

## Show an interest

Tonight two student governing bodies hold their first meetings of the year. The Student Senate will meet in the conference room on the second floor of the library at 7:30. The Civilian Student Council meets at 7 in room 3D of the Memorial Student Center.

Student government can be only as effective as those it governs want it to be. It has made great strides here in the past few

years, and shows promise of making even more progress this year. But it needs your support.

You voted for candidates last spring; why not attend some student government meetings, and see how your representatives are performing? Talk to your elected voice and let him know how you feel on issues.

The saying, "The wheel that squeaks the loudest gets the grease," still holds.

## On other campuses

By James R. Jackson

Well, another year's about to get rolling, and there's going to be a lot happening at A&M as well as elsewhere. If you want to try and keep up with this column I can give you the lowdown on some of it, but, of course, not all of it.

I suppose all schools have things in common, but one in particular, and one that has affected just about all schools, is book buying. From simple observation and participation you, as a student, can realize the scope of this problem. I guess every student on every campus has one or more gripes about the book buying system — even at A&M. Well, if you come up with a solution I would be happy to know just what you're supposed to do when all the bookstores have sold out of the one book you need.

Rejoice, I suppose, would be a good solution because you would not have to stand in a line a mile long only to wait and pay \$15 for something that's worth only 50 cents at the end of the semester.

One suggestion offered recent-

ly is that somebody start a card file. Each student would keep the book from the previous semester that he wanted to sell for more than any of the local stores offer.

The owner of the book would then go to the card file, make out a card with the author's name and title of the book, and place it in the file alphabetically according to the name of the author. He would be sure to put his phone number on the card so a potential buyer could call for the book after going through the file.

This system is working beautifully at San Diego State College in California. Well, it's an idea. Maybe someone with initiative like the Student Senate will get it off next semester. All it would involve is a couple of card boxes placed conveniently in the MSC maybe, or anywhere for that matter.

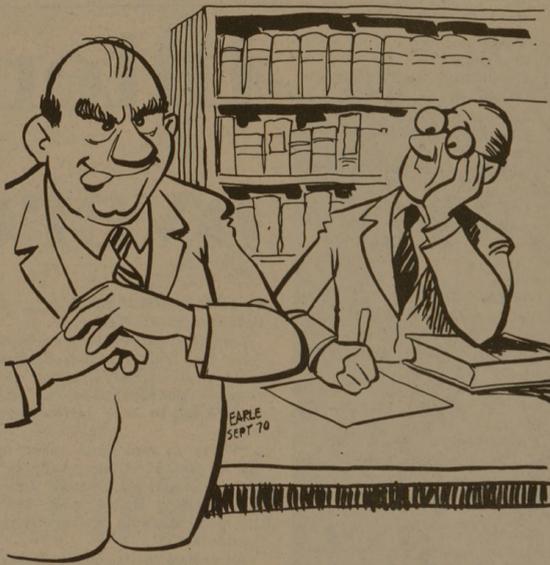
Speaking of books, the administration at Lubbock has cancelled orders for three magazines which were to be included on the

University Center's newstand. The big three are Playboy, Evergreen, and Ebony. Well, it looks as though Tech students will be forced to seek enlightenment from goodies such as Better Homes & Gardens and Readers Digest. You know what "they" say: "Bliss is ignorance," or was it "Ignorance is bliss," or does it matter?

Another administrator has called it quits recently. The president of the University of Oklahoma, after attacks had been directed toward his administration by the governor, has resigned and accepted a position with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"I don't have any responsibilities or authority," he said with respect to his new job.

In response to a report that a committee appointed by regents to select a new president had ten faculty members, two students, and two alumni, he replied, "If that were the make up, . . . I would suggest there are too few students." Power to the people!



"It's been hard holding back—I'm glad next Wednesday's the last day they can drop a course!"

### tonight on the tube

Numbers in ( ) denote channels on the cable.	15 (12) Creative Person (NET)
3:00 3 (5) Gomer Pyle	8:30 15 (1) Cabbages and Kings
15 (12) Sesame Street (NET) (Repeat of Wednesday)	9:00 3 (5) NET Festival
3:30 3 (5) Town Talk	10:00 3 (5) Final News
4:00 3 (5) Dark Shadows	15 (12) Chicago Festival (NET)
4:30 3 (5) Bewitched	10:30 3 (5) Tom Jones
5:00 3 (5) General Hospital	11:30 3 (5) The Detectives
15 (12) Misterogers' Neighborhood	
5:30 3 (5) CBS News	
15 (12) Sesame Street (NET)	
6:00 3 (5) Evening News	
6:30 3 (5) Family Affair	
15 (12) Campus and Community Today	
7:00 3 (5) Billy Graham	
15 (12) What's New (NET)	
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8:00 3 (5) Movie—Crooked Road	

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## Bulletin Board

### TONIGHT

Texas A&M Model Airplane Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. in Physics room 201. The meeting is to enroll new members and organize.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in MSC room 3B. All new students are invited.

Texas A&M Agriculturist will meet at 7:30 in Services Building room 227. All students in the College of Agriculture interested in helping produce this year's magazines, is invited to attend.

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Academic Building.

Alpha Phi Omega will hold a smoker at 8:15 p.m. in the MSC Assembly Room. Purpose of the smoker is to introduce the service functions of APO to prospective pledges.

Texas A&M Students for George Bush will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the old College Station city hall, 101 Church St. to organize.

Texas A&M Polo Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Animal Sciences room 203. No horses, equipment or experience playing polo are required to join the club.

Panhandle Area Hometown Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the MSC Art Room.

Mid County Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the MSC lobby. It is an organizational meeting for all persons from Port Neches, Nederland and Groves.

### FRIDAY

Fashion Group of TAMU Women's Social Club will hold registration after 2 p.m. meeting of the social club in the MSC.

### SUNDAY

Alpha Phi Omega will meet at 8 p.m. in MSC room 3D. Reports on Campus Chest, Town Hall and the smoker will be given.

### MONDAY

Iota Lambda Sigma will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 107 of the M.E. shops.

Semper Fidelis will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Physics room 146.

### TUESDAY

Debate Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Academic Building room 306. Anyone interested in forensics is invited to attend.

AGC will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium.

Contemporary Arts Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lee St. in College Station.

Range and Forestry Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Plant Sciences room 102.

### WEDNESDAY

DeWitt-Lavaca County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Academic Building room 203

to organize and plan for the Thanksgiving party.

Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Assembly Room. Beginners class will begin at the first meeting, other groups play for fun and prizes. An invitation is extended to wives of students in all departments, faculty wives, female students and women employees of TAMU. For further information, call 822-2655.

### THURSDAY

Austin Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in MSC room 3D.

## NASA balloon loose

SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON (AP)—A runaway scientific balloon continued to drift westward out of control and officials said it was now over Oregon.

The 600-foot balloon, carrying a 1,200 pound scientific payload, was launched from Minneapolis, Minn., Friday. Scientists planned to bring it to earth automatically on Sunday, but the descent system apparently malfunctioned and the balloon wouldn't come down. Officials said Wednesday the balloon passed over Remond, Ore., at 11 a.m. EDT Wednesday at 88,000 feet. It was expected to continue drifting westward.

"The way it's looking now, it may not come down until Friday night," said Zack Osborne, a scientist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "We apparently have an extremely tight balloon."

He said it was not losing gas as had been expected.

The balloon had drifted 1,500 miles by Wednesday morning.

The balloon and its payload are part of a project called Cosmic Ray Emulsion Plastic Experiment. The payload contains three different cosmic ray detectors mounted in a 12 by 20-foot package.

Officials said the experiment was designed to automatically

descend upon a radio signal, but numerous radio commands have brought no results.

The wayward balloon is being monitored by instruments on a truck and in an airplane. Officials are following it by truck and hope to be nearby when it lands.

## Bridge club sets meeting

Organization of the Aggie Wives Bridge Club is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Sept. 16 in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room, reports club reporter Carolyn Lockhart.

Costs will be explained and beginners classes will be organized at the first meeting, she said.

Mrs. Lockhart noted the club is open to A&M staff wives, student wives, coeds and women faculty or staff employees.

The club has game night each Wednesday from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Special events include a covered dish dinner, couples party and end of semester tournament, Mrs. Lockhart added.

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