



NOT A LONGHAIR PIANIST . . . scheduled for Town Hall Friday.

Top Jazz Pianist Town Hall Guest

Peter Nero wears his hair in a style longer than a crew cut but he's no "longhair" pianist. No doubt about it, the critics say, the 30-year old Nero is one of the hottest pianists in the country, performing at supper clubs and top hotels—the Shoreham in Washington, the Crescendo in Los Angeles, the Americana in New York, the London House in Chicago, the Statler-Hilton in Boston, and the Chase in St. Louis.

Civilian Ducat Sale Ends Wednesday

Students who plan to attend Civilian Student Week activities Saturday must exchange their activity cards for tickets no later than noon Wednesday. The tickets may be obtained through the offices of the various civilian counselors. A fall card may be exchanged for one dance ticket while spring card may be exchanged for barbecue ducats.

Graduate Lecture By Stanford Prof Slated Thursday

Dr. Karl Brandt, professor emeritus of the Food Research Institute, Stanford University, will give a graduate lecture at 4 p.m. Thursday.

"Moral Presuppositions in a Free Society and its Free Enterprise Economy" is the title of his address set for 4 p.m. in the Biological Science Lecture Room. Brandt has also scheduled two other lectures on the A&M campus. He will give a departmental lecture, "The Role of Agriculture in Economic Development" at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center. Another departmental lecture, "This Business of Being Underdeveloped" was slated for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the MSC Social Room.

Prior to becoming director of the Food Research Institute in 1962, Brandt served as professor of economic policy at Stanford for 24 years. He was a member of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisers from 1958 to 1961. Brandt took up residence in the United States as professor of agricultural economics in the graduate faculty of Political and Social Sciences in the New School of Social Research in New York.

The speaker has been adviser and consultant to numerous private and governmental agencies in the United States and abroad. He is the author of several books and articles in professional journals.

House Okays Amendment To Lower Voting Age

19-Year-Olds Would Get Ballot

AUSTIN — Young Texans are mature enough to vote at age 19, the House decided Tuesday.

A 103-34 vote sent to the Senate a proposed constitutional amendment lowering the voting age from 21 to 19, sponsored by Rep. V. E. (Red) Berry of San Antonio.

An expected House battle over poll tax repeal was delayed a week after the sponsor of a constitutional amendment to abolish the voting requirement counted heads and found several supporters absent.

Voting rules and qualifications kept the House busy most of the morning.

First, there was Berry's 19-year-old voting amendment.

"President Johnson endorsed the 18-year-old vote last Saturday at his LBJ Ranch," Berry said, referring to the President's March 20 ranch news conference.

"The 19-year-old of 1965 is just as immature as the 19-year-old was 95 years ago," said Rep. Billy Williamson of Tyler.

"Voting is a responsibility that must not be treated lightly. They are capable of going over and fighting for us and getting shot up," Berry replied.

House members quietly approved proposed constitutional amendments authorizing dissolution of hospital districts HJR48 and allowing conservation and reclamation of district directors to have terms of up to six years, HJR21. Both proposals go to the Senate.

Then Houston Rep. J. E. Johnson's election code revision bill HB114 came up. It was tentatively approved, 95-48, with another vote needed.

The bill's major provision substituted a postage check or "x" system of ballot marking for the present "scratch system," in which the voter strikes out the names of candidates for whom he does not want to vote.

That provision was amended out of the bill.

"I know a lot of people that take great deal of pleasure in scratching certain names," said Rep. Jack Woods of Waco, who offered the amendment to keep the scratch system.

Rural legislators divided over a section of the bill that takes away from persons over 60 living in towns of less than 10,000 population the right to vote without an exemption certificate. An amendment leaving that right untouched was tabled, 88-52.

Johnson said the bill would take small town election judges "off the hook" in having to decide whether an elderly person asking to vote without an exemption certificate is entitled to do so.

Students Against New Parking Law

A new parking ordinance for the North Gate area of College Station is causing increased comment among A&M students and several local religious leaders.

The ordinance, passed and approved by the College Station City Council on Feb. 26, establishes a two-hour limit on parking on FM 60 (Sulphur Springs Road) between Nagle Street and Old Highway 6 and on the first block of all streets intersecting FM 60 from the north between Nagle and Old Highway 6. The limit is in effect from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day except Sunday.

The other streets involved are Stasney, Lodge, Tauber, College Main, and Boyett North.

A&M students have indicated to the Battalion that they are dissatisfied with the new parking rule and cannot understand

SCONA Starts Personnel Drive

A personnel drive for the 11th Student Conference on National Affairs at A&M is scheduled through Friday.

Craig Buck, chairman for SCONA XI, said all students interested in participating in SCONA are urged to apply in the office of the director of the Memorial Student Center.

Students participating in SCONA are required to have a 1.0 overall grade point ratio. They cannot be on scholastic or disciplinary probation, and must have a "genuine interest in SCONA."

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press International

SAIGON, South Viet Nam—Premier Phan Huy Quat and U. S. Deputy Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson issued separate statements Tuesday denouncing the bombing of the U. S. Embassy.

"This Viet Cong terrorism, this savagery, was not an act of war, but an act of murder," the premier said.

"We Vietnamese of Free Viet Nam will not rest in peace until justice is done to the murderers. And justice will be done."

SAVANNAKHET, Laos—Laotian government forces seized Thakhek without firing a shot Tuesday, ending a three-day rebellion by rightist troops.

About 100 paratroopers jumped into the city, 60 miles north of Savannakhet, and occupied the airstrip without resistance. They then proceeded into the city.

LONDON—The British expect the United States to retaliate for the terror bombing of its embassy in Saigon, possibly by a massive air raid on the Communist North Vietnamese capital, Hanoi.

Foreign Office experts sought Tuesday to assess the implications of what seemed to them the biggest and most spectacular Viet Cong operation of the war in South Viet Nam.

WASHINGTON—A full-scale investigation of the Ku Klux Klan was voted unanimously Tuesday by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The action was taken in closed session after federal officials indicated that Klansmen have been

involved in what a committee spokesman called "a number of recent murders and other unconstitutional acts of violence and terrorism."

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Gov. George C. Wallace listened Tuesday to the grievances of Alabama civil rights leaders, raising cautious hopes for easing the state's bitter racial strife.

Wallace received a petition from the group which asked his leadership in opening biracial communications. Neither he nor the civil rights leaders indicated what might result from the meeting which lasted an hour and 20 minutes.

WASHINGTON—President Johnson Tuesday labeled the Saigon embassy bombing a "wanton act of ruthlessness" that will only strengthen American determination to help South Viet Nam.

AUSTIN—Major units headquarters for the new look in Texas National Guard and Army Reserves will be located in Dallas, Wichita Falls, Austin, San Antonio, the state adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Thomas Bishop, said Tuesday.

Bishop said brigades replacing the 49th Armored Division will be located in North and East Texas with headquarters in Dallas.

AUSTIN—The second Texas Capitol bomb threat in less than two weeks emptied the House chamber Tuesday. The "all clear" was given after a 30-minute search produced no bomb.

The telephoned warning came just before 4 p.m., and fire department searchers declared the House chamber safe at slightly after 4:30 p.m.

A&M Due New Look Within Next 2 Years

A&M is due for a face lifting within the next two years.

Plans are in the making for:

1. Expanding the Memorial Student Center and Cushing Memorial Library.

2. Air-conditioning Guion Hall, G. Rollie White Coliseum and Sbisas Dining Hall.

3. Tearing up the railroad tracks near West Gate and reclaiming the area for parking.

4. Building an underpass and half a cloverleaf at the intersection of F.M. 60 and old Highway 6.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan has disclosed that the A&M Board of Directors has approved the financing for expanding the MSC. The three-story expansion will extend from the southwest corner of the present building to the edge of the parking lot behind the Center. The new facilities will include hotel rooms and meeting rooms.

Plans are also being studied for glassing in the sun deck by the Ballroom, Hannigan said. If the idea is architecturally sound, the new area will become an extension of the Fountain Room and will be reached by a spiral staircase situated in the Fountain Room.

Hannigan also said that air-conditioning of G. Rollie White is being studied and that it should start within the next year. He said that funds have been appropriated to air-condition and completely rebuild the inside of Guion Hall.

The biggest undertaking will be the expansion of Cushing. The new building is to be completed in October of 1967, said Dean of Instruction William J. Graff.

When the expansion is completed, it will house the library facilities now in Cushing and the present building will accommodate the "learning center."

The west side of Sbisas is now being air-conditioned and all of the dining facilities should be air-conditioned by the fall.

Another project will involve tearing down the old railroad station and tearing out the tracks nearest West Gate in order to build an underpass pass where F.M. 60 crosses the tracks.

The university will reclaim the land from opposite Kyle Field to the intersection of old Highway 6 and F.M. 60.

MARRIAGE FORUM

Davidson Warns Mixed Marriages Highly Dangerous

Dr. John B. Davidson concluded the 1965 Marriage Forum series Tuesday by cautioning students against the dangers eminent in interfaith marriages.

"It is a cross understatement to say that mixed marriages are not good. . . . There are those that do work out, but couples involved in mixed marriages miss the abundance of life by not sharing a common faith," Davidson warned.

The Baylor University religion professor also discussed these consequences that must be considered when contemplating such a marriage:

1. Each marriage must have a common basis of ideas and purpose, and this is absent in a mixed marriage.

2. Each successful marriage must have the resources of man helped by a common involvement of man and wife, and this is also lacking in an interfaith marriage.

3. Mixed marriages rob the parents of communicating religiously with the children on a level of spiritual life.

4. Parents are robbed of the opportunity to give their children the best spiritual heritage that they profess.

5. Such a marriage disempowers one from following his conscience strictly.

Davidson also offered his solutions to the problem of increasing interfaith marriages and advocated non-marriage if a suitable compromise cannot be effected.

"In marriage is the possession of life's greatest happiness or life's greatest sadness. It is a matter of faith and faith takes the possibility of total loss or total gain. You don't know which it will be and the only sure way is not to get married.

"Each party must think of religious possibilities in terms of what he or she believes and what church comes nearest to his or her beliefs. Each party should also investigate grounds for common belief. If none is found or if there is not enough common ground learned men should be consulted, and both should then partake in the same worship services.

"If it is discovered that the divergencies are so great that there are no grounds for commonality I would advise not getting married. A common religious undergirding is essential," Davidson stressed.

He discussed varying concepts on marriage as held by the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish denominations and also listed these serious fallacies regarding interfaith marriages:

1. Isolated illustrations—"Trying to give examples of couples who made it does not answer your own problem. One study has shown that the divorce rate for mixed marriages is 250 per cent higher than for marriages between persons of the same faith."

2. Silence—"Keeping quiet will not help, either. When silence is maintained, there is no grounds for consideration of differences."

3. Birth control—"The Catholic Church forbids the use of contraceptives while most Protestant churches are much more liberal."

4. The "We'll work it out later" attitude—"This causes spiritual schizophrenia and a child in such an atmosphere won't be able to nourish a religious sensitivity."

5. The "We'll let the child decide" attitude—"This makes the child feel that his parents don't consider religion important. This also puts religion on a competitive basis among the children and creates an unhealthy situation."