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Cloudy and cool

Saturday—cloudy in the morning; partly cloudy in the afternoon. Southerly winds 15-20 mph. Low 67°, high 84°.

Sunday — Partly cloudy to cloudy; intermittent thunder-showers. Southerly winds 15-20 mph. Low 69°, high 86°.



BEER AND BILL Hobby were the main subjects of interest at a rally held Thursday at Ralph's Pizza. While enjoying the free pizza and beer, Hobby, left, talks politics with Monty Hengst and Bobby O'Neal during a break of his question and answer sessions. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Lt. gov. candidate holds local rally— an evening with pizza, beer and Hobby

By LARRY MARSHALL Staff Writer

"I would like to see a new state constitution written, starting from the ground up, and done along the lines of the federal constitution," Bill Hobby, candidate for lieutenant governor, said here.

Hobby, addressing a packed

house at Ralph's Pizza Thursday evening, stressed the need for reform and the need to start the new political year with a clean slate.

"We have the highest percentage of working poor in the nation, we are number one in the nation in school dropouts, and we still spend only two per cent

of each education dollar on teaching our people to read," Hobby noted.

Hobby strongly supported the upcoming amendment vote concerning the legislature sitting as a constitutional convention.

"On the November ballot, Proposition No. 4 will be to have the legislature sit and write a new constitution, and I'm all for it," he said.

"I can understand people being opposed to this because the legislature is the same bunch that brought us Sharpstown. But, the new legislature will bring new people. Almost one half of the total legislature will be new," Hobby continued.

"And these people will be elected under the first democratic election we have ever held. Now those people who could fight, can vote. And now with the residence requirement change, more people can vote," he went on.

"This legislature will be elected by people who have had their trust in the legislature betrayed. It is the beginning of a new era in politics; the old era ended about a month ago in Abilene," Hobby said.

"I am not against having the constitutional convention delegates elected, but now we have this ideal chance to do something. We have the bird in the hand," he noted.

In the race for lieutenant governor, Hobby wouldn't mention a preference. "There has been a history of bad blood between the governor and his lieutenant governor. I want to end this tradition and will work with whoever is elected. I just hope it isn't Preston Smith," he said.

Marijuana laws are a popular

issue right now, and Hobby favors a change. He would call for the reduction of possession charges for first offenders to a misdemeanor.

"I also want adoption of the federal policy of being able to wipe a first-offense of this type off the books so it will not permanently wreck a person's career," Hobby said.

"In the area of environmental controls, we need to get tougher obviously. We have made some real progress in the air, but not in the water.

"I live in Houston, and as anyone who lives there can tell you, we have been abusing our environment too long," Hobby said.

There has been much talk about corporate income taxes. Hobby favors not using them and making the franchise taxes and exemptions granted corporations and businesses tougher.

His basis for this stand is that a corporate income tax would bring on a personal income tax, which he is against. However, he never clarified why he believed a corporate tax would do this.

Later he commented on the pay of legislators. "I am in favor of higher salaries for them, not to reduce corruption, but \$400 a month is just not enough. We have just seen a \$42,000 a year U. S. congressman convicted."

Abortion laws are another area that needs reform, Hobby said. "I favor change in our outmoded abortion laws, because the present laws were made when abortion was a very hazardous procedure. But this is no longer so."

After a question and answer period, Hobby mingled with the crowd and answered questions while sipping a beer.

Student Senate votes 'yes' to both verses of Aggie War Hymn

The Student Senate passed a resolution Thursday night to sing the first verse as well as the second verse of the Aggie War Hymn.

The resolution, presented by Senior Yell Leader Hank Paine, met with opposition from Rochelle Lindsay, senator from the University Apartments. She opposed it on the grounds that the lyrics are "very elementary."

She proposed an amendment to have a committee look into re-writing the first verse. However, it failed. Paine's resolution passed 57-15.

Another resolution was passed, sponsored by Fred Campbell that would let some on-campus women come in after hours. This would be a change in the residence policy.

Bill Shaw, graduate senator, opposed the proposal saying the senate action would involve freshman students who are not represented at the meeting. But upon voting, it passed.

The words to the first verse are:

All Hail! to dear old Texas
A and M.
Rally around Maroon and White;
Good luck to the dear old Texas Aggies,
They are the boys who show the Fight.
That good old Aggie spirit thrills us
And makes us yell and yell and yell;
So let's fight for dear old Texas
A and M.
We're going to beat you all to . . .

Senior senator Nick Jiga's proposal was passed to construct a \$500,000 land earth structure or an intricate student area extending from the Ag Building to the Administration Building.

The plan was presented by landscape architect Rodney Hill and will be an area to be used for such things as plays, bands, recreation and study.

The structure is for the dedication of the Oceanography Building with funds coming from the Sea-Grant Committee.

Layne Kruse, Student Senate president, announced committee appointments for next year early in the meeting. These appoint-

ments will come before the senate for ratification in next fall's first meeting.

Judicial committee appointees are Ty Griesenbeck, chairman; Shannon McKinney, Bill Hatherrill, Mark Fitte, Chet Edwards, Michael Perrin, Keith Tyler, Dick Zapata and Stanley Kosanke.

Appointments to other student committees are Jerry Arterburn, chairman of the services committee; Steve Vincent, head of the election board; and Jerry Campbell, as chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

In other student government meetings held Thursday, the Graduate Student Council and the Civilian Student Council both selected several officers.

Election of a secretary and treasurer were the main items of business on the GSC agenda. Mike Shay was chosen secretary and Paul Boatwright will be the treasurer. Both are electrical engineering majors.

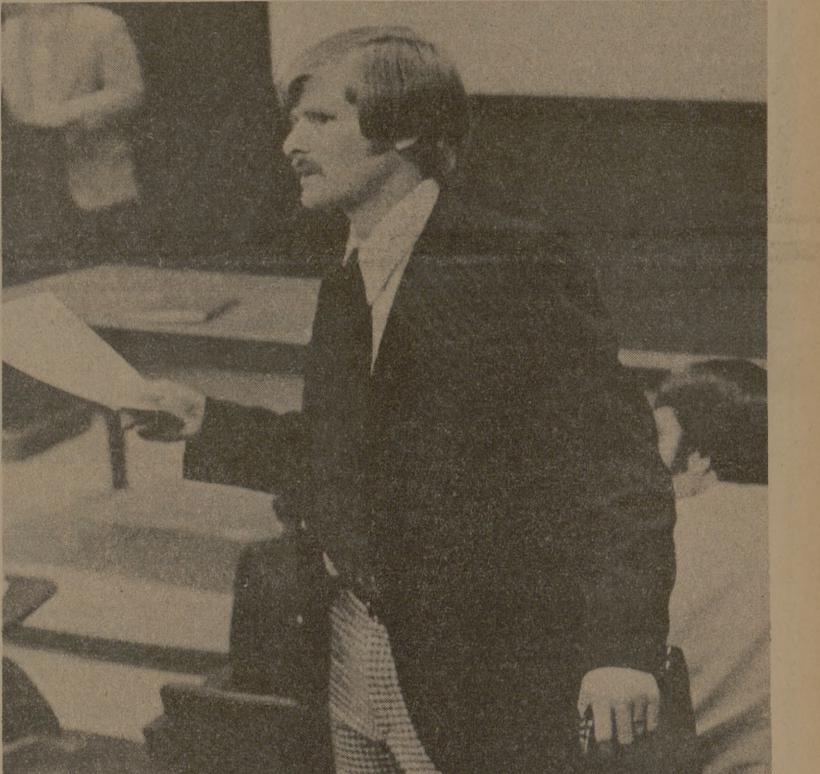
Richard Zepeda, president, said the GSC will consider the Ph.D. language requirement at its next meeting.

At the CSC meeting an election was held for the position of parliamentarian and Donald Hackler of Law Hall was chosen.

Plans for freshman orientation in the fall were discussed as were details of the Midwestern Association of College and University Residence Halls conference to be held at the University of Houston in August.

Dorm presidents were told of land at Lake Somerville which the university may be given a permit to use. Plans must still clear administrative channels but there seems to be a favorable reaction to the proposal, said president Mark Blakemore.

Dates for next year's meetings were announced as the second and fourth Thursday's of each month. Civilian Week-Weekend has been set on April 9-15.



SENATOR BILL SHAW presented his views Thursday against tampering with the present university regulations for A&M's new co-ed dorm, Kreuger-Dunn. He failed in his attempt to stop action as the Student Senate passed a resolution asking for no female restrictions. (Photo by Joe Arredondo)

Commencement, commissioning held Saturday

Commencement exercises for a record 1,643 students at Texas A&M University will be held at 9 a. m. Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Some 210 of the students receiving degrees will be commissioned into the Army, Air Force or Marine Corps at 1:30 p. m. ceremonies, also in the coliseum.

Dr. Michael E. De Bakey, Baylor College of Medicine president, will be the commencement speaker. The renowned Houston heart specialist also will receive a certificate designating him distinguished professor of surgery.

The commissioning speaker will be Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson,

a 1936 TAMU graduate and currently the Marine Corps' director of personnel and deputy chief of staff for manpower.

Other Saturday activities include the Corps of Cadets' Final Review at 3:15 p. m. on the main drill field.

Commencement exercises will be highlighted by presentation of the \$5,000 Brown Foundation — Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award to the top graduating senior.

The program also will include presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards to four TAMU graduates, Edward Muegge (Buck) Schiwetz, Texana artist-

illustrator who resides in Hunt and Houston; Hal N. Carr, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, North Central Airlines, Inc., with homes in Bryan and Gull Lake, Minn.; Harold J. Haynes, president of Standard Oil of California, of Kentfield, Calif.; and Dr. Durward B. (Woody) Varner, chancellor of the University of Nebraska System, Lincoln, Neb.

A \$3,000 award established by the late W. T. Doherty in honor of his parents will be presented at Final Review to this year's outstanding member of the Corps of Cadets.

News Summary

WASHINGTON (AP)—The arrangements committee of the Republican National Committee recommended unanimously Thursday that the 1972 Republican convention be switched from San Diego, Calif., to Miami Beach, Fla.

The arrangement group's resolution will go Friday to a special meeting of the GOP national committee, where the switch in convention sites is expected to be formalized.

The Miami Beach bid, formally presented Thursday, offers the Republicans rent-free use of the convention center for the three-day meeting August 21 to 23. The Democratic National Convention will be at the same place starting July 10.

DALLAS (AP)—A Detroit research team said Thursday it has discovered the probable biological cause of schizophrenia, the personality-splitting disorder that remains one of the most severe, difficult to treat mental illnesses known.

The finding, reported to the American Psychiatric Association, opens a long-closed door on an effective treatment and possible cure for schizophrenia, which afflicts an estimated 2 million Americans.

The disease, often striking the young and almost invariably requiring hospitalization, has baffled psychiatrists for years. It severely disturbs thought processes and interaction with others and its victims often acquire peculiar beliefs, delusions and hallucinations.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will soon fly another 72 F4 Phantom fighter bombers to Southeast Asia, a move that may foreshadow an intensified bombing campaign

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

aimed at stopping the North Vietnamese offensive.

Pentagon spokesman J. W. Friedheim announced Thursday that some additional land based U. S. warplanes would be sent to the war zone.

While Friedheim gave no details, other defense sources said four squadrons of F4s would leave Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, N. M., for Thailand.

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The death toll rose to 20 Thursday and 15 persons are missing as the result of a cloudburst and flash flooding that struck the southern part of this city, the Red Cross reported.

About 1,600 poorly constructed homes were destroyed and thousands were left homeless by the 45-minute hail and thunderstorm, which Mayor Octavio Senties described as the "worst to hit the Mexico City area in 50 years."

President Luis Echeverria flew over the area in a three-hour helicopter flight Thursday morning as rescue workers searched the rubble for more victims.

Rock and mud slides cut off the Mexico City-Cuernavaca main highway which left motorists stranded in their vehicles.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace headed for victory in the Tennessee Democratic primary Thursday as he took a better than 2-1 lead over 10 rivals in the early vote counting.

Wallace, seeking his first primary victory outside the Deep South, was aided by a referendum on school busing which drew voters to the polls.

Notice

The final spring semester edition of The Battalion will be published Wednesday. No other issues are scheduled next week.

The state primary elections will be held Saturday. Voters will choose party candidates for local, state and national elections.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, has obtained information from each gubernatorial candidate concerning some major issues.

Registered voters may vote at the following locations in each voting precinct: 1—Millican, 2—Wellborn, 8—South Knoll, 9—A&M Consolidated School, and 10—College Hills School.

Precinct conventions will be held at 7 p. m. at each of the

polls. Those wanting to attend should be inside the polls a little before since the doors will be locked at 7 p. m.

To aid in voting, the following are selected responses of candidates for governor:

REPUBLICANS
Albert Bel Fay,
Houston
Age 59, Businessman.

List what in your opinion are the most important features of a good constitution for Texas.

1) Strengthen the Executive by electing only the governor, Lt. governor, attorney general and

comptroller and give the governor a cabinet system of appointment with the consent of the senate and power of removal; 2) A non-partisan, elective appointive judiciary; 3) Give the legislature adequate pay and staff and single member districts; 4) Give county and municipal governments power to innovate and to cooperate to meet the needs of their communities, reducing the fragmentation and dissipation of authority at the local level; 5) Write it in the form of a constitution, clearly stating broad principles, precisely outlining governmental structure,

carefully granting and limiting the state's authority.

Would you support or oppose the following? Please explain.

1. Reducing the crime of possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor.

Yes, provided the judge has discretion to reduce the charge to a misdemeanor if it appears the defendant was not distributing marijuana.

2. State income tax. No, because it would inhibit the migration to Texas of new (non-polluting) industries.

ton. Age 44, Educator and State Senator.

List what in your opinion are the five most important features of a good constitution for Texas. There is no way that any person truly knowledgeable about Texas constitutional requirements can confine an answer to five parts.

Would you support or oppose the following? Please explain.

1. Reducing the crime of possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor.

I oppose reducing marijuana possession to a misdemeanor, but

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