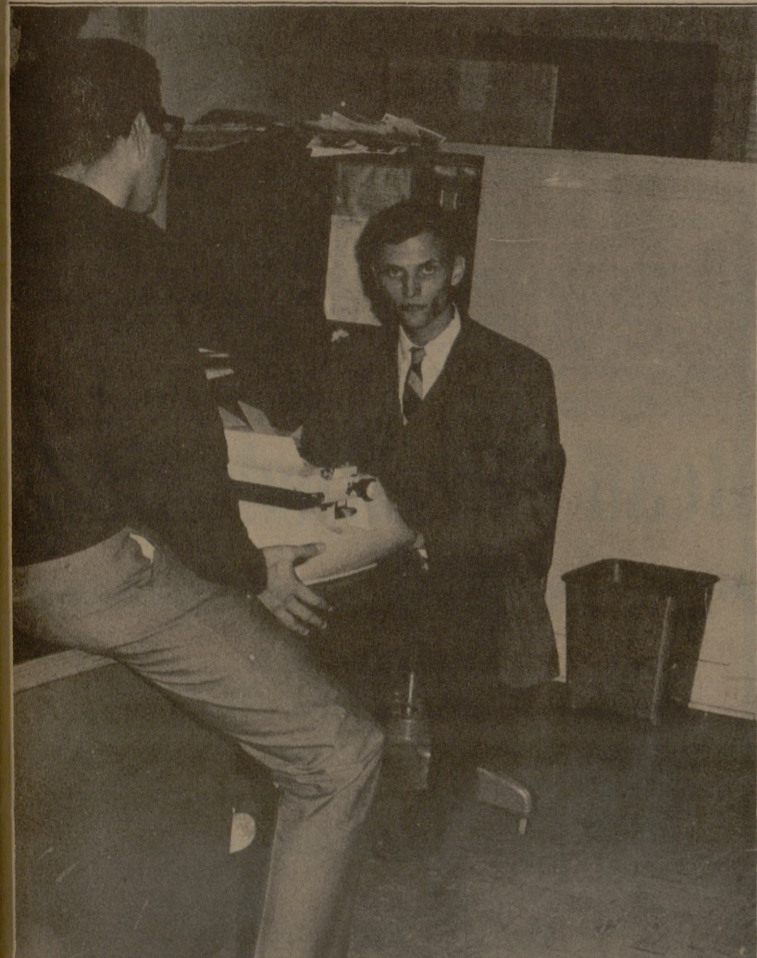


## Viet Nam Truce Expectations Soar



REYNOLDS AFTER RESIGNATION  
... Senate Issues Chairman steps down.

## Reynolds Resigns Issues Committee Chairman Post

Student Senate Issues Committee chairman Mike Reynolds has resigned from the Senate, President Roland Smith announced Thursday.

Reynolds resigned Monday in a letter to Smith and cited personal reasons for his decision.

"The Executive Committee regrettably accepted his resignation Thursday," Smith said, "and for the sake of not causing trouble it will go ahead with the arrangements to replace him at the next meeting of the Senate in the spring semester.

"Mike has done a lot of good work for us, and we hate to lose him. He represented the people who elected him well."

Smith added a member of the Issues Committee will be chosen by the Senate as Reynolds' replacement during the interim, and that the former chairman's personal preference would probably receive approval.

A special election will be called to fill the vacated position, and the Senate will announce in advance qualifications of persons desiring to file for the slot.

Reynolds revealed late Thursday he has agreed to work with the Senate in an unofficial capacity in the future "and I will do everything that I can to serve the Student Senate and the students of A&M."

## Fish Sweetheart Selection Tops Festivity Plans

A performance by the Aggieland Orchestra and selection of the Freshman Class Sweetheart will highlight the annual Fish Ball Feb. 26.

The Aggieland Orchestra and another band, to be selected at a later date, will provide music. The contest for Fish Sweetheart, a top feature of the annual ball, will begin the first week of the spring semester.

Seven finalists will be selected from entries reviewed by the class officers. The Fish Sweetheart last year was Marsha McLaurin, a student at Bastrop High School, who was escorted by James Callahan, also of Bastrop.

Nominees for Fish Sweetheart may be submitted at the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center from Feb. 7-19. A 3x5 snapshot and one casual photo are requested, with the hometown, name, escort, vital statistics, age, level of study and school included. A black and white or monotone photo is preferred.

Last year's ball featured a fountain with running water to carry out the theme of "Three Coins in the Fountain."

The sweetheart selection will be at 8 p.m. during the ball in Sbsa Dining Hall.

The senior journalism major said the Issues Committee has been hurt in the past by lack of a set of assigned responsibilities.

"The committee can be just as broad or as narrow as the students want it to be," he noted.

He also criticized general apathy of past Student Senates "because too much time was spent with internal affairs such as constitutional revisions, and they did not stay abreast of current student problems.

"I entered student government with the idea that too many students griped about conditions here and didn't try any constructive means of correcting them," Reynolds said, "and I have tried in my capacity as Issues head to swing this old attitude to one of active student government."

Reynolds predicted the Senate would experience considerable procedural difficulty in calling the election to find a new chairman and attributed this to antiquated replacement policies.

"If they have any trouble at all, it's the Senate's fault for not revising their plan long ago."

But he expressed confidence that the Senate would initiate a vigorous pursuit of drastic student government revision during the spring semester.

Reynolds is currently editor of The Review, student magazine for the Colleges of Liberal Arts, Science and Geosciences. He is secretary of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society, and is also a former news editor of The Battalion. He presently is a Battalion columnist.

SIAGON, South Viet Nam (AP)— Viet Cong guerrillas hit U.S. and Vietnamese units with ambushes Thursday, inflicting considerable losses, as expectations increased for at least a three-day truce for the Lunar New Year next week.

A published report that Secretary of State Dean Rusk would come here Saturday for talks with Vietnamese and U.S. officials stirred speculation that something extraordinary might be in the wind.

The Viet Cong ambushed a South Vietnamese battalion Thursday northwest of Saigon within artillery range of a big U.S.-Australian operation and inflicted considerable losses. U.S. advisers accompanying the

Vietnamese troops were reported to have suffered heavily.

Another Viet Cong forces Thursday night ambushed a U.S. Jeep six miles south of Da Nang, inflicting several casualties on U.S. and Australian advisers.

In other fighting, Vietnamese forces reported they killed 40 Viet Cong who attacked an outpost Friday eight miles southwest of Quang Ngai City, 330 miles northeast of Saigon.

A truce shaped up for at least three days next week in observance of Tet, the Lunar New Year, which this year is Jan. 21-23.

As for a cease-fire, a U.S. spokesman said American forces "will conform to the posture of the government" after the official Viet Nam press announced South Viet Nam agreed to go along with a three-day truce.

There was no word of when the cease-fire would start, but the Viet Cong has said it will end hostilities for four days, beginning at 11 p.m., Saigon time, Wednesday. U.S. officers may urge the Vietnamese government to fail in with a four-day cease-fire.

On the political front, Saigon awaited the arrival of presidential envoy W. Averell Harriman, who first had been scheduled to arrive during the day on his global peace mission.

He is in Bangkok, Thailand, and will meet there with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who is flying from New Delhi, India, after talks with Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin.

With Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Rusk presumably discussed President Johnson's Vietnamese peace offensive with Kosygin. All three had gone to New Delhi for the funeral of Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri.

## CSC Selects 'The Traits' For Weekend

The Civilian Student Council Thursday night tentatively selected The Traits, who play with Roy Head, to play for the Civilian Student's Dance March 26.

President James Oliver suggested to the Council that the dance be held at Sbsa Dining Hall because "the scheduled Town Hall performance that weekend will create a tremendous traffic problem. Since the dance will immediately follow the Town Hall performance, it would be wiser to have it in Sbsa."

Don von Dohlen, treasurer, announced the Executive Committee's recommendation to require that the Civilian Sweetheart be single.

Buddy Bullock and Cliff Fry of the Apartment Council, representing the married students, were in opposition. After a few minutes of discussion, the Council agreed with the married students and voted down the recommendation.

Four members of the dining hall committee will visit the University of Texas to observe the dining facilities and bring back suggestions for improvements at A&M. Leaving for UT Feb. 11 will be James Oliver, Bob Miller, Don Sweeney and Don von Dohlen.

Cliff Fry will replace Buddy Bullock, who will graduate at the end of the semester, in the position of Apartment Council representative.

Also during the meeting, Oliver announced the selection, by the Executive Committee, of John Wallace as chaplain and Joe McKnight as freshman representative from Law Hall.



## MATHEMATICIANS CONFER

Dr. John Gammel, left, professor of physics, and Dr. J. S. Roy Chisholm, senior visiting foreign scientist, solve an equation in a research project. The project seeks a technique of solving apparently "insoluble" problems. Chisholm is at A&M from the University of Kent in England.



## AWAIT RESCUE

An unidentified couple wait by a window of top floor of the four-story building. No injuries were reported in the two-alarm firemen prepare to enter the flaming building. One man had to be rescued from the Wirephoto)

## Graduating Seniors Must Attend Class

W. J. Graff, Dean of Academic Administration, has announced a directive of the Academic Council requiring undergraduate candidates for degrees to attend all scheduled classes between Jan. 17-21.

Any unexcused absence during this period will be considered cause to withhold the degree at the regular commencement exercise Jan. 22.

It is the responsibility of students to see that faculty members receive notice of authorized absences during this period.

## Travel Committee Offers 6 Grants

Applications are now being taken in the Memorial Student Center Director's Office for six travel scholarships totaling \$750 for travel in Europe, Africa and Mexico. Deadline for submitting the applications is 5 p.m. Feb. 7.

The scholarships are offered by the MSC Travel Committee. Four \$150 scholarships are offered for the Operation Crossroads Africa program, the Experiment in International Living and for travel in Europe. Two \$75

scholarships will be offered for travel in Mexico.

The \$750 is to be solicited from service clubs and organizations of the community by former recipients of scholarships.

A number of summer jobs in Europe and Mexico are also available for students. J. Wayne Stark, MSC Director, is in charge of student employment for the Travel Committee. Students receiving scholarships will get their choice of the jobs available; however, a grade point ratio of 2.0 is required for consideration.

A four-man committee will interview applicants Feb. 11-12. Factors such as GPR, personality, previous travel experience, desire to help the Travel Committee in the future and general personal appearance will have a bearing on the applicant's eligibility.

Frank E. Bergnen is chairman of the Travel Committee and will choose a reviewing committee for screening applicants and interviewing committee for the final selections and the awarding of the scholarships.

A revolving fund will be set up for deposit of donations from various clubs in the area.

## Students Consider Limey Scientist 'Good Old Chap'

Dr. J. S. Roy Chisholm, a London born teacher at Texas A&M, is rated a "good ol' chap" by his Texas students.

The visiting English scientist came to A&M on leave of absence from the University of Kent. The 39-year-old mathematician was called "one of the best professors I've had" by Charles Peters, graduate mathematics student from Copperas Cove. "He'd rather have theory understood than have students do meaningless exercises."

Jimmy Gilbert, fifth year physics graduate from Paducah, Ky., favors Chisholm's classroom environment.

"He's an amiable person, and his sense of humor makes for a more relaxed atmosphere," Gilbert commented.

The Englishman's accent is easily understood, according to Ronald Rundt, first semester physics graduate.

"I've had Chinese, Japanese, German and one other English professor from the Union of South Africa," the student from Bellevue, Ohio, explained. "The only trouble I have is understanding his pronunciation of Greek letters."

At A&M 10 months as a National Science Foundation fellow, Chisholm will return to England this summer as professor of applied mathematics at Kent. He held a similar post at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

The scientist works on three research projects, speaks at seminars and teaches a 30-student course in graduate mathematics through the NSF program.

Chisholm uses his own book, "Mathematical Methods in Physics," to teach Math 601. The second 700-page edition, recently reprinted in the U.S., was adopted as course text by the University of Bristol, by physicists at Oxford and the new University of Sussex in England.

His research projects seek a technique of solving "insoluble" equations and a nomograph on the scattering theory of elementary particles. Another project with a Los Alamos scientist is just beginning.

The Royal Irish Academy member is associated with Dr. John Gammel, Dr. John Nuttall and

Dr. Ramchandran Umerjee in projects. Chisholm first met Gammel, A&M professor of physics, in England in 1961. They had common interests at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell.

Chisholm has one other field of interest at A&M: badminton. The Briton considers it a "smashing" pastime.

## Mortimer's Notes

The excise tax cuts that went into effect only 14 days ago might be gone soon . . . . Or so said President Johnson in his State of the Union message Wednesday night . . . .

The tax on telephone calls was reduced Jan. 1 from 10 per cent to 3 per cent . . . . Automobile excise taxes were eliminated . . . .

But some more money might be needed so LBJ can keep up the Great Society and the War in Viet Nam without raising income taxes . . . .

If he can continue his domestic programs and step up the war and reduce the federal deficit without raising taxes, he's not a President — he's a magician . . . .

The excise tax cuts are really great . . . . A \$1.50 telephone call is now \$1.40 . . . . Automobiles cost several dollars less . . . .

Graduating seniors will feel the bite if the auto tax is restored, since they rush to the new car market in greater numbers than others students . . . .

In case you're tired of studying and would like a short break tonight, you might take in the musical variety show in Guion Hall's Fallout Theater . . . . It starts at 8 p.m. . . . .

Also scheduled for the Fallout are two one-act plays next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday . . . . The two plays will be presented as "Two Looks at Hope" and will be directed by College Station newcomer Allan Pierce . . . .

Maybe you've heard or maybe you haven't — you know the organization's name that is crusading for wooden commode seats? The Birch John Society . . . .

The Aggies take on Baylor on regional teevee at 2 p.m. Saturday in Waco . . . . Try to make it to the game . . . . If you can't, flick on the tube and watch the Ags battle for their first place lead . . . .

A note from the Texas Goods Roads Association: The latest driver maneuver to be classified by traffic engineers is the O-turn . . . . It was invented by a lady who made a U-turn and then changed her mind . . . .

Somebody has suggested a way to solve the problem of road-side junkyards and billboards: permit billboards only in front of junkyards . . . . See Ya 'Round — Mortimer.