

ANOTHER TRAFFIC HAZARD

Graduate student Lt. John Newman inspects one of the barriers erected Wednesday by the construction firm that began preparatory work on the Biological Sciences Building addition. The \$2 million addition will be built at the southeast corner of Coke and Hubbard Streets.

Senate To Discuss Political Club Issue

Resolution To Ask Change In Policy

The Student Senate will consider a resolution Thursday asking the Board of Directors to permit political clubs to operate on campus.

The Senate Executive Committee acted on a proposal by its Issues Committee to bring the topic before the full Senate for action.

The resolution, submitted by Craig Buck, asks that political clubs be allowed to meet on campus, recruit members and solicit funds from members of the student body.

Political clubs are presently banned from the campus by the Board's interpretation of House Bill 86, Article 5, Section 2 of the 58th State Legislature.

The bill states that "none of the money appropriated by . . . this act, regardless of their source or character, shall be used for influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any legislative measure."

Administrative order 3 of the Texas A&M University System further states that "all employees of the A&M University Systems are advised to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the State laws with reference to participation in political campaigns.

No property under the control of the Texas A&M System will be used for political campaigns, meetings, speeches or in the furtherance of any political campaign nor used in any way for any political office."

Buck, Senate parliamentarian, will moderate a discussion of both sides of the political club issue. Several students active in off-campus political clubs will present their views for adoption of the resolution.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan will present the administration's views.

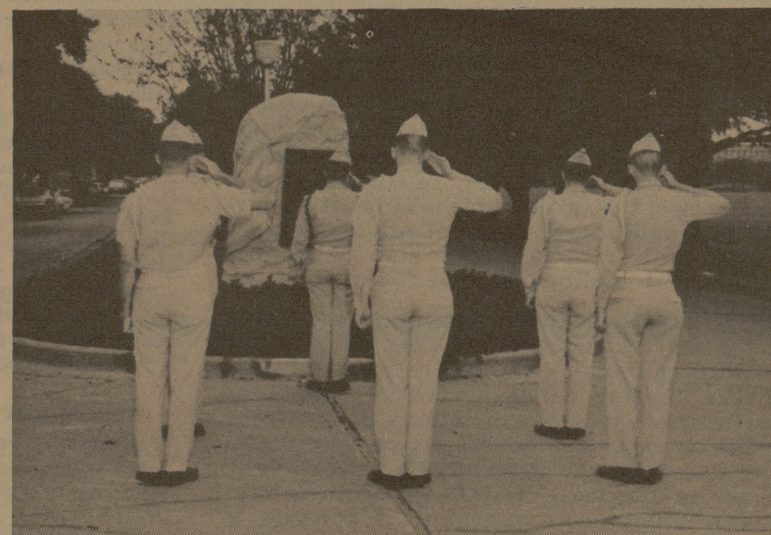
"I think they (political clubs) should have gone about in this manner long ago instead of planning demonstrations," Hannigan said.

"Certain members of the Is-

sues Committee felt it was time to end the administration's double standard," said Mike Reynolds, chairman of the committee.

"They felt if Bryan-College Station residents can hold a banquet on campus for a politician who will have to seek reelection next year in a new district, why couldn't Aggies exercise the same rights—rights that are enjoyed by students at almost every other state-supported university," Reynolds said.

He was referring to last week's testimonial dinner for Congressman Olin Teague held in Sbsa Dining Hall.



CORPS HONORS VETERANS

The Corps of Cadets paid tribute Thursday to Aggies who have died in wars during Veterans Day ceremonies throughout the nation. Corps Commander Ralph Filburn, second from left, placed a wreath at the World War I memorial at West Gate Entrance. Deputy Corps Commander John Gay laid a wreath at the Spence Park Memorial.

Service Reliability Studied By Electric Power Institute

The Electric Power Institute at Texas A&M has been working for the past two years on problems concerning reliability of electric service.

Reliability of service is one of the factors involved in the major blackout Tuesday of thousands of square miles in the northeast, including New York City.

John Denison, executive director of the EPI, noted Thursday

that the massive power loss involved either failure of equipment or equipment system design, or errors in computation of settings of system protective equipment.

"Calculation of all these things is highly complicated and impossible without the use of computers," Denison said.

"Officials here recognized several years ago that design and

operation of electric power systems would require highly qualified personnel in many areas," he continued. "Among these are system reliability."

So with the help of 12 utility companies, the Electric Power Institute was established.

Denison predicted more and more use of computers in the future to determine electrical system reliabilities.

"Massive power failures such as the one in the northeast," he said, "indicate the necessity for further investigation in these areas."

"It is not a coincidence that the first man A&M hired in the EPI program has a background in system reliability," Denison added.

A. D. Patton, assistant professor of electrical engineering, is developing a workable means of calculating with greater accuracy the reliability of service that will result from alternate systems design."

Another staffer, Don Lyle, is working to perfect a digital computer program to set with greater speed and reliability the over-current protective relays on electric power systems, Denison explained.

James R. Jones is doing infrared measurements research and A. T. Druce is working on measurement circuits, perfecting an analog for nonlinear inductance.

Philosophy Head Cites Factors In Declining American Morals

Dr. John Orr, head of the Department of Philosophy, told the Apollo Club Thursday night the question of declining American morals cannot be answered without declaring "the perspective from which you speak."

He cited as an example the contrasting attitudes of Americans toward the destruction of draft cards.

"One group sees this as moral decline," he said. "On the other hand, another group looks at this and says, 'It's the most moral thing to do. It shows moral courage.'"

From his own perspective, Orr feels there are many encouraging signs as well as discouraging signs.

"I see a growth of altruism

associated with the Peace Corps and Vista," he noted. "I also see a moral growth in political awareness in American universities."

Orr pointed out that in the 1940's, when he was in college, students stayed away from political questions.

"Today, they are standing up and taking a stand on American issues," he said.

However, two alarming attitudes have arisen in today's society.

"These are the cavalier way we treat freedom," and the apathy which goes with mass technical societies," he said.

He declared need "to value old-fashioned virtues of mutual concern and cooperation."

Civilians Begin Work On Plans For Bonfire

The Civilian Student Council began plans Thursday night to help with construction of the Aggie Bonfire which begins next week.

Ronald Liston of the Bonfire Committee met with the council and requested the group's help.

"We are going to form a civilian freshman outfit under the command of Van Vaseka," Liston told the meeting. "We need the representatives of the dorms to contact the freshmen and get their names to us."

Liston added there will be a safety meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in Guion Hall for all civilian freshmen. It will last about an hour and on following it the freshmen will meet with Vaseka to discuss bonfire arrangements.

Upperclassmen who wish to work with the civilians should contact their dorm presidents so that an accurate estimate may be made of their number.

Liston requested that any civil-

ians having access to pickups or jeeps and that would like to help, should contact their dorm presidents. Drivers will be furnished with gas if the vehicles are being used on official bonfire business.

"We will also need the help of the civilians once we set up a guard roster," said Liston. "At noon and evening chow we need civilians to stand guard while the Corps eats. We plan to use them right down the line where ever a replacement is needed in

any of the groups such as intelligence and security, oiling or any other activity.

"We are planning to set up an inner security ring around the bonfire with civilians manning it at all times to keep sightseers and photographers out of the area so that the workers can do their job without worrying about someone getting hurt."

The civilians will have their own cutting lane on the Kidwell property which served as the cutting area last year. A contract has already been signed with the owner promising that all trees will be cut to ground level and that brush will be cleared. A committee will be policing the area at all times to make sure the contract is not violated.

"Last year, Mr. Kidwell had to hire a group of men to come in after the Aggies had left to clean up the area and cut the stumps out," Liston said. "We don't want this to happen again or we probably won't be able to get a cutting area around here for some time."

"We hope that by getting these freshmen used to working on the bonfire they will be interested in running one of their own next year. In four or five years we could have an operation that would equal the Corps in enthusiasm," Liston noted.

Rice Student Head Regrets Defacing

The Battalion received the following statement Thursday from Bill Broyles, president of the Rice University Student Association:

"On behalf of the Rice student body I would like to express my regrets for the malicious acts of what appear to be a few Rice students. We are making every effort to discover if Rice students were involved in the defacing of A&M property. If this is the case they will be punished by established procedures.

"I hope both that the damage is not permanent and that this regrettable occurrence will not spoil our traditionally fine football game."

ATS Auditions Slated Monday

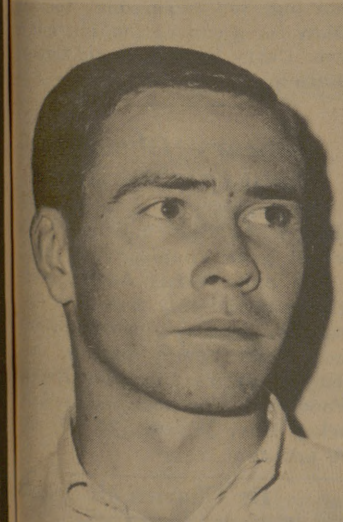
Auditions for the Aggie Talent Show will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday in room 119 of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Auditions may be scheduled in the Student Program Office

Candid Comments On Current Crises

Students Say No To Ranger As Mascot Replacement

Question: What kind of mascot should be acquired to replace Reveille?



BOBBY PICKARD

Sophomore, Cresson
I think a mascot to replace Reveille should be as much like her as possible. I don't think Ranger should be made mascot but should remain the campus favorite he is now. The Aggie mascot should be more dignified than Ranger. He's a good dog for laughs but he's sure not dignified.



DAVID HOUSE

Freshman, Alice
The mascot to replace Reveille should be of the same breed. Ranger is a fine dog, but Reveille is a tradition. It might be hard to find a replacement but a tradition is a tradition. Everybody is used to seeing a collie for mascot and we should keep the new mascot as close to Reveille as possible.



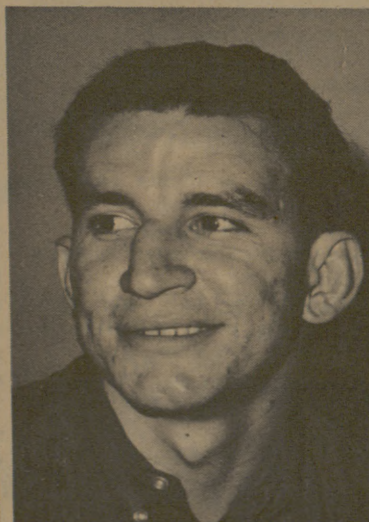
JOSE TIJERINA

Sophomore, Brownsville
There are several reasons why Ranger shouldn't be our next school mascot. One reason is he already is, actually, the campus mascot. Another, he is already too old and I believe our new school mascot should be a young, well trained, full-of-life pup that can follow in Reveille's place for a good number of years to come.



RICKY POWELL

Sophomore, Menard
I don't agree with those that think Ranger should be a mascot for several reasons. First of all, the new mascot should be a pedigree and a female, the same as Reveille. Second, Ranger belongs to the school as a whole and should not be controlled by any one outfit. He should be left to roam the campus.



JOSE CABAZA

Sophomore, Harlingen
A mascot should display and create spirit and Ranger sure delivers. As for a "Lady in the Corps", well, no comment. As there has been enough Corps and civilian controversy. But Ranger certainly should qualify for mascot in view of his past performances.



DEWEY BRASHER

Junior, Breckville
I think Ranger would make the best mascot because he is a vital part of our school spirit and he has been here much longer than any of us. He has earned the honor. Ranger would be more representative of the whole school and certainly wouldn't violate a tradition. If he isn't a tradition, what is?



AMY TURNEY

Senior, Weatherford
I've noticed the Battalion is pro-Ranger. Whether in seriousness or in jest I don't know, but I disagree. I think a suitable replacement, of the same pedigree as Reveille, should be found. After all, whatever mascot is chosen, it should represent our school. Ranger might not project the best possible image.