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Friday — Partly cloudy. Easterly winds 5-10 mph. High 81°, low 63°.

Saturday — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Rainshowers, thunder-showers. Southerly winds 5-10 mph. High 82°, low 68°.

Kickoff—Temperature 79°.

## Student Senate gets other side of ticket debate

BY DENYD WHITSETT

The Student Senate heard the business office's side of the ticket policy controversy at a meeting Wednesday night. Groff, athletic business manager, explained the policy as that of following the Southwestern Conference rules regarding ticket sales.

"We must abide by the rules of the conference," Groff said. "Students are the only people who are to sit in the prime seats of the stadium without paying to pay the full ticket price," he said. These tickets can only be used with the understanding that they are used by students and that the students have their IDs with them, he said.

"As far as date tickets go, 'all the seats, you must charge a minimum of \$6,' he said. Groff said, though not voluntarily, that last year the athletic department had a cash deficit of \$100,000. 'It looks a little worse this year,' he added.

"We know this is for the students," Groff said in reference to the ticket policy, "and we want it set the way you want it to be." He gave an example of just how the ticket office had cooperated with helping students, and said that the office is open in some cases to the day of the game to be sure that all those buying tickets can get them. "Checks will help cut down the deficit," he said.

"In 1967, the year we won the championship, we had about a \$100,000 net loss," Groff said to the surprised Student Senate. "The year, 1968, we had roughly \$100,000 gain," he said. Groff detailed for the Student

Senate the expenditures and income of the athletic program for 1970.

Of the \$1,268,000 spent on athletics in 1970, \$616,000 went to football, \$370,000 went for administration, \$102,000 went to basketball, \$82,000 went to track, \$51,000 went to baseball, \$24,000 went to swimming, \$13,000 went to tennis, and \$11,000 went to golf.

On the income side of things, football brought in \$995,000, basketball brought in \$28,000, Student Activities fees, \$84,000, and gifts, \$80,000.

Groff admitted that the figures were far from matching. He also detailed how A&M receives money on a 50-50 basis of gate receipts for games it competes in, and how the university receives money for other Southwest Conference activities.

"We get 10 per cent of all bowl game receipts, all schools get this," Groff said. Whether or not the team competes in a bowl game is irrelevant. A&M also receives money from televised conference games that it doesn't participate in, he said.

Groff estimated that A&M would receive about \$22,000 from this weekend's televising of the Texas Tech-Southern Methodist University football game.

He also detailed the percentages of date tickets bought by students in the last three years and this year. In 1968 46.6 per cent of the students attending football games bought date tickets. In 1969 the figure was up to 50.1 per cent, but in 1970 the figure dropped to 29.9 per cent of date tickets bought, and the trend this year has given a figure of 24.2 per cent.

"You can draw all kinds of con-

clusions from that," commented one senator.

The Student Senate took no action involving the ticket policy other than to listen to Groff.

Mark Blakemore (Geosciences) read a resolution recommending that the student activities fee be lowered to \$27 and that a non-mandatory \$15 athletic fee be instituted in addition to the activities fee. After reading his resolution, Blakemore withdrew it to allow the senate to consider the issue further.

Bruce Clay, public relations chairman, pointed out that the Board of Directors could raise the activity fee back to \$30, the state maximum, if they wanted to.

Spike Dayton, treasurer, suggested that the \$30 fee be kept for those who wanted to attend the football games and that a \$27 fee be paid by those not wanting to attend the games. With the \$27 fee would come a modified activity card that would not allow tickets to be taken out on it.

The Student Senate also approved eight of the nine new senators appointed by John Sharp, Student Senate president. The new positions came from the recently passed constitutional amendment providing for the reapportionment of representatives in the colleges of Agriculture, Pre-veterinary Medicine, Science, and Engineering.

Appointed to Engineering were Daniel Garner (Sr.), Paul Gugenheim (Jr.), Salahuddin Yosufzai (Soph.) and Alex Dade (at large).

Appointed to Science were Bill Hartsfield and Brent Burford. Appointed to Agriculture was Kenny Kimbrough.

The point of disagreement be-



THE ALMA TRIO presents selections of chamber music for a Memorial Student Center audience Wednesday. The ensemble, presented by the Town Hall Artist Showcase,

has given performances throughout the United States and several foreign countries, including a well-received engagement in the USSR. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

### One dead, 37 injured

## Houston explosions probed

HOUSTON (AP)—Houston Mayor Louie Welch said Wednesday the fire department is investigating the possibility some ties were missing from the track at the site of a derailment and explosions of chemical cars which killed one person and injured 37.

Fire Chief C. R. Cook said the U. S. Transportation Department, investigating the accident, confirmed a construction crew was working on the tracks at the time. "There was a construction crew there and at the time were replacing some ties," Welch told radio station KPRC. "Some ties were actually missing when the train came through. It was an obvious mistake."

The explosions occurred Tuesday in a lightly-populated area in southeast Houston after 18 cars of an 83-car Missouri-Pacific freight train derailed at a crossing.

The blasts were 45 minutes apart. The victims, mostly firemen and newsmen, were felled while fighting and reporting the fire from the first explosion.

Cook complained that his men did not know what they were fighting.

Welch demanded an inquiry into whether rail safety laws are being enforced. He noted it was the fourth major rail derailment here in six weeks.

Killed was Truxton Hathaway Jr., 32, a fire department inspector who was making a film for department training classes.

"Somebody's not doing their job," Cook said, "because it took nearly five hours to find out what chemicals were contained in the tank cars."

"Not knowing what was in the cars meant we didn't know how to fight the fire, how close we should get and how we should protect the other cars," Cook said.

"If we definitely knew volatile chemicals were in those other cars, we would have pulled back immediately — before the second blast. We didn't know what we were fighting. And when we did, we put it right out."

The first two cars that exploded were filled with vinyl chloride, said Bob Miles, a spokesman for Oyster Creek Division of Dow Chemical Corp. Cook said the third car, which exploded later, was filled with butadiene.

Federal rules require that the conductor, or whoever is in charge of a freight train, carry a manifest or way bill of the cargo.

Cook said he understood that no fire official at the scene after the initial blast could find the conductor.

Laws require tank cars to be labeled for contents. Cook said identification placards on the burning cars probably were destroyed.

Gerald Holzmann, general manager for Missouri Pacific, said Wednesday the conductor, Jerome Pinkston, did have the manifest and waybills which list contents of the cars.

Pinkston said that when the cars derailed and the first explosion occurred, he left the caboose and ran for cover. Pinkston said when the flames decreased, he returned to the caboose, got the manifest and waybills and left to telephone his chief railroad dispatcher.

After the second explosion, Pinkston said he returned to the area and was told by a police officer he shouldn't get near the blaze.

In addition to the 27 firemen, six newsmen and four bystanders were treated at hospitals.

Almost 200 firemen went to the scene. The area was emptied after the first blast.

The fire destroyed a \$45,000 fire truck and several other vehicles. It spread to lumber in a nearby field and set several evacuated houses afire.

A foam truck arrived and had the tank fires out at about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

## Brandt is awarded Nobel peace prize

OSLO, Norway (AP)—The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Wednesday to Willy Brandt for achieving "eminent results in creating preconditions for peace in Europe."

Brandt, West Germany's first Socialist chancellor, receives \$88,000 through the decision of the Nobel committee of the Norwegian parliament. The prize has been awarded for 70 years under terms of Alfred Nobel's will.

Mrs. Aase Lionaes, chairman of the committee, said: "During the whole postwar period the politically unsolved German problem has constituted a latent danger to the peace. . . . As leader of the government of the Federal Republic of Germany and on behalf of the German people, Willy Brandt has stretch-

ed his hand to reconciliation between countries that have long been enemies.

"In the spirit of good will he has achieved eminent results in creating preconditions for peace in Europe. Preconditions for a peaceful development are a political and military relaxation of tension between East and West Europe."

"The committee attaches importance to the fact that Willy Brandt both as foreign secretary of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1966 and as federal chancellor since 1969 has taken concrete initiatives leading to such relaxation of tension."

Brandt, 57, joins a long list of Peace Prize winners including Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt.

## Wendler scheduled to talk for Great Issues program

Ed Wendler, executive director of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, will speak Tuesday at A&M in a Great Issues presentation.

"Student Rights in Texas" will be the topic of Wendler's 8 p.m. talk in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, announced Great Issues chairman Sam Dragan. Admission is free.

Legislative representative for TISA, Wendler has been with the statewide student group eight years. He was in private practice as an attorney eight years.

Wendler, 39, received the LL.B. degree at UT-Austin in 1959, served as an attorney with the Texas Legislative Council and director of research for the Texas Municipal League.

The Great Issues speaker, a lobbyist in Austin, was state headquarters manager for campaigns of Attorney General Crawford Martin and Waggoner

Carr in 1966 and held the same post in support of John Hill during the 1968 primaries.

## Klemm is given Sigma Xi award

Dr. William R. Klemm, professor of Biology at A&M, has received the Sigma Xi Distinguished Member Award for Research Achievement in 1971.

This award is given annually to a research scientist at the A&M University chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi which has over 600 members.

As the recipient of the award Klemm will give a lecture in room 110 of the Architecture Building at 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 20. His lecture is entitled "Behavioral Physiology of the Brainstem" and is a report of his research in neurophysiology.

## Orr gets Dem Executive Committee chairmanship

DALLAS (AP)—Roy Orr, mayor of the Dallas suburb of DeSoto, elected State Democratic Executive Committee chairman 32-21 Wednesday in a dramatic roll-call vote that was decided only in the last district voted.

Gov. Preston Smith, who just won the voting began told the Associated Press he could work either Orr or Agriculture Commissioner John White, emphasizing Orr minutes after the

election succeeds Dr. Elmer Baum, a chiropractor who resigned after being implicated in the Sharpstown Bank-National Life Insurance Co. stock deal.

Smith and Smith reportedly split \$25,000 profit on the insurance deal before banking bills passed by the legislature which Frank Papp, Houston financier, backed which Smith vetoed.

Smith and Orr talked earnestly

in low tones, near the press table immediately after the voting. Both put their arms around the other. Orr left the governor and then returned to say something. The governor patted him on the shoulder and they parted smiling.

"Four years ago, about this time," the governor told the committee members, "I became something of a prophet when I forecast that John Connally would not run for a fourth term."

"I don't want to predict what John Connally is going to do now," he continued amid applause, "but I am confident in saying, freely and fully, that the Democratic party is going to succeed."

Smith said the state party no longer could afford to have an organization dominated by one man or by one faction.

"We cannot afford it in terms of time, money, political success or governmental service to the

people of Texas," he added. ". . . The future of our party demands that all Texas Democrats — conservative, liberal, old and young, black and white and brown, male and female, be involved in the work and the fruits of our political activity."

Smith drew his heaviest applause when he attacked the Republican party. He said the 12 Republican members of the Texas Legislature passed only nine pieces of legislation during the last session. "In other words," he said, "they have an effect on state government even less than their numbers might indicate."

## Kissinger confers with Red Chinese

TOKYO (AP)—Dr. Henry A. Kissinger met with Premier Chou En-lai in Peking Wednesday, the official New China News Agency reported.

A four-paragraph report from Peking, the agency said, was assisted by Yeh Chien-wei, vice chairman of the Chinese government's military commission and acting Foreign Minister Peng-fei.

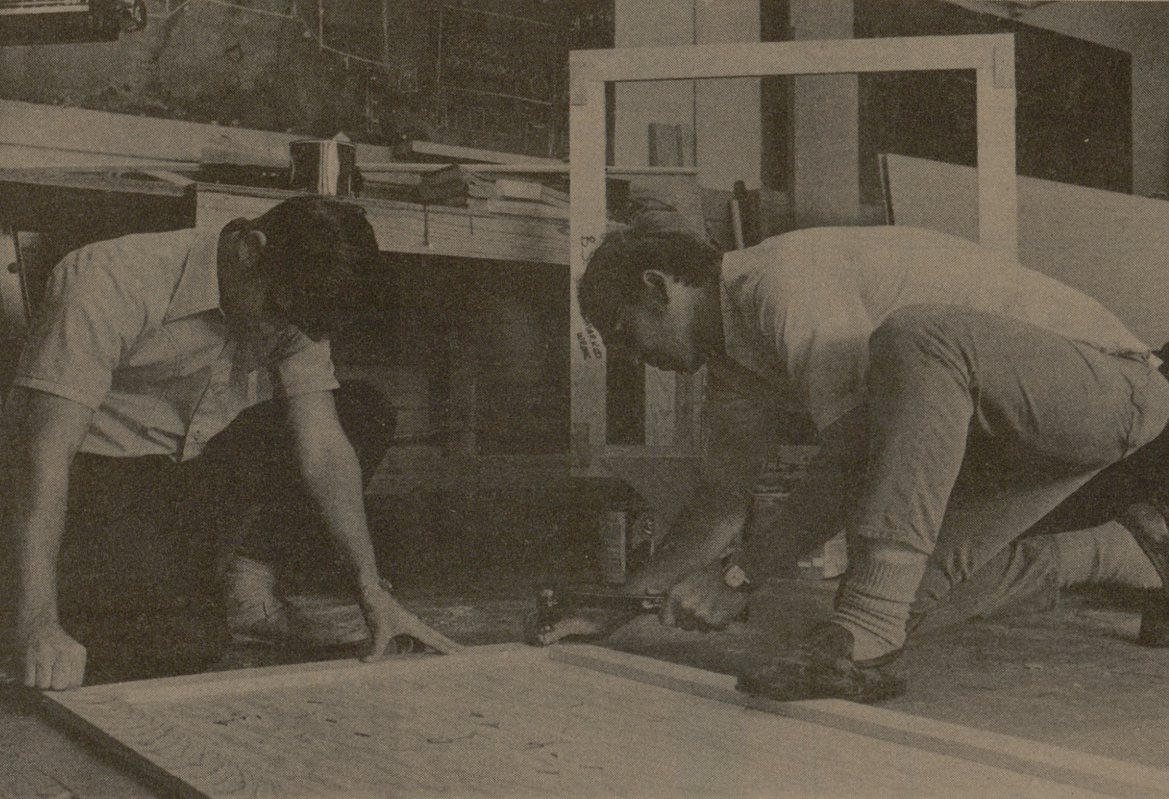
The dispatch did not say what was discussed. However, it added that Yeh and Chi gave a ban-

quet honoring the Americans, who arrived earlier in the day in a U.S. presidential jet to finalize details on President Nixon's forthcoming visit to Red China.

Earlier the Peking agency said that Yeh was among the Chinese government officials who went to Peking's airport to meet the incoming Americans.

The trip was the second for Kissinger, presidential adviser on national security, who paid a secret visit to Peking where he met and discussed with Chou in July.

This time, Kissinger and his party planned to remain in the Chinese capital for four days before returning to Washington via Anchorage, Alaska.



HARD AT WORK are two industrious fellows (John Steele at left and James Dennis) rushing to complete the set for "Blithe Spirit," the second Aggie Players production of the season. The play will present a satirical look at the manners of high society. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

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