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Cloudy with
wind and
light rain

Saturday — Cloudy. Easterly
winds 5-10 mph. Low 56 degrees,
high 68 degrees.

Game time — Cloudy, southerly
winds 3-5 mph. 63 degrees.

Sunday — Cloudy, intermittent
rain. Southerly winds 15-20 mph.
Low 58 degrees, high 68 degrees.

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Senate to research fee allocation plan

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Editor

Student senators Thursday night voted to establish a committee to study possible changes in the method of distributing student service fees and make recommendations to the Senate.

Senators also heard reports from committees and were given an explanation of policies and practices followed by the Exchange Store.

Bill Hartsfield, secretary, introduced the resolution establishing the student fee allotment committee. He emphasized that the committee would have nothing to do with actual allocation of funds but would study the methods involved and make recommendations to the Senate for further action.

Hartsfield, in his resolution, proposed that the committee be limited to six members who

"shall consult with all organizations and departments that presently receive funds from the student service fees."

During discussion on the measure, one senator remarked it seemed to him the Senate thought everything needed changing, since it was always establishing committees to study "possible changes" in things.

Another senator called for deletion of the part of the resolution saying the committee must consult with organizations receiving student service fee money.

He said he thought it limited the committee to just that action. Despite explanations from others that such was not the case, that the committee could consult anyone but is bound to consult those certain groups, the senator felt the phrase should be deleted. The Senate failed to support him.

Hartsfield said letters had been sent to other universities seeking

information on how their fee distribution systems worked. He said that heads of groups on the Texas A&M campus also were being contacted for recommendations they might have.

Exchange Store Manager Charles R. Cargill told senators the store has grown from a \$1,000 investment in 1907 to a \$1.5 million business with yearly profits in excess of \$100,000.

Cargill said the Exchange Store's new home in the Memorial Student Center, part of the MSC expansion program to be begun soon, will cost more than \$1.7 million. The store will be located where the bowling alley is now, he said, and will have two levels with a combined area four times as large as the present 1,000 square feet.

He said the first floor section of the store will be devoted to clothing, records, drugs and other items now carried by the store. The basement portion, he said, will all be used for books, allowing for an inventory of books other than just textbooks.

Cargill said the book department will have 12 checkout stands, with provisions for six to eight more if the need arises. He also said the new store should be completed by January, 1972.

He assured senators that, contrary to beliefs they might hold, the Exchange Store is not getting rich on book sales. He said the store breaks even at best on sales of new books, and may lose as much as two per cent. Store policy on used books, the manager said, allows the store to buy books back for 50 per cent of the original price.

Used books then are resold for 75 per cent of the original price, he said, allowing the store to make up for losses on new book

sales. Sweatshirt sales and sale of clothing and other items also help offset the loss, he said. Profit margin on these items, he said, is about 100 per cent.

The 100 per cent profit doesn't mean a big markup, he said. Most items are sold at manufacturer's suggested retail price, the manager said.

Cargill said the store's profit was around eight per cent of sales, a figure he termed "reasonable."

He said about one-third of the store's profits will be distributed among student clubs, and the other two-thirds will be put into a fund to pay for the new location in the MSC. State law, Cargill explained, prohibits using tax money for auxiliary services, such as the Exchange Store.

In response to questions by senators, he said offering students a profit-sharing, or co-op, plan or giving a discount would be unthinkable until after the expansion is paid for. Then, he said, all profit except that needed to meet the store's budget (about one-third), will be turned back to the students through club aid.

Cargill reported that the store loses about three per cent a year in shoplifting. Recently, he said, the Exchange Store has begun prosecuting students caught shoplifting.

Books becoming obsolete also cause a loss, he said, but little can be done about it. The ultraviolet light pricing system now being used, he said, helps save money by making it easier to return unsold books to the publishers.

Cargill said the store does not sell at lower prices than North (See Senate, page 3)



Exchange Store Manager Charles R. Cargill explains store policies and practices to senators during Thursday night's Student Senate meeting. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

Grad council delays action on motion to recall president

By PAM TROBOY
Battalion Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Council Thursday refused to act on a petition circulated among graduate students for the recall of President Mickey Land.

Wayne Brungard (I.Ed.) passed out copies of the petition and asked for a vote, but his motion was tabled until the next meeting.

Land is classified as a full-time staff member but has special permission to take 12 hours of graduate work, the number necessary to be a "bona fide graduate student" as defined in GSC bylaws.

The council requested his resignation Sept. 17 because of his faculty status and he refused Sept. 24. On Oct. 2, the council agreed to postpone any further action until the Constitution Revision Committee reported back to the group. The committee had no report at Thursday's meeting.

The petition read in part that: "Mickey Land is a full-time faculty member and therefore not qualified to represent the graduate students of Texas A&M University as their leader and official spokesman.

"Issues of conflicting interest may jeopardize as well as embarrass the Graduate Student Council as a body, the President and his officers in particular, and the Dean of the Graduate College."

Land said that since the student body did not elect him, it could not recall him, so the issue would

have to be decided by a vote of the council.

Land was elected by last year's GSC.

Brungard agreed and said he was requesting a vote of the council "now."

C. A. Bedinger (Bio.) questioned whether the GSC had the authority to act. "These petitions are useful to garner student opinion," he said, "but I don't think we can act unless a clear majority of the 3,000 graduate students sign one of these petitions."

Ernie Davis (Ag. Eco.) then moved that the motion be tabled to give each member a "chance to survey his constituents."

The motion passed unanimously, but Land noted that "we still won't know what to do" after the constitution does not cover the situation.

"No matter what happens," he said, "it will still be a mess."

Such questions as "who can request a recall election?" "who votes in such an election?" and "what margin of the votes is needed to recall the president?" were left unanswered.

In other action, Brungard announced that the GSC will share a 30 minute "Viewpoint" program on KAMU with the Student Senate. During the live broadcast Oct. 27 at 8:30 p.m., the executive committee will discuss problems of graduate students.

He also said the President and Deans Luncheon has been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 12 at

the Ramada Inn. After the meeting Brungard said he did not know how many students have signed the petition because several copies are still being circulated.

Donations for United Drive over \$18,200

Texas A&M's "United Drive" has raised more than \$18,200 in support of the United campaigns in Bryan and College Station.

Dean of Science J. M. Prescott, who heads the university campaign, said tabulations show approximately \$10,500 collected on campus for the College Station United Chest and \$7,700 for the Bryan United Fund.

"Although the major emphasis was last week," Prescott said, "we are continuing to receive contributions from various sources throughout the campus."

The dean said several departments and offices are showing better returns this week.

This year marks the first time university employees have the opportunity to contribute to either the Bryan or College Station drives, Prescott noted.

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Student award honors Rudder

The Brown Foundation has granted A&M \$100,000 for establishment of a student award honoring the late Earl Rudder, A&M president for more than a decade.

Establishment of the memorial was jointly announced by George R. Brown, president of the Houston foundation, and Acting A&M President A. R. Lueddecke. Officially designated "The Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award," it will include annual presentation of a monetary gift and plaque to the outstanding graduating senior who exemplifies the qualities and traits of character of the late Rudder. The award will be presented at spring commencement ceremonies each year.

"James Earl Rudder was one of the great men of his era who made a contribution of lasting and great value to his nation, state and fellowman," states the document outlining objectives and provisions of the endorsement.

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Provision is made for a faculty-staff-student committee to assist the university president in selecting the graduating senior judged "to have best demonstrated those qualities of leadership, patriotism, fortitude, courage, humility and the many other sterling traits of character so vividly exemplified by James Earl Rudder during his lifetime."

University officials said the annual award will approximately reimburse the recipient for essential educational expenses during a four-year period. At the present time, such expenses total about \$5,000.

The Brown Foundation was organized by George R. Brown and his brother, the late Herman Brown. They were among the founders of Brown & Root, Inc., the world's largest construction firm. Rudder died March 23 at the age of 59. The World War II hero and 1932 Texas A&M graduate had been president of his alma mater since July 1, 1959. The Eden native was appointed vice president a year earlier after distinguished service as Texas land commissioner.

Date accommodations in town may be acquired through 'Y'

Students seeking housing for weekend guests can take advantage of a guest room locating service offered by the Student Y Cabinet.

Secretary Logan E. Weston said most of the rooms are available at private homes in the Bryan-College Station area.

Residents who want to list rooms are asked to contact Weston's office to fill out a file card. The card will be kept on file

permanently in the YMCA, Room 102.

Weston pointed out the cabinet does not attempt to negotiate room fees. He said students must come to the office, look through the file and contact the individual owner.

Each card includes the rental address, owner, telephone numbers, number of rooms, number of guests accepted, when rooms are available, rates and information on private bath and entrance.

The inquiring Battman

Do you think the possession of 'pot' should be legalized?



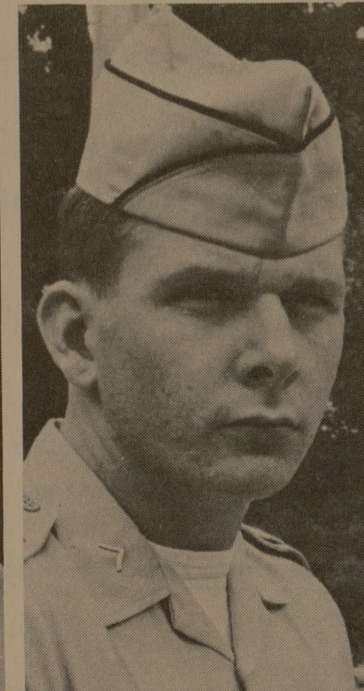
Bill Krell
junior

"Pot should be legalized somewhat the way alcohol is today. It would eliminate a lot of black market peddling, and bring the weed situation under the control of the authorities and out of the shadow of ignorance."



Ted Smith
junior

"I think pot or narcotics of any kind should not be legalized. I've too many friends ruined due to the influence of drugs. I just don't think it has a place in our society."



Richard M. Snead
sophomore

"Legalized pot is fine with me."



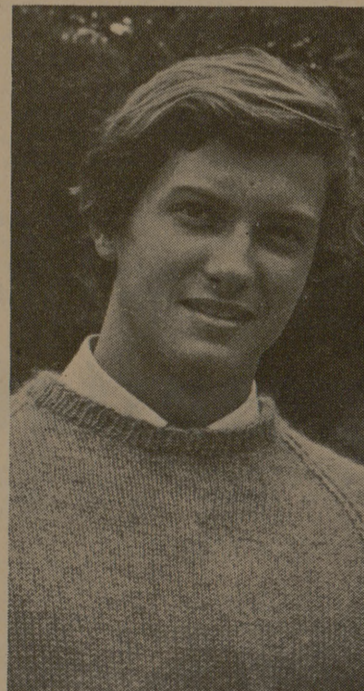
Cathy Armstrong
freshman

"I definitely disapprove of the legalization of marijuana. Legalization would encourage both users and pushers of hard drugs. Also, more research is needed on the effects of pot."



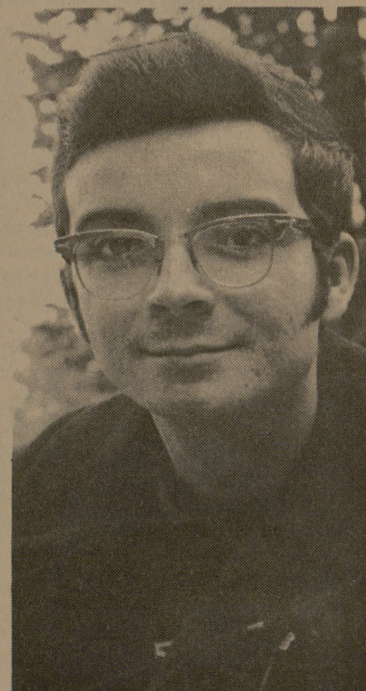
Don J. Baker
junior

"It should be made obtainable to people of age (21 or over). Once legalized, marijuana will lose its appeal to many users and will cease to be a problem."



Robert Cunningham
sophomore

"I think anything, done in excess — alcohol, drugs, money, etc. — is bad. The present law should be changed to a misdemeanor for first offense, however."



Jim Zeman
junior

"It should be more legal than it is now — the penalties are much too harsh. The Nebraska laws, where the first offense rates a 7-day jail term and a minor fine, are much more humane." (Photos by Patrick Fontana)