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Weather

THURSDAY — Partly cloudy and warm today with nice temperatures between 88° and 91°. The only precipitation in the area is along the coast with late afternoon showers around Beaumont and Houston.

The Darkest Hour In Any Man's Life Is When He Plans How To Get Money Without Earning It.



SAFE—State Sen. Bob Gammage emphasizes his point with a familiar baseball gesture during Wednesday's Political Forum presentation. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Senate to Consider Rejoining Lobbies

By VICKIE ASHWILL

The TAMU Student Government is again confronted with the decision of whether or not to join student lobbies on a state-wide and national level.

Presently under consideration by the senate are the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, the Texas Student Lobby and the National Student Lobby.

External Affairs Committee Chairman Barb Sears introduced the possibility of rejoining the three organizations to senators at the Sept. 12 meeting of the body, which will decide the point Sept. 26.

TSL, an affiliate organization with TISA, would cost \$5 to join only after the school has joined TISA. It would cost A&M \$160 to rejoin TISA this fall.

Sears is a regional director for the two organizations and is chairman of a by-laws revision committee. As a result of TISA summer meetings there is a possibility that TISA and TSL will become consolidated into one organization according to Sears.

"This organization would be called the Texas Student Association," Sears said. "The main purpose for such a consolidation is to establish an organization categorized as educational to only review legislation and provide information to member schools."

"TSA would not take a stand on issues in order to remain tax exempt, but would allow individual schools to lobby on their own," continued Sears.

New programs for the school year include one day conferences sponsored by individual schools with topics pertaining to various SG projects. Individual campuses would host the conferences and be responsible for getting other schools together to share information.

Sears said there would be little or no cost to the delegate schools involved.

"One day conferences are an important part of the communication aspect of TISA," Sears said.

Plans for '73-'74 also include the establishment of a lobby intern program for university credit.

Sears mentioned that this program could be accomplished through the establishment of a problems course at each campus allowing students to do research

at respective institutions. A second possibility would be to let the University of Texas handle the program, letting students work in the lobby office while going to school at UT.

In the past, TSL actively campaigned on issues such as marijuana law reforms, 18-year-old majority rights, abortion law reform, tuition equalization and student on university board of directors.

TISA will host a regional meeting at Sam Houston State University this Sunday and will hold its fall convention Sept. 28-30. Interested students should contact Sears.

Membership to NSL, based in Washington, D.C., will cost TAMU \$275 or interested individuals six dollars.

NSL is the only student lobby on a national level with a membership open to colleges, universities, individual students and associate memberships for high schools. NSL hosts an annual spring conference for all member schools during which the delegates are instructed in the art of lobbying on bills currently important to students and explained the roles their congressmen play concerning bills and committees they are on.

Sears, Regional II representative to the board of directors, attended one summer organization meeting.

"NSL is also working on a fairly extensive recruiting program," Sears said. "As a director, I have been asked to recruit schools in Region II."

Sears said she would probably work through TISA for recruiting purposes.

Although 1973-74 issues have not yet been decided by a referendum vote of member schools, NSL can look at past issues and results.

Last year NSL worked to establish the Basic Opportunity Grants which restore much of the educational funding system on the federal level. NSL is supporting a bill which would allow stand-by fare for youth, aged and handicapped. This resulted from a Civil Aeronautics Board ruling that youth fares were discriminatory, causing its elimination.

NSL also joined with the AFL-CIO to work against a sub-minimum wage bill allowing youth under 21 to be exempt from the minimum wage or receiving a sub-minimum wage of 80 per cent. The bill that was passed allowed universities to pay sub-minimum rates.

Young Adults Deserve Rights, Says Gammage

Texas Sen. Bob Gammage said Wednesday young adults now recognized by state law "earned and deserve" the rights formerly accorded at age 21.

"These people can't be treated as adults in some ways and as children in others," said the House member during a Political Forum address at TAMU. He wrote legislation making 18 the age of majority.

Before Aug. 26, when Senate Bill 123 became effective, a 19-year-old could fly a helicopter gunship in Vietnam, get shot at and be responsible for shooting back. But he couldn't own a car, Gammage said.

A 20-year-old Marine Corps sergeant with a wife and children could drink anything he wanted in Saigon, but was arrested in Houston for purchasing a six-

pack. The sergeant's mother had to be present for him to plead guilty, the senator related.

"Those who use these rights in a responsible, mature manner have earned them and deserve them," Gammage said.

His legislation enables 18, 19 and 20-year-olds, among other rights accorded legal adults, to exercise contractual rights, serve on state juries and consent to medical treatment including abortions without parental consent.

Gammage described the complex path and in-fighting SB123 went through in the Texas Legislature to become law. He credited aid from Sen. Grant Jones of Abilene in getting the bill through.

He also said Sen. William T. "Bill" Moore of Bryan helped him on several occasions, though

Moore opposed SB123. Gammage jokingly asked Moore to leave Austin and visit Bryan during several key stages.

"He told me he'd really like to vote for SB123. There's nothing wrong with it, but a couple of Aggies came to me about it and I can't let 'em think they scared me," Sen. Moore told me," Gammage said.

The first-term District 7 senator said no pressure was brought against him as a result of SB123.

"I didn't realize how much support I had until I introduced the bill," he recalled. "They came out of the woodwork. I had calls from Aggies, Teasips and others."

Gammage said two of three letters concerning SB123 were favorable. Several calls all supported him.

"I think most people recognized the validity of the legislation," he commented. "Further, the lack of opposition was probably an indication that most people were already working with and treating the 17 to 20-year-olds as adults," Gammage added.

"There are a lot of people in the Legislature who presume to know how the public feels about issues," he went on. "In reality, they don't."

A&M Enrollment Reaches Record

A&M enrollment reached a record 18,520 this fall, for a 1964-student increase which places it among the fastest-growing institutions in the nation.

Admissions and Records Dean Edwin H. Cooper said the fall figures include 3,990 women, up 2,278 from 1972.

Current enrollment represents a 14.6 per cent increase over the same period last fall.

TAMU's 9.45 per cent increase last year placed it third in the nation in growth rate among the 108-member National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. The national rate of growth for NASULGC institutions in 1972 was 1.8 per cent. National figures are not yet available for the current year.

Dean Cooper explained the TAMU figures are based on enrollment as of Tuesday, the fall semester's 12th class day, which is the reporting date specified by

the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Included in the A&M totals are 3,738 graduate students, or a 10.2 increase over last year.

House Upholds Nixon Veto Of Minimum Wage Measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House has upheld President Nixon's veto of a bill increasing the minimum wage to \$2.20 an hour and extending coverage to 7 million new workers, including household maids.

The 259-164 vote Wednesday was 23 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto. It gave Nixon a perfect six-for-six batting average in vetoes sustained this year.

Nixon vetoed the bill on grounds it would increase unemployment and add to inflationary pressures.

After the vote, AFL-CIO President George Meany said the defeat of the bill "is in reality a victory for exploitation and greed."

"The will of the majority has been thwarted and the worst paid workers in America will continue to subsidize their greedy employers," Meany said.

The bill would have hiked the minimum wage from \$1.60 an hour to \$2 this year and \$2.20 next year.

A determined lobbying effort by organized labor was unable to cut deeply enough into the conservative opposition to produce a two-thirds majority.

Fifty-one Republicans deserted the administration and voted to override. But 29 Democrats offset the loss, joining with 135 Republicans to give Nixon a comfortable margin.

The vote, which wiped out a three-year effort in Congress to increase the minimum wage—last raised in 1966—left the future of the legislation in doubt.

Nixon and most Republicans who took part in the debate said they would support a more moderate bill and urged the Democrats on the Education and Labor Committee to bring one out promptly.

But Rep. John H. Dent, D-Pa., chairman of the subcommittee

Applications Accepted for 4 SG Posts

Applications for the position of campus projects chairman on the executive branch of Student Government are now being accepted.

SG President Randy Ross will appoint the replacement for the former chairman, Jim Cunningham. Ross said Cunningham resigned of his own accord due to academic and committee workload pressure.

Campus Projects chairman is the chairman of the SG Radio Board, plans Aggie Muster and Parents' Day and works with other programs such as Aggie Mother of the Year and refrigerator distribution.

Application will be available through 5 p.m. Tuesday in the SG office, Room 216 of the Memorial Student Center.



FREE UNIVERSITY class registration was held Wednesday night in the Memorial Student Center. Courses available ranged from childhood sexuality to gourmet cooking. (Photo by Steve Ueckert)

GSC to Examine Grad Complaints

The Graduate Student Council will consider library expansion and Texas A&M Book Store material selection policies as issues for revision in the coming year.

Activity cards for spouses and graduate teaching assistant awards are other points under consideration.

Thursday in Room 231 of the GSC meets every other Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Dr. George W. Kunze, adviser and Dean of the Graduate College, is present at the meetings, which are open to all students.

Grad students are encouraged to submit suggestions and ideas in a box on first floor of the library or through departmental representatives.

More information on these representatives will be published in the Graduate Student Newsletter.

Newly elected officers for the GSC are: Ray Skowronski, president; Bennie Leeth, vice president; Mike Kozak, secretary; Sam Bays, treasurer; and Floyd Bevers, publicity chairman.

The purpose of the GSC is to present problems and complaints of grad students to the administration and work with them toward solutions. Not all of the problems considered by the GSC affect only grad students but may concern the entire student body.

Council members have expressed concern that some publications are no longer being stocked at the Book Store in the University Center.

The GSC is a body of graduate students elected from colleges of the university which have graduate programs. The members are elected during the spring general elections.

White House Defends VP Pressure on Agnew Denied

WASHINGTON (AP)—A spokesman for President Nixon strongly denied Wednesday that the White House is putting any kind of pressure on Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to resign.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren labeled as false news reports that say or hint "a disposition by the White House or the people in the White House to force the resignation of the vice president, or that the White House is exerting pressure on the vice president to resign" or that the White House has been the source of stories that Agnew was thinking about resigning.

Earlier in the day, Vic Gold, former press secretary to Agnew, charged that top White House aides Melvin R. Laird and Alexander M. Haig Jr. were encouraging rumors and reports about Agnew's legal troubles so that stories about Agnew would overshadow the Watergate scandal.

"This is all calculated by the White House to keep the Agnew story alive," Gold said in an interview. "I'm blaming the White

House staff at the highest level. Mr. Haig and Mr. Laird.

"It is my contention that this stuff about the vice president is a great distraction from the Watergate and the White House is delighted with it."

"Isn't it odd that three weeks ago the country was talking about the President resigning and now they're talking about the vice president resigning? Some people may think that's a coincidence. Some people think that storks bring babies. I'm not that naive."

J. Marsh Thomson, Agnew's current press secretary, acknowledged that individuals at the White House might be encouraging the current furor over Agnew's possible resignation, but he said he thought that anyone who believed that this reflected official policy was overreading the signs.

"Under no circumstances do we regard it as a conscious concoction of anybody in the White House," Thomson said. "I refuse to believe that it represents any-

thing close to official policy. It is rather the expression of private opinion."

At his daily press briefing,

Parking Lots Get Re-topping

Parking lots 1, 2 and 3 by the Davis-Gary Hall will be re-topped this weekend according to University Police Chief O. L. Luther.

Luther asks that students be out of the lots by 6 p.m. Friday.

Students may park their cars in lot 40 on the east side of Kyle Field or in lot 50, across from the Zachry Engineering Center.

Chief Luther also said that if the weather is good the parking lots will be finished and ready for use on Tuesday.

"Just as soon as a section is completed and the contractors say that cars can go on the asphalt, students will be allowed to park cars there," Luther said.

Warren did reaffirm that Nixon stands by his expression of confidence in Agnew's performance as vice president.

Meanwhile, the Denver Post said that Agnew discussed a possible designation in Denver Aug. 15, but apparently convinced Republican party leaders he intended to remain in office.

Bill Daniels, a local businessman who is a Republican national committeeman, said Agnew asked him face to face what he should do.

"My direct answer to him was that if you're guilty, you've got a problem," Daniels told the Post. "If you're innocent, I would fight it to my dying day."

Agnew was in Colorado for the opening of a new dam during August and met with GOP state officials. Agnew moved around the meeting room in the Denver Hilton Hotel, asking GOP leaders their opinions on the matter, Daniels said.

Daniels said he felt the general impression was that Agnew was advised to fight.