust is wafted from face after afternoon stroll and shirts bear no tell-tale rings at neck and cuffs after days of sightseeing.

Whatever highways Canada may be building for the superpolluter, trains run on schedule over rails so smooth you can write home about it. There are trains to most parts of inhabited Canada. The glass and steel shelters that stand by bus stops seem to be saying, “We cannot stop the cold and damp but we will try to make it less unpleasant while you wait.”

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Perhaps these shelters touch the principal difference between the old city on the bank of the St. Lawrence and the newer by on the Rivers Voltaic, Hudson, Charles, Chicago, Detroit, etc. Our cities sometimes seem to say, “We dare you to live here.

Canada Shows Clean Cities

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The proposed trail route winds through both public and private lands. Morton said the Interior will give every opportunity to comment to all landowners and land users and local, State, and Federal government agencies who may be directly affected by the trail location.

The trail route has been selected with thorough consideration for minimizing any adverse effect on adjacent property or land users and their operations,” Morton said, “but we also need their opinions before making a decision.

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We’re going to make it hard for you.” No wonder the less brave flee to the suburbs. Montréal, however, seems to be saying, “Life is hard enough. We’ll try to make things easier.”

A visit of a week is not time enough to judge a city’s success in caring for its citizens in all the ways they need. But it is long enough to sense the spirit of an official attitude that the city shall be for the people, not in spite of them.

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New Advisement Policy Told

A new policy for academic advisement of students at the freshman and sophomore levels was adopted at the last faculty meeting and will go into effect in the fall quarter of this year. In the past, advisement for students in these lower levels was practically non-existent, and such a "non-policy" resulted in many difficulties for students upon attainment of junior or senior status when it became evident to many that the planning of their curricula had been faulty, if not capricious, in some way. Dean Proctor has stated that the new policy is built on the philosophy that academic advisement should be available to all students but that such advisement should not be compulsory. If a student is absolutely sure of where he is going, he need only consult the college catalog to find out how to get there. But for those who are not yet certain of their major or who may be having difficulty following the curriculum outlined in the catalog, faculty advisors from each department will be available for consultation.

ASC Sends Delegates To SUSGA

Armstrong sent 13 student delegates to the Southern Universities Student Government Association's (SUSGA) 18th convention in Atlanta on April 15-18th. Six hundred delegates from 13 states attended. The convention headquarters was the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel where most of the work was done in discussion groups on such topics as operational financing, entertainment, communication and sex education. SUSGA Vice-President Frances Wimbish attended with a trip to Atlanta. The closing banquet was at the Georgia Aquarium. There were a number of speakers including Dean Tate, Dean of Men at Georgia Tech and civil rights leader Rev. Andrew Young.

Mr. Joe Bank, Director of Student Activities was reelected as a general advisor to SUSGA.

The $30 convention fee and hotel fee for the Armstrong delegates was paid for by Student Activity funds.

ASC Grad New Miss Savannah

Mary Catherine Callum, a December graduate of ASC, is the new Miss Savannah. At present the 23 year old elementary education major is teaching at Barnard Street Elementary School.

Cathy, who majored in art at the University of Georgia displayed three of her own original paintings. The theme of the paintings was the moods of woman. While at ASC she was a member of SEA and Sigma Gamma Rho. The first runner-up position was won by Linda Hodges. Linda is a 17 year old senior at Windsor Forest High School. In addition to being named Miss Congeniality she also placed first in the swimsuit competition and in talent.
The Pirates of Armstrong State College were defeated April 12, 11-4, by the Belmont Abbey Crusaders. The Crusaders took advantage of poor pitching, opportunite base-running, and errors to defeat the Pirates on the ASC diamond. Ronnie Hulsey started for the Pirates and took the loss with Jim Hart relieving. A five run explosion in the second broke a 1-1 tie and put the game on ice for the Crusaders. Although Armstrong got nine hits, they couldn't come through with the big clutch hit when they needed it. Hulsey led the Pirates hitting with 2 hits.

The Pirates were again defeated by the Crusaders the next day by a score of 7-0. Six errors by ASC and some clutch hitting by the Crusaders proved to be Armstrong's downfall. The Bucs couldn't get their offense rolling as they collected only 3 hits off the Crusader pitching. Dennis Pruitt went the distance and absorbed the loss. Steve McNeil proved to be the only bright point of the Pirates pitching as he was able to set a new school record for stolen bases in a season.

The Pirates were scheduled to play the Albany State College Rams on April 17, but the game was forfeited to the Pirates due to transportation problems. The Ram coach called coach Tom Kinder early Saturday and said the college bus had broken down and that they were unable to arrange for another bus. The Pirates' record now stands at 1-10.

Head basketball coach Bill Alexander added one more "blue chip" basketball player to a rapidly growing ASC powerhouse last Thursday with the signing of Johnson's Ike Williams, Savannah's leading high school scorer last year. Williams, a 6-3 forward-guard, is the fifth athlete to sign an Armstrong grant-in-aid this year. He joined a highly impressive list of signers which includes All-American Sam Berry (6-4), Curtis Warner (6-5), Cliff Cox (6-7), and Ernie Lorenz (6-10). This collection of Coach Alexander's bid to put Armstrong on the national basketball scene.

At the signing which took place in Armstrong's faculty lounge, Alexander commented that because of his exceptional ball handling and shooting ability, Ike would fit nicely into future Pirate plans as a guard and add great depth to the team.

Williams played two varsity seasons with the Johnson High Atom Smashers where he averaged 25 points and 14 rebounds in his senior year. His game point average was tops in Region 3-A and among the top ten in the state. His individual honors include Johnson's Most Valuable Player award, selection to the All-Region Tournament Team, as well as numerous All-City team births.

The 6-3 region scoring leader, obviously delighted at his choice of schools, said that he felt like he had made a good decision, calling Armstrong "a great place to get an education and play basketball." Williams stressed time and again that Armstrong had a good basketball building program underway - a program that he wanted to be part of.

With the signing of Williams, Alexander stated that he had signed five of his top six basketball prospects. There may yet be more to come.

COMING TO THE ARMSTRONG STATE "500"
May 9, 1971

The Armstrong State College Intramural Men's Bowling Team has been invited to participate in the annual Georgia Institute of Technology Invitational Bowling Tournament in Atlanta on May 1st and 2nd. This tournament will be the first to be played at the new Georgia Tech Student Center bowling lanes that have the new computerized scoring system.

The tournament will be singles and doubles on Saturday, May 22, 1971, also at the Armstrong gymnasium. Anyone wishing to enter either of these tournaments, please contact Tom Carlisle, Savannah Recreation Department (352-3814), or George Bedwell, Armstrong State College (354-9175, Ext. 225).

This is the first open tournament of this type and a large turnout is expected. The entrance fee is one dollar.

The table tennis tournament will be singles and doubles on Saturday, May 22, 1971, also at the Armstrong gymnasium.

Women's Softball Schedule

SUNDAY, April 35, 1971
2:00 Phi Mu vs. "Hot Pants" Den. Hy. vs. Alpha Gamma
3:00 "Hot Pants" vs Sigma Phi Mu vs. Alpha Gamma

"Hot Pants" are the favorites. In singles a strong field with the above mentioned program plus Chuck Sellers are the favorites.