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Friday — Cloudy. Light and variable intermittent thunder-showers. High 87, low 67.

Saturday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Afternoon thundershowers. Easterly winds 5-10 mph. High 84, low 65.

LSU Kickoff — Same as yesterday.

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Senate To Consider Joining Student Lobby

By Joy McCleskey
Staff Writer

The National Student Lobby will receive a majority 'yea' or 'nay' vote from the A&M Student Senate tonight as a decision will be made whether or not to join the organization at the Senate's 7:30 meeting in Room 102 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

The lobby is the only one in the U.S. on the national student level. The NSL supported the Hatfield Amendment to cut off funds for Vietnam in December of 1971 and advocated a cessation of bombing in Southeast Asia except to protect withdrawing troops. The NSL supported the 18-year-old vote and the Child Development and Day Care Center Programs.

A Senate chairman pro-tem will be elected after nomination from among the voting members of Senate. He will be an active member of the Executive Committee and preside in case of the absence of the vice-president.

New business will include the presentation of a resolution asking the Senate to support the need for a day care center. Results of a two-year effort to establish such a center for A&M students in the College Station area will be presented by Virginia Leahy and Dick Zepeda.

Last year Randy Ross and Zepeda conducted surveys, planned budgets, checked on licenses, and other necessary steps prior to presentation of the plan.

Leahy is in charge of this year's efforts to establish the day care center. The center will be for young children who are not being taken care of at a low cost

by other day care centers in the Bryan-College Station area. She is now trying to determine if it will be necessary to incorporate into a private school in order to become a state-licensed center.

Another vote will be taken to decide whether or not A&M will participate in the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association. TISA is an informational source concerning state-wide student government projects and the Texas legislature. TISA has coordinated action opposing tuition raises in the past. It spearhead-

ed a petition drive to grant all responsibilities and rights to 18-year-old citizens.

The agenda will also include the confirmation of the senate parliamentarian by vote of the Senate. Interviews were held by the Executive Committee Tuesday night for members applying for the position.

The Judicial Committee will present its by-laws to be approved by the Senate. The Judicial Committee Chairman is Ty Griesbeck.

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Board Students Like Ice Cream, Grilled Steak Best

By Dan Brice,
Staff Writer

Grilled steak and ice cream seem to be board students' favorite food and dessert, respectively, said Col. Fred W. Dollar, director of the Food Services Dept. for A&M, in an interview Wednesday.

According to Dollar, the students' choice food, grilled steak, is served every week. The steak served is a 10-oz. loin strip or a 12-oz. T-bone, which is the largest steak served by any school in the United States.

"Some people contend hamburgers are the first choice," Dollar said, "but we haven't found that to be true. If we serve grilled steak and we know it's prepared well, it's more popular than anything else."

"The menu board has voted on the number of times to serve steaks," Dollar said. "Probably they would vote to have it more often, but if it comes to a matter of 'stretching' the board rate, then the Food Service Dept. wants to be as reasonable as they can. If students eat too many steaks, it cuts down on what can be served for other meals, which means students might have 'meatless' meals, which is not uncommon here."

Unofficially, Dollar said, the number of students who come eat on nights steak is served reaches around 98 per cent, the highest

percentage of meal consumption here.

Ice cream, the popular dessert among TAMU students, is judged by the number of portions consumed, Dollar said. He added the only thing the Food Service Dept. regrets about the ice cream bar is that "anyone who takes it out of the dining hall ups the cost for all students."

Dollar then explained the "name of the game" for serving food is to serve students what they want. Students pay a fee to the Food Service Dept. to prepare what they want.

"Here lies the problem of communication," Dollar said. "It's very difficult to take over 7,000 students and say 'this is what they want.'"

"Usually the most popular food item will not be wanted by more than 70 per cent of the students," Dollar said. "This is one reason why the Commons and Sbsa dining hall have multiple selections and cafeteria style."

For students wondering how hamburgers and sandwiches fare, they are very popular indeed. Probably the most popular sandwich is the grilled cheese, Dollar said.

"A lot of students have not only a taste bud for hamburgers but I think they have a psychological lead in being able to get a hamburger," he said.

Noted Drug Rehabilitator To Address Bryan Crowd

David Wilkerson, author of the best-seller, "The Cross and the Switchblade," and founder of one of America's most successful drug addiction rehabilitation programs, will speak at the Bryan Civil Auditorium Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The minister from Pennsylvania has worked with drug addicts, gang members, prostitutes and homosexuals. He began his ministry with a congregation in the hills of Pennsylvania. After realizing that he could be of more use elsewhere, he took his ministry to the slums.

From the beginning, Wilkerson has said, the road was difficult. When he first tried to help the leader of a gang, he was rewarded with a spit and a "go to hell."

He began his work in 1958 when he became renown for interrupting the Michael Farmer murder trial. He defended a group of gangsters and was kicked out of the courtroom. As a result of the incident though, he became a hero among New York's 350 teenage groups. From then on, his pulpit has been the streets and his congregation the teenage gangs, drug addicts, prostitutes and homosexuals that fester in slum areas.

Wilkerson created Teen Challenge in 1962, an organization which rehabilitates drug addicts. Teen Challenge, with its headquarters located in a complex of five buildings in New York, has a capacity for 100 boys. The program claims a 74 per cent cure rate among heroin users who have completed the therapy.

The preacher has also created a training school for delinquent and drug addicted girls in New York.

Wilkerson says he believes in saying things "the way they are." He has a straight forward approach about sex, alcohol and drug addiction.

He has said too many people have overlooked the "hopeless" gangs in the slums. The most "hopeless" thing about them, he said, is that they are lost and



David Wilkerson

lonely. He started out by "going to the teenagers," and has preached in the streets, borrowed churches, tents and hide-outs of addicts and gangs.

Wilkerson, raised in Pennsylvania, received his training at Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. He was ordained to the ministry in 1952.

A motion picture, starring Pat Boone, has been made from "The Cross and the Switchblade."

The public is invited to hear Wilkerson speak.



SLEEPY SENIORS camped out in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum Wednesday morning to get first pick of football tickets for the upcoming A&M-Army game. This

picture was taken at 2:30 a. m., the windows opened later at 8 a. m. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Dr. Beto Claims

Real Purposes Of Prison Undefined

Criticism of prison systems that take into account the fact that the public has never decided what prisons are really for, Dr. George Beto said Wednesday in a Political Forum presentation.

"The public has not decided if prisons are for revenge, to serve as a restraint or to rehabilitate and reintegrate inmates into society," stressed the nation's foremost prison authority.

Prisons were not designed to rehabilitate anyone, Beto said. It has just been in recent times that reform has begun to take place. "Ever since Attica there have been a lot of prison reform experts," Beto said. But in actuality there are many myths and gimmicks regularly believed about prison systems.

"Only the poor, the stupid and the inept go to prison," Beto said. "The average inmate is a glamorous, cunning individual as the late movie depicts

he said that 15 per cent of the prison inmates were illiterate, 90 per cent are school dropouts, 65 per cent come from broken homes, 40 per cent are under age 25, 40 per cent had no sustained employment before imprisonment and 20 per cent are mentally retarded.

And 96 per cent will walk the streets as free men," he remarked, pointing up the need for rehabilitation programs."

Beto went on to outline his suggested plans for a more efficient rehabilitation and release program.

Hank Paine Chosen Head of Yell Leader

Senior Hank Paine was chosen as Yell Leader Wednesday after an interview with the Yell Leader Committee.

Paine, serving his second year as Yell leader, is a political science major from La Grange. He is in Company E-1 of the Corps, senior class president, and a representative from the College of Liberal Arts in the Student Senate.

Yell Leader Committee members are Dr. Gary Halter, chairman and associate professor of political science; Marvin Tate, associate athletic director; Sanborn Letbetter, assistant director of the MSC; Layne Kruse, student body president and Randy Ross, student body vice president.

Other yell leaders are seniors Mike Betty and John McNevin and juniors Bobby Sykes and Cliff Lasley.

We need a heavy influence on discipline. Most of these prisoners come from a permissive environment and strong discipline would help their well-being, he said.

We also need a heavy emphasis on work. Most never learned any work habits and cannot do any constructive work, he continued.

We need a heavy emphasis on education. This would have a distinct rehabilitation effect on prisoners.

"If a prisoner secures a minimum of 12 semester hours of college work in prison, he rarely returns," said Beto. "He needs to be exposed to humanities on the college level rather than just hav-

ing vocational training. The attitude is what needs to be worked on."

"The history of American corrections is a history of undocumented fads," he charged.

"First, we need a state-wide system of probation, which is presently dependent on the whims of the commissioners courts," Beto itemized. "Second is an expansion of the parole system. It should include letting a man out of prison on parole 90 days ahead of his release date rather than just discharging him."

Beto also claimed the Texas penal code should be reviewed with three objectives in mind: to take sentencing out of the hands of juries, requiring a pre-sentencing investigation by the judge as is done in federal courts and re-evaluation of the victim-less crime

"Some of Texas' laws are mixed up with Puritanical idealism," he charged, in which there is confusion between sins and felonies. Beto included in the former such areas as drug offenses, "too-stiff marijuana penalties" and gambling.

"We have respectable, middle-class, middle age men in prison for DWI," he related, who are unlikely to be helped by a prison sentence.

"I'm not ready to throw the babies out with the bath water," Beto said, "but we've got a lot of work to do on our system."

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band A&M Bound

By VICKI ASHWILL

Townhall's Young Artists Series will present The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Friday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. in the G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Originally formed in California in 1966, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band solidified into its present membership of five by 1969 as a part of United Artists Records, Inc.

Combining "virtuosity" and humor into their music and stage shows, these five musicians range from stage in costumes ranging from silk top hat to fringe to early Canadian Mounty. Jokes and a variety of instruments make up part of the routine along with a repertoire of songs ranging from "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" through jug-band music to contemporary rock.

The entire band changes costumes.

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tume, slicks back their hair and turns up the amps on 'loud' and 'echo' to present a parody of rock as it was played in the greasy 50's as the climax of their show. For two years this routine has been the favorite of audiences everywhere.

John McEuen, tallest group member and a versatile musician, plays the five-string banjo playing everything from Bluegrass and rock to classics. He also plays accordion, fiddle, and acoustic guitar.

A one-time member of Linda Ronstadt's back-up group, Jeff Hanna joined the band in 1966 playing the washboard. Presently, he is considered an expert on the washboard and takes turns on the guitar and drums.

Wearing the genuine Mounty uniform, Les Thompson plays guitar, bass and mandolin with the group. Thompson also provides many of the vocals.

Considering the band an education in music is Jimmie Fadden,

who plays six different instruments. Beginning at age 16 on the autoharp, Fadden has now added jug, washtub bass, tuba, harmonica and trombone to his list.

Last of the five is Jim Ibbotson who joined the band playing drums, bass, guitar, accordion and piano. Before this time, Ibbotson had experience playing with the Wharf Rats, Aristatones, and Evergreen Blue Shoes and the Hagers.

Tickets are now available in the Student Program Office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Aggies with activity tickets will be admitted free and those with season tickets will be honored first. Reserve tickets for student dates are \$2.75 and \$3. Non-student reserve tickets are \$4.50 and \$5.

General admission for an A&M student date is \$2.50. All others must pay \$3.

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