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Friday — Cloudy, intermittent light rain. Winds northeasterly 5-8 mph. High 53°, low 42°.

Saturday — Cloudy. Winds northerly 5-8 mph. High 56°, low 45°.

Additional members proposed for board

A resolution calling for the placing of two students and two faculty non-voting members on the Board of Directors was tabled Thursday night at the Student Senate meeting.

The proposal, made by Mark Blakemore (Geo), called for the placement of the presidents of the Graduate Student Council and the Student Senate and for the president and vice president of the Faculty Senate on the board.

In the case of the two student representatives they would be Ron Thomas, GSC president, and John Sharp, senate president.

Currently, there is no Faculty Senate.

The formation of a Faculty Senate is being studied by the university.

The resolution also asks that the board seek a legal opinion from the state attorney general if there is any uncertainty on the board's part about the legality of permitting such representation.

The resolution notes that Gov. Preston Smith supports ex-officio students on the Board of Directors, that students are on the board at Southern Methodist University and that 105 universities have some form of faculty or student representation.

Burton Hermann, a graduate

student doing a dissertation on the board of directors at different universities, appeared to present his views to the senate in a question session.

Randy Ross, Welfare chairman of the senate, asked Hermann a series of questions that was probably responsible for the tabling of the issue.

The idea was well received until Hermann compared the members of the board to Gov. Smith. Following that, the meeting dissolved into general laughter.

"I mean in political thinking, not personality," Hermann said, quickly qualifying his statement.

Ross also asked if A&M students could effectively represent students in the whole of the A&M system such as those at Prairie View.

Hermann replied that any student representation would be better than what A&M students now have.

John Sharp said that he was against voting on the resolution until more time had been spent considering it. Dick Zepeda, graduate representative, said that the GSC had also tabled the motion.

The Student Senate passed a resolution calling for a Dead Week to be instituted for finals next semester.

The Dead Week is to be the five class days prior to the first day of final exams. No exams except finals in one hour courses, make-up exams and optional exams will be given during Dead Week.

The resolution also called for no papers of any type to be assigned during Dead Week though papers assigned earlier may be due.

Students are also required to attend all classes.

The proposal must now go to the Academic Council, its executive committee, and the President's Office.

The senate also reviewed the football game ticket cost debate by passing, 47-28, a resolution to be sent to the Southwest Conference Committee asking that student guest tickets, which would be limited to one, cost \$3. They currently cost \$6, a minimum price set by the SWC.

The resolution was opposed by J. P. Booth (Sr-Eng) who objected on two counts. Booth said that the reduction would mean a \$10,800 average loss to the Athletic Department — which is barely breaking even now. He also said that such a change must be placed on the SWC agenda to be regarded and that sending the resolution

to the SWC would not get it on.

Sam Drugan (Sr-Sci) said that the price cut may mean a cut in the emphasis placed on intercollegiate sports at A&M, an alternative he didn't reject. Another senator also pointed out that the drop in price could be offset by an increase in volume brought on by the lower price.

The Senate also moved to establish a contract with University Products, a Chicago firm, to supply refrigerators to approved dorms on a rent or buy basis.

The refrigerators would rent at \$20 a semester and \$40 a year. A \$10 deposit would be required but would be refundable.

The refrigerators will be rented to the Senate at \$30 a year. The \$10 will be used to pay the staff to administer the machines and to be used as senate funds.

A student hired on a commission basis will supply repairs and collect and rent the machines.

The group also passed a resolution authorizing a \$3.50 increase in the fall 1972 building use fee if enough funds are not available to complete the soon to be started Student Health Center.

The resolution emphasized that the senate would be opposed to the increase unless it was a last

Mutscher bribery trial is given venue change to city of Abilene

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gus Mutscher's bribery trial was moved Thursday from Austin to Abilene, where the defense hopes it will start in February or March.

It took District Judge Tom Blackwell less than 10 minutes to transfer the case because of extensive news coverage in the Austin area.

Blackwell said he thought Mutscher and two other defendants could get a fair jury in Austin but because of the widespread news coverage, "I think it is incumbent on the judge to transfer it."

Both sides asked that the trial site be changed—the defense because of news coverage, and the prosecution because of "combinations and influences in favor of the accused."

Blackwell specifically took issue with the "combinations and influences" argument, saying with a smile he was sure Dist. Atty. Bob Smith put that phrase in merely to follow the language of the law on changing a trial site.

Smith stared expressionless at the judge.

The district attorney had said in his motion to transfer the trial that a defense affidavit signed by 25 prominent Austin citizens, including four powerful lobbyists,

"leaves no doubt as to the powerful combinations and influences aligned against the state prosecution in Travis County."

He also said Mutscher's refusal to resign as speaker left him in a position to exercise a "guillotine threat of raw power" over a large segment of potential jurors — state employees—because of his influence on appropriations.

The case and all pre-trial motions were transferred to the court of Judge Neil Daniel, but defense lawyer Frank Maloney said that did not necessarily mean Daniel would try it. The judge could give it to another district court in Abilene, Maloney said.

Mutscher is accused of taking a bribe from Houston promoter Frank Sharp in return for passage of two banking bills in 1969.

Mutscher also is charged together with his aide, Rush McGinty, and Rep. Tommy Shannon of Fort Worth with conspiracy to accept a bribe.

Maloney said he would file a motion for a speedy trial in Abilene.

The Austin trial was to have begun Jan. 10. Maloney said he

doubted the trial could start that soon in Abilene. But he hoped it could get underway in February or March.

Newsmen had been subpoenaed "duces tecum" — requiring them to bring their news records with them.

Smith and Maloney said they were satisfied with Abilene as a trial site.

"Abilene is as good a place to try it as Houston or Dallas or El Paso," Smith said, rattling off several other names.

Maloney said Abilene has a less-crowded docket and "good judges."

The law requires that a case be transferred to an adjacent county unless it can be shown that the same news coverage "contaminated" those counties.

Maloney called upon Smith to stipulate that counties around Austin had been contaminated, and Smith went along with the stipulation "without agreeing with the motion by the defendant."

Mutscher is the highest state official to face criminal charges since Gov. Jim Ferguson was impeached in 1917.



LARGE UMBRELLAS AND WARM CLOTHING come in handy during the cooler months of the year. Not even Thursday's driving rain dampened the determination of this A&M class-goer. Late-night studying for upcoming finals may take its toll on the enthusiasm. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

Mental health benefit Cadets play in Elephant Bowl

By JOHN CURYLO
Contributions from next Tuesday's Elephant Bowl football game, featuring seniors in the Corps of Cadets, will be donated to the Brazos County Mental Health Association.

The game, scheduled for Kyle Field, pits Army cadets against Air Force cadets in a full-speed, professionally officiated contest. The Brazos County Mental Health Association has been functioning since the end of the summer, but it has gotten into full operation just recently. The purpose of the organization is to provide care to anyone with a mental illness.

Among the services it gives are 24-hour-a-day in-patient care, group therapy and individual therapy. In the immediate future is a halfway house for young adults, slated for opening Jan. 1. This project would involve occupational and recreational activities, such as basket weaving, arts and crafts, leatherwork and volleyball. As in all of the services of the association, there will be no stipulations or conditions for prospective patients to meet.

The staff of the organization includes psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists, secretaries and clerks. Represented by Bob Cooper, the group serves seven counties. The goal of the football participants is to raise \$1,000 for the charity. Admission to the 7:30 contest is 50 cents.

Draft status talk held for students

A question-answer session for college and area high school students concerned about their draft status will be held Thursday at A&M.

Conducted by the Military Science Department, the Dec. 9 meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in Rooms 210 and 211 of the Military Science Annex, announced Col. Thomas R. Parsons.

He indicated that few college students know they do not now automatically receive II-S student deferment upon enrollment. The new law applies to all students who enrolled after June 1, 1971.

"Students who entered college before June 1 will retain a II-S deferment as long as they complete 25 per cent of a four-year academic curriculum each year, or 20 per cent of a five-year curriculum annually," Colonel Parsons said.

Baccalaureate list for fall candidates will be publicized

The list of fall baccalaureate candidates who have completed all academic requirements for degrees will be posed in the Richard Coke Building Dec. 9. The degrees will be conferred on Dec. 11.

Some summer enrollees received II-S because university and draft board officials were not sure of provisions of the new law. These deferments will be withdrawn at the end of the current semester.

Parsons noted that students most vulnerable to the draft are those classified I-A, hold lottery numbers from 1 to 125, in First Priority Selection Group and have been found physically and mentally qualified for service.

For those interested, the Army and Air Force ROTC programs and their relationship to the draft will be explained at the meeting.

Special tickets are available for Dixon's GI performance

Special ticket availability for Jeane Dixon's presentation Wednesday at A&M has been announced by Great Issues.

The noted prophetess and astrology column writer will be presented by Great Issues at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum, chairman Sam Drugan said.

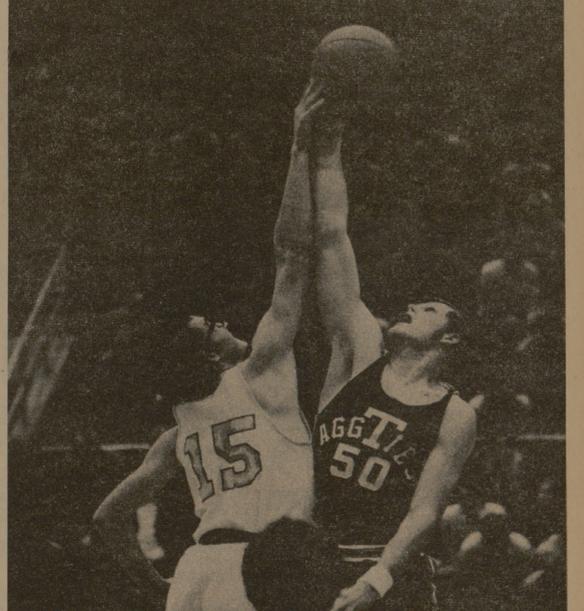
Area patrons will be able to get tickets at \$1 each Saturday and Tuesday in five commercial establishments, indicated Tom Cone of the Memorial Student Center committee.

Great Issues personnel will have ticket booths at two Piggly Wiggly Supermarkets, Manor East Mall, Weingarten's and Bryan Safeway. Booths will be operated from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Cone said.

Harrington to be presented Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. M. T. Harrington, president emeritus of A&M, has been named recipient of the institution's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Announcement of the award was jointly made by Dr. Jack K. Williams, A&M president, and Leslie L. Appelt of Houston, president of the university's Association of Former Students.



BASKETBALL SEASON BEGAN last night with the opening tipoff between the Aggies' Jeff Overhouse (50) and John Agan (15) of Texas Wesleyan College. A&M got off to a good start, beating the Rams, 96-72. They continue the campaign with Western Louisiana State Saturday and Tulsa Monday. (Photo by Joe Matthews)