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Houston Pollution: Federal Water Panel Checking Area

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Editor's note: John Hotard was a reporter for The Battalion three years ago; now he writes regularly for the Associated Press. Here is his story on water pollution in the Houston-Galveston area:
HOUSTON (AP)—The polluted waters of the Golden Triangle and Corpus Christi Bay area were to be explored today by the Federal Water Pollution Control Advisory Board.
The board will tour Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange triangle area investigating Neches and Sabine rivers to see if pollution has been abated in the past three years.
In the afternoon it will fly to Corpus to study the waters of the bay and Corpus Christi harbor.
The nine member board, began its two-day tour of the industrial southeast corner of Texas Monday by flying over the Houston-Galveston area and traveled about 25 miles of the heavily polluted Houston Ship Channel.

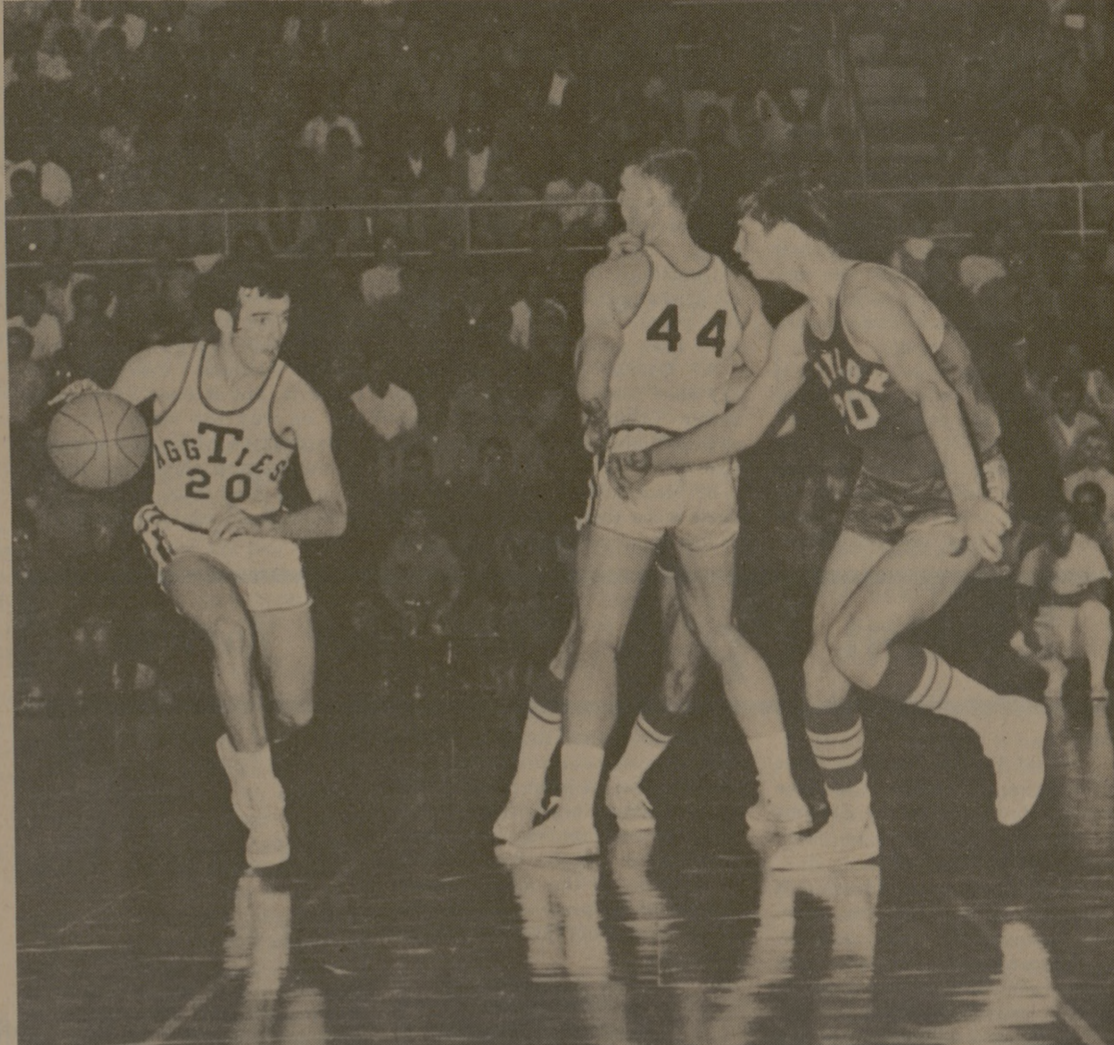
"A man educated to the odors and still know where he was every minute," said U.S. Rep. Bob Eckhardt of Houston, who with other state and federal officials accompanied the board.
The advisory board appointed by the President, toured Texas in 1967 and at that time said the ship channel was "overwhelmingly polluted." It was invited back this year by Gov. Preston Smith.
David Dominick, commissioner of the federal water pollution control agency, noted that the channel had very little flow and thus the water is almost all industrial effluent.
"We've got to clean up these effluents sufficiently so we don't continue to destroy Galveston Bay," he said.
Galveston officials earlier in the day told the board that the greatest danger to their surrounding body of waters was the pollution from the channel which flows into the bay.
The overboard discharge from ships visiting both Galveston and Houston ports were also pointed out as a major source of pollution.

Members of the Texas Water Quality Board and the Water Development Board are making the tours with the federal board.
Carl Klein, assistant secretary of the interior for water quality and research and board chairman was to join the board this afternoon.
He will conduct a public hearing Wednesday and Thursday on the area's pollution problems and possible solutions.
Smith will outline a plan to combat oil spills in the Texas Gulf during the Wednesday session.
Following the hearing, the board may release recommendations or conclusions drawn in the four-day fact-finding trip, Dominick said.

Senator Questions Secret Service

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., has termed "a direct threat to First Amendment freedoms" a Secret Service request for reports on some Americans.
Ervin said the information was asked from other government agencies.
He directed his protest to Secretary of the Treasury David M. Kennedy, who replied that Secret Service inquiries were limited to those needed for its protection of the President and other top officials.

The North Carolina senator put an account of the case in the Nov. 10 Congressional Record, and repeated it in the December staff report of his subcommittee on constitutional rights.
Ervin said the information request could lead to "a mass surveillance unprecedented in American history."
He said the Secretary Service asked other government workers to send it information on:
—People who make threatening, irrational or abusive statements about high government officials.
—People who personally contact high government officials "for the purpose of a redress of imaginary grievances."
—Any plan to harm or embarrass high government officials.
—People who take part in demonstrations.
Ervin said many people "with complete faith in their government, believe that the place to start with a complaint is with the President or Vice President."
"Yet some of these people who write a strong letter will never know they have been fed into yet another government data system," he said.
"Similarly, thousands of well-meaning loyal Americans have engaged in some form of demonstration in connection with the Vietnam war, welfare and civil rights policies of the government, and many other causes," Ervin said.



GOING FOR TWO
Pat Kavanagh (20), Aggie guard, moves down the court during Saturday's contest here against the Baylor Bears. Jeff Watkins (44) blocks for Kavanagh, while the Bears' Jerry Hopkins (30) moves to head Kavanagh off. Baylor won the game, 79-71. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Invitations Go Out to 120 For 'Jericho'

Invitations have been mailed to 120 Texas A&M students asking them to participate in "Operation Jericho" next month.
The student conference will attempt to discuss problems of interest to the students in hopes they will break down the walls between the administration and students.
Otway Denny of the Memorial Student Center Leadership Committee reported 70 civilian students and 50 Corps of Cadets members will receive invitations to fill the 90 delegate positions.
Ten coeds are included in the civilian invitation list, he noted. Delegates will be selected in the order they accept.
Denny pointed out a \$2,000 budget has been approved for the conference scheduled Feb. 18-20.
Training sessions will be held Feb. 5, 10 and 16 when the students will divide into 15 groups to discuss student problems. During "Operation Jericho" the students will be given a list of major student problems or complaints and the delegates will discuss and give recommendations for solutions, Denny indicated.

'Red-faced' Over Registration Highway Officials Explain It Again

AUSTIN—The Texas Highway Department is sporting a red face.
In recent news releases announcing the new computerized motor vehicle registration system, Department information specialists wrote:
"Easy-to-follow instructions are printed on the three-part form."
That must be a mistake—because a lot of motorists haven't been following instructions. And mistakes generate confusion.
This is the first year that the Department has gone to the new system, which includes an order-by-mail program for obtaining 1970 motor vehicle license plates.
But just to make sure that motorists do understand the "easy-to-follow instructions," they are:
1. Each motorist whose vehicle was registered last year has or will receive in the mail a long, narrow envelope with a printed message on the front reading: "Important — This is Your License Plate Renewal Application."
2. The envelope will contain a three-part form. Do not separate the three parts.
3. Motor vehicle license registration may be renewed during January and February by mailing the three-part form (intact) and your check to your county tax collector. Add \$1 for postage and handling charges for each vehicle. License plates will be mailed Feb. 1 and thereafter.
4. Motor vehicle license registration may be renewed during February and March by taking the three-part form (intact) and payment to the county tax collector's office or substitution.

Sen. Harrington to Discuss 'Labor in Texas Politics'

Admission is free.
The former secretary of the Texas State CIO Council chairs the Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee, the interim joint House-Senate Committee on faculty compensation and interim Senate study committee of state regulation of pipe lines in Texas.
Harrington also is a member of the constitutional amendments, county-district-urban affairs, finance, nominations, parks and wildlife, public health, transportation and water-conservation committees.
Before serving in the legislature, Harrington was active in Boy Scout work, Youth Council president and State Tuberculosis Association secretary.
He is employed by Texaco in Port Arthur and is co-owner of a pharmacy in Bridge City.

Sen. D. Roy Harrington of Port Arthur will discuss "Labor in Texas Politics" Wednesday in a noon Political Forum presentation at Texas A&M.
The four-term Democratic senator's talk will be in rooms 2C and D of the Memorial Student Center, announced forum chairman Charles Hoffman of Greenbelt, Md. Sack lunches will be available at a nominal charge.

Senate Meeting Wrap-Up Senate Hears Traffic, Check Policy Reports

By Dave Mayes
Battalion Editor
Proposals for construction of a 1,000-car day student parking and suggestions for improving the traffic situation at Northgate were outlined for the Student Senate Thursday by Bob Hase (grad).
Hase was one of several senators who gave reports on studies they had made during the fall. Other reports were on the status of the salaries of corps commanders and the university's check-cashing policy.
Published in The Battalion Friday was a report on "Operation Feedback," a student questionnaire poll taken in November.

Houston Streets could be reduced. Suggested solutions being considered, Hase said, involved changing the location of the traffic light and adding more traffic control signs.
Collier Watson, Student Life committee chairman, announced that a pay hike of \$10 per month for the 48 commanders in the Corps of Cadets had been approved by the administration and that it became effective Dec. 15.
In its Nov. 20 meeting, the senate had approved a resolution asking A&M President Earl Rudder to "correct current inequities" in student housemaster pay

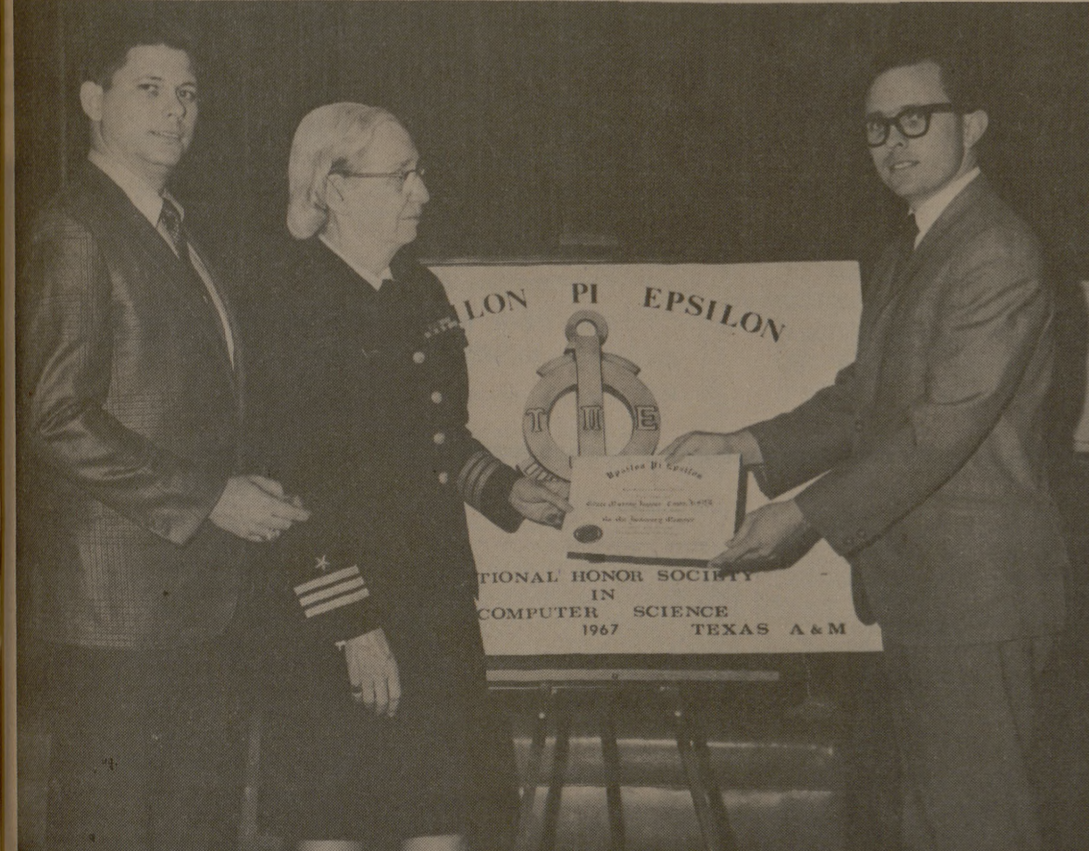
by raising corps commanders' pay from \$10 to \$30 per month.
Watson had said then that the pay of commanders needed to be brought more closely in line with that of civilian residence hall advisers who make \$60 per month for performing similar duties.
One of Watson's subcommittee chairmen, Joe Nix (soph-Eng), explained to senators why the Fiscal Office could not cash two-party checks for students. He said he had been told that if the check was bad then the university did not have any legal basis to collect money for it. An exception (See Senate Hears, Page 3)

3 Aggies Arrested in Bryan For Possession of Marijuana

Three A&M students were arrested by Bryan police Sunday night and charged with possession of marijuana.
Bond was set at \$1,000 each.
Arrested were Joe Winnett, freshman marketing major from Houston; Walter Rawley, sophomore zoology major from Dallas; and Terry M. Wilson, freshman pre-veterinary medicine major from Dallas. All three live in Dorm 7.
Arresting officer J. D. Harrell of the Bryan police said in his report that Sunday night he observed three men driving erratically down Texas Avenue. Thinking

that they were drunk, he said, he motioned them over to the side of the road.
After inspecting them and the vehicle, he found that he couldn't smell alcohol, he said, and decided to search them. It was then, he said, that he discovered the marijuana.
After taking them to the Brazos County Jail, he informed Campus Security of the arrest. They checked the rooms of three students and said they found marijuana there.
Monday afternoon Winnett, Rawley and Wilson were in jail awaiting posting of bond money.

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MEMBERSHIP CONFERED
Cmdr. Grace Murray Hooper, USNR, Naval systems programming director, receives an honorary membership in UPE, the A&M chapter of the computer science national honor society. The presentation was made to the Data Processing Management Association's "Computer Science Man of the Year" for 1969 during the annual banquet of the A&M unit of the DPMA. Stewart Carpenter, left, president of the A&M DPMA chapter, and Dan Calvin. UPE president, make the award. (Photo by Jim Berry)

To Be Organized by Students Next Semester Council Funds Singing Group

By David Middlebrooke
Battalion Managing Editor
The formation of a new singing group on the A&M campus next semester was announced Monday night at a meeting of the Memorial Student Center Council.
Membership in the group, Dennis Flannigan, MSC vice president, explained, will be open to any student interested in organized singing.
Group members will meet "once or twice a week" under the direction of Robert Boone, Singing Cadet director, Flannigan said.
University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

The vice president said that the idea for a new group came about when some students decided that A&M needed a group that offered more opportunity for participation than the Singing Cadets do.
Membership in the Singing Cadets is limited, and restricted to male students.
Boone was approached about leading the group, Flannigan said, and agreed to, provided that it met in the evening.
The council gave the group "trial committee" status and allocated \$50 to it for advertising. Bob Jarvis, freshman nuclear engineering major, was named as temporary chairman.
Harry Snowdy, council executive vice president for programs,

reported that the council's buildings studies committee had visited Louisiana State University during the Christmas holidays to see how the LSU student union was designed.
The committee members, Snowdy said, were making the study to see what points of the LSU building could be incorporated into plans for a proposed MSC expansion to begin later this year.
With the aid of blueprints and miniature models, Snowdy explained the proposed new setup. He said that office space and conference rooms for major campus government organizations was being provided, along with meeting rooms for use by any student organization or group.

In other council business, Gary E. Reid, junior wildlife science major, was named as chairman of the MSC Directorate's Basement Committee, replacing Cliff Chamberlain, who was resigning for personal reasons.
The council also:
—Approved supplementary speakers lists for the Contemporary Arts and Political Forum Committees.
—Approved a supplementary budget request for the MSC Leadership Committee.
—Accepted gifts to the MSC totaling \$862.
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