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WEDNESDAY—Fair with mild afternoon. Cold tonight. High 67, low 35.
THURSDAY — Fair and cool. High of 69.

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Boycott Strangles Sales

By The Associated Press
The meat industry began Tuesday to feel the pinch of the nationwide consumer boycott as wholesalers reported layoffs and supermarkets said sales were declining.

"It's beginning to look like they mean business," said one store manager.

Consumers said they were determined to stick to their guns. "No meat for my family until after the boycott, however long it may be," said a shopper in Detroit.

An Associated Press survey showed the man in the middle—the wholesaler—was hardest hit by the boycott that started Sunday in an effort to force down rising meat prices.

Robert Miller, head of the Union Packing Co. in Los Angeles, said some retailers have stopped all beef orders. J. J. Rodriguez, head of Meat Cutters Local 563 of Los Angeles, said 350 union members had been laid off.

Union leaders in Philadelphia said about 300 meatcutters had been laid off and several hundred others were working shorter hours. "We're afraid this situation could worsen," said Leon B. Schacter, area national vice president of the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen's Union. "We feel that meat is too high for our own members, but we don't feel the remedy is the boycott. We can't support it. We'd cut our own throat."

Leroy A. Hughes, principal officer of the company, said the firm was caught in the middle between farmers who "are being tough and holding firm to the prices they want" and buyers who "are tough and holding firm to what they will pay in addition to the government's price ceilings on these dressed beef prices."

McGinty, Reed Fall Short In Council Voting

A&M students Sam McGinty and Lynn Reed lost bids for College Station City Council places in Tuesday's balloting.

Incumbent Fred Brison polled 753 votes to challenger Reed's 227 in the Place 1 race.

Place 3 incumbent Don R. Dale polled 615 votes to Sam McGinty's 367.

In the Place 5 race, R. D. Radeleff ran unopposed and polled 820 votes.

"The two factions . . . leave no room for a company with our operating responsibilities to function in a worthwhile economical fashion."

Store spokesmen said meat sales were down. Don Richards, manager of the meat department at Shaw's Supermarket in Portland, Maine, said meat purchases were off 60 per cent; the operator of the Hoekstra Meat Market in Kalamazoo, Mich., had only 10 customers in five hours on Monday. As a result, Mary Hoekstra closed the retail meat counter and said it would remain shut until Friday.

Forgery Likely On Letter; Students Deny Signatures

A controversy has arisen concerning the possible forgery of signatures on a letter in Tuesday's *Battalion* endorsing Shariq Yosufzai for Student Government vice president.

In addition, *The Battalion* has found that some of the people listed admitted to signing the letter while others said they had never seen the letter before.

The original source of the letter has not been determined, however.

Fred Campbell, chairman of the Student Government Rules and Regulations Committee, said that he had never signed the letter, seen it or given anyone permission to use his signature in connection with the Yosufzai campaign.

William Wade also said he never signed the letter and said that MacRoberts had told him Yosufzai had asked him (MacRoberts) to type the letter.

Yosufzai told *The Battalion* that the copy in the *Batt* was the first one he had seen of the letter and that he had no idea how Campbell's name got on it.

"I know that most of the people are my supporters," said Yosufzai, "but don't know if they signed the letter or where it came from."

Yosufzai said the only explanation he had was that someone had gone "around the campus taking names from signs and had sneaked Campbell's and Wade's names on the letter." He added that he would call this a deliberate attempt to malign him.

Several other persons who allegedly signed the letters said they had never seen it, but had signed a letter for Yosufzai which he never submitted for print.

Blakemore, Ross Express Views

ISA Quizzes Candidates, Gives Answers For Election

The International Student Association asked Student Government presidential candidates in Thursday's runoffs to submit their views on the international student situation at A&M.

T. Mark Blakemore replied that his service on the International Student Association as U. S. delegate has given him a better understanding of the problems faced by students. He said the recent investigation of Arab A&M students by the FBI following the Munich Arab-Israeli incident pointed up the need for a statement of legal rights.

He advocates programs such as foster parents and the establishment of an International House

at A&M as possible steps to make the cultural transition of foreign students easier. Blakemore opposes the recently passed recommendation to increase foreign student tuition to \$40 per semester.

This year Blakemore worked on the University International Student Advisory Committee in trying to establish a means to funnel more Exchange Store funds to international student activities, and worked to gain added flexibility in housing policies for international students.

Randy Ross answered that he has worked with the Office of Admissions and Records and the President's Office in altering housing policies so that international students may live where they want to. He has supported this proposal since his freshman year and the concept of an International Student House. He has

Mrs. Hoekstra said the wholesale side of her business—people buying large orders to put in the freezer—was fine. "I think a lot of people are eating meat, but they don't want to be seen at the market buying it," she said.

Hog prices at the Arkansas National Stockyards Inc. on Tuesday were up to \$38.50 per hundredweight, an increase of \$2.00 since Monday, but \$1.50 below Friday's level.

A record drop to \$30.25 was recorded at midweek last week. The Agriculture Department reported that 79,000 head of cattle were slaughtered Monday, down 16,000 from a week earlier. Hog slaughter dropped to 280,000—down 30,000.

Oren Lee Staley, president of the NFO, said the situation looks like it has stabilized at this point. He said his members were standing by to decide whether to take further action—withholding livestock from market as they did temporarily last week or pocketing stores to counter boycott groups.

Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz has said he opposes the boycott. But he found himself eating filet of sole for lunch. Butz spoke at a luncheon of the National Press Club in Washington on Tuesday. A doorman at the club was asked what the menu was. "Fish, of course," he replied. "You can't serve the secretary of agriculture meat on a meatless week can you?"

There were some indications that prices were down—for the moment at least.

Consumers Cooperative, headquartered in Berkeley, Calif., said meat prices in its eight stores would be rolled back 15 per cent.

Co-op meat buyer Leonard Erkkila said the cut means that the consumer-owned chain will sell meat at a loss until packers drop their prices.

President Nixon has imposed a price ceiling on lamb, beef and pork prices at the wholesale and retail level, but many consumers said the action was not sufficient to lower prices. The ceiling took effect last Thursday.

Referendum Vote Placed On Ballot

A referendum on the proposed constitutional amendments will be conducted along with the run-off elections tomorrow.

The referendum was postponed from Thursday because the print-

ers were late in delivering the ballots.

The ballot will allow the voters to vote yes on all amendments, no on all amendments or vote on each amendment separately.

The amendments are:

First Amendment: The Student Body President, Vice President, Treasurer and chairmen of the standing committees of the Student Senate shall be elected by a majority vote of the student body.

Second Amendment: The Corresponding Secretary and the chairmen of the standing committees of the Executive Branch shall be appointed by the Student Body President with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Student Senate present and voting, and he may remove these individuals at his discretion.

Third Amendment: The Student Body President or the Student Senate shall designate the organizations to be included in the Advisory Council to the Student Body President.

Fourth Amendment: The Standing Committees of the Executive Branch shall adhere to such policy guidelines as may be established by the Student Senate.

Fifth Amendment: The Campus Projects Committee shall replace the Services Committee and shall be responsible for services for the student body as designated by the Student Body President's Executive Committee.

Sixth Amendment: The officers of the Student Senate shall be the Student Body President, Treasurer, and the chairmen of the standing committees of the Student Senate.

Seventh Amendment: The Student Senate shall approve or remove by a two-thirds vote of its members present and voting at a meeting all students in appointive positions whose appointments must be confirmed by the Student Senate.

Eighth Amendment: The Student Body Vice President shall appoint a Recorder with the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Student Senate present and voting at a meeting and may remove the Recorder at his discretion. The Recorder shall not have a vote, shall not be a Student Senator, and shall not be a member of the Student Senate Executive Committee.

Ninth Amendment: Delete the veto power of the Student Body President from Article III of the Constitution. The veto power of the Student Body President shall be listed in Article II Section IV.

Tenth Amendment: By laws for the Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the membership of the Student Senate.



"ONE NEEDLE IS ENOUGH"—Texas A&M students give Layne Kruse extra needling while the TAMU student body president gave in the Aggie Blood Drive. It continues Wednesday in the Krueger-Dunn Hall commons. More than 300 units were taken Tuesday by Wadley Institute personnel.

Cubicles Allotted Programs Office Finds New Home

The Student Programs Office has moved into its new office on the second floor of the new Memorial Student Center facilities and has announced which organizations will be allotted cubicle space.

Cubicle space consists of a 6-foot square desk with swivel chair, shelf, cabinet and a file cabinet.

The number of desks given were determined by the need of the organization. Since there were more applications than space available, the organizations given space were selected by the Student Programs planning committee.

The YMCA was given four cubicles.

Three cubicles were given to Alpha Phi Omega and the MSC committees given three were Great Issues, Public Relations and SCONA.

The MSC committees, Political Forum and Arts and the Student Government were given two desks apiece.

CWENS, Omega Phi Alpha, Women's Awareness, Lincoln Union Debating Society and Phi Sigma Beta were given one desk each.

Also given one cubicle were the MSC committees of Black Awareness, Camera and Recreation, Mexican-American Commit-

tee, Basement and Aggie Cinema, Town Hall, Host and Fashion, New Tradition Singers and Radio, Travel and OPAS.

Although cubicles will not be available until late summer, the new office opened April 2 and these organizations will be operating in the area.

200 Persons Finish 'Miles For Mankind'

About 200 persons completed the Student "Y" Association's 20-mile "Miles For Mankind" Saturday to net over \$5,000.

The walk was held to raise funds for the YMCA's United World Service, Bryan-College Station students and aid in renovation of Hensel Park. Mayor Dick Harvey led the affair.

The oldest people to finish the walk were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Albanese. Joe Walker was the first person to finish by running it in three hours and 15 minutes. Barbara Cowan collected the most money per mile, \$15.89 or \$317.80 in all. Carol Silverthorne collected \$129.80 and Hal Covert amassed \$157.

Bigfoot—A Mystery Of The Northwest

By TED BORISKIE Staff Writer

At a time when the eerie tale of the Fouke monster of southwestern Arkansas is getting nationwide publicity through the film "The Legend of Boggy Creek," another equally mysterious series of events remains unexplained in the great forests of the American Northwest—the legend of "Bigfoot."

Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, Ohma and the Abominable Snowman of the Northwest, has been the topic of study for over three years for A&M anthropologist Dr. Vaughn M. Bryant.

For two years, Bryant worked with Dr. Grover Krantz, physical anthropologist at Washington State University, trying to piece together solid evidence of Bigfoot's existence.

There have been no bones found and no live specimen captured, so for evidence science must rely on sightings, 750 in the past 100 years, and footprints found in the snow and mud.

"The footprints suggest an average weight of 500-600 pounds and his height, based on sightings and photos, would appear to be about 7-9 feet," said Bryant. "The foot seems to have a fundamental

arch, a human characteristic, and a large toe which is bigger than any of the others, another human characteristic. Around the outside edge of the heel there is a thick callous layer typical of mankind that live in open areas and never wear shoes."

Another piece of evidence exists in the form of a shaggy seven feet of film of a shaggy, apparently female sasquatch running off into the thick brush of the Cascade mountain range. The film was taken by an ex-rodeo rider named Roger Patterson who, as he told it, was thrown from his mount when his horse suddenly reared. Seeing the sasquatch, Patterson grabbed his movie camera and gave chase. Hollywood technicians said the film could only have been faked at considerable expense.

The legend of Bigfoot dates back several centuries. The word "sasquatch" was the name given him early in time by the Salish Indians of the Northwest coast. Figures symbolizing him are found on ancient Indian totem poles. Lewis and Clark learned of him, though they didn't see

him on their expeditions in the early 1800's.

In 1840, a railroad crew claimed to have seen a sasquatch when one wandered down out of the forests and onto the railroad bed. The crew chased him with spike hammers and drove him back into the woods.

In 1882, a Victoria, British Columbia, newspaper reported a railroad crew snared "a creature which may truly be called half man and half beast." The creature was named Jacko and nothing more was ever written about him.

A sasquatch whose right foot was mauled badly, apparently from a bear trap, became so well known to the inhabitants of the small Washington town of Bosburg that they gave him the name "Cripple Foot."

"He had been wandering around Bosburg for years," said Bryant. "The Bosburgians said his hair was gray and he appeared to be arthritic. He was probably killed when a Canadian motorist, who had been drinking, nailed him late one night with the front bumper of his car."

"That was Jan. 1, 1971. Nobody has seen him or his prints since." Zoologists who work with animal population densities feel that

in order for the sasquatch to form a breeding population, there must be 1,000-1,500 scattered thinly throughout the Cascade mountain range.

"If he exists," said Bryant, "he seems to be frightened of man. This fear may have been learned from bad experiences with man in the past."

Many argue that Bigfoot is a hoax, someone trying to resurrect an old Indian legend. In defense of this, they point out that no bones have been found and that the few photos which do exist are what one might expect if someone were faking them, out of focus, taken at great distances and taken in poor light level.

"It's feasible that no bones have been found," said Bryant, "because the area is so remote. The forest is very dense and bones do not preserve well in it. There is also a thick, mossy growth that covers everything. Something could die, the forest would grow over it and a few months later someone could stand on top of it, not knowing it's there."

"If this has been a hoax," he continued, "it has been carried out for over 130 years. It seems strange that no one has exposed

the hoax over that period of time.

"Also, the footprints are too well made. If they were faked, the faker took great pains to make sure that the tips of the toes would leave a deeper imprint as would be found in normal bipedal walking. They would have to be made by someone who knows quite a lot about the morphology of the foot."

Bryant feels that if the sasquatch do exist, they are probably descendants of a manlike ape called Gigantopithecus whose remains have been found in China. He says they may have migrated through Siberia into Alaska and finally down to the Cascades.

"Still, we can never really be sure these creatures do exist," he said, "until we find one. Until then we can only speculate."

There are some people who strongly believe in Bigfoot's existence. Among this group are people who claim to have sighted a sasquatch.

"There was a hunter that stumbled across a sasquatch and held him in his sights for a few seconds, more than enough time to fire," said Bryant. "But he couldn't bring himself to fire. He said it looked too human."

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SASQUATCH, OR BIGFOOT as he may be called, left this typical footprint for A&M anthropologist Dr. Vaughn Bryant. The North American version of Asia's Abominable Snowman is highly sought after and only few have caught glimpses of him.