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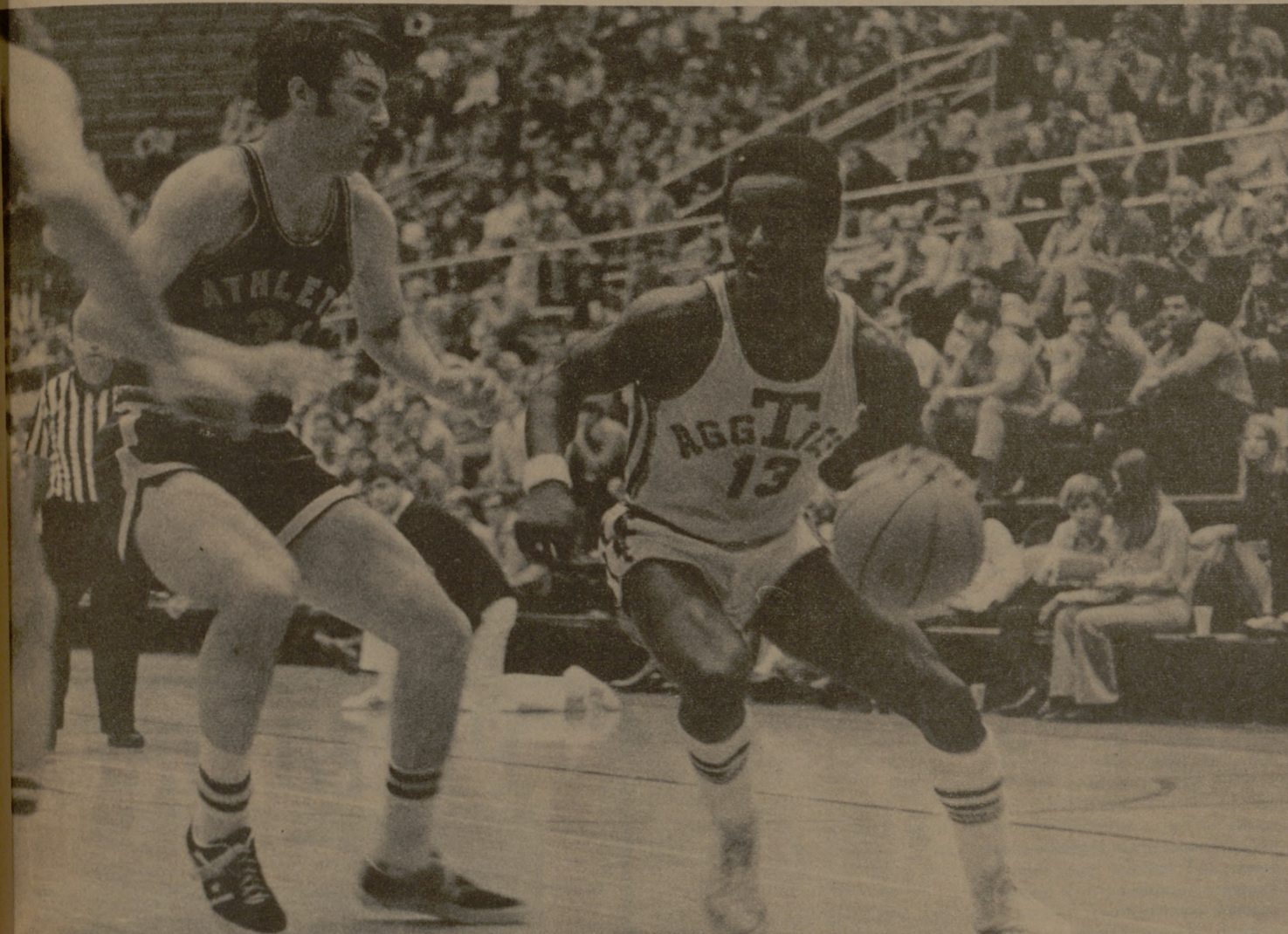
Tuesday, January 18, 1972

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Warmer
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Wednesday — Cloudy, intermittent light rain. Southerly winds 15-20 mph, becoming northerly late afternoon 15-20 mph. High 73°, low 61°.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy. Northerly winds 10-12 mph. High 47°, low 35°.



PLAYMAKING GUARD MARIO BROWN (13) tries to move past DeWayne Brewer (31) of Athletes in Action in Monday night's exhibition basketball game. Brown scored 11 points and gathered in 12 rebounds in the contest. The junior college transfer is the third leading scorer for the Aggies with a 12.1 season average. A&M lost to AIA, 82-74. For more on the basketball team, see page 3. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Ex-leaders

Grads return to school

A&M's 1970-71 student body president and one of its recent student center leaders have returned to their alma mater to join the administration.

Dr. Jack K. Williams, A&M president, said Kent Caperton of Caldwell and Dave Mayfield of Waco will serve as "academic interns."

Caperton, former student body president, has been assigned to the president's office. Mayfield will work in the office of the vice president for academic affairs.

"I think it's to the credit of our system and our student body that we make these positions available to former student leaders — and that they accepted them," Dr. Williams noted. "These are two exceptionally capable young men, and we are privileged to have them join our staff."

Caperton, who was graduated last spring, has been studying under a fellowship at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He elected to return to A&M for the internship and will enter law school next fall. He studied finance as an undergraduate.

Mayfield, just released from a three-month active duty obligation as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers, was active throughout his A&M career in the Memorial Student Center, which is responsible for most of the institution's extracurricular programs. He was chairman last year of the Student Conference on National Affairs and recipient of the center's top award, the Thomas H. Roundtree Award. He received his undergraduate degree in

architecture in 1970 and spent last year studying for a master's degree in business administration.

Caperton will be working directly with Edwin H. Cooper, assistant to the president. Cooper's responsibilities include close liaison with students.

"I consider this job a rare combination of an opportunity to learn and a challenge to make some contribution," Caperton said. "It promises to be an interesting experience."

Mayfield will assist Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Richard E. Wainardi and Dr. Haskell M. Monroe Jr., assistant vice presidents, whose activities include organization and coordination of a variety of new and on-going programs.

"This is not only a stimulating challenge," Mayfield observed, "but it also is a learning experience that I feel will be extremely beneficial in years to come."

Applications being accepted for SCONA 17 positions

A&M students have begun applying for 32 delegate positions to the 17th Student Conference on National Affairs.

Applications will be taken until Jan. 26. Dean of Students James P. Hannigan announced. Interviews will be conducted Jan. 24-31.

SCONA XVII will examine "The Impact of the University" during Feb. 16-19. Delegates from throughout the U. S. and Mexico will participate. Keynote speakers will include Senator John Tower and Dr. Lawrence E. Fouraker, dean of Harvard University's business administration faculty.

TAMU delegates will include 16 upperclassmen and graduate students, four freshmen, four sophomores and eight international students, Hannigan said.

They will be selected from applications by two four-member interview committees. Each will

include three faculty members and a student, the dean said. Interviews will be from 3 to 7 p.m. daily Jan. 24-31.

Applications should be picked up and turned in at the Memorial Student Center director's office no later than Wednesday, Jan. 26.

TV leads to violence in aggressive children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Television viewing may lead to violent acts by some children already prone to aggressiveness, a U. S. Surgeon General's report concluded Monday.

"The accumulated evidence, however, does not warrant the conclusion that televised violence has a uniformly adverse effect, nor the conclusion that it has an adverse effect on the majority of children," said the 12 behavioral scientists who studied the problem for 2½ years.

Even before its public release, the 279-page report was criticized by Federal Communications Commissioner Nicholas Johnson, a Democrat.

"The trouble with this report is that like so much of what the administration has done on these things, the cynicism of anybody being interested in the truth is apparent from the beginning," he said.

Johnson criticized the decision of former Surgeon General William H. Stewart allowing the television industry to veto 7 of the 40 persons originally considered for the study committee.

The 12 scientists, in the fields of psychology, child development, sociology, psychiatry, political science and anthropology, said they feel there was a serious error in the selection process.

"This study is not a white wash," Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld told a news conference. "The study shows for the first time a causal connection between violence shown on television and subsequent aggressive behavior by children."

The study's primary benefit,

Death penalty under attack before court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The evolving national conscience must govern the meaning of the Eighth Amendment in condemning capital punishment, lawyers contended Monday in asking the Supreme Court to declare the death penalty unconstitutional.

"The death penalty is virtually unanimously repudiated by the conscience of contemporary society," argued Stanford University law professor Anthony G. Amsterdam.

The high court sets up the historic confrontation over the Con-

stitution by accepting the appeals of four cases — two for murder and two for rape — in which the defendants were condemned to death.

A ruling on the issue is expected before the court term ends in June. It will directly affect nearly 700 condemned men and women on death rows in 34 states.

Prior to Monday, 41 states and the federal government still had the death penalty. However, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled Monday its law subjects an accused murder to death only if he pleads innocent, thereby coercing him to plead no defense and face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Under the New Jersey ruling, all 20 men on Death Row in Trenton State Prison will have their sentences reduced to life in prison, with eventual eligibility for parole. Moreover, the maximum penalty in pending and future murder cases will be life in prison.

The U.S. Supreme Court often has considered capital cases but only on individual, procedural grounds.

The sole question before the court now is whether the death penalty constitutes the "cruel and unusual punishment" which

is prohibited by the Eighth Amendment.

Amsterdam, arguing for the two murder defendants, suggested that the test is whether the punishment would be acceptable to the general conscience and standards of decency if applied generally.

His own answer was no. The death penalty, he said, is rarely applied and then only to minority members, the powerless, "The personally ugly and socially unacceptable."

Amsterdam appeared for Ernest James Aikens Jr., who was convicted of murder in California and for William Henry Furman, convicted of murder in Georgia.

There have been no executions in the United States since 1967, when Colorado and California each carried out one.

Arguing the Aikens case, California Asst. Atty. Gen. Ronald M. George maintained judicial action to stay execution pending a resolution of the issue was what reduced and finally stopped executions.

He told the court the test under the Eighth Amendment is not the contemporary conscience but rather determination of "unnecessary cruelty."

2 students killed in Saturday wreck

Two A&M students and a Navasota man were killed Saturday night in a two-car head-on collision four miles east of Navasota on Hwy. 105.

The A&M students were Dale L. Hjernevik, 23, of Dickinson and Sharon A. Dabney, 24, of Conroe, both chemistry graduate students.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said Miss Dabney and Hjernevik, the car driver, were headed west on Hwy. 105 and Roosevelt Arrington, alone in the second car, was headed east.

Arrington's vehicle was on the

wrong side of the road at a curve and the two cars hit head-on, the DPS reported.

Hjernevik and Arrington were dead at the scene of the 9:30 p.m. accident. Miss Dabney died at 10:15 p.m. in Grimes County Memorial Hospital.

Services for Miss Dabney were scheduled at 4 p.m. Monday in the Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel, Conroe. Burial followed in Conroe Memorial Cemetery.

Miss Dabney is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dabney of 917 Cable, Conroe; one brother, David Dabney of Conroe; one sister Judith Dian Dabney of Conroe; maternal grandmother, Mrs. John G. Simpson of Conroe, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dabney of Shepherd.

Miss Dabney was completing Ph.D. requirements at A&M. She was a 1969 honor graduate of Austin College.

Rites for Hjernevik will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Faith Lutheran Church, Dickinson. Burial will be at 2 p.m. (See Two Students, Page 2)

Formal degree applicants near filing cut-off date

February 11 is the deadline for formal degree applications by A&M graduate and undergraduate students who expect to complete degree requirements during the spring semester, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

Formal degree application begins with payment of the \$5 graduation fee in the Fiscal Office, Richard Coke Building.

Graduate students then make application in the Graduate College office, 209 Coke Building. Undergraduate student applications should be made in Room 7 of the Registrar's Office.

Lacey emphasized that formal degree application is the responsibility of the graduating student.

Students audition for memberships in Singing Cadets

A&M students interested in becoming members of the Singing Cadets will be auditioned this week.

Students should report to Room 119 of G. Rollie White Coliseum between 2 and 4:30 p.m.

Director Robert L. Boone said the group is most interested in auditioning tenors where its ranks are thinnest. Prospective members must have a minimum of 2.0 overall grade point ratio.

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

Russia claims congressmen violated rules of hospitality

MOSCOW (AP) — The government newspaper Izvestia accused two U.S. Republican congressmen Monday of violating the rules of Soviet hospitality while on a tour to study Soviet education in Moscow.

A third member of the touring group, Rep. James H. Scheuer, a New York Democrat, was ordered expelled from the Soviet Union last week after meeting with Soviet Jews seeking to leave for Israel.

In an article on the tour of the seven-member House subcommittee on education, Izvestia charged that Rep. Alphonzo Bell of California met privately with critics of the Soviet government.

It said Rep. Earl Landgrebe of Indiana distributed religious materials.

It is believed that a Soviet Foreign Ministry official complained about Bell and Landgrebe last Friday when Scheuer was ordered expelled.

Scheuer was accused of "improper activities," a blanket charge connected with his meeting with the Jews.

"We cannot tolerate Scheuer and those like him in our house," Izvestia said in declaring that the entire committee tour was "on balance, frankly speaking, negative."

It is thought to have been the first time the Soviets had ex-

pelled an elected American official, and the pursuit of the matter in public Monday, with the airing of Bell's and Landgrebe's names seemed intended to spoil the honeymoon atmosphere diplomats had hoped would develop for President Nixon's Moscow trip in May.

There was one theory that the atmosphere was being deliberately allowed to deteriorate to gain approval of Nixon's trip to Peking next month and that the rabid anti-Americans were being given their head.

For the record, U.S. diplomats have been unwilling to comment on the long-range effects of the "Scheuer affair" on Soviet-American relations.