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Lower Voting Age Sought by Nixon

By William Barton
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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Nixon administration asked Congress today to follow the lead of Great Britain and approve a constitutional amendment lowering the voting age to 18 for federal elections.

the every-day facts of life which surround us," Kleindienst said. He told a Senate judiciary subcommittee the nation does not wait until 21 years of age for young people to enter the labor market, to pay income taxes or to serve in the military. Kleindienst also suggested a uniform voting age of 18 is necessary if Congress clears another amendment, already approved by the House for direct election of presidents and vice presidents by popular vote. "Without a nationwide rule," he said, "it is possible that states would arbitrarily lower the age requirement to insure the largest

number of prospective voters and thus obtain an unfair share of the presidential popular vote—completely out of line with its percentage of population." Answering arguments of amendment opponents who cite involvement of college students in violent demonstrations, Kleindienst said "the proper response" to that objection is threefold: —Many persons involved in campus rebellions "are well past the age of 21." —Those who have engaged in disturbances "represent only a small percentage" of young Americans. —Giving youth a role in the

political process "may eliminate a sense of frustration, a feeling of noninvolvement, that quite possibly has contributed to the irresponsible behavior" of some young people. The proposed amendment would only affect elections for president, vice president, U. S. senators and members of the House of Representatives. Kleindienst said the administration believes it is the province of state and local governments to establish the voting age for nonfederal elections.



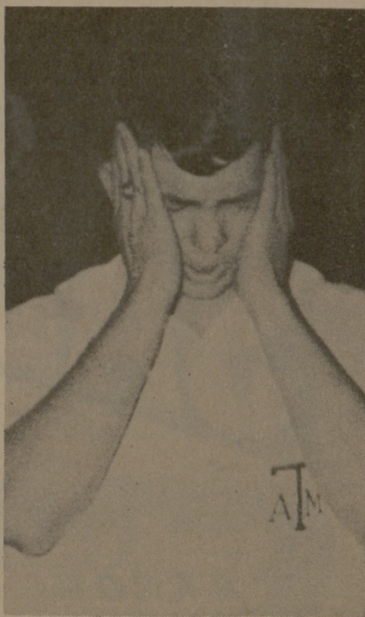
BUSY SPOT—College Station police officer Harold Bishop directs noontime traffic Tuesday at the intersection of FM 60 and South College. Bishop also serves as the College Station dogcatcher. (Photo by Bob Stump)

90 Student Delegates Begin 3-Day 'Jericho'

By David Middlebrooke
Battalion Managing Editor
Approximately 90 students began today a new approach to student-administration communications—Operation Jericho.

ity officials toward solutions to problems on the campus. Along with opening new channels of communication Jericho is intended to stimulate intrastudent relationships and combat factionalism on the campus. During the conference, James R. Hawthorne, project chairman, explained Tuesday, panel discussions or talks will be given by administration officials and student leaders. These sessions will be open to the public, Hawthorne

said, but questions or debate will be discouraged. The five general areas to be covered during the three-day "brainstorming session" include allocation of student monies, campus apathy, academic excellence, intrastudent relations, and the direction of Texas A&M. Following each open discussion, the delegates and participating administrators will go into closed sessions to consider problems in the areas discussed in the open sessions, and to seek solutions to those problems.



"OH, NO!!" — Head Yell Leader Sam Torn expresses disbelief following a call made in the A&M - Texas Tech game last night. The Aggies won, 82-74. See story, page 7. (Photo by Mike Wright)

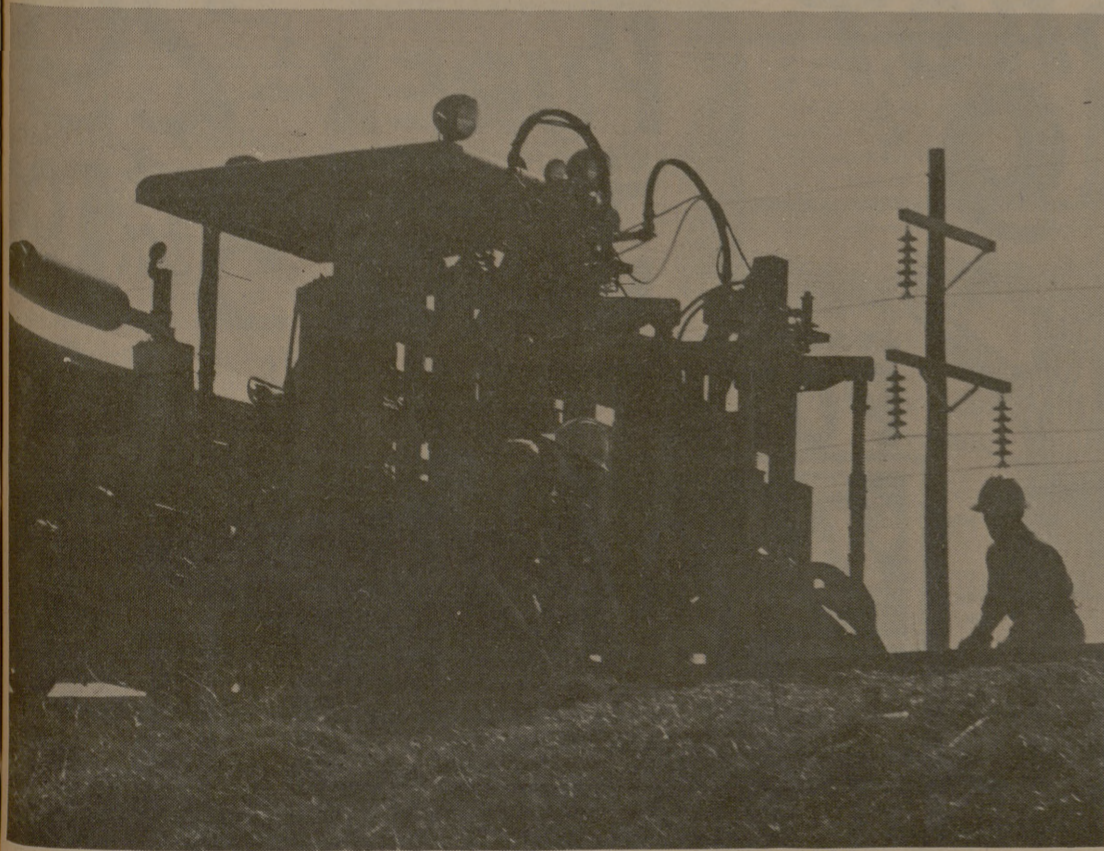
Jericho Highlights Tonight

Campus Apathy—Assembly Room, MSC 7:30 p.m.
Student Senate
Memorial Student Center
Elections
—Kent Caperton, senate vice president

Thursday

Academic Excellence—Assembly Room, MSC 9:30 a.m.
Pass-Fail—Assistant Dean Dan C. Lowe
Quality of Instruction—Barbara J. Davis
Relevancy of Courses—Vice President Horace R. Byers
Examination Procedures and Dead Week—
Dean Frank W. R. Hubert

Intrastudent Relations—Assembly Room, MSC 2:15 p.m.
Corps-Civilian
Role of the Female
Political Minority Groups
Social Fraternities
—Gerald Geistweidt, senate president



DUSTY WORK—Workers were hard at it Tuesday afternoon filling in and leveling the roadbed of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks west of the campus. After shoveling gravel between the ties, the men packed it down with the tamping machine. (Photo by Bob Stump)

Rudder Condition Report: Serious

HOUSTON — A St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital spokesman said this morning that A&M President Earl Rudder was to be moved out of the hospital's operation recovery room this afternoon, but that the retired Army general remained in serious condition.

Assistant administrator Henry C. Reinhard Jr. said Rudder is still being treated in the recovery room following a Feb. 6 operation to relieve a bleeding ulcer. Twenty-eight hours earlier he had a blood clot removed at Methodist following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Fish Drill Team to Perform At 1970 Dallas Military Ball

Texas A&M's Freshman Drill Team initiates its spring semester activities Feb. 28 with an exhibition performance before 1,100 dinner guests at the 1970 Dallas Military Ball.

The formal ball is conducted by the Dallas Council on World Affairs, honoring U. S. armed forces and ROTC in their anniversary year.

The defending national champion A&M team will be council guests for the 7:30 p.m. affair in the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom, on invitation of Army Brig. Gen. (ret) John D. Torrey Jr., council executive director and general chairman of the annual ball.

Team sponsor J. Malon South-erland of the commandant's office said the special exhibition will serve as one of the unit's competition appearances for the year.

Following dinner, for which the 32-member team will be seated individually throughout the hall, the A&M team will present a 10-minute exhibition drill in the ballroom.

New Club Formed to Aid Veterans Attending A&M

By Chancy Lewis
Battalion Staff Writer

Veterans attending A&M, especially those who are freshmen, can get off to a better start by joining the newly-formed Veterans' Club.

Tommy Burdett, one of the club's three co-chairmen, said that an organizational meeting was held last week.

He explained that the club was being formed to aid the more than 700 veterans attending A&M. Six hundred attended last year, he said, and 50 of that 600 have dropped out. The aim of the club, he said, is to provide the help necessary to keep veterans in school.

The major drawback for veterans, Burdett said, is that they

are mostly family men, at A&M only for an education. In addition, he added, most of them are older than the average freshman and have been out of contact with studying and school life for several years. This, he noted, cause trouble as far as getting back into the swing of things is concerned.

"We hope to help them through that critical first year," Burdett said.

Membership in the club is extended to any student eligible for the Veteran's GI Bill or on active duty status, Burdett said. He noted that war orphans are included under the GI bill and therefore are welcome to join the club.

Those interested in the club or

who want to learn more about it should sign their names at the bottom of posters located around campus, Burdett said, and they will be contacted.

Interested persons may also contact Carl Macky, Eddie Higgins, or himself, Burdett added. Burdett said that organizers last Saturday discussed the possibility of acquiring a blood bank account to aid members and needy students.

Another meeting will be held within the next two weeks, Burdett said, as soon as student response, as indicated by the number who sign the posters, can be determined.

Burdett said tables will be set up in the Memorial Student Center soon to aid in signing up members.

Graduate Council Backs Environmental Teach-In

By Dave Mayes
Battalion Editor

The Graduate Student Council Tuesday endorsed the aims of the Symposium for Environmental Awareness, a student group sponsoring a local environmental teach-in planned in April.

Bill Voigt, student coordinator for the symposium, told council members that 12 committees are working in as many areas in an effort to make people aware of both national and local pollution

problems.

He said that the local chapters of the American Institute of Architects and the American Institute of Planners have endorsed the symposium, and that the Civilian Student Council passed a favorable resolution Thursday.

Bob Fried presented a resolution endorsing the symposium and, after some debate, the council passed it.

Henry Williams, who alone voted against the measure, said he was not opposed to people want-

ing to learn about the environment, but he questioned whether the council ought to approve an on-campus activity not yet sanctioned by the administration.

He urged that Fried's resolution be amended to make administration approval conditional for GSC support for the symposium. Williams' amendment failed for lack of a second.

Voigt told the council that Architecture Dean E. J. Romieniec said the administration has approved the teach-in.

Graduate Dean George W. Kunze said he was a "little bit concerned" about the teach-in and asked Voigt to see Dean of Students James P. Hannigan to make sure the activity was "clear."

In other business, the GSC agreed to get a newsletter out to graduate students around the first of April. Milt Garrett said the publication would contain articles on the April 23 elections, library carrels, student rights, and others.

Jay Hubert told the council that there were still four library carrels available for graduates who needed a place to study for their preliminary examinations. He said that interested students should contact him for more information.

Art to be Loaned Thursday at 1 p.m.

Prints of renowned artists' paintings will go on loan Thursday at the A&M Library, beginning at 1 p.m., for the spring semester.

The Battalion erroneously reported Tuesday that the prints would go on loan beginning at 2 p.m.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

WEATHER

Thursday — Partly cloudy.
Wind North 20 to 25 m.p.h.
High 44, low 38.
Friday — Partly cloudy. Wind East 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 58, low 31.