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JUDGE CALVERT SPEAKS—Judge John Calvert, Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, made the principal address Wednesday night at the Pre-Law Society.

Shown above are Ronnie Ogden, president of the Pre-Law Group, Dr. George C. Hester, advisor; Judge Calvert and John Roark, vice-president.

Reorganization Said Started At Local MSM Headquarters

A highly placed MSM campus source told the MEGAPHONE that a general reorganization is underway locally. The change is reported to include consolidation with the MSM moving their activities from the various churches to First Methodist only.

While the group continues to affiliate with the campus under the

involved and the University."

Dr. Williams further noted "The Central Texas Conference has not yet taken final action but will recommend a financial appropriation which will aid the local budget. The new appropriation will probably not be in the amount that the SU MSM has received in the past. Also the Board of Directors and the

Judge Calvert Makes Address

By BILL KESLER

Judge John Calvert, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, was principal speaker at the Pre-Law Society Wednesday night.

Judge Calvert spoke informally on the Judiciary system in Texas. In contest he traced the system from the Corporate or Municipal and Justice Courts through the

Contract Incl Painting L. k

Construction on the E. L. Kurth dormitory is expected immediately on the Southwestern campus following the award of contracts by the committee of the Board of Trustees.

The new dorm, which will house 92 women students, is scheduled for completion in September.

In addition to the dormitory, the contract also calls for the construction of a new building for Laura Kuykendall Hall, which will be built with the Austin stone and the construction of a lounge room on the West side of the commons.

"The construction of the dormitory will complete the women's campus at the university, according to William C. Finch, president of the Board of Trustees.

The waiting room on the side of the commons will be a lounge for men students waiting for meals.

Contracts for general construction to go to Bigler and Bigler, Inc. for heating and ventilation, Stradtman Air Conditioning Co. for electrical construction, and the Electric Company for plumbing to C. C. Page, Sr. of Austin. Page, Sr. and Page of Austin are architects. The dormitory will be a two-story structure which will be adjacent to the east wing of the Kurth dormitory, and the structure will be connected by a recreation area.

Funds for the new building have been received from Calder Inc. of New York, Rockwell Inc. of Houston, West Foundation of Houston, Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Church,

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Incher, Mary Robinette and Mary Meyers. A student body election will be the 1961 Miss SU.

Finch Tells Senate About Sit-In Policy

Addressing the Student Senate in regard to its approval of the sit-in measures sponsored by the National Student Association, Dr. William C. Finch, president of Southwestern, told the senators that such action was in line with a policy adopted at the General Conference of the Methodist Church which was held last Summer.

The outgoing president of Southwestern, who will become Dean of the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University on Sept. 1, outlined his view on the sit-ins to the assembled senators. He told them that the students who participated in such sit-in movements that were conducted within the limits of the law would not be redressed by the University because the General Conference had approved such measures.

Dr. Finch made it clear that he would prefer students to not participate in such movements as a representative of the Senate or Southwestern University but as individuals.

"However, if students are involved in movements where laws are broken, this would pose a different matter. The administration would be in a difficult position to support its students in their effort if existing laws had been broken. I certainly hope that no situations will arise where associations will

have to be made." Stepping from the sit-in situation, Dr. Finch moved to questions from assembled senators and visitors concerning the University's position on integration. He told the students that legally and by charter there is no regulation limiting admission to SU because of race, color or creed.

He added, however, "Southwestern has been moving to a more liberal position towards the integration question for the past ten years. Such evidence can be seen in relation in present policies."

Then he added, "At the present, Southwestern University is not really prepared to integrate and I would personally oppose the move until we can fully accept integration with no reservations attached. When we accept Negro students, I want to accept them not only as students but as members of this college community. At present, everyone realizes that this would be impossible."

Asked what would happen if a Negro student, who filled all necessary qualifications, made application for admittance, Dr. Finch told the group that the Board of Trustees, as policy makers, would have final judgement on the issue.

In other action, the Senate approved a mandate to the Student Government Commission to write into a newly revised constitution the separation of the chairmen of Bishops Memorial Union Program committee and the Honor Council from the executive structure of the Student Senate.

This move had long been anticipated and the move to send the measure to the Government Commission was the first step in a complicated measure to bring about the change.

The real fight for passage will come when the Commission returns the constitution to the floor for passage. The biggest single issue is whether the chairmen of these separated bodies will have a vote in the Senate.

The Senate also voted to send Fred Kandeler, Jim Brown and David Watts to the Texas-Intercollegiate Students Association State Convention in Abilene beginning Thursday.

Miss SU Election March 8th

coming Dance on April 22, which is to be held in honor of the new Miss Southwestern. Between now and April 22, all six of the nominees are to be honored. It is felt that this composite of six nominees presents a truer picture of Miss Southwestern than just one. Each of the six nominees is to be honored at various social events in the near future.

SUB Board Okays Separate Offices Plan of S. Senate

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Plans Finished For Fish - SUB Dinner - Dance

by JACK WHITE
The Freshman Class - SUB sponsored All - School Dance is set for Saturday night, March 4, in main lounge of Bishops Memorial Union. A special feature of the dance will be the contest for "Ugly Man of Campus" and the announcement of the winner. All recognized organizations on the Southwestern campus are urged to enter candidates.

Preceding the dance from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. will be a buffet supper. No dinner will be served in the University commons that night.

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by MARK LETT

There has been an active concern among many students at Southwestern this year to do something toward bringing a Negro student to this university. Of course, the Southwestern bi-laws says that any qualified student will be accepted, but there is an un-written law saying that any Negro who is backed actively by a group will be denied admittance. Certainly, one can see the reasons for the un-written law.

Because of this, I suggest we turn our efforts in another direction. For instance let's look at the plight of the Negro in Georgetown in general. First the columnist is ready to admit that Georgetown's Negro situation is really no different from any other conservative nineteenth century small town. The Negro's main problem in Georgetown is poor education and an exceedingly low economy. What can a university community do to relieve these dilemmas?

Southwestern has a peculiar influence on the Negro in Georgetown because of its employment of a large number of Negro laborers. For instance, our dining hall help is made up of Negroes with the exception of four serving ladies and two high school boys. These men are not transit laborers passing through community but men who have families here in Georgetown. Their salaries range from \$90 a month to \$150 a month. Besides these wages, they receive two meals a day, uniforms, half their insurance premiums, a weeks vacation during the summer which is paid, plus being able to take home food packages at times. Compared to salaries paid Negro cooks in Georgetown's cafes, our men make a little less "cash" but the fringe benefits boost the amount to slightly above that which is paid to the average Negro in Georgetown.

Now the question arises as to just what is our obligation to these Negro workers on the campus? No one seems to disagree that the Negroes are underpaid in Georgetown or this part of the South for the matter, but no one seems to be willing to do anything to help the situation. The argument of the administration is "we pay the going wage for Georgetown and the people are willing to work for it."

However, this columnist wonders if anyone ever thought that as a "Christian University" we should take the lead in this community to bring about an end to a problem which is certainly a real one. Of course, I would no more say the university is exploiting its Negro help than the university spokesman would say that these people are happy with their \$22.50 per week and fringe benefits.

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