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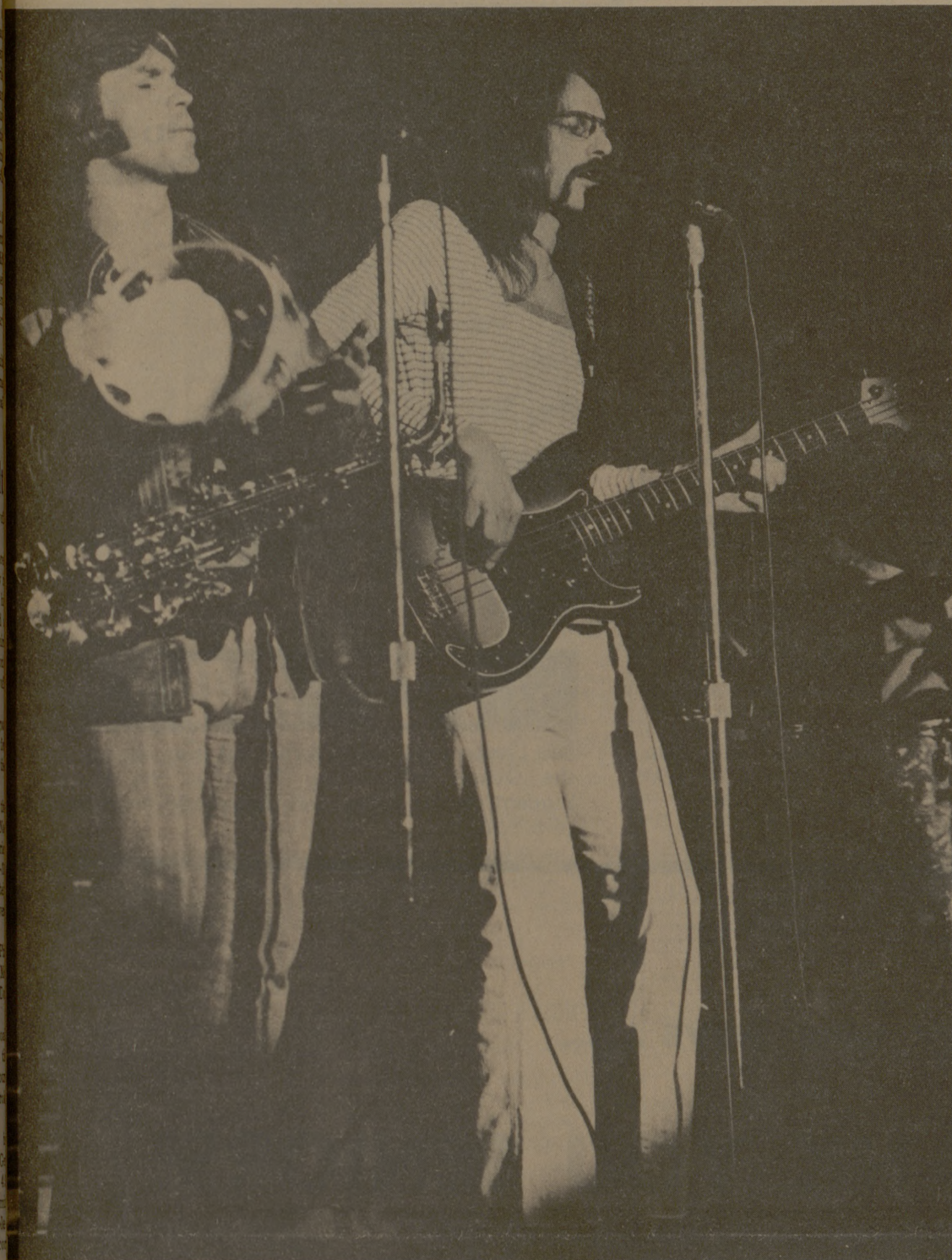
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Wednesday — Cloudy. Southerly winds 15-20 mph. High 78°, low 63°.

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RARE EARTH almost became a rare band Saturday night when they failed to show on time for the Civilian Weekend concert. They finally did arrive, two hours late. An upset crowd booed them when they appeared on stage but later crowded around the stage at the group's urging. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

## Kirk praises Aggie heritage at muster

"There's no way to identify a man's worth until he has given his full life," Vietnam war amputee Larry Kirk stressed at the A&M Muster Friday afternoon. Kirk, named one of 10 Outstanding Young Men of America by the U. S. Jaycees in January, said the Aggie heritage is a gift from former students who have now passed away.

He told the G. Rollie White Coliseum audience A&M is known for its pride, spirit, love, positive mental attitude and unselfishness. It has been no accident, Kirk insisted, but a result of what de-

parted comrades have done for their school, state and nation. "Some of us are known worldwide. Others of us have lower roles in life," he continued. "But we all go out and strive to climb a mountain. "The point is how we strive, and how did we do it better than anyone else," the Aurora, Colo., resident said.

Kirk lost both legs and his right arm when a land mine ripped his body in Vietnam in 1968. He is able to walk with the aid of prostheses and crutches.

While he slowly walked alone

to the microphone, the 3,000 attending gave Kirk a standing ovation, and another when he finished his talk. Kirk related that four years ago, in July, he lay wounded in a medical tent and never thought he'd be back. "I was called to the door of death . . . went . . . looked in . . . didn't want to go . . . so they sent me back," he quipped. He said the Aggie heritage he received while a student gave him the will to fight for life. "We're lucky to have inherited the Aggie tradition," Kirk said.

"It is an honor to those who have given it. I'm especially proud of our men lost in combat, because they gave their lives for love." The 32-year-old Dallas native who spent almost two years in a hospital said the Texas A&M heritage showed the strong to give stamina to the weak, the weak to give encouragement to the strong and all was an unselfish love for fellow Aggies. He contended the love of school, state, nation and friends was hard to find in today's world. Noting the many changes at

the university, Kirk said A&M's greatest challenge is it gives excellence for other schools to try to beat. Kirk noted the Aggie heritage gave him strength to live life "one step at a time." "Thank God for giving us all those good Aggies," he concluded in a cracking voice. Also participating in the Muster were Dr. Jack K. Williams, A&M president; Robert J. Atimer of Dallas, president of the Association of Former Students, and student leaders.

## Resolution given city council asking campus polling place

Student senator Bruce Clay presented a resolution to the College Station City Council Monday night asking for a city polling place on the A&M campus.

Clay told the council the senate realized there was no city ordinance dividing voting wards according to population. He said the senate asked that the county law be followed.

According to that law, set down by the Election Code of the State of Texas, "no election precinct shall have residents therein less than 50 nor more than 2,000 voters."

The senate resolution said, "the population density center of Ward III has changed with the voter registration of Texas A&M University campus students, and election polls are established to facilitate casting of votes by the voting public."

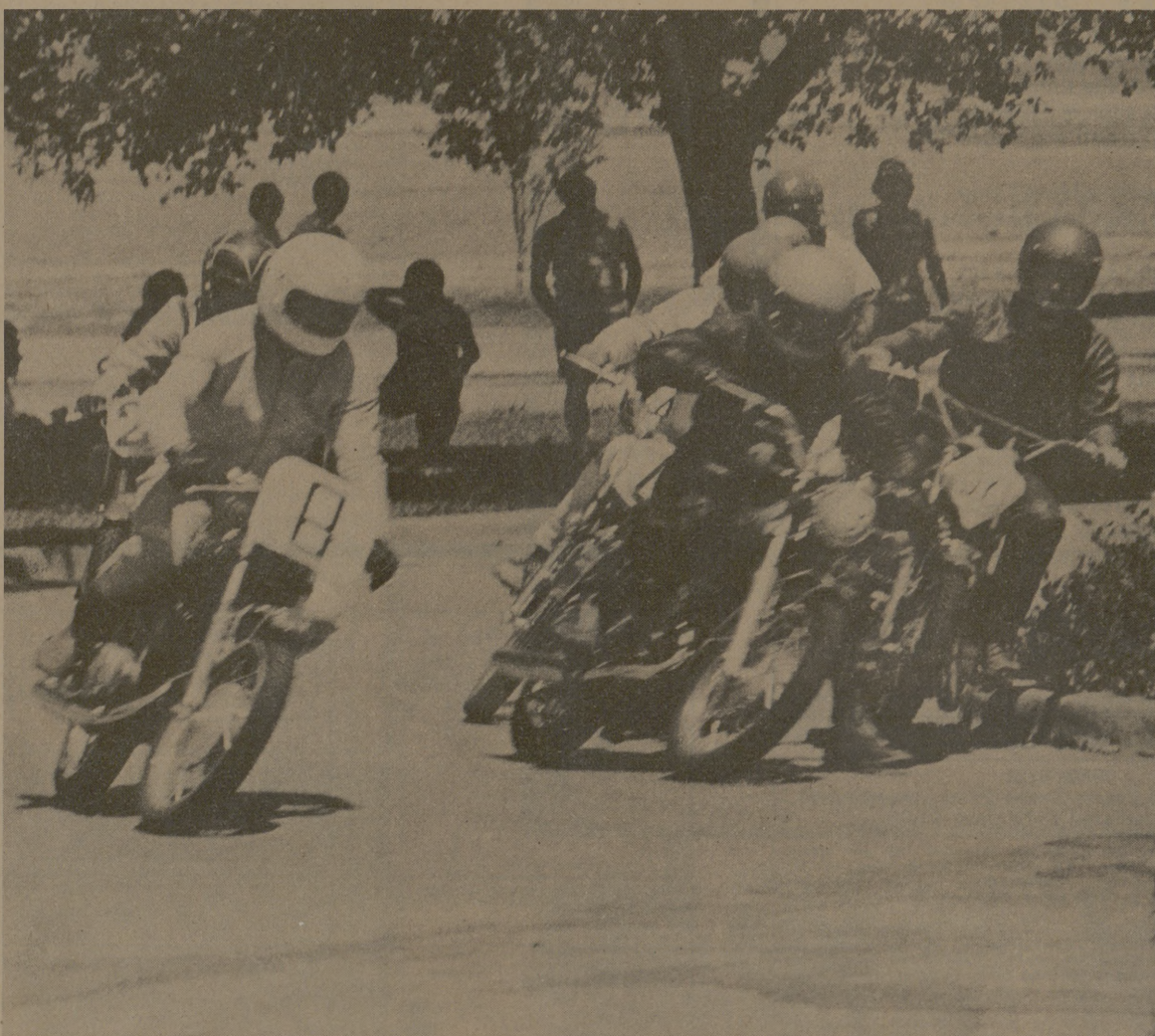
It continued saying, "Ward III is presently too large according to county precinct election standards set by the Election Code of the State of Texas."

"Therefore the students of Texas A&M University respectfully request the establishment of a new election poll on the university campus or moving of the present election poll to a campus location, whichever is most favorable to the College Station City Council and abides with the Election Code of the State of Texas."

Clay said the basic aim of this resolution is to make A&M a polling place so that students can vote in city, county, and state elections.

The A&M campus is located in precinct nine which has a population of 3,178. This is 1,178 over the county maximum allowed by the code. Precinct 12 is the only other precinct in the county with over 2,000 voters registered in it.

Mayor J. B. Hervey said the legality of the resolution will be checked with the city lawyer, Tom Giesenschlag. The resolution will be put on the agenda for the next council meeting scheduled



TIGHT WAS THE WORD, Saturday morning at the motorcycle races held around the Systems building. The races carried on with few mishaps, none serious, which was unusual considering the quality of the course—the usual A&M street. (Photo by Mike Rice)

## Moonwalkers turn ship toward Earth

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Apollo 16 astronauts rocketed out of lunar orbit Monday night, smoothly firing a once-trouble-some rocket engine, to begin their 66-hour 240,000-mile voyage home with a record cargo of rocks. Astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Thomas K. Mattingly II fired the main engine of their command ship, Casper, while they were behind the moon—and out of radio contact with earth. That engine had delayed the lunar landing and almost forced cancellation of the final moon excursion which provided Apollo 16's major findings. Eleven minutes later they reappeared from behind the lunar backside. They had burst out of the moon's orbit and were speeding home. "Coming up like thunder," said Young. "Burn completely nominal." "It's really beautiful," he added. "That baby really pops out of

there." While Duke and Mattingly were busy taking pictures of the rapidly receding moon, Young looked toward the earth, and said: "Spectacular. The earth rise is just beautiful. It just came up like gangbusters. "It's just a crescent earth, a sliver," he added. "We can hardly wait to get there. We know we got a couple things to do before we get there, but we're really looking forward to it." Tucked into Casper's hold were 245 pounds of rock and miles of black and white and color film taken on the moon. Geologists believe the rocks may tell the story of how volcanoes wracked the moon 4 to 4.5 billion years ago to mold lunar mountains and carve canyons and valleys. Young and Duke collected the moon material during their 71-hour stay in the Descartes Mountain region. They lifted off Sunday night from the highlands, a major portion of the moon never before visited, in their lunar mod-

ule, Orion. With their science cargo, they had achieved the primary goal of the mission. Apollo 16's stay in moon orbit was shortened 25 hours because of the engine problem discovered just before lunar landing last Thursday. Between that time and the crucial firing Monday night, the engine fired properly twice, but to guard against the possibility of the engine's condition worsening, officials ordered the Apollo mission cut short. Orion was discarded in orbit Monday afternoon, but it went into a tumble which could not be controlled by radio signals from Mission Control. The tumbling, which was not explained, forced cancellation of plans to smash the spacecraft into the moon to excite seismometers at the Apollo landing sites. "That Orion was a mighty good spacecraft," said Young as the lander spun away. "Real beautiful flying machine. And a real great lunar base, too. We'll miss her."

Splashdown is set for 2:44 p.m. EST Thursday. Tuesday afternoon on the way back to earth, Mattingly will walk in space to recover film from a \$1.2-million array of cameras and scientific instruments in an outside bay of Casper. The astronaut will leave the hatch of the command ship, inch back along the craft's side, remove two canisters of film and return them to the safety of Casper's cabin. In another space development Monday, officials at the Manned Spacecraft Center announced that American and Soviet space experts have agreed to construct a scale model of a proposed common space docking system. The move is viewed as a forerunner to a possible U.S.-Russian joint manned space flight in 1975. The agreement came in a set of reports springing from a meeting last year in Moscow of American and Soviet space engineers. It was the third such meeting and another is planned for this summer.

### On campuses

## War protests are scattered

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Scattered protests against renewed bombing in North Vietnam continued on Monday with demonstrations at Columbia University, Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts and the McDonnell Douglas corporation at St. Louis, Mo. Columbia president William J.

McGill announced he would use "all appropriate means" to keep university facilities open after demonstrators closed eight buildings at the New York City school Monday morning, refusing entry to faculty or students. "All of us at Columbia are sensitive to the divided state of American society and to the

strong emotion generated by the peace movement," McGill said in a statement. "But an old evil in southeast Asia will never be corrected by a new evil at Columbia. Militant blockades of the doorways to some Columbia buildings as a gesture toward peace are an incredible contradiction. Such action suggests to the people we are seeking to reach, only that we are irresponsible and irrational."

The school moved in Manhattan Supreme Court for the arrest of two men and other unidentified protestors who defied an April 19 court order banning demonstrations on the campus. The defendants were ordered to show cause Tuesday why they should not be arrested for criminal or civil contempt for defying the order. Meanwhile, at a McDonnell-Douglas stockholders meeting at St. Louis, Mo., a 24-year-old student who holds one share in the aerospace corporation, submitted a list of demands including payment of \$500 million to Vietnam for damage done to that country by McDonnell-Douglas war planes.

Richard Bangert, a University of Missouri student who said he was a Vietnam veteran, also demanded that the company cease all military production and rehire 18,000 workers laid off since 1967. Corporation President Sanford K. McDonnell answered that 14,000 employees have been laid off since 1967, their layoffs due to a cut back in military production. He also said the company last year produced just one-tenth of the Phantom jet fighters for the U.S. military that it produced in 1967. After the meeting, about 225 persons gathered in a ballpark near the company property to hear antiwar speakers at a rally. Some of the demonstrators carried signs saying: "Lay off the war—not the workers." Police arrested 35 persons at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Mass., Monday. The demonstrators, who handed out leaflets claiming that 16 Westover (See Protest, page 2) University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

## Coordinating Board approves six new curricula proposals

The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, has approved six A&M curricula proposals, including establishment of the state's first undergraduate degree program in bioengineering.

Board approval also was given for creation of a general academics department within TAMU's College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources at Galveston and for offering new B.A. programs in biology and chemistry and B.S. programs in applied mathematical sciences and medical technology.

All the programs have previously been approved by the A&M System Board of Directors.

The bioengineering program is viewed by university officials as an opportunity to apply the capabilities of engineering and technology to the needs that are arising in all medical and allied fields.

University officials noted the general academics department at the College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources will complement offerings of the marine engineering and marine transport departments in the Texas Maritime Academy, part of the Galveston-based college. The new department will be staffed by faculty members whose academic assignments are unrelated to marine engineering or transport.

The new B.A. programs in biology and chemistry will be offered along with the traditional B.S. programs in the two fields.

The medical technology program, offered through the biology department, is designed as a three-year program on the TAMU campus followed by one year at a major medical technology school approved by the university and the Council of Medical Education of the American Medical Association.

University officials said the new undergraduate program in applied mathematical sciences will be jointly offered by the Institute of Statistics and the mathematics department.