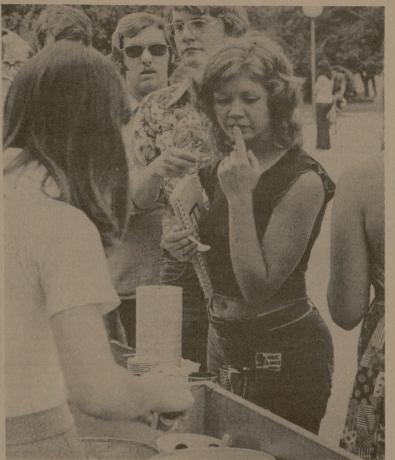
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INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT was provided by Connie Stephenson and a questioning A&M coed at the Memorial Student Center's "Make Your Own Sundae" af-



fair held on the Academic Building lawn Wednesday. Students had their choice of flavors to be topped with chocolate syrup. (Photos By Steve Krauss and Gary Baldasari)

Aggie Band March Event

The "thunder and blazes" of the Aggie Band will add to the lor and excitement Friday at the Battle of Flowers Parade in San Antonio

One of the 10-day series of events highlighting San Antonio's nnual Fiesta, the parade will be a 1:45 p.m. event.

The Fiesta has been a regular appearance for the Aggie Band. The 1973 performance will be omecoming for 32 members of the 252-cadet TAMU organization. The Aggie Band has 32 musicians from the San Antonio area, noted Lt. Col. E. V. Adams,

Aggie Band director. Fiesta will be the Aggie Band's ast 1972-73 school year appearince, except for Final Review ere May 5. Drug majors Alan H. Gurevich of Valley Stream, Y., and Richard W. Minix and Richard B. Stone of Houston

at Final Review. The 1972-73 band commander is Paul C. Herrington of Palestine. Gilberto Rodriguez of (See Aggie Band, page 3)

Taxpayer Champion

relative powers of Congress and

The Texas Democrat will ap-

pear at noon in the Memorial

Student Center Ballroom through

Chairman Ed Jarrett said adnission to the final Forum lec-

ture of the school years is free.

Gonzalez's talk, "Who Shall

Rule?" is the third of a three-

part series on "Nixon's Four

the President Friday.

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Friday In Forum

zalez of San Antonio will discuss Texas, especially in South Texas

'No Way To Beat Odds'

Makes Fiesta Survey Shows Mail Delivery An Unpredictable Sure Bet

that you put a letter in a U.S. Postal Service mailbox, an Associated Press survey shows, you run the risk that its delivery will be delayed several days.

Worse yet, there is no surefire way to beat the odds. The survey shows that air mail, zip coding, or a morning trip to the mailbox won't guarantee your letter an earlier-or even predictable—arrival.

The survey, conducted the same way that the AP conducted surveys in 1971 and 1972, involved a total of 792 test letters mailed from six cities over five

The new survey found the Postal Service has improved mail delivery time on the average in many cases, but about 16 per and band commanders turn the cent of the time—roughly one reins over to the 1973-74 leaders out of every six letters—it remains unable to lick problems that appear to be growing worse. Suppose you try air mail to

-Six times out of 10 air mail

and Austin. He became in 1956

the first Mexican-American to

win a seat in the Texas Senate

Cong. Gonzalez had earlier lost

a race for a Texas House seat

by a slim margin. He entered

the campaign with only \$300 and

The San Antonio Light also

called him "the champion of the

small taxpayer and (exposer) of

He first went to Washington

Cong. Gonzalez was re-elected

His Congressional committee

The U.S. representative's at-

his "exuberant personality."

in more than a century.

About one time in every six letters in the survey beat their first-class counterparts. But three times out of 10 they arrived at the same time, and one time out of 10 they arrived later. How about zip coding?

-On the average, zip-coded letters spent 234 hours less-491/4 hours vs. 52 hours—in the postal system than their non-

Eberhart Lists Corps Officers For 1973-74

A 14-member Cadet Corps staff will assist the 1973-74 commander, Scott Eberhart of Dallas, in various operational activities of

the A&M military organization.

Melvin P. "Slim" Noack of Georgetown is second in command, as deputy corps commander.

Eberhart and Noack selected the staff, with approval of the commandant, Col. Thomas R. Parsons, and other TAMU offi-

The staff will consist of ten seniors and eight juniors. Noack will be a cadet colonel wearing three-diamond insignia. The other seniors except the programs officer will wear two diamonds as cadet lieutenant colonels.

Corps adjutant is William J. Faber, political science major of Mendota Ill. Alan Aertker, accounting major of Fort Worth, will be operations officer; Thaddeus E. Paup, finance, Midland, scholastic officer; James T. Leopold, engineering technology, San Antonio, inspector general.

Also, Samuel W. Turner, accounting, Giddings, supply officer; Robert R. Heffernan, electrical engineering, Irving, information officer; James E. Whitworth, animal science, Bastrop, corps chaplain, and Stephen C. Waring, zoology, Houston, programs officer. Waring will be a cadet major.

John D. Chappelle of Dallas will be the ranking junior on the corps staff. The electrical engineering major will be sergeant major, which will be his rank.

Personnel sergeant Daniel P. Gibbs is an engineering technology major of Houston; scholastic sergeant, Steven J. Eberhard, math, New Braunfels; operations sergeant, Rickey A. Gray, journalism, Dallas; administrative sergeant, Terry W. Rathert, petroleum engineering, St. Louis, Mo., and supply sergeant, Frederick Martin, environmental design, Houston.

The staff will form out front of the corps the first time May 5, for Final Review. The cadets will be sworn in as officers next

zipped companions. But in eight out of every 12 tries the zipped and unzipped mail arrived together, in three out of the 12 tries the zipped mail arrived sooner, and one time in 12 the zipped mail was later.

How about morning vs. afternoon trips to a mailbox?

-On the average, intercity letters mailed in the morning reached their destinations in 52 hours, while those mailed in the afternoon arrived in 49. All the destinations in the survey had afternoon mail deliveries not available in residential sections, however, and 19 per cent of the test letters were delivered in the afternoon.

Participants in the survey were AP bureaus in six cities-New York, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis, Houston and Los An-

A staff member in each bureau went to an outside mailbox six times — Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. local time and the same three days at 4

Each time 22 letters were deposited. Two were addressed to the bureau itself - one without a zip code and one with a zip code. Each of the other five bureaus was sent four letters-one first class with a zip code, one first class without a zip code, one air mail with a zip code, and one air mail without a zip code.

Each letter was coded to indicate the time of mailing, and each bureau promptly sorted its mail deliveries to assure an accurate recording of the letters' arrival times.

Bill Asks Fee Increase Delay For Semester

A resolution asking for a postponement of rooms and board increases until the spring term will be presented to the Student Senate tonight at its 7:30 meeting in the main lecture room of the Zachry Engineering Center.

The "Room and Board Increase Resolution" sponsored by David White says that since "the proposed room and board increases were not announced until after a majority of students were registered for housing," the increase should be "deferred" until the 1974 spring term.

"many students would not have registered for housing" if they had known of the proposed increases. "Many apartment complexes have long waiting lists which make it inconvenient for students to now move off campus," said White

Randy Ross, president of the student body, agrees that "this is a valid resolution, since many students signed for rooms on the basis that the rates would remain the same."

Another resolution, presented by Don Hackler, will ask that Milner Hall not be used as a residence hall next year.

"Milner Hall is grossly below

the standards now in effect and projection for residence hall accommodations as indicated by the TAMU self study program and is not conducive to a desirable atmosphere," the resolution states. Because of its undesirability, the resolution "strongly urges that Milner Hall not be utilized for student occupancy for the academic year 1973-1974." "As it now stands the Housing

Office will not open Milner ex-Handbook The resolution claims that Head Needed

Applications for editor of the 1973-74 Student Handbook are being accepted at the Student Government Office in the Memorial Student Center through Wednesday.

The editor, which would have normally been picked several weeks ago, should have some journalism experience as well as some practical background.

Funds amounting to \$5,000 were recently allocated for the project which will have to be completed near the end of July. The money will be used to pay for printing and editor and staff

Killed By Committee

Student Directors Legislation Fails

lined up firmly behind Chairman Bill Moore of the Senate State Affairs Committee Wednesday and killed a bill to put students on college regent boards.

"As a student I don't think you should be on the board," Moore told TAMU students Mark Blakemore and Tom Locke, who testified for the bill, sponsored by Sen. Bob Gammage, D-Hous- said, "That's it. It's done for."

"When you get to be a good friend of the governor's I'll vote for you."

Moore provided the tying vote, 4-4, to send the bill to a "super deep-freeze" committee, tantamount to killing it.

"My opinion on the position of a student . . . is to gain an education and not run the university," said Sen. Peyton McKnight,

Gammage's bill would have required each state college to appoint one student to its governing board. A student may now be appointed but is not required

Three colleges in Texas have student regents, and Gov. Dolph Briscoe has indicated support of

AUSTIN (AP)—Conservatives such a program, Gammage said. Moore said if the governor thought appointing students was a good idea, he should do it and send their names to the Senate.

A student regent for the University of Texas was rejected when nominated by Gov. Preston Smith.

After the committee action, Mark Perlmutter of UT-Austin

Asked what students might do now to secure regent representation, Perlmutter shook his head, "I don't know. I just don't know

Two student leaders at the committee hearing left when Sens. Mike McKinnon and Mc-Knight agreed that students are mostly interested in "drinking" and "finding dates." Other students booed at the remarks.

Gammage defended his bill, saying "Students are the focal point of our entire education system." In spite of that, he said, students have no voice or input on policy determination.

McKinnon said if students were given a place, why not "the State Bar" or "Communists" or other

cept on an emergency basis," said Ross. "There might be an emergency with next year's housing shortage."

Ross said that the dorm "is not kept up and it is a firetrap. But there are people willing to live there for economic reasons."

The Senate will also vote to approve Ross' Executive Committee appointments. Merrill Mitchell, recording secretary; Sandy Aboud, corresponding secretary; Barry Bowden, election board chairman; Ron Bento, public relations chairman and Jim Cunningham, campus projects

In other business the Senate will vote on several resolutions. The radio station resolution requests the Student Government to establish a radio station in connection with the Midwest

Video Corporation. A married students' resolution calls for a revision of outdated leases which Barb Sears, sponsor, said are too restrictive and legally binding.

An optional laundry proposal by John Nash would ask for an endorsement of such an optional

Sears also introduced two resolutions last week concerning midterm grade reports and class attendance which will be voted on.

A mid-term grade resolution suggests that mid-term grades only be sent to students on scholastic probation or those failing a course and possibly retaining freshman reports.

The non-compulsory class attendance resolution asks that class attendance no longer be left to the discretion of the in-

MSC Goes **BackToNature** In Summer '73

The Memorial Student Center Summer Directorate has formed an Outdoor Recreation Committee to help students "get back to nature" with canoeing, hiking, packing and related activities. 'The groundwork is finished,"

said Greg West, a graduate student in Recreation and Parks who presented the idea to the Summer Directorate Committee. "All we need now is people." Plans are in the offing for a

couple of trips each semester with more trips planned for the A workshop in outdoor recrea-

tion is being considered for fledgling canoeists. A membership drive is being

conducted on campus and anyone interested in joining or participating can contact the Student Programs Office at 845-1515.

Takes Practice, Coordination

Flint Knapping: Stone Age Art

making tools and utensils from flint, is an all but forgotten craft being practiced mostly by stone age tribes living in the deepest jungles or people with an interest in that aspect of history and don't want the practice to die.

Harry Shafer, A&M archeologist, falls into the latter "I was never shown flint knap-

ping," he said. "I just learned from reading material on it and studying Indian tools.

"It's really a simple process. All it takes is practice and developing muscle coordination."

Crouching on the grass outside his office, he pulled a large piece of flint out of a bag loaded with more flint, other stones, bones and pieces of wood.

"Flint is a glassy material," he said, "and when you hit it, it's sizable piece.

Flint knapping, the art of going to shatter."

He pointed to flint chips scattered in the grass, obviously from prior efforts. "Each of these chips has a razor sharp edge," he said. "These edges will not be dulled by time. We've found tools of the Neanderthal man that date back 75,000 years and the edges are just as sharp today as the day they were made."

He reached into the bag and pulled out a large stone. "This is called a hard hammer," he said, "the most primitive of tools.

"A hard hammer is just a stone that is used as a percussion device. It is usually of a harder material than flint because if you hit flint against flint you are liable to have chips flying into your face."

He slammed the stone down onto the flint, chipping off a

he said, "is to strike the flint tured before and I didn't notice. so that you know which way it's going to chip. You have to guide the force of the fracture." reached into the bag and pulled out a large bone.

He continued chipping off small pieces until he had fashioned a stone ax blade. He

"To refine the edge you have to use what is called a soft hammer. This usually is just a bone or a piece of wood.

"A soft hammer will absorb some of the blow so that you can control the direction of the chip

He chipped off a few pieces of flint with the bone and then picked up the hard hammer to knock off a lump on the side of the flint. He hit it and the flint

split cleanly into two pieces. He chuckled and said, "Well, I

"The trick to flint knapping," blew it. The flint had been frac-

"You find mistakes like this all the time. Sometimes they would make something smaller, like an arrowhead, out of pieces like this. In fact, arrowheads were often made from the bigger

He picked up a small chip and pressed the bone against it until he had fashioned a sharp point. "We often find awls and sharp

points made out of flint," he said. Shafer often teaches his students the art of flint knapping. "There are a couple that have

been working at it for about a year who are getting pretty good," he said. "You'll see them walking around on campus with bandages on their fingers."

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

