



"... and if we beat T. U. the Southwest Conference Champion will be LSU!"

#### **Bulletin Board**

WEDNESDAY Aggie Christian Fellowship will attend. meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of the YMCA and hear Joe Wall, a Houston-based minister, speak about "Knowing God's Will."

Hillel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Hillel Building. (Friday night services will be held at 8 p.m.)

Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Memorial Student Bring dues if possible.

Center. Regulars are urged to THURSDAY

**Oceanography and Meteorology** Student Wives Club will meet at the Figure Salon, 1716 Texas, at 8:30 p.m. and then proceed to Shipley's Donut Shop for Dutch Treat dessert. Slacks and casual wear will be dress for the evening

Galveston Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Social Room. Movie will be shown.

## Jan Moulden **Electoral College System** Has Faults, But It Works

last week's election have again raised heavy support for changing Presidential election procedures

A Harris Survey released Monday revealed that 79 per cent of persons surveyed want to abolish the Electoral College and elect the President on the basis of popular vote. Also, 60 per cent

## Listen Up

Editor, The Battalion:

Voicing opinions on any or all of the complexities of modern life is the right of all free men. Students in particular are constantly being urged to become aware of the issues and to "speak out." However, to be heard and consequently effect change, students must acquire the ability to communicate their ideas effec-

tively. An excellent opportunity to acquire this vital skill is being offered to all students through the YMCA by the Texas A&M Gavel This close-knit informed Club. organization's purpose is to assist the student in developing the ability to "think on his feet" while speaking in public. Student members constructively evaluate each other and thus learn to become effective speakers.

All students interested in joining this dynamic organization are cordially invited to our next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 in Room 201 of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

> Gary Rapp '69, Chairman Texas A&M Gavel Club

duced in Congress. One piece of the legislation would allow the President to be named by popular vote. Other proposed legislation would change House Presidential voting from the present one-state,

one-vote rule to a one-representative, one-vote rule. ON OUTWARD appearance, these proposed changes appear desirable, appealing to the nation's love of democracy. But, before this dog of democracy bites completely through the present system, it would be wise to study possible effects of the proposed changes.

The major criticism of the present system involves the seemingly unproportional power held by medium and sparsely-populated states. Thus, a state such as Wyoming which has a population of little more than 300,000 has greater than one-tenth the electoral voting power of Texas while having less than one-thirtieth the population. In the case of a House decision, Wyoming's one representative would have the same power as Texas' 23 representa-

tives. ON THE OTHER hand a system of popular election would completely disenfranchise Wyoming and similar states from any part in Presidential elections. Heavily urban areas, still rapidly expanding, would completely control the elections.

One of the basic reasons for the Electoral College was to make

The circumstances surrounding of those persons surveyed oppose sure that different areas, regardless of population, would have a say in the election of their highest leader. The Constitution was hacked out with numerous compromises which would allow governmental response to many different viewpoints.

The original reasons are still valid. Area and mode of life still affect the people who experience them. Thus, the people in Kansas have differing problems and solutions than the people of California. Likewise with Maine and Texas.

UNDER A POPULAR vote system, the candidates would need only to offer solutions to urban problems to gain election. Nonurban areas would find little recognition.

The electoral system may not be a perfect election device, but it is unwise to jump headlong into pure democracy as the cure for all ills. The jump might lead into the fabeled box of Pandora. And of course, there is one other reason for retaining the present system: It works.

**Tonight On KBTX** 6:00 News, Weather and Sports 6:30 Lancer 7:30 Red Skelton 8:30 Doris Day 9:00 That's Life 10:00 News, Weather and Sports 10:30 SWC Football Highlights 11:00 It Takes a Thief 12:00 Alfred Hitchcock

### **Czech Forum Set Tonight**

"Czechoslovakia 1968," a threepronged examination of condi-tions in the country before and during reforms and after Soviet invasion, will be presented tonight by Great Issues.

The 8 p.m., three-speaker program will be in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room, announced Issues series chairman Ron Tefteller of Midland.

Dr. William R. Smith, Psychology Department head, his wife Betty and Jeanna Chastain, prevet student of San Antonio, will be speakers. Dr. and Mrs. Smith were in

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for a business-industrial leader exchange program. The psyc

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# The MSC Also, on Thursday another art-

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# What's Happening At

**By PAT LAFFERTY** (and sisters)! Friday, Town Hall solutely no "dogs" allowed!) presents one of its most exciting special attractions featuring "Sam & Dave." The popularity of this group was recently recognized by Time Magazine with a full-page story on its recordbreaking number of "million sell-Start your weekend with ers." soul! Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are on sale all this week.

As for the rest of the weekend - if you're looking for a quiet place to take your date (away from all those curious bird dogs) don't forget "The Basement," A&M's own little coffeehouse lo-

cated in the basement of the Attention all soul brothers Memorial Student Center. (Ab-

For weekday entertainment, the MSC begins 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the Assembly Room with a three speaker program on "Czechoslovakia 1968." The program will concern the students, cultural aspects, and the economic and industrial conditions of Czechoslovakia.

On Wednesday, the Contemporary Arts Committee will exhibit works of David Adicks, a former A&M student and graduate of Sam Houston State College. The prolific artist is known as "a Golden Boy among painters of Texas origin."

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ist of Texas origin will be presented in "A Night with E. M. 'Buck' Schiwetz." So amazingly realistic are the sketches of Schiwetz, that it has been said he "goes out sketching the way other men go out hunting and fishing.

Back to Friday and "Sam & Dave." Now if you should forget what's happening around the MSC or around the campus, remember the Student Senate has solved this problem for you. By merely dialing 5-6311, you can get a tape-recorded list of all campus activities. (Only don't forsake The BATT!)

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