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Friday — Partly cloudy. Winds northerly at 15-20 mph. High 61°, low 38°.

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Liquor-by-the-drink passes in Senate

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AUSTIN (AP) - The Senate \$500. voted 22-7 Thursday to allow a

Or, if he would rather, a waitacross the table and he can mix his own.

The local option liquor-by-thewhere its chances of passing are ounce. onsidered good.

or, carefully cocked his ear y becomes law. Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes has estimated that could mean an additional \$4 million key. from the fees for the state treas-

and an annual renewal fee of the wholesaler.

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Texan to walk into an open sa- Worth protested the fees make oon, slap his money on the coun- it a "rich man's bill . . . that cuts ter and ask for a drink of whis- out the people in the low-income

neighborhoods." But Christie said the high fee ress will slide a mini-bottle was considered important in regulating liquor-by-the-drink.

A major change was Edinburg Sen. Jim Bates' amendment to drink proposal approved by the allow saloon keepers to serve enate now goes to the House, liquor in bottles as small as one

"That means you can hire your The way was cleared for a mix-ed drinks bill last November it in small bottles and let a waitwhen Texans voted 979,868 to ress set it on the table," said 14,481 to repeal a 1935 constitu- Bates. "This guarantees that no tional ban against open saloons. one will be stealing liquor tax But some of the wet-dry con- money from the state, low overroversy remains, and Sen. Joe head and that the customer ab-Christie of El Paso, the bill spon- solutely gets what he ordered."

An amendment by Dallas Sen. Thursday as each senator answer- Mike McKool was adopted over ed the roll call on final passage. Christie's protests it would cre-The 22 votes was one more ate a "retail monopoly" for rethan necessary to put the bill tail liquor stores. The amendment nto immediate effect if it final- provides that retailers - not wholesalers as in the original bill -will supply the bars with whis-

McKool said in many instances this will be cheaper. As an ex-A bill pending in the House ample, he said a retailer could would raise another \$22.9 mil- sell Jim Beam bourbon for \$3.75, ion with a 10 cents-a-drink tax. but it would cost \$4.46 from the Christie's bill sets out a mixed wholesaler unless the tavern ownbeverage permit fee of \$5,000 er bought at least 10 cases from

Christie's attempt to allow Sen. Don Kennard of Fort either retailers or wholesalers to supply whisky failed 10-20 and he exclaimed bitterly, "Let's give it all to the big liquor stores in Dallas."

> Another requirement tightened local option provisions. It would require an incorporated city to have been in existence at least three years and to have at least 100 registered voters before holding a liquor-by-the-drink election. Senators rejected amendments to make the mixed drink places serve food and to authorize 200 new state agents to regulate liq-

uor-by-the-drink. They agreed to let the \$5,000 permits be bought in two \$2,500 agreed. He said Tuesday he was installments so tavern owners "could see if their business would make a go of it."

They turned down an attempt to raise the renewal fee from \$500 to \$2,000. A proposal to hike the retail supply permit from \$50 to \$250 also failed.

Among the amendments accepted without debate was a proposal to outlaw the sale of a bottle to a customer and to prohibit a customer from taking a drink off the premises.

Political associations or charity, civic or fraternal organizations could get temporary mixed beverage permits for \$25 a day. A caterer could get a special permit for \$250 a year.

Hours of service under the bill would be the same for beer taverns, with special late-hour permits required to serve beyond 12:15 a.m. on weekdays and 1:15 a.m. on weekends.

In other action Thursday, the Senate approved 24-6 and sent back to the House a bill raising tuition for out-of-state students from \$200 to \$500 a semester. International students, nonresident students currently enrolled and teaching assistants are exempted from the increase.

Sen. Ralph Hall of Rockwall said Barnes had insisted he bring up his legislative ethics bill again Monday, and Hall said he had ready to drop the whole thing after the Senate cut the "heart" out of the bill by permitting legislators' law partners to practice before state agencies.

The House passed and sent to the Senate 133-2 a bill changing the name of Lamar State College of Technology at Beaumont to Lamar University.

In a routine session, the House tentatively approved bills that would allow cities up to 500,000 population to spend up to 1 per cent of their general fund budget for advertising; prohibit thrashing of pecans without property owners' consent; and prohibiting the firing of employees for filing workmen's compensation claims.

Filing for election posts begins Monday in MSC

Filing for general elections will mally filled during the fall mission ran into a problem this begin Monday in the Memorial Student Center Student Programs office, according to Dale Foster, vice president for public relations of the Election Commission.

The filing for the April 15 elections will be held from 8-5 p.m. and will extend through March 26. Offices open besides positions on the Student Senate are class officers, election com-missioners, MSC Council representatives, and yell leaders.

semester.

ALAN RAMSEY, A SINGER and guitar player from Austin performs in the Basement

Thursday night. The light, folky, current, pop, little blues, player will be appearing Fri-day and Saturday nights as well. (Photo by Larry Martin)

Requirements for the offices are: Senate officers and MSC class representatives, 2.50 grade point ratio; college representatives and committee chairmen, 2.25; yell leaders and election commissioners, 2.25; and class officers, 2.00.

"Candidates for all student government positions must have read the University Regulations regarding student elections," said Foster. "The office-seeker also

year with the scheduling of the general elections. The problem was a result of the change in the dates of the 1970-71 school year.

"Due to the revision of the universtiy calendar, the semester ends two weeks earlier than it did when the election date was originally set up. But we were able to move the date up only one week; otherwise the elections would have been during the Easter Holidays," said Foster.

He added that the period of

The family of an American shot down over North Vietnam POW held in North Vietnam on Aug. 17, 1968. The plane's redits the national letter writing pilot was Lt. Elmo Powell of Gatesville, nephew of Miss Mary munication with the airman and Routh of Bryan, a retired Texas photographs allegedly showing Agricultural Extension Service gized. specialist who had worked with

Mrs. Young for many years. Air Force Capt. Arthur T. Mrs. Young said Lts. Hoffson Tommy) Hoffson is shown with and Powell, both University of a group of POWs in the Feb. 12 Texas at Austin graduates, were issue of Life. His face is almost very close personal friends. Powmpletely hidden in the color ell is still listed as missing in photograph on the upper left action.

Capt. Hoffson was listed as corner of page 28. But unpublished photos clearly show the son missing for 15 months. His family never gave up hope, and official notification of his capture was released by the North Vietnamese on Nov. 24, 1969.

her son and she was given two color photographs clearly showing him among the prisoners. The Pentagon officer apolo-

> Capt. Hoffson's name also appeared in a North Vietnam newspaper, translated by the Department of Defense, commenting on a painting of two multi-colored birds he apparently painted in the prison camp. "I believe the letter writing

campaign is having a tremendous impact on North Vietnam," Mrs. paign we knew nothing, now we know he is alive and there is a flow of letters and packages." Mrs. Patranella said that prior to December, 1969, only 100 families received mail from prisoners. Now there are 338 and the families believe treatment has improved. Mrs. Young, whose husband died in World War II, reported she writes many letters every week. She had only one returned. that one refused last week by the North Vietnamese in Paris

Letters bring release of POW photos Mrs. Hoffson received word it was special mailings included in util-

ity company bills They also are completing plans

for the "National Week of Concern" March 21-27. The week has been declared by Congress.

Mrs. Meyer said local activities will be announced later this week

Ceremonies for Earl Rudder

Col. (ret.) and Mrs. W. A. Hoffson of Washington, D. C. The photographs were taken by Japanese photographer-journalist Kozo Sakurai and accompany a story about prisoner treatment. Capt. Hoffson apparently was at a Christmas service when the photographs were taken.

The 27-year-old single officer has several relatives in the Bryan and Cameron areas. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. J. H. Thomas of Cameron. His mother's two sisters are Mrs. Make McDermott of Cameron and Mrs. Juanita Young of 2100 Echols, Bryan, an assistant accountant for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University. Mrs. Young's daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Patranella of 212 Ehlin-

ger, Bryan, is a first cousin and grew up with the airman. Mrs. Hoffson is a graduate of

Hearne High School. Capt. Hoffson was a lieutenant

"His mother was visiting me when the family received word he was a prisoner," Mrs. Young recalled, "and she was here a year later when they received his first letter."

Mrs. Young said her sister looks forward to her visits in Bryan because of the good news she has received here.

During the past year Mrs. Hoffson received four letters from her son and Mrs. McDermott, the grandmother, has received one letter.

There also has been a flow of letters and packages to the POW. and Mrs. Neal P. Ward. When the photographs apknew the partially hidden prisoner was her son. She called the Pentagon, but was told everyone had been identified and her son

Mrs. Young, Mrs. Patranella and Miss Routh are part of the Bryan-College Station National League of Families' efforts coordinated by Mrs. Alton B. Meyer

Mrs. Meyer's husband is a conpeared in Life, Mrs. Hoffson firmed POW and Mrs. Ward's son is missing in action. Both Air Force officers are A&M graduates.

The group's efforts have included letter campaigns, petition

to be Tuesday

Brief informal ceremonies marking the first anniversary of the death of Earl Rudder will be conducted Tuesday at Texas A&M University, announced A&M President Dr. Jack Williams.

Williams said the special observance will be conducted at 12:15 p.m. on the System Building lawn.

Student Body President Kent Caperton and Edward E. Duryea, commander of the Corps of Cadets' Ross Volunteers, are in charge of arranging the observance.

"I ask that there be a pause Tuesday as we go about the business of the university," Williams said, "in memory of Earl Rudder, his inspired leadership and his unparalleled devotion to this institution and its purposes."

"It will be a simple but respectful ceremony," Caperton explained Thursday, "in memory of President Rudder's death. We will place a wreath at the base of the main flagpole in front of the Systems Building."

Williams noted that students, faculty-staff and Bryan-College Station residents are invited to attend.

License plates for sale Until March 26 in MSC

The Brazos County Tax Assessor-Collector's office is selling 1971 automobile license plates at a booth in the post office area of the Memorial Center through next Friday.

Of special interest to Texas A&M students, according to the office representative working at the booth, is the fact students may purchase plates in Brazos County even though they claim a home address in another county.

The plates, which must be mounted by April 1, may be purchased from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. weekdays. Sales have been slow, the representatives said, and the booth may continue sales past next Friday

All Senate offices are open for filing except next year's freshman representatives and senators from the professional curriculum of the College of Veterinary Medicine. These positions are nor-

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lastic probation at the time of cause the University Regulations filing or after taking office require filing to be after midsemester grade reports are sent The junior management major out, yet 10 class days before the

House halts SST advance by cutting off federal funds

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate will restore funds for the taxpayer funds, if sustained by prototypes.

The senate voted 2 to 41 at one point last year to halt SST funds but Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe expressed hope Thursday the House action "will be corrected" when the new Senate takes up the program.

President Nixon asked this year "If Congress fails to continue for development of two SST prothis program tens of thousands totypes - including \$156 million of workers will feel the effects in the years to come," Volpe said. "Our country will lose leadership in the most important field of this air-space age and our economy will suffer great losses."

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., a leading critic of the SST, acknowledged that Senate opposition to the program is not as strong now as it was last year, but he said "I definitely think this House vote will help turn some senators around."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash, called the house action a tragedy for science and technology and said it is "bad news for the aerospace industry" as well as for "those who want to see a balanced effort in which we go ahead withour social and economic programs."

The other Washington senator, Democrat Warren G. Magnuson, said "I'm confident of one thing: there eventually will be an American SST."

Although a cutoff of federal

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

the Senate, would delay if not kill the SST program, the administration has said it has emergency alternative financing plans for consideration.

Drum majors of Aggie Band are announced

Steven T. Sullivan of Waxahachie, John R. Dye of San Antonio and Richard A. Smith of Borger have been elected Texas Aggie Band drum majors for 1971-72.

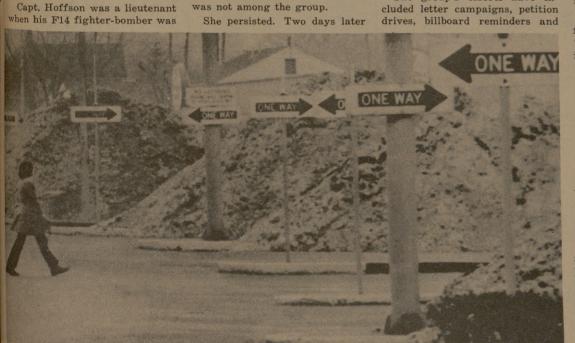
Next year's drum majors were announced by Lt. Col. E. V. Adams following recommendation to President Jack Williams through the commandant and dean of students.

Sullivan, an environmental design major, was recommended as head drum major. The White Band cadet is combined band supply sergeant this year and plays the tenor saxophone.

Maroon Band drum major is John R. Dye, recreation and parks major and platoon sergeant. He plays the alto saxophone.

Smith, the White Band drum major, is studying math and plays Sousaphone.

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IN A WAY REMINISCENT of A&M parking lots and streets is this shopping center at Natrona Heights, Pa. The one-way signs could pass for the ones here, and the huge piles of snow, pushed out of the way of the lanes, looks a lot like dirt. (AP Wirephoto)

already spent. The two Democratic senators from Washington, where the Boeing Co. would build the craft, said the House vote seriously

damages prospects for Senate approval next week, but the White House remained hopeful. Gerald L. Warren, deputy

White House press secretary, said Nixon was "naturally disappointed" but is hopeful the

House voted Thursday to halt U. S. supersonic transport development — possibly for good — by cutting off its federal funding as of March 20. It voted 217 to 204 and then 215 to 204 to kill all \$290 million