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Students Visit Legislature To Make Budget Requests

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Three AM student leaders appeared before the Texas legislature last week, in a precedent-setting action, to express student opinion and give the legislators a chance to come in contact with college students.

Bill Carter, Student Senate president; David Wilks, Civilian Student Council president, and Hector Gutierrez, Corps commander, flew back and forth between College Station and Austin last Wednesday and Thursday in response to an invitation extended by A&M President Earl Rudder. "PRESIDENT Rudder wanted the legislators to see the everyday A&M student, and he felt that we represented the type," Carter said.

In Austin, the three appeared before the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees regarding A&M's budget.

"I was really impressed with the committee meetings we sat in on and with the budget presentation made to the committees by the administration," Carter continued.

"IT WAS really interesting and

educational to see what goes on in Austin."

"I feel that these trips will be becoming increasingly more frequent," Wilks commented. "We had a very good reception and were able to play an effective part in talking to the Legislature."

"I feel that the students can influence the Legislature and help the administration appeal to them more effectively."

The legislators also enjoyed the chance to meet with the students. "AT ONE committee meeting," Carter remarked, "I was told that they really appreciated students coming and speaking to them. I was also told that those men rarely get a chance to see and hear students."

As a follow-up to his Legislature visit, Carter plans to meet with Texas Gov. Preston Smith in Austin Wednesday.

Carter is also interested in the recently rejected proposal for an A&M-South Texas College of Law merger. The request was turned down by the Texas College and University Coordinating Board.

"I WOULD definitely like to see a law school at A&M," he

remarked. "I feel that it would really be an asset to the university."

Carter said that he had talked yesterday with Rudder and an aide, Robert G. Cherry, concerning the merger. He also said the A&M Board of Directors will consider the question of further action on the merger when they meet here this weekend. Carter will appear before the board then.

"I think that many people want a law school," Carter concluded, "but it's up to the board to decide what will be done."

A&M Students Will Attend Bush Funeral

A large A&M delegation will attend the funeral in Temple Wednesday of Capt. Joseph Bush Jr., 1966 A&M graduate killed last week in Vietnam.

Services for the former head yell leader at Aggieland are set for 2 p.m. at the Harper-Talash Funeral Home.

Among the groups attending will be the Singing Cadets who will sing at the funeral. Also represented will be the Ross Volunteers and Company A-1, the unit in which Bush served as an undergraduate.

Capt. Bush, killed in action Feb. 10, was a distinguished military student here, where he studied accounting. In addition to serving as head yell leader in 1965-66, he also was a yell leader during his junior year.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Robin, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Bush, all of Temple.

School Board Sets Election

By DAVE BERRY
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WEATHER

Wednesday — Partly cloudy, wind Southerly 5 to 10 mph. High 61, low 38.

Thursday — Cloudy, with rain in late afternoon. Wind Southerly 10 to 15 mph. High 68, low 49.

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Aggies Try To Lengthen Lead Against Bears Here Tonight

By JOHN PLATZER
Battalion Sports Editor

A battle for at least temporary supremacy in the hectic Southwest Conference basketball chase shapes up for tonight in G. Rolie White as the Texas Aggies and Baylor Bears clash before an overflow crowd.

The Aggies enter the 8 p.m. contest with a league-leading 8-1 mark while the Bears are a step back at 7-2. Southern Methodist is the only other school still in the championship picture, also with a 7-2 record.

Huge crowds have been the order of the day for the past month when A&M's "Excitement Plus" aggregation has taken the floor. Tonight's throng, however, should dwarf the previous marks. All of G. Rolie's 8,500 seats are expected to be filled by 6 p.m. with the overflow being directed to Guion Hall where a closed circuit television system has been erected.

IN THE LAST meeting between the two teams, the largest crowd in the history of Waco's Hear O' Texas Coliseum was on hand to see the Bears defeat the Aggies 66-65.

Coach Bill Menefee's Bears are paced by juniors Larry Gatewood (6-5) and Tommy Bowman (6-4). Gatewood, Baylor's top outside shooter, is the SWC's second leading scorer with a 20.4 season average while Bowman has averaged 16.3.

The remaining starting spots for the Bears are expected to be manned by David Sibley (6-5), Richard Scallorn (6-2) and Eddie Frazier (6-0). The team's top reserve has been Tom Friedman, a 6-4 sophomore.

Friedman started in the place of Sibley in the Waco game and was a key factor in Baylor's win. He hit consistently from outside

(See Aggies Try, page 4)

Closed-Circuit TV Will Carry Game To Guion Tonight

The ticket demand for tonight's SWC basketball meeting between A&M and Baylor has caused athletic department officials here to set up a closed-circuit TV of the game in nearby Guion Hall.

All reserved-seat tickets were sold out by 9 a.m. Monday. The doors to G. Rolie White Coliseum will open to student and general admission fans at 5:30 p.m. today. It is expected that the 8,500-seat Coliseum will be filled by 6 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

A movie-size screen will be on the stage of Guion Hall and A&M's radio network broadcast will be piped into Guion Hall, which seats 1,500.

General admission prices are \$1.50. A&M students will be admitted to both the Coliseum and Guion Hall on activity tickets.

The A&M-Baylor freshmen will play at 5:45 and the varsity game starts at 8 p.m.

A&M leads the SWC race at 8-1. Baylor is tied with SMU for second at 7-2.

Civilian Student Council Joins National Residence Hall Group

Civilian Student Council has voted to affiliate with the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH).

The action followed a trip to California State College at Long Beach by three students who observed NACURH's annual conference.

Edwin H. Cooper, director, Civilian Student Activities, said fees for membership will be provided from the council's general operating fund.

Immediately following their return from California, Wilks, speaking for all, said, "We feel NACURH is a very responsible student organization," and had high praise for several actions taken by NACURH leaders.

The students represented new civilian A&M residence halls which have been engaged in a pilot project since September, 1968. The halls operate as "clubs" with their own elected officers. Similar programs are expected to start soon in other civilian halls.

The program is designed to involve civilian students in campus activities, once oriented to a Corps of Cadets program.

Parking Area Cut For Day Students

Day student parking has been eliminated on Lubbock Street between Nagle and Bizzell Streets, announced Security Chief Ed Powell.

He said it was necessary to change the parking procedures due to the Recreation and Parks Department moving into the building formerly occupied as a stable, and later as Agricultural Information.

Powell pointed out "ample" parking space is available on Bizzell, south of the golf patrons' parking area and on both sides of Bizzell in front of the golf house.

Day students may also park in parking area 9, commonly referred to as the Law Hall lot, and lots 48 and 49 where 600 spaces are available.



SOPHOMORE SWEETHEART

Carole Love Mathers, 17, of Fort Worth, was crowned Saturday as 1969 Sophomore Sweetheart. The blue-eyed blonde senior at Western Hills High School competed against four other finalists for the honor. Her escort was Gary Robertson of Fort Worth, an industrial technology major.



JET STOP FOR SECRETARY

A&M President Earl Rudder, left, turns from State Sen. William (Bill) Moore of Bryan to welcome Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, right. Gribbing Moore's arm is State Sen. Hank Grover of Houston. The secretary and his contingent stopped at Easterwood Airport Sunday while enroute to "field day" at Houston businessman Bert Wheeler's ranch near Easterly.

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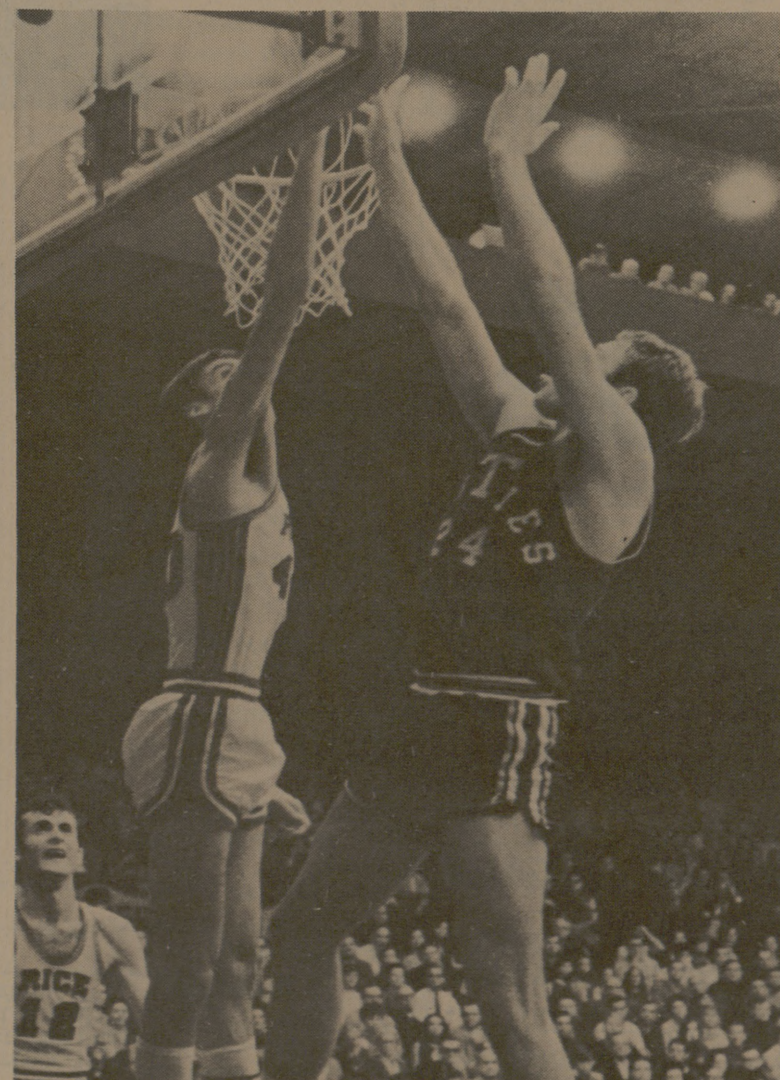
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TWO

A&M's Billy Bob Barnett banks in two of his 19 points over the guard of Steve Wendel of Rice in Saturday's heart-stopping overtime victory in Houston. Owl Jim Naples hopes for the rebound. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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