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"LET ME SAY RIGHT AT THE START . . . " Gerry Geistweidt, Student Senate president, addresses the largest senate ever at its first meeting of the school year. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Room Squeeze Eases;

# 'Legal Commission' **Proposed To Senate**

#### By Dave Mayes **Battalion Editor**

A Legal Rights Commission that would aid A&M students in trouble with the law and check into reports of student "harrassment" by local police was proposed to the Student Senate Wednesday by Gerry Giestweidt, president.

Geistweidt told the 75-member body, largest Senate in the history of the school, that because this was the first meeting of the school year he was not asking for any action on his proposal that night. He indicated, however, that he would appoint a committee later to study the need for such a commission.

The student body president himself believed there is a "real need" at A&M for the legal counsel the commission could provide.

20 students are arrested in Bryan-College Station on charges of either minor consuming or minor in possession of alcohol," he began.

Though many of these students were arrested legally, Geistweidt continued, there are cases where they are not, and all, regardless, should have a chance to confer wtih a lawyer or get some kind of advice before they go to court.

The Senate president noted, however, that most students charged with offenses don't even go to trial because either they have to attend classes that conremaining vacancies as quickly flict with the time court is in session or they have no money to pay a lawyer to represent them.

"So they usually wind up forfeiting a cash bond that is converted to a fine when they fail to appear," Geistweidt explained. "A Legal Rights Commission composed of professors, students and others who have a knowledge of the law, could give students legal advice or provide loans to pay lawyer fees."

Geistweidt criticized Bryan-Col-

Campus Security officers stopped reason than for the way they looked.

He told the Senate that several Oct. 11. students who had made this comstopped because of their race.

"This is no gossip, either," the president said. "A good friend of one who had complained about this and they were stopped twice by Campus Security for questioning because they looked suspicious."

He cited another time when an A&M student was fined \$50 after he was arrested by a Bryan policeman for "suspected attempted burglary." Geistweidt said the officer apprehended the student as he was trying to get the attention of a clerk inside a carry-out store that had just closed.

He said a Legal Rights Commission could look into incidents such as these also.

think about his proposal and to if the Senate requested him to. look into the need for such a commission.

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fectively serve the farmer's needs

The secretary made the state-

ference" with farm and rural

in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

day.

Geistweidt added that he has passed a resolution requesting by eight 39-passenger buses received several complaints that A&M President Earl Rudder to take \$5,400 from the student acstudents in their cars for no other tivity reserve funds to pay for

plaint believed that they were introduced the measure, explain- a date for the election of a ing that plans for the band to Senate vice president. attend the West Point game Oct. 4 had fallen through and that the mine rode in a car one day with band members, head football vice president in an earlier race, coach Gene Stallings and the Aggie Exes in Lubbock all wanted the first presidential election was the band to be there for A&M's first Southwest Conference game. Several senators objected, saying that the request was for more

money than that of the entire Senate budget, which Rick Reese, first treasurer of the Senate had reported earlier at \$4,500. Torn said that about \$100,000

fund and that the money taken back into the fund later.

dent Rudder seemed to be in favor mittees they want to join. Geistweidt urged senators to of spending the money on the trip,

the money would be used only for

In other business, the Senate transportation expenses incurred Powell, Public Relations.

Torn's resolution passed by a vote of 35-8.

Nokomis (Butch) Jackson, the Aggie Band trip to the A&M- chairman of the reorganized 9-Texas Tech game in Lubbock man Election Commission, reported that the commission will Head Yell Leader Sam Torn meet Monday to attempt to set

The office became vacant last spring when Geistweidt, elected was voted in as president after tossed out due to the scholastic ineligibility of the winner, Al Reinert. Kent Capterton (vp-MSC) is serving as interim vice president until another is elected. Jackson noted that other offices to be filled are Senate seats from the newly formed College of Education and another Senate post was coming into the activities fee from the College of Agriculture.

Senators heard introductory reout for the band would be put ports from permanent committee chairmen to help hem decide by Geistweidt reported that Presi- next Senate meeting which com-

Committee chairmen include Lee Crawley, Issues; Jerry Bram-A spokesman for the band said lett, Welfare; Collier (Doc) Watson, Student Life, and Marc

# Sec. Hardin Notes Needs **Of Farm Programs of 70's**

Farm programs must be devel- isting, commodity programs," he economic well-being. continued.

"Because at this point in time and still be acceptable to nonfarm we believe there is more than people, Secretary of Agriculture one way the overall objectives Clifford M. Hardin said here to- can be served, our recommendations will take the form of a series of possible courses of acment in opening a "listening con- tion.

"There is still time for you here leaders from five states meeting in the Southwest, as well as for people in all other regions, to contribute ideas," Hardin added. Gov. Preston Smith and A&M

In a news conference before the listening session began, Hardin said that food prices had not risen as fast as the increase in the consumer's disposable income.

He said that consumers this year are spending 17 per cent of their income on food, the same percentage they spent as last year. The secretary added that this percentage of income spent on food was the lowest ever for living in the United States, or in the world. The A&M conference was the fifth in a series of regional farm policy meetings designed to obtain the viewpoints of agricultural and rural leaders. It was attended by representatives from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Dr. H. O. Kunkle, dean of the College of Agriculture, Texas A&M University, presided. Previous conferences have been held at Lincoln, Neb.; Pullman, Wash.; Fresno, Cal.; and Athens, Ga.

## 75 Now Await Space The number of students without a room has dwindled to between 50 and 75, according to

ley, and more rooms are gradually Students who reserved a room this fall but failed to pay their fees and have not shown up are the primary source for additional space, Madeley said Wednesday.

Housing Manager Allan M. Made-

He added that more should crop up in the next few days. People who have paid their fees "no-shows" will be made today.

but have not shown up constitute another source of rooms, but Madeley expressed his reluctance to fill these until the housing office learns the whereabouts of the persons who reserved them.

to have not paid their fees and will not be returning to school, which leaves 136 still in doubt.

Stafford said the decision on

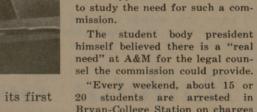
According to Associate Dean of Students Don R. Stafford, 169 people have not claimed their rooms. Of these, 33 are known

what to do with these remaining

He commented that the main concern right now is moving the 40 people in Hotard Hall who are presently tripled up into the 33 as possible.

In addition to the initial housing shortage, almost 125 students showed up this fall without reserving a room, and many of these were also put on the waiting list, Madeley said.

In the meantime, 50 to 75 students are running up bills at local motels, hunting apartments and imposing on relatives while they wait for their room key.



## University Women to Meet, **Discuss Plans For Year**

The University Women of Texas A&M have set Oct. 7 in ments and consideration. the Memorial Student Center Assembly room as the date and place for their first meeting of the year, announced Coordinator Gloria Shone.

By P. Harrison

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becoming available.

It will be primarily an organiplained. She went on to say that suggestions for activities during the coming year will be submit-

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ted to the girls for their com-

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of the outstanding women of zational meeting, Miss Shone ex- of the deans and board of di-

## **Outlook Promising on Tickets**, **Weather For LSU Game**

Prospects for the A&M Louisiana State University game appear good as availability of tickets in Baton Rouge is oupled with predictions of fair weather for the game.

The Baton Rouge A&M Club is making available game tickets for Aggies who have been unable to obtain any. They may be obtained, the club has announced, by contacting Skipper Post, 8935 Brookwood Drive in Baton Rouge, or calling him at 926-8634

The Baton Rouge Hometown Club has invited Ags to their open house at the Bellemont Motor Hotel Saturday. Activities begin at 2 p.m. when the bar opens. Drinks will cost 85 cents and a buffet supper prior to the game will cost \$3 per plate. A dance, from 10:30, p.m.-1:00 a.m. follows the game.

Weather between here and Baton Rouge late Friday and early Saturday should be passible, according to Jim Lightfoot, A&M meteorologist. He said some scattered rainshowers along the road are forecast.

Lightfoot added that a trough line drifting to the southeast should pass through here sometime late Wednesday or early Thursday.

"There will be nothing heavy with it," he commented. "We'll have gradual clearing on the back side of the trough and by game time Baton Rouge will have partly cloudy skies, easterly winds five to ten knots, a 75 degree temperature, and 60 percent relative humidity."

en have tentative plans for a faculty-student tea so the coeds may become acquainted with some

College Station such as the wives rectors members, as well as the members of the A&M Mother's Club. Also planned is the girls'

traditional help with the bonfire built prior to the Thanksgiving Football game with the University of Texas. Austin.

Earlier in the month the organization sponsored an orientation session for the new girls on campus and followed it with an informal get-together last Sunday to answer questions the tunity for them to get to know each other.

Another project in the offing for the coeds this year will be the organization of a woman's intramural program with the help tramural program with the help of Raymond L. Fletcher, intra-SingingCadet mural director.

Members of the University Women have also volunteered to assist the MSC Fashion Committee in planning and presenting their upcoming fall fashion show.

Officers for the year in addition to Miss Shone are Dianna Hanna, new programs; Mary Hanak, old programs; Judy Guogh, communications; and Nancy Stone, secretary-treasurer.

#### WEATHER

Friday-Cloudy with afternoon rainshowers. Easterly winds 5 - 10 m.ph. High 84, low 68. Saturday-Partly cloudy, easterly winds 10 - 15 m.p.h. High 82, low 66.

Baton Rouge Kickoff-Cloudy. easterly winds 10 m.p.h., temperature 77, 60 per cent relative humidity.

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Station bu "making money off the lack of recreational facilities for students."

He said that students did not have much else to do on weekends but head for the nearest carry-out store to buy beer.

And he wondered if this situation were not created on purpose. Geistweidt said he knew of instances where police arrested students outside carry-out stores wtih beer they had just bought, yet did nothing to the store clerks who sold it to them.

"Selling beer to a minor is just girls had and provide an oppor- as much against the law as a minor buying it," he said.

"A Legal Right Commission could assure that students get equal protection under the law."

nize the need for farm producers to increase their net incomes to the end that they will be able to share more equitably in the nation's economic progress,' Hardin said.

"Future programs must recog-

"They must enable U. S. farm products to compete effectively in export markets.

"And, they must reduce the costs of production adjustment. "Next week my staff and I will begin presenting recommendations to the Congress on a longrange resource adjustment policy, as well as on modifications of ex-

President Earl Rudder also made brief remarks this morning to open the conference. Hardin was scheduled to hear

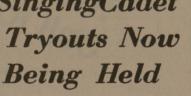
at least 32 speakers on agriculture topics that ranged from farm credit and policy to cropland problems and human resources. In addition, he was to hear numerous unscheduled speakers from the floor in the one-day session.

Dr. Kunkel said the conference is open to any person who has an interest in agriculture and its



#### **HARDIN ARRIVES**

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, center, talks with A&M President Earl Rud-der, left, and Dr. H. O. Kunkle, dean of the College of Agriculture, at the Briarcrest Coun-try Club. The secretary arrived here last night for a "listening conference" today.



Singing Cadets tryouts will be held in G. Rollie White Coliseum, Room 119, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. this Thursday and Friday and all of next week, announced John Roby, public relations officer.

Roby said there will be 30 applicants chosen. Any student who has a schedule conflict for the tryouts should contact Robert L. Boone, director of the Singing Cadets, in the Memorial Student Center Student Programs Office, Roby added.

The Singing Cadets have been asked for the sixth time to sing at the Miss Teen-Age America Pageant in Fort Worth on Nov. 15, he said, noting that CBS television network will televise the pageant.

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