

Freshmen elections will be held Wednesday. Vote!

The Battalion

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Wednesday — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Northerly winds 5-10 mph. High 76°, low 52°.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Easterly winds 5-10 mph. High 77°, low 51°.

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BOB MAC KING seems to be smiling as he hands the ball to Doug Neill during the game against Southern Methodist University Saturday. He had reason to smile as the Ag-

gies racked up their third conference win by defeating the Mustangs 27-10. For more sports see pages five and six. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

55,000 members

Latimer to head student exes

J. Robert (Bob) Latimer Jr. of Dallas Saturday was elected 1972 president of A&M's 55,000-member Association of Former Students. The 48-year-old petroleum management consultant will assume the association leadership Jan. 1. President-elect is Melvin Maltz of Houston, vice president and secretary of Century Papers, Inc. Maltz will automatically succeed to the presidency in 1973. Members of the association's 105-member Council elected the 11-member board during the annual Fall Board of Directors and Council Meeting here Saturday morning. Program vice presidents are Hiram Moore of Midland, Texas; Dan W. Spears of Houston, high school programs; Charles D. Kirkham of Dallas,

community affairs; Benjamin J. Lednicki of Houston, membership; Donald W. Garrett of San Antonio, fund raising, and Mayo J. Thompson of Houston, public relations. Elected regional vice presidents were J. Lamar Walker of Alice, South Texas; Thomas H. Kennerly of Houston, Southeast Texas; John D. Janak of Dallas, Northeast Texas; C. H. (Mickey) Maguire of Stephenville, Central Texas; Joe H. Nagy of Lubbock, West Texas; Paul K. Walker of Washington, D. C., out-of-state, and Rex B. Grey of London, England, international. Leslie L. (Les) Appelt of Houston, 1971 association president, presided at the meeting. He will serve as past president on the board. Richard (Buck) Weirus, association executive director, also is a member of the board.

Named Student Loan Fund Trustees were Latimer, Weirus, James L. Sewell of Dallas, A. W. (Head) Davis of Bryan and Edwin H. Cooper of College Station. Robert L. Edgecomb of Bryan was selected for a two-year term on the Memorial Student Center Council. He joins Bob Butler of Bryan on the MSC Council and replaces Emmett Trant Jr. of Bryan. Latimer, 1944 mechanical engineering graduate of A&M, served as president-elect this year. He previously planned and directed the association's highly successful high school program three years. His activities for A&M include 1944 class agent, past president of the Wichita Falls A&M Club, member of the A&M Student Senate-Alumni Advisory Committee and Diamond Century

Club membership. Latimer and his wife, Jane, have three sons. President-elect Maltz, 43, is a 1947 aeronautical engineering graduate. He has served as 1947 class agent and is a Silver Century Club member. Maltz worked on the association board for the past four years; 2½ years as activities vice president and two years as Southeast Texas regional vice president. He is a past president of the Houston A&M Club and was Houston chairman of the 1961-63 Development Fund program. Maltz and his wife, Phyllis, have two sons and two daughters.

School prayer is ruled illegal by House vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—A proposed constitutional amendment to permit official praying in public schools died in the House Monday when backers fell 28 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval. The intense and often emotional debate ended with 240 congressmen favoring and 162 opposing a resolution that would have been the first step toward writing this in the Constitution: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in voluntary prayer or meditation."

Recommending rejection of the resolution, House Speaker Carl Albert, D.-Okla., shouted to his colleagues that he is "not prepared to let the meddling hand of government, at any level, to any degree, be placed on any man's altar." But Rep. Chalmers P. Wylie, R.-Ohio, chief sponsor of the proposed constitutional amendment, said a vast majority of the American people "want this kind of amendment . . . and the people of this House should allow the people to speak."

The amendment's backers said the measure is needed to restore the practice of prayers that had been widely followed before a Supreme Court ruling halted it in 1962. But opponents, with major church organizations on their side, called it an attack on the religious freedom guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. The amendment was brought to the floor when Wylie got a majority of the House—218 members—to sign a petition taking it out of the hands of the Judiciary

Committee where it had been held up. Wylie's original amendment made reference to "nondenominational prayer—a word that had been attacked by the amendment's opponents. Prior to final action, the House amended the language to make it read "voluntary prayer or meditation." But even that was denounced by the amendment's foes, who argued that the proposed constitutional change remained unacceptable to them. The amendment was attacked by Rep. Robert F. Drinan, D.-Mass., the only Roman Catholic priest in Congress, who contended "it will not enhance the free exercise of religion . . . it can be enormously detrimental to the substance and spirit of religion in America."

Rep. K. Gunn McKay, D.-Utah, a Mormon, told the House: "My faith is my private business, it is the history of my people." He said the Constitution "is an inspired document" and he opposes amending it in this fashion. Rep. Emanuel Celler, D.-N.Y., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, walked to the rostrum carrying a pile of books that he

said were records of hearings held in 1964 on 35 different forms of prayer resolutions that generated 2,774 pages of testimony. He said witnesses came from more than 38 religious denominations, and included 343 legal experts, and 30 heads of seminaries and divinity schools. "These hearings convinced me and other members of the committee that appropriate language could not be devised that would preserve the First Amendment and freedom of religion," Celler said. Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes, D.-Fla., supporter of the amendment, said: "If you're one of those who plan to vote against prayer, I want to be around to hear you explain to your constituents your vote against prayer to God."

Rep. John B. Anderson, R.-Ill., chairman of the Republican Conference, said passage of the amendment "would engender an almost endless strife." Majority Leader Hale Boggs, D.-La., said: "Tinkering with the Bill of Rights, after all that our forbears went through to get it, is something we should think a long time about."

TAMU Corps of Cadets to be in Houston Saturday

A&M's Corps of Cadets will make Houston its base of operations this weekend. An Aggie Corps Trip in connection with the 2 p.m. Rice-A&M football game sends the 2,500-member corps into Houston action. Activities will center on a 9:45 a.m. downtown Houston parade and the game. Friday and Sat-

urday night events and parties also are on tap. Corps Commander Thomas M. Stanley of Mt. Pleasant and the corps staff will lead the parade north on Main Street past the reviewing stand between Capitol and Rusk. The 36-unit parade will turn on Texas and return to the assembly area via Fannin St. Commandant Col. Thomas R. Parsons said corps units will assemble on Clay and Bell Streets at 9:15 a.m.

American Indian's role in society to be GI topic

The American Indian in contemporary society will be discussed Thursday at A&M by Ma M. Hayden, executive director of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO) Inc. Mrs. Hayden will speak through the Great Issues series of the Memorial Student Center. The 8 p.m. talk in the MSC Ballroom is public-free to all interested persons, announced Great Issues chairman Sam Druggan. Involved in programs and activities to better American Indians' opportunities since graduation from Oklahoma State University in 1956, Mrs. Hayden has been with AIO since 1970. It is a national Indian organization. AIO has developed youth projects in Western New York state, an urban center in Dallas and reading material for fourth level students, among others. Mrs. Hayden is a former Bureau of Indian Affairs employee who has done extension work in Oklahoma's Comanche and Coton counties, and helped organize the Indian Opportunity (OIO). As OIO director, the Fort Sill Indian School-educated humani-

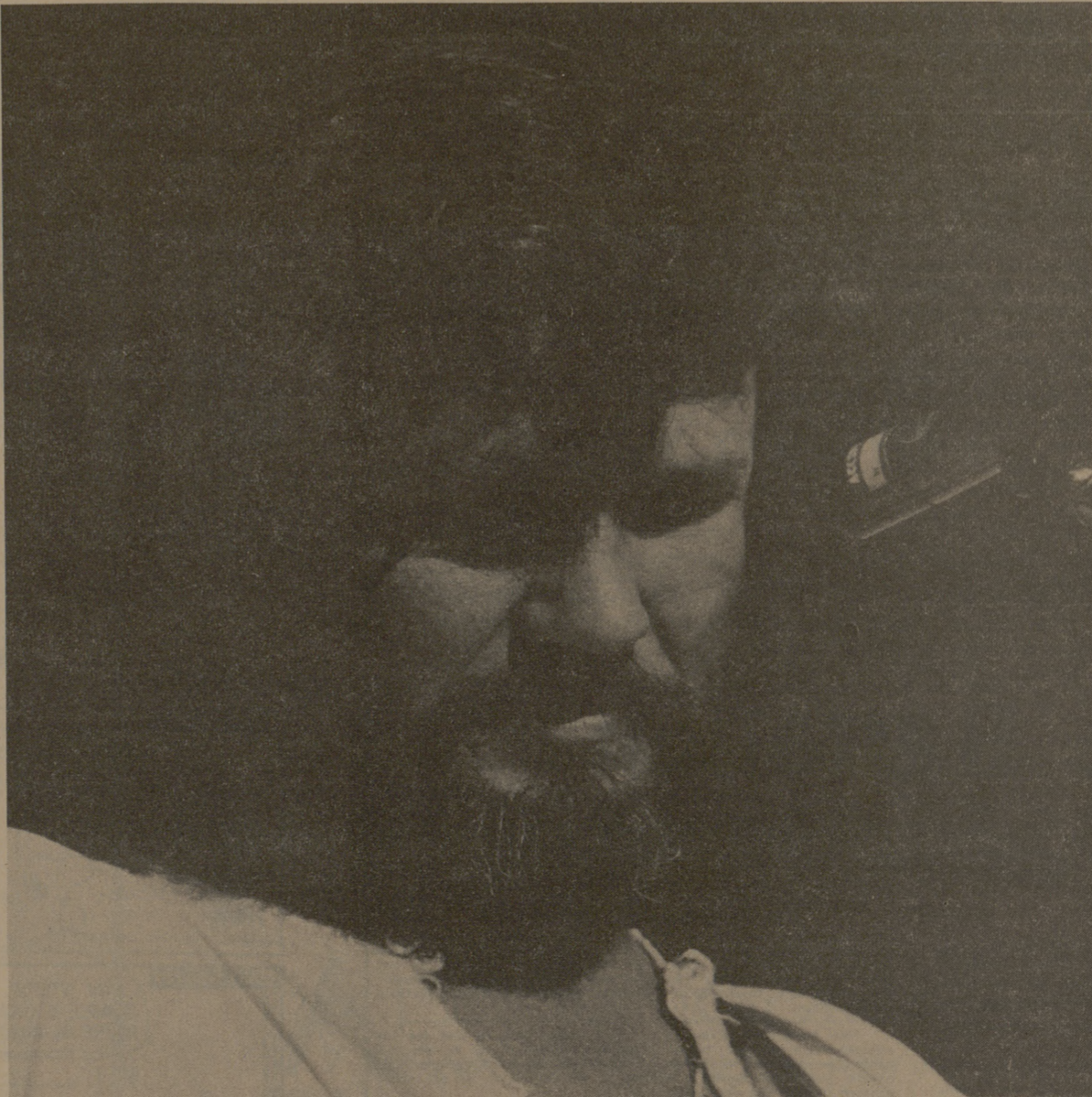
tarian developed and implemented the Peace Corps pilot project, "Project Peace Pipe," through which Indians were recruited and pre-trained for Peace Corps service. Mrs. Hayden served on the Oklahoma advisory committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. She was active in Lawton in an informal multi-racial group for minority civil rights promotion.

The A&M speaker had other board memberships and activities that suited her for directorship of the Washington-headquartered AIO. With graduate work at Oklahoma State and the University of Oklahoma, Mrs. Hayden has completed course work for a master's degree in public administration. The Hayden family, including three children, resides in McLean, Va.

Most severe My Lai charge against Henderson is dropped

FT. MEADE, Md. (AP)—Col. Oran K. Henderson won a major legal victory Monday when a military judge dismissed the most serious charge brought against him in the aftermath of the My Lai massacre. The judge, Col. Peter S. Wondolowski, denied, however, three defense motions seeking dismissal of the remaining three charges against the much-decorated combat veteran accused of covering up the massacre. The dismissed charge contended that Henderson knowingly lied on Feb. 17, 1970, when he told a Pentagon inquiry headed

by Lt. Gen. William R. Peers he was positive that he did not discuss the My Lai operation with two aviators who participated in the ill-starred mission. Henderson, 51, is accused of intentionally failing to properly investigate atrocity reports from the March 16, 1968, My Lai operations and of not reporting actual or suspected war crimes. The veteran of three wars also is charged with lying on another occasion to the Pentagon inquiry into why news of the massacre did not become public for more than a year.



COMPOSER AND SONG WRITER Kris Kristoffersen performed to a rather unappreciative audience at Town Hall Friday night. Kristoffersen's pointless cursing and lack of enthusiasm caused a large portion of the crowd to leave before the performance was over. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

Bangla Desh UN delegates speak tonight

Two members of the Bangla Desh delegation to the United Nations will explain the Pakistan separatist movement tonight. The speakers are Dr. A. R. Mallick, former chairman of the Council of University Presidents in Pakistan, and Dr. Ashahul Hagu, chairman of the Bangla Desh Red Cross Society. Phi Alpha Theta, international history honor society, is sponsoring the 7:30 p.m. program in Chemistry Room 100. Society president Capt. Charles H. Briscoe said both men have been leaders in the educational development of Pakistan. The Bangla Desh movement is an attempt by East Pakistan to become a separate country from West Pakistan. Dr. Mallick has the Ph.D. in modern history from the University of London. He has been a history professor at Dacca University, visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania and president of Chittagang University until March 25, 1971. He is the author of many publications in Southeast Asia history. Dr. Hagu is a medical doctor and founding member of the Awami League, the provincial assembly. Both men will arrive at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. A question-answer session follows the lecture.

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