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PLAYERS PERFORM—With a triumphant look Corie Bratter (center), played by Kathy Maxwell, makes a point during the Aggie Players' production of "Barefoot in the Park." Her husband Paul, played by Pat Castle, and mother, played by Kay Slowey, listen. The play's final three performances are tonight through Saturday night at 8 in Guion Hall. Admission is \$1. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

Fish Drill Team to Perform At Maroon-White Halftime

Performance by the Fish Drill Team of the sequence that won the national championship the third straight year will highlight halftime activities of the Maroon-White football game Saturday at Kyle Field. Kickoff will be at 2:30. The halftime show and a Sunday performance after the Mother's Day review will be the team's only campus appearance since winning the national competition at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C.

Malon Southerland, team sponsor of the commandant's office, said the FDT's performance at the spring football contest last year was the best he had seen.

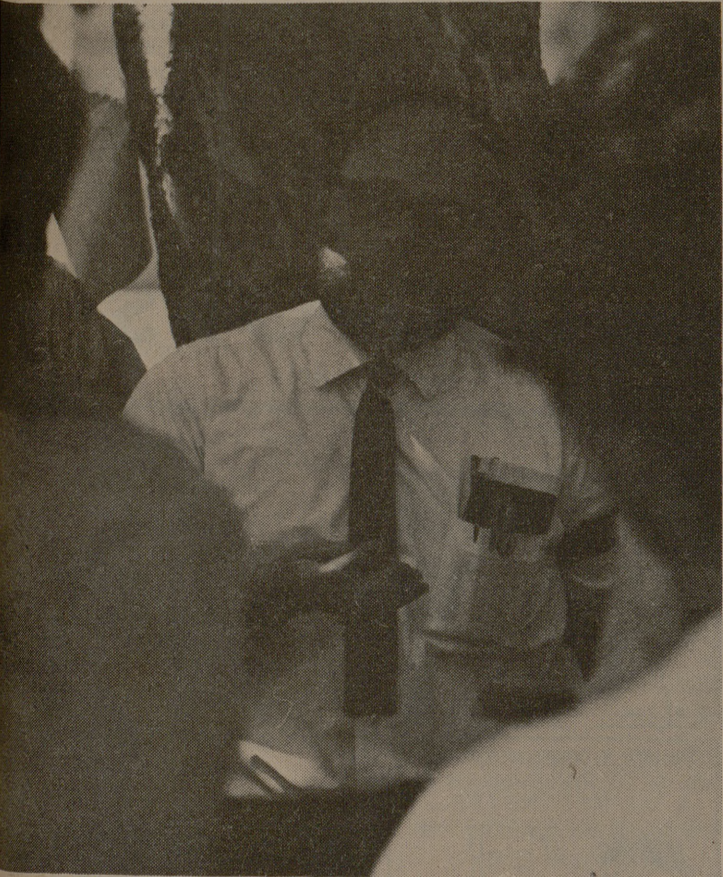
Hart Hall Freshmen Assaulted, Hair Cut in Morning Attacks

Two freshmen were assaulted and their hair was cut in two separate incidents early Thursday morning as they returned to their dorm. Joe Arredondo Jr. and Paul Kennedy, both residents of Hart Hall, said they were returning from the Northgate area when they were assaulted. Arredondo said that as he was going by Mitchell Hall at 11:30 a.m. he met three men who spoke to him. After they had passed by him, he said, they turned and ran after him. Arredondo said they tried to tie his hands, but that

people in the Y who had heard him yelling arrived in time to chase them away. He said that very little of his hair was cut before help arrived. Kennedy said he was walking from the Academic Building to Hart when three or four men came up behind him. He said that they bound and gagged him and cut "a lot" of his hair. Kennedy said that they moved him to a dark spot in front of Nagle and when the gag slipped, he yelled for help. Several men from Hart chased his assailants away, he said. Kennedy said the incident occurred about 1:15 a.m., but University Police said they were not summoned until 2 a.m.

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

150-200 Students 'Rap' On Cambodia, Kent State



FACULTY PARTICIPATES—Math Instructor Bruce McQuarrie talked with students most of the day during Wednesday's informal rap session in front of the Academic Building.

The hand-lettered sign paperclipped to the trunk of the tree proclaimed "Rap Session," and that's what happened Wednesday as some 150 to 200 students peacefully discussed recent events in Cambodia and Kent State University all afternoon on the lawn in front of the Academic building.

The scene was virtually a smaller scaled re-enactment of last October's Moratorium day activities here, as students, some of them wearing black armbands, spontaneously clustered into three or four groups to hear and discuss the issues of the day.

There were no uniformed university police officers at the session, and there was no attempt made to disperse the gathering.

Morris A. Maddox, assistant chief of University Police, told The Battalion as he momentarily observed the discussion session that as long as events remained peaceful there would be no need for police action.

Although discussion centered upon the questions of U.S. involvement in Cambodia and the deaths of four students at Kent State, students also debated other topics, ranging from the war in Vietnam, to student rights and black studies at A&M.

Perhaps if there was one point on which a number of students seemed to agree, it was that student discussion sessions were useful for relieving tensions.

The local chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom circulated petitions through the crowd endorsing President Richard Nixon's stand on the Cambodia issue.

Mike Carpenter, YAF secretary, said that more than 600 signatures have been collected since Tuesday. Another YAF member estimated that more than 2,000 have signed petitions in Bryan-College Station.

Carpenter said the petitions would be sent to Nixon Friday.

John Blake, a member of the Campus Committee of Concern (CCOC) which initially started the "Rap Session" at midmorning, told The Battalion Wednesday night that a march was scheduled for 6:30 tonight.

He said the march, planned to begin at the old College Station city hall and proceed along FM 2154 to the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, and was to be held to memorialize the students killed at Kent State.

But Senators Don't Lower Flag Violence Deplored, Sympathy Expressed

**By Dave Mayes
Battalion Editor**

Reacting to the recent student slayings at Kent State University, student senators Wednesday agreed to deplore campus violence and send letters of sympathy to the families of the students killed, but refused to mourn their deaths by defeating a request that a flag be lowered to half staff Friday.

Meeting for the last business session of the year, senators balked at lowering the flag in front of the Academic building because, as some said, the action might be interpreted on campus and across the state as a show of support for student disruption.

The flag-lowering resolution, introduced by Jimmy Weaver (soph-LA), stated that the senate is "in sympathy with the families of those students who lost their lives at Kent State University and will lower the U.S. flag . . . to mourn this tragedy."

Before a roll call vote was taken on the issue, senators, with Weaver's consent, tacked on a statement to the effect that the flag lowering did not signify a protest of any kind.

Nevertheless, the resolution failed 33-18.

Leading debate against the measure, Head Yell Leader Sam Torn said that the flag should only be lowered to mourn the passing of some national figure, and that most people would take the senate's action as a condem-

nation of the Ohio National Guard.

Senior Class President Jimmy Dunham argued that the honor should be reserved for A&M students, adding that he doubted whether the "lowering of a flag at Texas A&M will bring these Kent State students back."

David Carwell (sr-Sci) and Mel Hamilton (jr-Arch) added that if the flag were lowered for these students, it should be lowered every day for those killed in Vietnam.

A number in the gallery, composed largely of members or supporters of the Campus Committee

of Concern (CCOC) shouted agreement.

Hamilton said that the point he was trying to make was that lowering the flag too often would make a mockery of what should be an honor.

Dennis Flannigan (vp-MS-C) countered arguments that the senate could be destroying an A&M tradition by saying that lowering the flag to half staff is not an Aggie tradition, but an American tradition.

"What's the problem here?," he asked. "We've got an American flag, not an Aggie flag, and these students were Americans."

Roger Miller, senate vice president-elect, said that he hopes that when people see that the flag has been lowered, that they will realize that A&M students abhor what happened at Kent State.

"Anyone who doesn't abhor the tragedy there should be suspected of being mentally unbalanced," he said.

Senate president-elect Kent Caperton added that if the senate failed to adopt the resolution, it could be interpreted equally well across the state that the Student Senate doesn't care what took place at Ohio university.

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Student Asks ACLU Aid To Stop Ant Spraying

**By Pam Troboy
Battalion News Editor**

An A&M student has requested help from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Environmental Defense Fund to obtain an injunction against the further spraying for fire ants in Brazos County.

Don Coon, wildlife science graduate student, said that he will ask for an injunction against the aerial spraying of Mirex under the Federal Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This law

has been interpreted to mean that the spreading of pesticides may be enjoined until their effects on the environment have been studied.

Coon said he was doing this as a private citizen and his views in no way reflected on his department or the university.

More than 5,200 acres, most of them in the Bryan city limits were sprayed Monday over Coon's objections.

A twin engine plane loaded with Mirex had already taken off from Easterwood Airport when it was called back at Coon's request.

Coon objected to the indiscriminate aerial spraying of the area with the chemical which, he said,

was possibly dangerous to humans.

He said that the plane's crew told him the only person who could stop the Mirex application is the director of the plant protection division of the United States Department of Agriculture in Hyattsville, Md.

A government release said that Mirex leaves no harmful residue and has no harmful effects on human beings, domestic animals, fish or wildlife.

"Mirex is bad stuff," Coon said. "It's not at all what they make it out to be."

"The sole purpose of Mirex is to kill," he said, "and it stays in the eco system. It is a chlori-"
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Polls Open Until 8 For Runoffs Today

Polls will remain open until 8 p.m. in today's runoff elections. Polls are located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

Students will need identification cards and student activity cards to vote.

Offices to be decided are:
Class of '71—concessions manager, Steve Clark and Joel Koehler.

Class of '72—secretary-treasurer, Laura Sorensen and Richard Tillman.

Class of '73—president, Nick

Jiga and Mike Milliner; secretary-treasurer, Rush Crocker, Larry M. Moore, and John Rasch.

College of Business Administration—junior representative (two), David Berend, Spike Dayton, Sam Roosth, and Gary Singletary.

College of Liberal Arts—senior representative, Rick Briscoe and Kent L. Smith.

College of Science—senior representative, Mike Barrett and Randy Shepard; sophomore representative, Steve Hook, John W. Jerymn, and Michael Lindsey.

San Antonio Theater Dedicates D-Day Film Showing to Rudder

A San Antonio theater is dedicating a return engagement of the movie "The Longest Day" in honor of the late A&M President Earl Rudder.

Ceremonies honoring Rudder will be conducted at San Antonio's CinemaTex Friday in conjunction with the movie's revival.

The movie is based on the World War II D-Day invasion, in

which the former university president played a key role while serving as commander of the Ranger Battalion which scaled the cliffs at Normandy.

Rudder died March 23. Richard (Buck) Weirus, executive director of the Association of Former Students, will represent the university along with Forrest Jordan, president of the San Antonio A&M Club.



AFTERNOON DEBATE—Senior history major Russ Mason (second from left) and sophomore psychology major John McAuley, Campus Committee of Concern member, discuss issues during the informal rap session held Wednesday in front of the Academic Building. (Photos by Robert Boyd)