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## Fitzhugh Elected Head Of 1970-71 MSC Council

By David Middlebrooke  
Thomas C. Fitzhugh III was elected President of the Memorial Student Center Council and Director of the 1970-71 this morning by the MSC Council.

The council also elected James W. (Rip) Russell III as chairman of the Great Issues Committee for 1970-71 and Dave Mayfield III as chairman of the 16th Student Conference on National Affairs Committee.

A chairman for the Town Hall Committee will be decided later this week.

Fitzhugh, Russell, and Mayfield will take office following the annual MSC banquet April 15.

The council originally met Monday night to decide the posts, but adjourned after almost two hours of discussion without arriving at a decision. Councilmen met again at 6:30 this morning in order to reach a decision.

Fitzhugh, junior geophysics major from Waco, is chairman of this year's Great Issues Committee and is Student Senate representative to the MSC Council.

For the past two years he has served as a student senator, first as sophomore geophysics representative, and this year under the new senate structure passed last year, as the geophysics representative.

He worked on Great Issues as a freshman and last year was chairman of the Great Issues Urban Crisis seminar.

## CS City Council Sets April 7 Election Day, OK's Gas Hike

By Dave Mayes  
Battalion Editor

The College Station City Council designated April 7 as the day city residents are to elect a mayor and three councilmen.

The council also approved a 17.36 per cent hike in rates charged by the Lone Star Gas Co. and authorized Mayor D. A. "Andy" Anderson to work with the city of Bryan and Texas A&M to set up a joint city utility committee to handle citizen complaints about telephone, gas, electric and other services.

At stake in the April election are the offices of mayor and council posts occupied by Jim

Dozier (place 2) Mayor Pro Tem O. M. Holt (Place 4), and C. H. Ransdell (Place 6).

According to Anderson, filing for offices opens today and closes March 6. Absentee voting begins March 17 and closes April 4.

On election day, Anderson said, polling places will be at A&M Consolidated High School, the new fire station and the old city hall.

Concerning the gas rate hikes, Ransdell told the council that he, Dozier and City Manager Ran Boswell had worked with the gas company for three months and, "after prolonged negotiations,"

managed to get Lone Star to lower its original increase request from 21.68 per cent to 17.36.

Ransdell said that under the present proposal, Lone Star would still be making more than seven per cent overall gross profit. He said that he thought the increase was "fair and equitable," in that Lone Star had not had a raise since 1953.

Councilman Holt questioned whether the "little user" (gas consumer) was being charged at a rate higher than the "big user." Ransdell said this was true but that the revised proposal brought the percentage differences between the two closer together.

During the discussion, a lady in the audience asked a representative of Lone Star why her gas bill was estimated rather than computed from readings from her meter. The representative replied that if the meter in a particular place is inaccessible then it is often estimated.

The woman maintained that her meter was very easy to read, and that she knew that Lone Star had not checked it in the last four months.

Several councilmen expressed concern that Lone Star be more diligent in its future meter readings.

In the vote on the rate hike, Holt and Joe McGraw voted against it, and Dozier, Ransdell, Dan Davis and Jim Cooley, in favor.

Anderson said the new rates would go into effect March 27.

Introducing the joint utility committee proposal, Anderson said that the Bryan City Commission had already expressed favorable interest in establishing the panel.

Anderson said the committee would be made up of citizens from Bryan, College Station and A&M who are "well versed in matters concerning all utilities." The panel would act as an advisory committee, informing the council of citizen complaints and recommending actions the council could take.

McGraw suggested that the panel should not only contain utilities experts but consumers of utilities as well. The council accepted his suggestion and unanimously approved the organization of the committee.

## At Washington-on-the Brazos Band Performs Sunday For Museum Dedication



**BAND SWEETHEART** — Linda Davis was selected Aggie Band Sweetheart for 1970-71 Saturday night during the annual band dance. The 17-year-old miss is a senior at Odessa High School. (Photo by Robert Boyd)

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band will participate in the dedication and opening Sunday of a new museum and auditorium at Washington-on-the-Brazos, site of the signing of Texas' declaration of independence from Mexico.

Governor Preston Smith, House Speaker Gus Mutscher Attorney General Martin Dies Jr. and other state dignitaries will participate in the day-long activities.

The band will provide a professional escort for Gov. Smith.

Aggie Bandmen directed by Lt. Col. E. V. Adams will appear at the 1836 state constitutional convention site at 11:30 a. m. for four hours of activities.

Construction and renovation on the site of the former state capital has been funded through individual gifts, a \$500,000 state appropriation, a \$200,000 endowment by Jesse H. Jones of Houston and other sources.

Located in Washington County five miles west of Navasota,

Washington-on-the-Brazos also is the site of the home of Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas. Stephen F. Austin established one of the first Texas settlements there under Mexican grant in the early 1820's.

Following a barbecue lunch, the Aggie Band will take part in the procession from the west entrance of the historic settlement to the museum. Bands of Navasota and Brenham schools and Blinn Junior College at Brenham also will participate.

At the star-shaped museum, Col. Adams will direct the band in the state song, "Texas, Our Texas," and the governor will speak and cut the ribbon to the museum.

A sound system covering the entire grounds will carry addresses and remarks from the 1,000-seat auditorium.

The band will then play a brief concert of march music.

Band activities at the occasion

were coordinated by Adams with Charles Machemehl, 1944 A&M graduate of Brenham, and Dr. James H. Atkinson, Blinn Junior College president.

"The band has a little more activities scheduled this spring than normal, which is good," Adams said. "It will keep us on our toes."

Executive Committee approval is pending for the band's participation in the April 24 Battle of Flowers Parade in San Antonio. The Aggie Band has provided the official escort for King Antonio in the spring event six straight years.

## Nixon's Policy One Of Unity: Foreman

By Hayden Whitsett

The Nixon Administration's policy in the remaining three years will be one of national unity, a United States Congressman told a Political Forum audience Wednesday night.

Edgar G. Foreman of New Mexico replaced the scheduled speaker, Senator Edward Gurney of Florida, in the Political Forum presentation. Gurney had been called back to Washington to be on hand for some important legislation that was to be introduced.

A member of the House Armed Forces Committee, Foreman listed inflation and Vietnam as Nixon's most pressing problems.

On the war in Vietnam he said that the President believes that South Vietnam should bear the responsibility for its defense and not the United States. He added that he believed that when the administration changed here that there were related changes in the South Vietnamese government and attitudes.

"Recognizing differences between needs and desires" is one of Nixon's methods of halting inflation Foreman said. According to him, Nixon has recognized that wasteful government spending is only going to bring on inflation. It is because of this, he said, that last year the government had a \$3 billion surplus rather than the \$25 billion deficit of the year before.

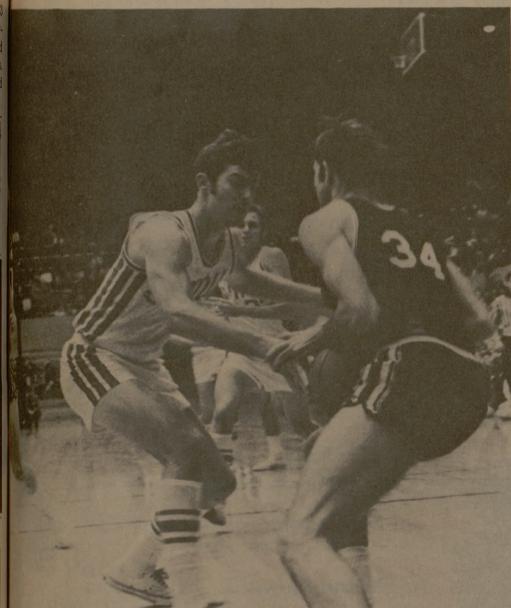
To help facilitate the cut in spending, Nixon has emphasized helping people to help themselves rather than expanding welfare programs Foreman said, adding that by making jobs available to people and teaching them to become independent the government hopes to hold down welfare spending.

Two out of three people in the United States agree with President Nixon, and his programs, Foreman said. Foreman said the reason only two of 32 reform bills submitted to Congress have passed was a "lethargic" congress. Foreman said that congress has yet to react to the "vigorous new administration" and pass the desired legislation.

Foreman also spoke of what Nixon will have to face in the future.

Answering to a question on the possibility of a draft and volunteer army reform, as proposed by the President's special council, Foreman said that he "seriously doubted if he will see an all-volunteer army." He said that first the government would have to make the military more attractive to men before they would be able to go all volunteer. However, he did foresee the possibility of a partial volunteer force.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."  
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**TIGHT SPOT**—A&M's Bobby Threadgill dribbles out of a roadblock thrown up by SMU's Bobby Rollings during Saturday night's game in Dallas. The Aggies won, 84-81. See story page 4. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Panel Wednesday On U.S.-Yugoslavia

A panel composed of a Yugoslav foreign diplomat and a political science professor whose specialty is Soviet philosophy will discuss "U.S.-Yugoslav Relations" Wednesday.

Panelists for the Great Issues presentation in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom are Marjan Osolnik and Dr. Lee R. Kerschner. The presentation will begin at 8 p. m., announced Great Issues chairman Tom Fitzhugh.

For seven years counselor in the Secretariat of the General to the Yugoslav president, Osolnik accompanied the country's president on official visits to Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America, including President Tito's visit to Washington and New York in 1968.

Since joining the foreign service and becoming third secretary of the Yugoslav Embassy in New Delhi in 1951, Osolnik has headed Yugoslav delegations to Israel, Great Britain, Japan, Indonesia, Egypt, India and the United Arab Republic.

The 41-year-old official gradu-

ated from Diplomatic School at Belgrade in 1949 after active service in the Antifascist youth movement in 1942 and the National Liberation Army.

Political science professor at California State College at Fullerton, Dr. Kerschner has wide experience in the Great Issues topic area. The contributor to "Problems of Communism" and "Studies in Soviet Thought" has traveled in Western Europe and Yugoslavia.

His Ph.D. dissertation at Georgetown University was on cybernetics in the judgement of Soviet philosophy. The former chief in the Harrisburg, Pa., Department of International Affairs took his M.A. at the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University after undergraduate study at Rutgers.

Kerschner is an associate professor and member of numerous professional organizations, including the International Studies Association and Far West Slavic Association.

## Board Approves \$300,000 For A&M's 'Nuplex' Study

Texas A&M received board of directors approval Tuesday to proceed with its "Nuplex" study designed to help meet the state's future water needs through nuclear desalination.

The board set a \$300,000 annual budget to support the research project.

"Nuplex," A&M officials explained, is a coined word describing a large complex consisting of nuclear power reactor, electricity production, water desalination, chemical processing and production, agriculture and associated activities.

The "Nuplex" concept, they added, represents a new and much larger dimension in totally integrated enterprises based on low-cost abundant electricity and water.

"Nuplex" is a long-range study, applicable to the 1985-2000 period, the Texas A&M officials emphasized.

Contracts included a \$3,208,125 award to Brown-Anthony-Rowan Wallace of Lubbock for its low bid on a major phase in the expansion of A&M's central utilities plant; \$704,555 to Wilcon Co. of Bossier City, La., and \$80,642 to the Boswell Co. of Bryan, with both firms providing additions to the university's sanitary sewer system. The board also approved a \$17,281 contract to Alice Roofing & Sheet Metal Works of Alice for re-roofing Downs Natatorium and the university hospital.

Appropriations included \$586,000 for artificial turf and track

surface for Kyle Field and adjacent practice area. The board approved a university recommendation to install Monsanto Company's AstroTurf on the football field and practice area and Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company's Tartan surface on the stadium's track.

The board also appropriated \$169,900 for initiation of various projects throughout the Texas A&M University System. Included were \$95,100 for renovation and modification of the animal science meat laboratory and \$10,000 for design of new parking facilities at Texas A&M.

The board also allocated \$6,000 for design of staging facilities

for oceanographic research vessels at Texas A&M's new Mitchell Campus at Galveston.

The TMA semester and summer cruise board fee was increased \$20, to \$260. The monthly rental rate for Hensel Apartments was raised to \$85, up \$10. All rates are effective Sept. 1.

The board also authorized A&M to seek Coordinating Board approval to offer master's degrees in industrial safety and industrial hygiene.

Additionally, board members approved an A&M request to provide \$30,000 for expanded research activity this year in the institution's new biomedical engineering program.

## Rudder Could Recover Fully, Board of Directors Told

A full recovery by A&M President Earl Rudder is expected, the university's board of directors was told this morning.

H. C. Heldenfels, board member from Corpus Christi, said that he had been to Houston over the weekend to see Rudder, and had been assured by doctors at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital that no brain damage was present and that a "rapid recovery" was expected.

The board member did say, however, that doctors thought that the vision in Rudder's left eye may be impaired and that he may lose some use of his left arm.

Heldenfels, who was accompanied on the visit by board president Clyde Wells and board member Ford Albritton, reported that doctors had said that barring setbacks, Rudder should be home in 30 days to six weeks.

Doctors said that they would like to see him participate in part of the decision making for the university in the spring.

The A&M president has been hospitalized since Jan. 29 and has undergone surgery to remove a blood clot following a cerebral hemorrhage and two more operations to relieve a bleeding ulcer.

**CONGRESSMAN SPEAKS**—Cong. Edgar G. Foreman discusses Nixon administration strategy in the coming elections during a Monday night Political Forum presentation. (Photo by Jim Berry)