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FRIDAY—Partly cloudy, winds Southerly 10 to 12 m.p.h. High 71, low 39.  
SATURDAY — Partly cloudy to cloudy, winds: Southerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 71; low 41.  
DALLAS — COTTON BOWL—partly cloudy, winds: Southerly 10 to 20 m.p.h. 66°.



UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION between the Memorial Student Center and Guion Hall renders another section of the campus impassable to students and motor traffic. The work is both to install new utility pipes and begin work on expansion of the MSC. (Photo by Patrick Fontana)

## Election gives Nixon Senate more 'in time'

WASHINGTON (AP)—A slightly more conservative Senate with views somewhat closer to President Nixon's positions has emerged from the 1970 elections.

But the Democrats retain solid control of the branch of Congress that has been the administration's biggest thorn.

Thus the President and his fellow campaigner, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, were denied the big victory which they sought in an all-out effort to win Republican control of the Senate.

The outcome means, among other things, that Democratic committee chairmen who are anathema to the administration, like Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., head of Foreign Relations, will be doing business at the same old stand in the 92nd Congress convening next January.

While it will not change the over-all picture, one Senate race was still undecided, a nip-and-tuck battle in Indiana between incumbent Democrat Vance Hartke and Republican Rep. Richard L. Roudebush. Hartke held a slim lead but it may be several days before the outcome is known, and a recount is likely.

Pending the Indiana outcome, the Senate lineup for the new Congress stands at 53 Democrats, 44 Republicans, one independent, Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., of Virginia, and one Conservative, Sen. James L. Buckley of New York.

In the present Senate there are 57 Democrats and 43 Republicans.

The Republicans made a net gain of two seats, with victories

in Tennessee, Connecticut, Maryland and Ohio partly offset by losses in Illinois and California. If Roudebush wins out in Indiana, the GOP pickup would be three.

Three of the Republicans who captured Democratic seats are considerably more conservative than the men they will replace. These are Rep. William E. Brock III who defeated veteran Sen. Albert Gore in Tennessee, Rep. Robert Taft Jr., who will replace the retiring Sen. Stephen M. Young in Ohio, and Rep. J. Glenn Beall Jr., who ousted Sen. Joseph D. Tydings in Maryland.

In Connecticut there probably will be less change. Rep. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., a moderate Republican who has not always followed the administration line, will replace Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, often a maverick Democrat and a Nixon supporter on foreign policy.

The switch to a more conservative hue is not confined to states where Democrats were ousted.

The Democrats held a Texas seat in surprisingly easy fashion but the victor, former Rep. Lloyd M. Bentsen, is well to the right of the incumbent Sen. Ralph Yarborough. Bentsen beat Yarborough in the Democratic primary.

On the other hand, Democratic liberals will replace conservatives in Illinois and California. Adlai E. Stevenson III took the Illinois seat by trouncing Sen. Ralph T. Smith, and Rep. John V. Tunney cut down Sen. George Murphy in California.

In addition, Lawton Chiles, who held a Florida seat for the Democrats, is considered more moderate

than the conservative he will succeed, retiring Sen. Spessard L. Holland.

The Nixon-Agnew style of campaign also may have hardened the positions of the dozen or so Republican liberal senators who often have opposed administration stands in the 91st Congress.

Several of these showed their displeasure with Agnew's attack on Sen. Charles E. Goodell in New York by rushing to that state to speak out for Goodell.

The new Senate will be enlivened by the return of Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, who has promised he will renew the active role he played for 16 years, before he left his seat in 1965 to become vice president.

Humphrey, who lost a presidential bid in 1968, succeeds the retiring Democratic Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy. He said he has no plans to seek the party's top nomination again in 1972.

Humphrey's 1968 running mate, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, scored an impressive third-term victory with 62 per cent of the vote in Maine. Unlike Humphrey, Muskie has made it clear he is strongly interested in seeking the White House two years from now.

Another Democrat often mentioned as a presidential contender, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, rolled up 63 per cent of the vote in winning reelection in Massachusetts. Kennedy has said repeatedly he will not run for president in 1972.

Democrats believe they also have two potential new political stars in youthful victors in Illinois and California—Stevenson, son of the 1952 and 1956 party presidential nominee, and Tunney, son of the one-time heavyweight boxing champion.

It was hard to find a trend or dominant issues in the results.

## Federal drug laws' changes told by campus rights group

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In a recent issue of Playboy, a poll was taken on the percentage of college students using narcotics. The poll covered two hundred college campuses. Of the students who were polled, 34 per cent occasionally used marijuana and 13 per cent used it frequently.

Sixteen per cent occasionally used amphetamines and two per cent used them frequently. Occasional users of barbituates numbered 14 per cent of the students polled and one per cent used them frequently. Ten per cent used LSD occasionally and one per cent used it frequently.

These figures effectively show the dramatic increase in narcot-

ics among the college students of the '70s," Ed Hargett, member of the Legal Right Commission (LRC), said Wednesday.

The national laws recently have undergone some important changes due to the passage of the Nixon anticrime bill, Hargett said. The two most important changes are the addition of the "no knock" clause and reduction in federal marijuana penalties, he added.

Police now have the right to enter a household without notice if they suspect possession of drugs.

The law was passed to prevent the destruction of evidence. A warrant must be obtained before entrance.

"Although the law currently applies only in Washington, D.C., it will probably serve as a model for future state laws," Hargett said.

The second important change is that marijuana possession has been reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor when handled by federal agents. The federal law applies only when a person is caught crossing state lines with drugs.

"Federal laws are much harsher for use or selling of more dangerous drugs," Hargett said.

Violation of state narcotics laws (selling, possessing, trafficking) in Texas is a felony carrying a two-year to life sentence in a state penitentiary.

"This law includes marijuana also and punishment is much

harsher than the federal law," Hargett commented. "Penalties vary tremendously in Texas for first offense marijuana charges," he added, "but two to five years probation is the most common."

The code adopted at A&M is in line with state laws, Hargett said. Suspension is recommended for possession of or being an accessory to the possession of an illicit drug or narcotic either on or off campus, in addition to any legal penalty the student might incur.

"Such suspension usually follows indictments for, not conviction of, drug possession, but policy may vary in individual cases," David Reynolds, chairman of the LRC, said.

## Cadets to host Friday last day for room reservations

The Corps of Cadets will pass in review for the Aggie football team at Duncan Hall when the Aggie gridders will be guests of the Corps for the evening meal tonight.

After the review, the players will divide into groups of two or three for each squadron and company for the meal.

This will allow students to get to talk individually with the players and help boost support with the first official corps trip of the year to the SMU game Saturday.

Yell practice will be in front of Henderson Hall at 10:30 p.m.

Punishment for violators in the past has been suspension for the remainder of the semester plus one full academic semester. If the violation does not occur on campus, the student may be allowed to finish the semester, Hargett said.

The student does have the right to appeal suspension or dismissal to the Disciplinary Appeals Panel. He may have counsel consisting of another student, faculty member, or attorney.

"The LRC recommends that a student stay away from drugs entirely," Reynolds said. "However, should he run into trouble with narcotics laws, he will need a competent attorney. Besides providing assistance with on-campus disciplinary machinery, all the commission can do in these cases is help him find one."

## Friday last day for room reservations

Friday will be the last day for residence hall students to reserve for the spring semester, rooms they now occupy, according to Allan Madley, housing manager.

Those failing to reserve a room will go on the lists with everyone else trying to get on campus, Madley said. There are currently more people requesting rooms than there are rooms available, he added.

## KAMU seeks two for parts

KAMU-TV has begun auditions for Israel Horowitz's play and television production "The Sugar Plum," station employee Seth Rossman announced Monday.

Rossman said he is looking for a man and a woman who are or look like they are between 18-20 years old.

Those interested should contact him at 845-5611, Rossman said.

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## Cadet Corps changes style to accommodate today's student

Making Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets fit the needs of today's college student while maintaining the "leadership lab" qualities forms the thesis of the 1970-71 commander.

Cadet Col. Van H. Taylor of Temple sums the position briefly and simply. "Nobody is going to help the Corps but itself," he asserts.

From there, Taylor and corps staff try to blend reasonable progress and growth with a sensible retention of meaningful traditions in directing activities of the 2,649-member organization. It is composed of 20 Army ROTC companies, 14 Air Force ROTC squadrons and the Texas Aggie

ron COs—all 20 to 22 years old—learning, testing, trying and utilizing the decision-making process.

"Taylor has the tools for the job," said Frank K. Nicolas, staff assistant to the commandant of cadets, Army Col. Jim H. McCoy. "His strong points are tenacity, purpose, a level head, mature logic and an open personality. He makes no decision without assembling all the pertinent facts."

McCoy noted Taylor, a senior mechanical engineering major who was a Distinguished Student his first four A&M semesters, put together the corps "think tank" at Camp Arrowmoon last year.

"The Corps of Cadets or any unit within it reflects the personality of the commander," the colonel said. "A good measure of Taylor's ability is that at this

stage of the school year, the corps has lost only half the number of freshmen that it had at this time last year."

The route to that achievement, bringing about corps growth and strengthening corps living routines that develop leadership important to the armed forces and tomorrow's leaders in business, industry and government, Taylor believes, lies through cutting out the "ridiculous" and emphasizing the positive facets.

"The corps is more than capable of growing," the four-diamond insignia wearer stated. "But we must point specifically at the rewards a college student can reap but at the same time allow him to get the college education every other student is getting."

"It does not require extra effort, but it's worth what the cadet puts in," Taylor added.

The son of a Veterans Administration Hospital official gets support from his contemporaries and, he said, the commandant's office, Military Science and Aerospace Studies Departments and unit advisors.

Cadets brief visiting dignitaries on the corps and conduct weekly orientations for faculty-staff.

"As far as understanding the enormity of the problems that face the corps and the things that have to be done to improve and build it up, Van is one of the finest corps commanders we've had," observed Thomas C. Fitzhugh III, corps information officer.

"In translating what he knows has to be done into getting it done, Van puts in considerable time, effort and thought," Fitzhugh went on. "He involves the major commanders more and

takes their opinions into consideration. It opens him up to more criticism from them, but the unit and higher COs apparently take the decision more readily."

Taylor indicated the reduction from eight to five per cent in freshman attrition can be traced to several factors.

"The first day, we met them and their parents and treated them as guests," he explained. "Seniors and juniors 'whipped out' (met) the new fish."

"They are expected to learn the same amount of campusology, but it's spread over a longer period of time. The major emphasis is on scholastics. The fact is that the high school graduate today is more intelligent and capable than 15, 10 or even five years ago," Taylor added.

"He wants to know 'why' and deserves a straight answer. As a

result, we're trying to find and eliminate those ridiculous things from the daily routine and keep those that build leadership and character," the cadet colonel continued.

Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Homer S. Hill, 1940 A&M graduate who spoke here recently, underlined for Taylor the importance of the latter.

"He was pleased that we've kept up one thing I've always considered most important—meeting our people with a firm handshake and looking them straight in the eye," Taylor described. "It's served a purpose to Gen. Hill, and look where he is."

The corps commander, who also works on Town Hall and the Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA), is an active senior in the Ross Volunteers and member of the Student En-

gineer Council, Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi, said more effort is made to enforce call-to-quarters conditions.

"Meetings after 7:30 p.m. have been cut out and the cadet has no obligation other than as a student after that time each evening," he said.

"We're on inspection 24 hours a day, by state citizens, former students, the faculty and staff and civilian students right here on the campus," Taylor said. "So outside the corps area, whipping out policy is relaxed and freshmen don't have to give answers to upperclassmen's questions that might embarrass him if there's a coed near."

Taylor said he feels the challenges and advantages offered by corps membership far outweigh

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