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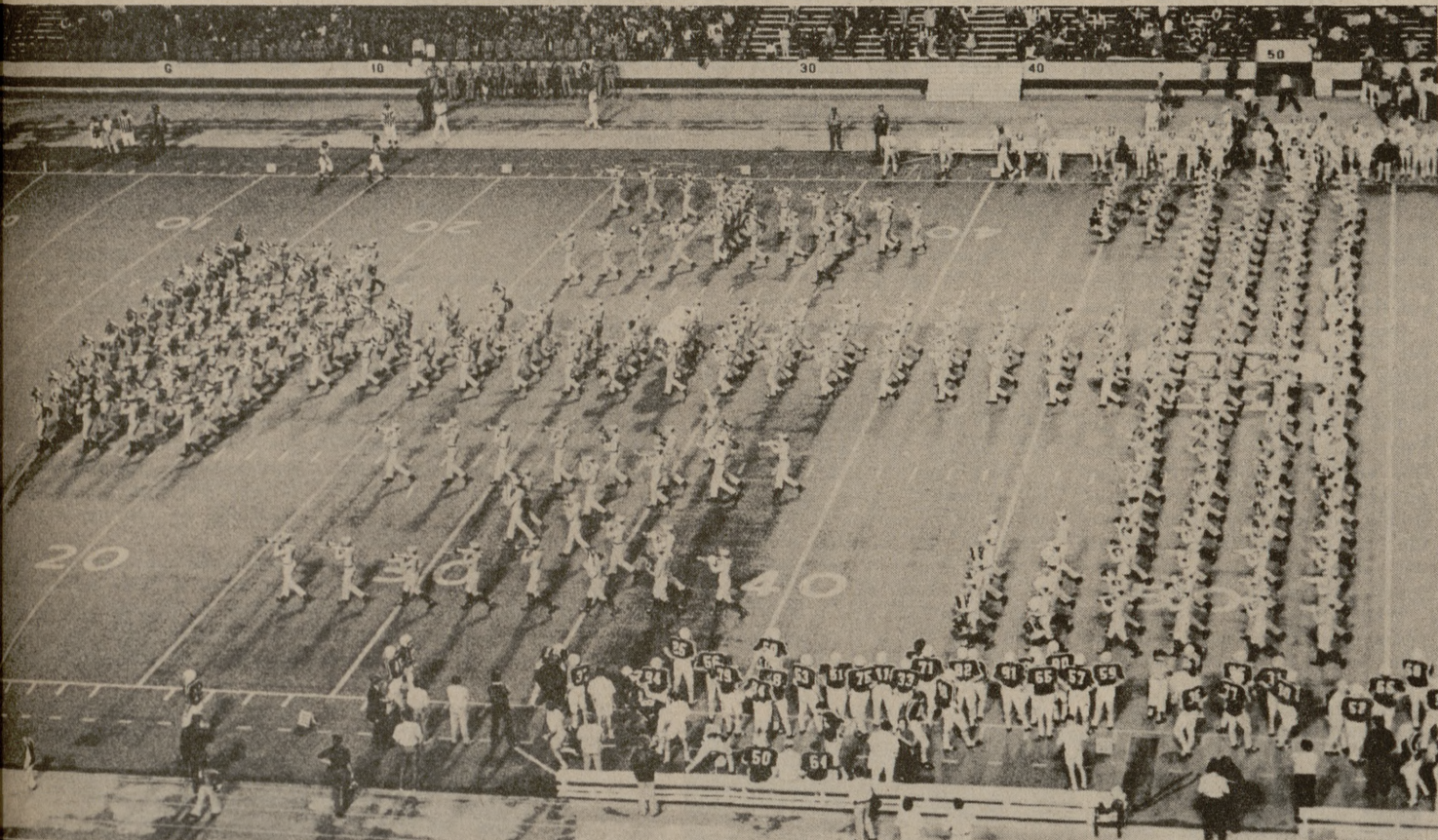
College Station, Texas Tuesday, October 24, 1972

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Content With What We
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Tuesday—Cloudy today and to-
night. Low 53, high 78.

Wednesday — Cloudy. Winds
southerly 5-10 mph. 30% chance
of rain. 80°.



THE TEXAS A&M INSIGNIA is formed by the 'Fight- ing response from the stands as it marched down Kyle Field. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Judicial Council Rules Transfer Students May Hold Senate Posts

By KARL JACKSON
Staff Writer

The Judicial Committee of the Student Government voted 9-0 that Sophomore transfer student Sandy Aboud was eligible and qualified for her new position in the Student Senate.

The Committee's decision set a precedent for all transfer students who, up until now, were not legally qualified candidates for the Student Senate.

The charges were brought against the Election Board by Brad Bryant, a candidate in the Senate election for Dunn Hall, Oct. 18, which elected Aboud. Bryant charged that Steve Benson, chairman of the Election Board, had certified Aboud and allowed her to run when she was not qualified.

The primary conflict was the fact that Aboud, as a transfer student, did not have an established grade point ratio at A&M. Her GPR at San Antonio Jr. College was unacceptable due to the by-laws, so her mid-semester GPR was substituted in its place. Bryant and his council, Fred Campbell, charged that this was not an official GPR.

The plaintiff charged that her application for candidacy was therefore invalid and that she should be removed from office. Aboud's GPR from San Antonio and her mid-semester GPR were above the required 2.250 average.

Aboud filed her application for office Oct. 2 before the filing deadline on Oct. 4. Aboud was informed on the sixth by Benson that she was ineligible because of her GPR.

On the ninth, the clause in the 1972-73 University Regulations stating that candidates must have a 2.250 GPR "at the time of the election," was brought to the attention of Chairman Benson.

Benson changed his previous ruling and reinstated Aboud as an official candidate, with the

condition that her GPR at mid-semester would be above a 2.250. On Oct. 16, the mid-semester GPR was made available in the Registrar's office and Aboud was certified to have a 2.250 GPR by Robert Lacey, registrar.

The Defense's Council Bill Hartsfield countered Campbell's argument with a statement from last year's Election Chairman, Mark Blakemore, who revised the Election Regulations for 1972-73. Blakemore said the revision committee had dropped the clause contained in the 1971-72 regulations which limits the GPR to "the previous semester" so transfer students could run for office on their mid-semester GPR.

Hartsfield also pointed out mid-semester GPRs are used in freshmen Senate elections and that the Registrar's decision as to whether

a candidate could be certified with a sufficient GPR is final.

Ty Griesenbeck, chairman of the judicial committee, posted the decision and will release a statement of their opinions and reasons later. A list of recommendations to clear the controversy will also be presented to the Senate.

Fish Elections To Be Held

Freshman elections will be held for senators at large and class officers November 7 (a change from the previously stated date of Nov. 2.)

President, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and social secretary as well as six senators will be voted on.

Aggie Assaulted By Parolee In Parking Lot 40 Saturday

A Bryan man, on parole from Gatesville School of Corrections, was charged Monday by A&M's University Police for aggravated assault on an A&M student.

Charges were filed by University Police Sgt. J. B. Miller on 18-year-old Richard Lee Reeves, of Route 2 in Bryan, after he allegedly beat up Ken C. Thompson in Parking Lot 40 at approximately 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

Miller, investigating officer in the case for the University Police, said officers Frank Lassater and Tom Robertson apprehended Reeves with the aid of the Bryan Police Department near Denny's Restaurant.

Reeves was in a car with a 16-year-old Bryan youth who was released with no charges pressed against him.

Mike Patrick, a student who was with Thompson when the in-

cident occurred, said they were followed to the A&M campus by a car with Reeves in it. He said their car was blocked from parking in the A&M lot and Reeves got out and shouted something to the pair.

Patrick said Thompson was then dragged out of the car by Reeves and kicked and beaten severely in the head and side.

Miller said Reeves was positively identified by Thompson and that a nine and one-half inch bayonette was confiscated from the Bryan youth's car.

He added that Reeves' companion is also on probation in Grimes County for armed robbery.

Thompson was treated and released from the University Hospital after treatment for cuts and abrasions and receiving several stitches in the left side of the head.

Elton John Coming To A&M

Elton John, famed pianist and holder of six gold albums in America, will appear in concert Nov. 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

John's real name is Reginald Dwight. He has completed five successful American tours, released an album of his first film soundtrack, "Friends;" a live album, "11-17-70," recorded during an American tour and "Madman Across the Water."

His latest album, "Honky Château," reached the number two position in the United Kingdom

charts and number one in America within days of its release.

John's first album, "Empty Sky," received acclaim from critics and musicians, but the public did not react until his second album, "Elton John," was released.

Earlier this year, Elton added to his group a multi-instrumentalist, Davey Johnstone. With Nigel Olsson on drums and Dee Murray on bass, John's stage act is exciting with variety and color.

John studied piano at the Royal Academy of Music before em-

barking on a pop career playing piano and organ with Bluesology and Long John Baldry. He soon began to write his own material, teaming up with lyricist Bernie Taupin in response to a newspaper advertisement.

Taupin has written all the lyrics for John's compositions.

Murray made his first professional appearance with "Mirage," then joined Spencer Davis with whom he toured Britain and the United States. He finally teamed up with Nigel Olsson and they became part of the Elton John

group.

The Elton John group became a quartet when ex-Magna Carta guitarist Davey Johnstone made his first public appearance with Elton at the Royal Festival Hall London on February 5th, 1972. A self taught musician, Johnstone plays guitar, mandolin, sitar, banjo and lute. He has always worked as a musician, mainly in folk music. Davey is now eager to widen his scope and welcomes the opportunity of working with Elton, Dee and Nigel.

Nigel met Murray and they formed a close musical relationship which finally led them to work with Elton John.

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Student Programs Office of the Memorial Student Center. Reserved seats are \$5.50, \$5.00, and \$4.50. General admission ticket prices are \$4.00 for patrons and \$3.50 each for A&M students and dates.

Nationally Prominent Black To Speak Here

Clay Smothers, a nationally known black conservative, will speak Thursday at A&M under auspices of the Black Awareness Committee.

Smothers will discuss civil rights and education at his 8 p.m. appearance in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Opponent of busing to achieve racial integration in public schools, Smothers was a self-

nominated vice presidential candidate at the Democratic National Convention and speaks with fiery preacher-style oratory.

"Clay Smothers, the man, is an individual swimming in the civil rights stream traditionally noted for its liberal currents," commented BAC programs co-chairman Marvin Bridges.

"While Mr. Smothers and the Black Awareness Committee have

very definite divergent philosophies on civil rights, it is always to one's advantage to become cognizant of differing vantage points. He engenders stagnation in his own thinking and actions," Bridges added.

TAMU students with activity cards will be admitted free to the BAC lecture. Others will be charged 50 cents to defray cost of the program.

Aggs Will Donate To Blood Drive

The annual Aggie Blood Drive is scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2 in the basement of the Memorial Student Center. The purpose of this drive is to establish credits for the Texas A&M Blood Club Account with the Wadley Institute of Molecular Medicine.

Blood credits which are established during this drive are then available for use by any A&M student who needs blood. When approximately 4 per cent of the student body has donated blood, these credits may then be used

by the immediate families of students or by former students.

Last year 803 credits were established in the two-day drive, but the unused credits are outdated after a year. For this reason, these credits are donated to the Wadley Institute, which can then distribute them to people who need blood, but cannot afford it.

If any A&M student or someone in his immediate family needs blood, he should contact Ron Benito at 845-3501.

U.S. Senate Hopefuls State Positions

The League of Women Voters of Texas recently asked the candidates for U.S. Senator to express their views on the leading issues. The Battalion is reprinting their replies to provide students with information on the upcoming election.

U.S. SENATE

Barefoot Sanders, Democrat
What do you consider the national priorities for the next congress?

The overriding priority is for the people of the United States to regain their idealism and their sense of national purpose. We must regain confidence in our

government, and government must justify their confidence. Regain full employment. Reduce inflation. Reduce federal deficit. Maintenance of a strong national defense program.

First class education for all children without busing. Return of our prisoners of war and conclusion of our military involvement in Southeast Asia. Develop greater opportunities for all citizens to participate effectively in our economy and in our governmental process. Restore a strong farm economy. Develop more effective means of settling labor disputes. Welfare reform, includ-

ing appropriate provisions for child care. Protection of our environment and reconciling economic expansion with environmental protection. Reappraisal of foreign aid and related programs. Better health care.

What programs would you support to improve the administration of criminal justice and the penal system in the United States?

Efficient administration of the courts by providing a corps of trained court administrators, in order to expedite the disposition of litigation and reduce overcrowded dockets.

Reform of our prison and jail system. Most of the prisons in the U. S. are at least 50 years old. Eighty per cent (80 per cent) of felons are committed by released convicts. We need to improve our criminal correction system. Emphasis should be on establishing half-way houses for the first-time felons who may serve the latter portion of their sentences while working.

John Goodwin Tower, Republican
What do you consider the national priorities for the next congress?
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University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

Friday's Concert Was A Waste Of Your 'Bread'

