

Congress elections are October 8

Elections for Student Congress dorm representatives will be held on the night of Wednesday, October 8, Congress Vice-President John Magee announced Monday.

The new Student Congress Constitution requires that candidates for representative must complete a petition with the signatures of 25 percent of the residents of the dorm

in which he or she is a candidate.

Persons desiring to become candidates should see Magee as soon as possible. They may also obtain a petition by sending a note to Box 698, Campus Mail. Deadline for completing the petitions and returning them to Magee is 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Hours for voting in the various residence units will be established by the Congress Elections Committee and posted in the residences prior to the election.

In a joint statement to the Cento, President Ed Hatchett and Magee urged all interested students to become involved in campus

government through election to the Congress.

Hatchett and Magee, each glowing from his recent triumphs on the vaudeville stage, encouraged the student body to choose wisely from among the available candidates and thus join them in a great adventure in student democracy as they move forward into the new frontier. +

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WITH STRINGS

Draft is back in operation again

With the passage by the Senate last week of the draft extension bill, the Selective Service System is once again authorized to induct men into the armed forces — but with a few strings.

First, the draft will last only until July 1, 1973. President Nixon hopes to have replaced draft calls with sufficient numbers of volunteers by then, and the induction machinery will be put on ice for use in case of national emergency. After that date, therefore, 18-year olds will still have

to register with the Selective Service.

Second, male college students no longer receive automatic deferments while in school. Congress, bowing to pressure from college students and others for a more the president to end the un- the President to end the undergraduate deferments, a step he has already promised to take.

Starting this past summer new
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Sweat Band helps heal social ills

The Hangout became Neatsville last Saturday night. In a production sponsored and arranged by RSB Productions, the bubble gum and ice-cream atmosphere of the Hangout was traded for that of a real live coffee house.

The Sweat Band itself headed a cast of musicians producing music ranging in style from country to popular rock. Somewhere in between fell rock 'n' roll spoofs, folk music, and a host of other styles.

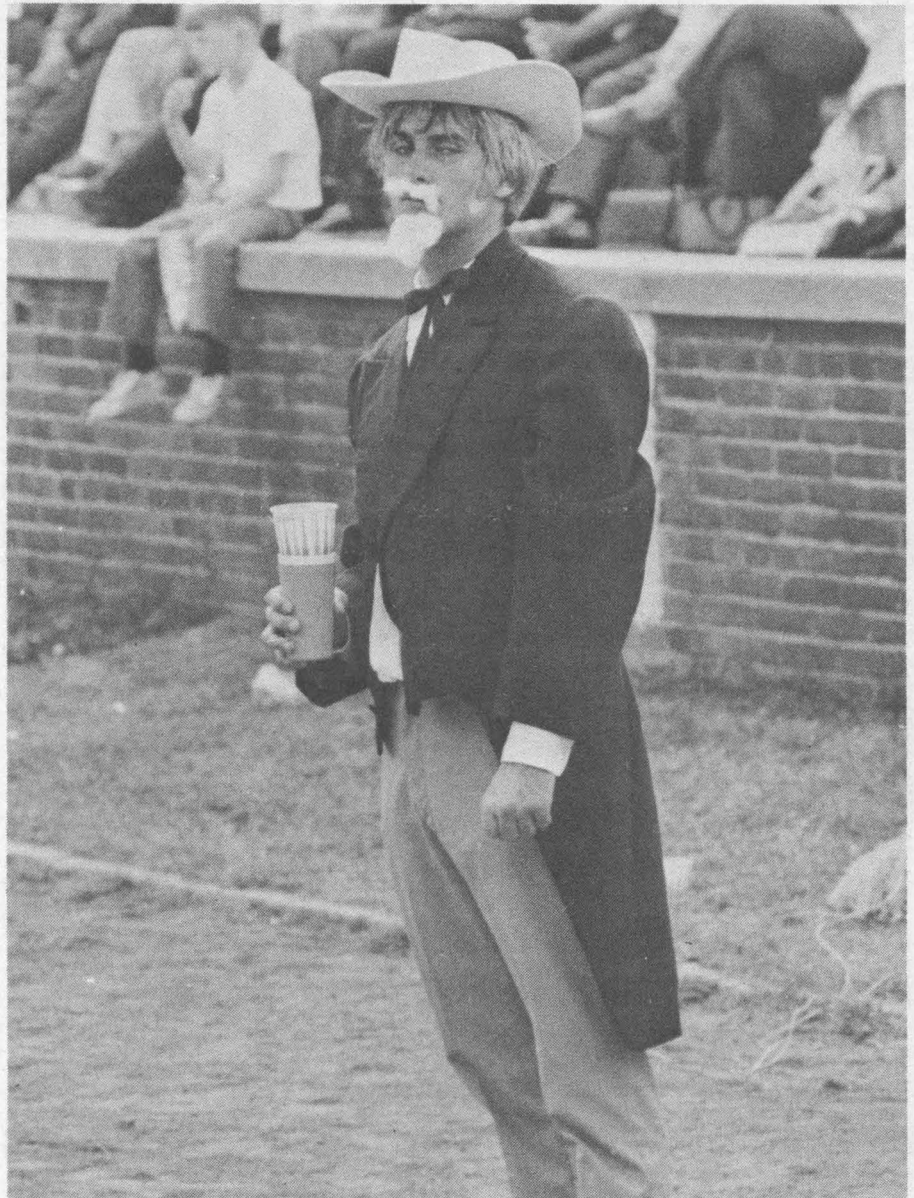
This variety, topped off by John Magee's commentary and side trips

to Connoisseur's Corner, combined to produce what one student described as "a good start toward healing Centre's social ills."

RSB productions not only were able to utilize the performing talent of the Centre campus, but also to effectively utilize talent in the areas of lighting, stage arrangement and production techniques.

Cheerful Chuck's Mystic Light Show was there, not only handling lighting effects, but also the

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Posing thoughtfully

HUBERT KERR HAZELIP III, of Mobile, Alabama, thoughtfully poses in his native dress (and incidentally that of the Centre Colonel) at the scene of Southwestern's victory Saturday afternoon. +

Commission on Black Experience reports

by Ollie Lee Taylor

The Commission on the Black Experience has completed its report and offers recommendations for the improvement of the overall experience of the black student on the Centre campus. The commission met regularly last spring and carried out the following activities: interviews with all new black students on campus, interviews with former black students of Centre; interviews with Director of Admissions to learn about student

recruitment policies and procedures; letters to all black students who had been accepted for the 1971-72 academic year; and review and analysis of subcommittee reports and of the findings of interviews and other investigations.

Members of the Commission were: Helen Carey, Robert L. Elliot, Kelly H. Fowler, Charles T. Hazelrigg, serving as Chairman, Gwendolyn Hoyton, Herbert W. McGuire, James Lee Mason, serving

as Vice-chairman, Eric Mount, Jr., William C. Sagar, Stanley L. Samuels, Harry E. Sykes and Lee T. White serving as the executive secretary.

The findings of the commission were that black students have been attracted to Centre by what they consider "a strong academic program and by generous financial aid." Other attractions were the opportunity to participate in in-

teachings of black students already on campus.

Five of the twelve blacks on the Centre campus last spring said that they anticipated no problems before they came. The other seven did expect to encounter some discrimination. One black student asserted that he expected to find an atmosphere at Centre like that of his high school: "98 percent white, wealthy, and affluent."

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students (not enrolled in the 1970-71 academic year) will not be deferred,

although if they have started classes they may postpone induction until the present term ends. All other students are eligible for induction after four years in college or when they reach 24 years of age,

whichever comes first.

Third, lottery numbers will apply to all men with the same birthdate, regardless of the location of their draft boards. Requested by the President, this new rule will end charges that certain draft boards were "safer" than others. Thus all men with the same lottery number will be inductable at the same time.

Another provision provides incentives for more men to volunteer. Originally requested by the President last year, the \$2.4 billion pay hike (1.8 billion for first term enlisted men and junior officers) will go into effect October 1, unless the Cost of Living Council, which oversees the current wage-price freeze, rules otherwise.

For a recruit or seaman recruit, class E-1, average annual pay will be \$4,872, as compared with \$3,165 at present (65 percent increase). At the top of the scale, a colonel or Navy captain, class O-6, will get \$26,389 as against \$24,850 now (6 percent increase).

Conscientious objectors will be given two-year assignments to civilian service. The Senate-House Conference Committee emphasized that this work will "parallel in his experiences, to a reasonable extent, the experiences of the young man who is inducted in his stead."

The Senate passed the compromise bill by a vote of 55-30 on Sept. 21. The House vote on Aug. 4 was 297-108. +

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Sept. 22 Berea	H
Sept. 25 Southwestern	H 11:00
Sept. 27 Asbury	H 4:00
Oct. 2 Washington & Lee	A
Oct. 6 Somerset	H 4:00
Oct. 9 Hanover Invi.	A 2:00
Oct. 16 U. of South	H 11:00
Oct. 19 Southern States Invitational	A 3:30
Oct. 23 To be scheduled	
Oct. 27 U. of Louisville	A
Oct. 29 Centre Athletic Conference Meet	H 4:00

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The report indicates that half of the blacks, in the spring of 1971, encountered "prejudice, lack of understanding, apathy, or patronizing attitudes." In this respect, they most frequently mentioned other students. Several mentioned lack of rapport with members of the administrative staff. There was only one complaint of prejudicial treatment in the classroom.

Racial relations in the city of Danville was cited as a major disappointment by the Commission as well as the athletic program, the Afro-American course, and the fraternity system.

The Commission made recommendations that include the following:

1. The college accelerate its concentrated effort to recruit more black students.
2. The college make an all out effort to engage black faculty and staff members.
3. The college take immediate steps to make the social atmosphere on campus appealing to black students.

The steps cited that would help create an atmosphere appealing to black students include:

1. Insistence that "all campus organizations, including fraternities, disregard race in their programs and activities."
2. Steps "to improve rapport between black students and certain areas of the administration and to heighten the sensitivity of faculty members to the problems of black students."
3. Promotion of a black-white coalition of all students, faculty, and administrative staff members interested in improving the black experience. The steering committee or executive council of this coalition would sit as a permanent committee from which blacks could at any time seek assistance.

The entire report is available in the Office of the President of the college and all students are urged to pick up their copy for study. +

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