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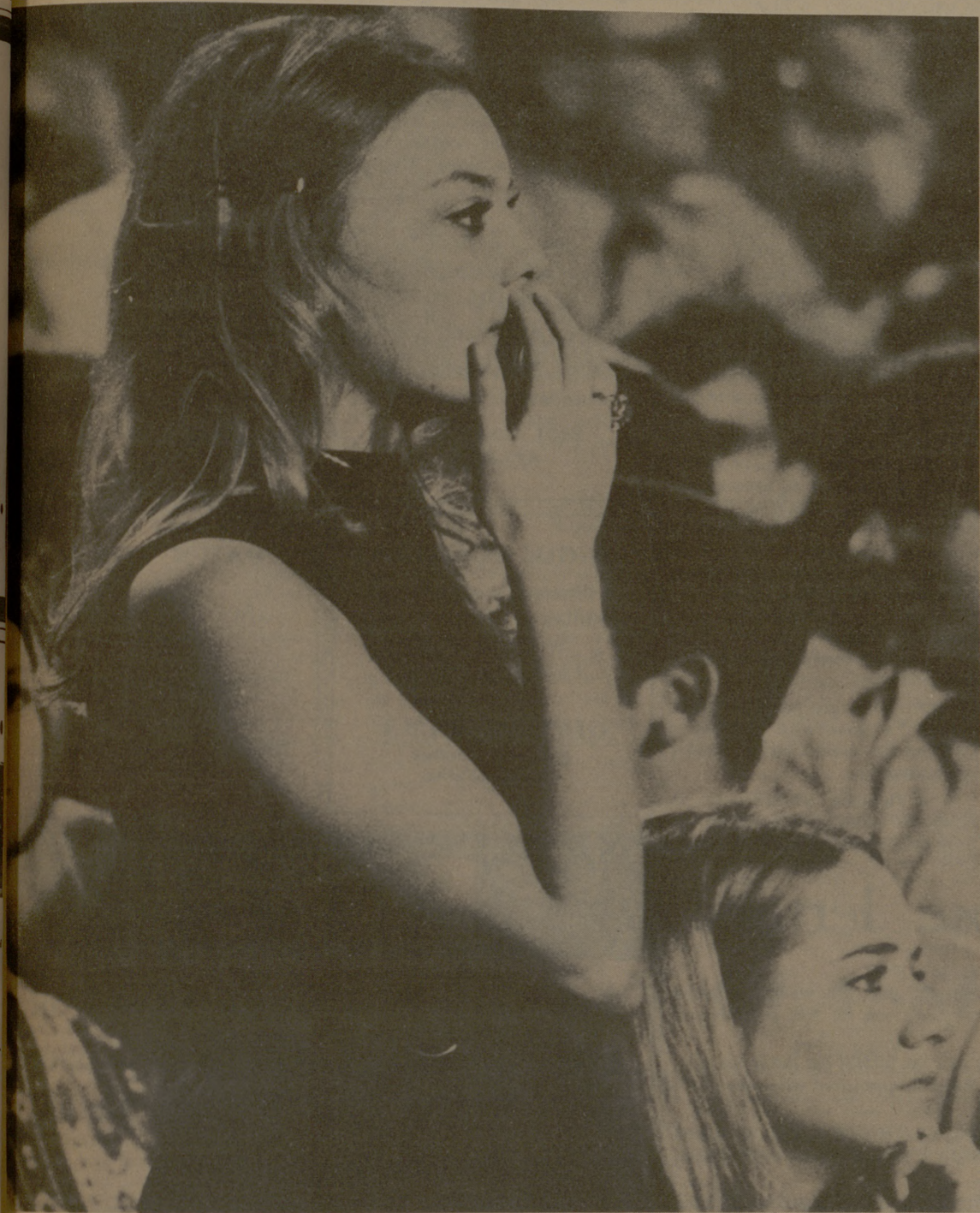
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Wednesday — Cloudy, intermittent light rain. Easterly winds 10-15 mph. High 77°, low 68°.

Thursday — Partly cloudy, southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 81°, low 68°.

Lubbock Saturday — Partly cloudy, southwest winds 15-20 mph.

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DISAPPOINTMENT WAS MIRRORED even in the faces of the sweet young things Saturday as the Aggies crashed and burned at the hands of Cincinnati by a score of 17-0. The defeat was the low point of the past weekend for most students. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

'Dirty 30' members want Mutscher out

AUSTIN (AP)—Members of the "Dirty 30" said Monday they will ask Gov. Preston Smith to give them the tools they need to remove Speaker Gus Mutscher, who has been indicted on bribery charges.

A governor's aide said Smith would meet Thursday morning with some of the House dissidents and hear their request for an early special session of the legislature.

Mutscher could be removed as speaker whenever the legislature meets, members of the "Dirty 30" said at a news conference.

If Mutscher doesn't resign—as he says he won't—and Smith refuses to call a special session, some of the "Dirty 30" said they would consider an effort to convene the house to hear impeachment charges against Mutscher.

Attending the newsconference were Reps. Tom Moore and Lane Denton of Waco, Frances Faren-

thold of Corpus Christi, and Walter Mengden of Houston.

Mutscher said last week he will not resign.

Moore said he proposed that if Smith refused to call a special session, the House be convened by a petition of a majority of its members to consider impeachment of Mutscher. He said he thought the Texas laws on impeachment were broad enough to permit impeachment of a speaker.

But Mrs. Farenthold said she had "serious legal questions" whether a legislator could be impeached, as opposed to the constitutional power of a House to remove any of its members.

Moore said Mutscher's retention of the speakership "is absolutely intolerable" and "holds the state of Texas in disgrace before the nation, if not the world."

Denton said telegrams would

be sent to all House members asking them to back up the "Dirty 30" in appealing to Smith for a special session. Similar telegrams also would be sent to senators and all statewide elected officials, including Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes.

Smith aides said he is unlikely to budge from his opposition to calling a session before next summer, when he must call the legislature back to write a state budget for 1973. A special session would immediately subject everyone whom Smith has appointed to state boards and commissions to Senate confirmation proceedings.

Some appointees are controversial and might be rejected.

Moore, a defense attorney and former prosecutor, was asked whether he felt Mutscher's resignation, removal or impeachment

would hurt his chances for a fair trial.

"Under these conditions, people would think more of the speaker if he voluntarily stepped aside," Moore said. As for impeachment, I think that would be admissible in court."

Moore acknowledged that a special session or impeachment proceedings would give many members who stuck with Mutscher during this year's session a chance to publicly vote against him, to their possible political advantage.

But, he said, "it is much more important that we clear up this thing for the good of the state of Texas, as opposed to the political advantage we would have if Speaker Mutscher remains in office. . . . This is of much graver importance than the future of the Dirty 30."

Creighton to speak about abortion laws

State Sen. Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells will speak on liberalizing abortion laws at a Political Forum presentation Wednesday at A&M.

The noon series presentation will be in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, announced Chairman Paul Turner of Livingston. Admission is free.

Skyjacker kills wife, self as FBI agents move in

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) —

Posing as a doctor with a patient, hulking George Giffe Jr. dragged his screaming young wife aboard a private plane in Nashville, Tenn., Monday. He forced the pilot to fly to Jacksonville. Then Giffe killed his wife, the pilot and himself when cornered by the FBI.

Police in Nashville said the couple broke up a week ago. They had a 21-month-old daughter.

The Tennessee real estate man leased the plush twin-engine aircraft, saying he was a doctor and that his wife needed treatment in Miami.

Asked for medical credentials when he prepared to board the plane, the 300-pound Giffe pulled a 10-shot .45-caliber automatic and ordered the pilot to take off. Also aboard were a friend of Giffe, later identified as Bobby Wayne Wallace, and the copilot,

Randall Crump.

Once airborne, Giffe ordered the pilot to head for the Bahamas, but Brant Q. Downs, 29, apparently convinced the estranged husband that a refueling stop was required.

When the plane landed at Jacksonville International Airport, waiting FBI agents shot out two tires and an engine.

Shots erupted from inside the cabin, agents said.

Agents rushed the plane and found Susan Giffe, 25, and Downs dead from gunshot wounds. Giffe was fatally wounded from a shot in the temple, they reported.

Wallace and Crump were unharmed.

Wallace, 32, was charged with air piracy and held under \$100,000 bond. He also faced a federal kidnap charge.

Giffe, 35, was once an instructor in biology at Peabody College

in Nashville. It was there that he met Susan who held bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the college.

Mrs. Giffe, the former Susan Lakich, once talked of marrying a rich man who could "give me the life of a movie starlet," a former classmate said.

Friends said Giffe heaped luxuries on the well-traveled daughter of a career Army man.

The couple was married three years ago, but friends said she spent almost as much time with her parents as with Giffe.

Agents who stormed the plane in Jacksonville said they found a small gray box which they said had been described as containing a bomb. Newsmen said military demolition experts who opened the box found no bomb. Instead, they found some personal papers and pictures of partially nude women, the newsmen said.

Traditional honor guard Ross Volunteers name officers

The Ross Volunteers selected the non-commissioned officers for 1971-72, Michael Weynand, commanding officer of the Ross Volunteers, announced Monday.

The honor military unit is the traditional honor guard for the governor of Texas and for King Rex at the Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans.

Platoon sergeants with the rank of master sergeant include Stanley Friedli, Pete Gerukos, and Tony Best, all of San Antonio.

Tony Rios, San Antonio; Hal Sharp, Houston, and Terry Rowan, Killeen, were named as drill assistants with the rank of technical sergeant.

Serving as right guards will be Wayne Edwards of College Station, Howard Menke of Hempstead, and Jack Carey of Carrizo Springs. All will have staff-sergeant rank.

Squad leaders named were Bruce Lynn of Gilliam, La., Jimmy Brown, Alamo; Len Legge, Fort Worth; Charles McGuire, Liberty; Warren F. Richter, Tyler, and Tommy Hewitt of Bryan. These positions will carry the rank of technical sergeant.

Company first sergeant is Jimmy D. Ferguson of Garland.

Color guard members, all with rank of sergeant, include Bill Loveless, College Station; Sid Hughes, Austin; Ronnie Gafford, Sherman; Robert Hanson, Wilmington, Del.; Ken Hill, Hillsboro, and Jimmy McAdams, Huntsville.

Commissioned officers of the Ross Volunteers, serving with Weynand, include Robert Lozano, executive officer, Guadalupe, Mex.; Albert L. Haeglin, operations officer, Columbus; Jan Berthoff, Annandale, Va.; Frank Hertzog, Huntsville, Ala.; and Tom Stanley, Mt. Pleasant. All Ross Volunteers platoon leaders rank as lieutenants.

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

National Science Foundation accepts graduate applications

The National Science Foundation is now accepting applications for 1972-73 graduate fellowships, announced A&M Graduate Dean George W. Kunze.

Approximately 1,500 fellowships will be awarded in various phases of science, geosciences, engineering, agriculture and liberal arts, Dr. Kunze noted. About two-

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thirds of the awards will be renewals or continuations of current NSF fellowships.

The deadline is Nov. 29 for filing applications with the fellowship office of the National Research Council in Washington, D.C. Announcement of awards will be made March 15.

Dean Kunze said his office has a limited number of cards designed for requesting application material.

Two die as explosions rock suburb housing development

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Tex. (AP)—A father and his 2½-

year-old son were killed and two other members of the family suffered injuries Monday when an explosion and fire ripped their home in this Fort Worth suburb.

A second explosion later critically injured another person at a neighboring home.

Fire officials blamed the second explosion on an accumulation

of gas, but said they were not sure about the cause of the first.

Homes within a five-block area of the blasts were evacuated, and workers began searching for gas lines that might still contain gas.

Bert Pitkin and his son, Michael, were killed, and Pitkin's wife, Abilene, 45, and their 18-month-old son, Stephen Eric, were burned.

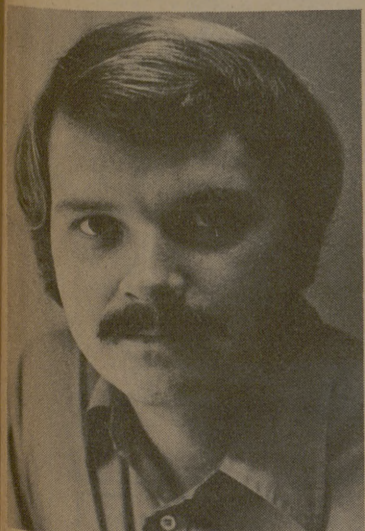
Mrs. Pitkin was listed as being

in fair to poor condition and her son was in critical condition. They were taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

The explosion occurred at about 5 a.m. at the Pitkin's residence at 8300 Jerri Joe Drive. Several hours later Mrs. C. R. Parker, who lives at 8304 Jerri Joe, was injured in an explosion that occurred when she turned off a light in her garage.

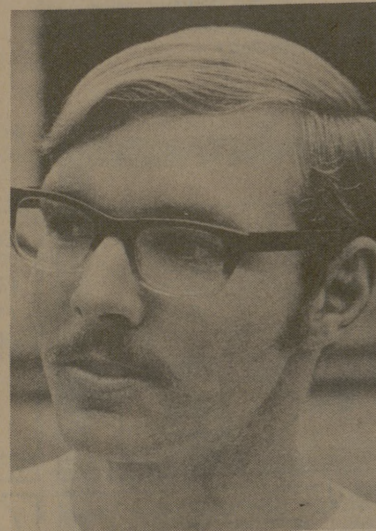
The inquiring Battman

What do you think should be changed at Texas A&M?



Tom Harrover senior

I would like to see an overhaul and simplification of the parking permit registration system. Why not incorporate pre-registration of people and cars?



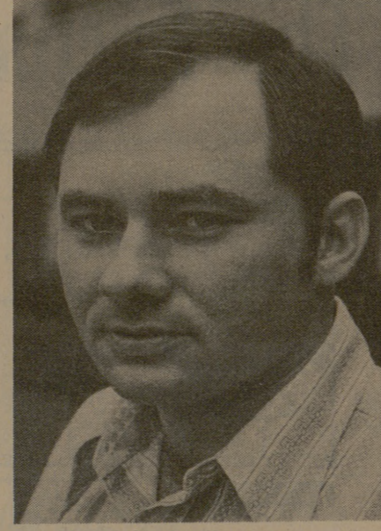
Bill Mulcahey senior

I would like to see more of the leadership on campus taken charge of by the civilian students.



Brian Rains senior

I would want people to realize that Texas A&M is trying to become a real university and that there are going to be a lot of social changes such as more females and freaks and something can be done to keep more people on campus instead of going home.



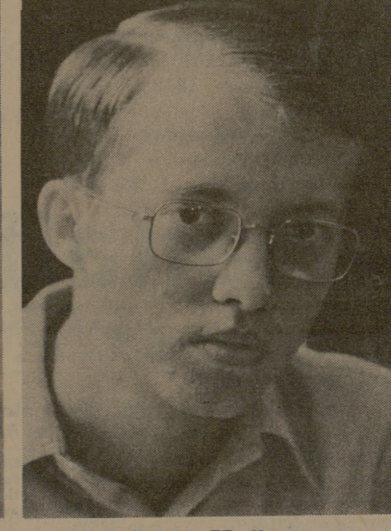
Ralph G. Hopkins graduate student

I would like a new football coach.



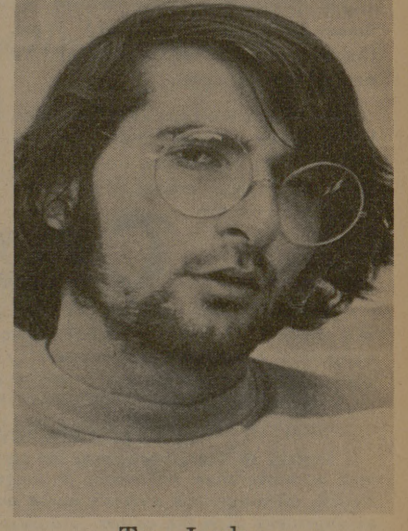
Jeffrey A. Simmers sophomore

I'd like to see Dean Hannigan disappear.



John M. Hefley senior

I would like to change the male-female ratio by bringing in more girls than there are boys.



Tom Jordan sophomore

I think the administration's attitude toward women should be changed. They think that the woman population on campus is increasing too rapidly. That is pure bunk. Going co-ed is the best thing that has ever happened to A&M. (Photos by Patrick Fontana)