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Friendship Is The Highest Degree Of Perfection In Society.

Wednesday—Cloudy with occasional light rain today and tonight. High 58, low 43.

Thursday—Decreasing cloudiness during afternoon.

845-2226



WHO SAID Dorm Five isn't used anymore? It was used Sunday night to count off the days until Final Review, which is slated for May 5. (Photo by Kenneth Stroebel)

Forms Available For Clubs Wanting MSC Office Space

Applications are now being accepted from recognized student organizations that desire to rent cubicle-type office space in the new Memorial Student Center, announced the Building Studies Committee of the MSC Council. Applications will be accepted through Mar. 2 in the Student Programs Office of the MSC, where forms are available upon request.

The cubicle office space will be available in September, 1973. The basic office cubicle contains a desk, a file drawer, and some shelf space. The cubicles are separated by partitions rather than by walls. They will be located in the new Student Programs Office, in the same general area where the Student Government, the MSC Council and Directorate, the Residence Hall Association, and several other student organizations will be located. Organizations renting space in this area will be in the center of student activities on campus.

An organization may apply for more than one cubicle space if it has enough activities and programming to justify doing so. The cubicle office spaces may be rented for \$10 per semester or for the summer, or for \$20 for an entire year. A number of file drawers will be available for rental by student organizations, whether they rent a cubicle or not. It is expected that a number

of groups will not need a cubicle office, but would like a place to keep records and correspondence. File cabinet drawers for this purpose may be rented for \$2 per semester or for the summer, or for \$4 for a year.

The Building Studies Committee will hold three meetings at which representatives from any interested recognized student organizations are invited to ask

questions concerning the equipment, rental rates, and policies. These meetings will be Thursday, 5-7 p.m. in Room 3D of the MSC; Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the MSC; and next Thursday, Mar. 1, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 2A of the MSC. Any additional questions may be addressed to Mike Hatch or Don Webb in the Student Programs Office at 845-1515.

Holiday Plans Changed, Break Slated For March 10

Spring recess is scheduled March 10-18 for all A&M students enrolled on a semester basis, reminds Dean Edwin H. Cooper.

In previous years the spring break was scheduled in April to include Easter, but the earlier date was approved last spring by the university's Academic Council.

"We felt it would be more advantageous for the student body to have a recess in the middle of the semester rather than take an Easter break which would end one week before the start of final examinations," explained Dean Cooper, who is responsible for the academic calendar.

The university's 1972-73 catalog, which contains April recess dates, had already been published when the Academic Council revised the calendar.

Cooper emphasized the March 10-18 break applies only to students enrolled on a semester basis. Trimester students in the College of Veterinary Medicine will have a March 15-18 break.

The March 15-18 break also applies to TAMU faculty and staff, as well as to personnel of all College Station-based parts of the TAMU System except the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Engineering Extension Service. Those two agencies will have holidays April 23-24.

Thomas Hits Critics; Readies Faculty For 'Damnedest' Fight

PRAIRIE VIEW (AP)—The president of predominantly black Prairie View A&M, which faces a possible legislative investigation, lashed out Tuesday night at some Negro legislators whom he called "a disgrace" to the people they represent.

"We didn't send blacks to Austin to run around in big cars tearing down black leadership," Dr. A. I. Thomas told a meeting of about 250 staff-faculty members at the college.

As for an investigation of the school by the Texas Legislature, Thomas told the faculty to "either join me or fight me. If you want to fight us, get ready for the damnedest fight you've ever seen."

He asserted that black legislators who have pushed for an investigation of the school have been tricked by members of the House Education Committee who are against him.

"This was a political move," he said of the resolution which would

establish a 12-member investigative committee. The resolution still requires floor action before passage.

Thomas also hit critics who want to remove the school from the Texas A&M system and give it a governing board of its own which would contain more blacks.

"What does the college profit by having a black board or a white board if it has no money?" he asked. "Prairie View has been inadequately funded for 96 years and will continue to be inadequately funded for another 96 years."

Mentioning salary problems,

Thomas said, "I don't have the money to give to you because the governor has not given it to me. I cannot even employ all of you next year. It is as much your problem as mine. . . . You better believe it."

While a neighboring college drew 75 per cent of its enrollment from families earning more than \$12,000 a year, Thomas said, about 75 per cent of his school's student body comes from families making less than \$2,000 a year—forcing the school to make up for deficiencies they suffered in their early education.

Critics have said, Thomas add-

ed, that students at the school are fearful. They are "not fearful but insecure," he said, because many come to the school on indefinite loans and grants.

"The whole confounded system makes you insecure," he said of the college's problems.

Presnal Meets With Students, States Views

Bill Presnal, Texas State Legislature representative from Bryan, said in a meeting Sunday he favors the first offense for marijuana as a misdemeanor.

Presnal met with seven A&M students who are particularly concerned with bills in legislation to clarify his views on various topics.

Presnal, a member of the House Education Committee, is a backer for the attempt to remove hospital fees from the student service fees. He also favors a complete option to the Texas Teacher Retirement Plan by graduate students.

Students in the meeting questioned Presnal about adult rights for 18-year-olds. Presnal said he favored jury duty rights for 18-year-olds but remained undecided on the alcohol question.

"He doesn't drink yet is still open to ideas concerning the problem," said Barb Sears, a student at the meeting.

"During the meeting we told Presnal some of the things we favored such as student control of the student services fees," said Sears. "This is just the consideration of fees going to student activities."

The question of student representatives on Texas Boards of Directors was also discussed at the meeting.

According to Sears, Presnal hated to delegate anything to the board as he thought the boards should remain relatively autonomous.

Presnal contended that under present laws students could legally be put into an advisory position on the board. "Presnal was very honest and open to all of our questions," said Sears. "He made us think he cared about what we as students thought."

Other students at the meeting were Layne Kruse, Randy Ross, Bill Hartsfield, Fred Campbell, Virginia Ehrlich and Mark Fitte.

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

Filing Begins On Thursday For Elections

Filing for spring general elections starts Thursday and will continue through March 5.

Filing will be for Student Government offices, class officers, yell leaders, Residence Hall Association executive officers and the Graduate Student Council.

"All offices are selected according to the Blue Book, Section 69," said Steve Vincent, election board chairman.

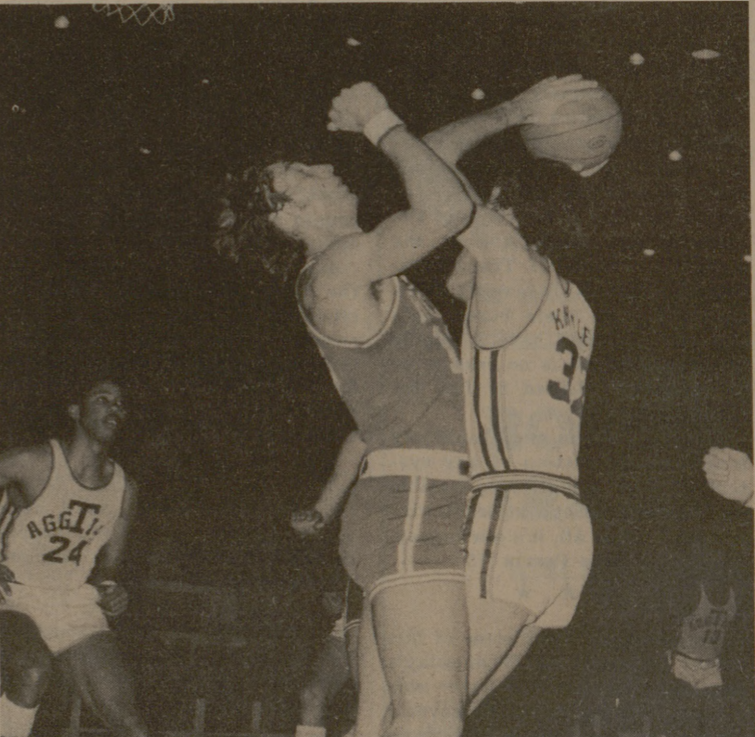
All Student Government executive committee and Residence Hall Association executive committee candidates are required to have a 2.5 grade point ratio. Student senators and yell leaders must hold a 2.25 GPR while class officers must have a 2.0 GPR.

The Graduate Student Council will elect three students from the college of agriculture; two students each from the colleges of education, engineering and science; and one student each from the colleges of architecture, business, geosciences, liberal arts and veterinary medicine.

GSC members must be a full time resident graduate student or be admitted to a graduate college. He must also carry eight or more hours with a 3.0 or better GPR.

GSC council members cannot work more than 20 hours a week for the university.

Elections will be held Mar. 29 and runoff elections are scheduled for Apr. 5.



GIVE ME SOME ELBOW ROOM. Randy Knowles fights for position before passing off to Cedric Joseph (24) in second half action against Rice. The A&M won 90-80. See story, page 7.

'Flash Cadillac' Coming In April

"Flash Cadillac" will bring its rock and roll revival to A&M to wrap up activities for Residence Hall Weekend, April 9-14.

Accompanying "Cadillac" will be John Hartford, who plays his own variety of blue-grass music.

Activities are planned for each day of the week except Wednesday.

Monday's activity will be at the roller rink at Pooh's Park. Rod Serling, television science fiction writer, will speak on Tuesday.

A pushball game and hoola-hoop contest will be held on Thursday. Friday there will be a dance

from 7-11 p.m. Horror films will be shown afterwards to celebrate Friday the 13th. There will be a breakfast served afterwards.

Saturday will feature a motorcycle race, a bicycle race, and the A&M-University of Houston baseball game. The "Cadillac" concert will wrap up the weekend Saturday night.

All activities will be free for dorm activity card holders. There will be a nominal charge for the dance for non-activity card holders.

For further information, call Randy Gillespie, 845-3700.

Ghost Of Jubilee Junction Lives On

College Station may not be considered a hub of activity on weekends, but a "real" ghost town exists less than a mile from the A&M campus.

"Jubilee Junction" was originally intended to be an amusement park. Management troubles forced the closing of the town after two years and vandalism has given it the appearance of a ghost town.

Built in 1966, Jubilee Junction is owned by Marion C. Pugh. He built the town as an amusement

park for younger children. Pugh also intended to give the community a touch of old Texas. The town was built on a three-quarter scale. Its remains are presently located between the "Dutch Kettle" and Hensel Apartments.

Jubilee Junction consisted of a jail, the longest bar in Brazos

County (which served soft drinks), and stage coaches for kids to ride on.

The little town had a barber shop featuring boot shines and a funeral parlor. There was a mercantile store and the Country Kitchen.

A Tax and Assay Office rounded out the town's facilities and a

miniature river flowed to the center of town.

There were also animals to look at and ponies to ride. A collection of birds and animals valued at \$10,000 was displayed.

Pugh blamed management problems as the chief cause for the town's failure. Returning from a summer in Europe, he

found the town in a hopeless situation and closed it "to keep it from being a dog."

Once closed, the town became a target for vandals. Windows were broken, everything was stolen that was removable, and doors were torn down.

Pugh then had to forget the project. He estimated renovation

costs in the thousands.

A&M students filmed "Malfunction Junction" at the site during the spring of 1971. The 70-minute comedy-western spoof was directed by Don Kirk and revolved around a stagecoach robbery plot. A silent film, it cost \$250 to make.

Presently Pugh has no plans to

reopen. He says, "It's like any business—if you want it done right you almost have to do it yourself. It's hard to find competent help."

He continued, "It's no indictment on people today. People have been like that forever."

Since he has no plans to reopen, Pugh would like someone to have Jubilee Junction. At present, it is for sale to be moved.

Meanwhile it stands as a reminder of the lore of the old west and the vandalism of our time.

