S.M.A.C. circulates Cooper petitions

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S.M.A.C. wants your signature.

Students Mad About Cooper, a group founded by Student Congress to reduce the speed limit on Cooper and Mitchell streets to 20 m.p.h. during peak pedestrian traffic, is seeking signatures from students to take before Arlington City Council.

"We're trying to get students to support and attend with us the City Council meeting in about three weeks," SC Community Affairs Committee member Pam Jackson said. "We'd like as many people as possible to attend."

The group plans to organize a presentation, including petitions and speeches from students, for the City Council.

"I talked with President (Wendell) Nedderman about S.M.A.C. and he said 'Go for it,' "SC President Mamie Bush told the congress Tuesday night. "If we do anything, we'll have to do it now or never."

The resolution had died a premature death in Arlington City Council two weeks ago. Community Affairs Committee member Steve Brewer had asked Councilwoman Dottie Lynn to poll other council members before the Jan. 15 SC meeting that resulted in the resolution's passage. But he asked her not to take a formal vote.

Although a formal vote wasn't taken, council members decided the resolution wasn't necessary since the lower speed limit would cause traffic congestion and only one student was killed in 12 years.

That one death, Glenn Charles Devalcourt Nov. 6, is what spurred the resolution.

Lynn said it wouldn't be appropriate (see Congress, p. 3)

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for her to bring the issue in front of a formal meeting since council members already voted the resolution down.

S.M.A.C.'s purpose is to present the issue in front of the City Council, with student support.

S.M.A.C. T-shirts may be ordered on request from both organizations and individuals at a cost of \$4. Greek organization's booths in the UC will also have petitions available.

SC members also elected Cathey Bloom, liberal arts, as parliamentarian and Pam Jackson, liberal arts, as treasurer at Tuesday's meeting.

Former Parliamentarian Paul Wyatt, who resigned so he could concentrate on school, was awarded a plaque for his past service.