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A TAKE-OFF on TAMU tradition caused many students to get upset during the halftime performance by the Rice band, the mob, and Houston channel 13's Marvin Zindler. For more information, see page 8. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Racist Charges Prompt Answers

By KATHY BRUEGGEN

The Black Awareness Committee is seeing some action by the administration to recognize and investigate its list of demands.

Monday morning, President Jack Williams met with four BAC members and suggested they redirect their efforts to people in specific areas.

Dr. Haskell Monroe, vice president of academic affairs, commented on several of the demands. On the issue of black recruitment, he said, "How much is our enrollment affected by having a primarily black school only an hour's drive away? This definitely has control on our black enrollment. This is not an excuse; just a fact. We go only to those schools to recruit that invite us. We have accepted every invitation extended to us. We would be happy for black students to help us get invited to schools." He also said that any advice on how to attract black students—especially women—would be appreciated.

The Texas A&M Undergraduate Catalogue lists several courses in anthropology, sociology and political science involving minorities.

Dr. Monroe said, "The black studies used in other universities have flourished because the black students won't take them. Majors or minors in these are unpopular due to the lack of jobs available."

Dr. Monroe said there are seven blacks who have faculty status. One's Helen Britton, a librarian for TAMU, and another is Dr. Roscoe Lewis, a researcher in the biochemistry department. The others do not actually work on the campus but are ranked and paid as faculty members.

According to a report filed as an Affirmative Action Plan required by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the number of minority group members here are: American Indian — 407, Negro — 98, Oriental — 251, Spanish surname — 282, and others — 17, 497. Of the 3,980 women, 19 are Negro and 75 are alien.

Dr. George Shelton, dean of the College of Veterinarian Medicine, said the low percentage of black faculty and students in his college were due to the fact that "Black youngsters do not get ex-



Gynecologist, Birth Control Pills Main Topics of Coed, Board Member Meeting

By VICKIE ASHWILL

TAMU may be one step closer to a Family Planning Center now that one of the Board of Directors is more acquainted with the situation.

Board member Mrs. Wilmer Smith of Wilson met with Pat Smith, counselor for women, and seven coeds for an hour's discussion Monday afternoon.

The main part of the conversation concerned the hiring of a gynecologist, whether or not this person would be able to prescribe

birth control pills and if pill purchases could be made at the University Health Center.

"I'm wondering what I can do to help you in this area," said Smith to the coeds. "The Board sets policies and cannot get into President Jack K. Williams' field of authority."

"Dr. Williams has the good of the students on his mind and his job is to make the best educational facilities available to you. If he feels the Board is behind him he will do what he can to

please the students.

"What we need is the approval of the Board for the organization of such a program because the administration will listen to it," said Judy Wooten of the Women's Awareness Workshop.

"Having a gynecologist is not just a matter of birth control," said Wooten. A gynecologist could handle the other problems women have and let the general practitioners handle the rest of the university. Currently, women with any type of reproductive

problem must go to the general practitioner, whereas a specialist could lighten the G.P.'s load."

Barb Sears, external affairs committee chairperson for the Student Government, said that the service of a gynecologist seemed important to the women students, as shown by a survey she recently conducted.

In the survey, 84 out of 93 married women students and 266 out of 337 single women students polled felt the services of a full or part time gynecologist should

be made available at the University Health Center.

Also, 126 single coeds said they had used some form of contraception at least once and 100 had used birth control pills. Sixty-three married females noted that they had used some form of contraception and 65 said they had used the pill.

Together, both single and married female students, 313 said the doctors should be able to prescribe birth control pills and they should be available at the Health Center. Two hundred and twenty-three said they would purchase pills from the University Health Center if they were available.

"I think they (the pills) are dangerous," said Smith. "You really need to be under the care (See Gynecologist, page 3)

'Honesty and Decency Not Enough' Ford's Leadership Questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Massachusetts congressman urged rejection Monday of Gerald R. Ford's nomination as vice president because of "a lack of a dem-

Ford's confirmation that as a surrogate for the electorate, Congress should examine all the talent available and "choose a man with a clearly demonstrable potential to be a good President."

"Honesty and decency are not enough," Harrington told the House Judiciary Committee. "We also must look for proven qualities of leadership and an ability to serve as a focal point around which a country, a troubled country, as I view it, can rally."

But Rep. George E. Danielson, D-Calif., a member of the committee, told Harrington he seemed to be looking for a messiah.

"The best we can do is find the best human being to do the job," Danielson said, "without looking for a messiah to bring us perfect

government."

"Mr. Ford is a decent, able individual," said Rep. Jerome R. Waldie, D-Calif., "but he is not nearly one who would meet that criteria as the most qualified person in the United States."

Rep. Charles E. Wiggins, R-Calif., said Ford has as much experience as the late Harry S. Truman, Lyndon B. Johnson and any other vice president who became president.

Said Rep. David W. Dennis R-Ind., "When you come around and say in your personal opinion the nominee has not demonstrated leadership, you're coming pretty close to saying he doesn't share your personal philosophy."

Clarence Mitchell Jr., Washington director of the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People, put into the record a list of 54 civil rights votes by Ford, 28 of which the NAACP considered favorable to civil rights and 26 against civil rights.

Bulletin

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Rules committee today voted unanimously to approve the nomination of House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford as vice president.

The vote sends Ford's nomination to the Senate floor.

House leaders plan a final vote in that body next week.

onstrated capacity to lead."

Rep. Michael J. Harrington, D-Mass., contended at hearings on

Van Cliburn Slated Dec. 13

Season tickets for the Opera and Performing Arts Society's 1973-74 series will be mailed

within the next 10 days.

A new organization and a branch of Town Hall, OPAS was organized in July, 1972, as a non-profit, community-university sponsored project.

Van Cliburn, pianist, will open the OPAS season on Dec. 13. The National Ballet of Washington is scheduled for Jan. 31. The Marriage of Figaro, produced by the San Antonio Symphony, is set for Feb. 27, with Norman Treigle, bass baritone for the New York Opera, playing Figaro. The Houston Symphony, under the direction of Lawrence Foster will be here April 25 and Marisa Galvany, soprano, in concert on April 9.

Itzhak Perlman, violinist, will appear April 29. As a special attraction OPAS will present the Houston Lyric Art Quartet with Albert Hirsh on March 28.

Students may purchase individual event tickets four weeks

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prior to each performance or buy a season ticket for \$13.60 with an activity card.

Ticket income accounts for only 35-55 percent of OPAS budget. This budget must provide fees for performer's sets, costumes, salaries for stage directors, musician, choir staffs casts and other expenses. OPAS receives no funds from the University or Student Services fees. To help meet expenses the committee has set up a membership fund, allowing students to join OPAS with a minimum contribution of \$20, or with a guarantee of \$100 or more. A "guarantor" promises to finance support of OPAS if it runs into a deficit. Contributions are used for expenses during the season. Both are tax deductible.

Each season, OPAS members are entitled to a priority period for buying season tickets. In addition, they receive invitations to the "Opera Gala" and to parties held after performances.

For more information contact 845-1515 or go by the Student Programs Office in the new MSC.

Flynt, Brockett Named Cotton Bowl Reps

Gwen Flynt has been chosen to represent TAMU at the Cotton Bowl and related festivities Dec. 29-Jan. 1.

Flynt, chosen on leadership, oral expression, personal appearance, poise and self control, will take part in the annual New Year's Cotton Bowl parade in Dallas and attend the game.

"This will be a chance to meet people," she said. "I'll be able to talk with girls from other schools about their activities and programs for women. Maybe we can innovate some of their ideas here."

Flynt serves as the chairperson for the Opera and Performing Arts Society, on the Student Senate Judicial Committee, on the Legal Rights Commission, is the

head Mam'selle for the Host and Fashion Committee and has won the honor of Sophomore Sweetheart and was a finalist for Aggie Sweetheart, last year.

A contest to select the representative was initiated by Patricia Self, counselor of women, and an ad hoc Student Senate committee.

The Aggie Sweetheart used to represent the school at this function, but the Senate abolished the title because of the financing of the selection weekend and the limited duties which the sweetheart performed.

Judy Brockett, a secondary education major and resident adviser at Krueger, is Ms. Flynt's alternate. "The selection committee asked questions such as how would one promote friendliness

among the women on campus," Brockett said.

"Open doors and getting out is probably the best way to get to know someone new," she answered.

"Living together in a dorm here is probably the only time the girls will live so closely with such a large group of other girls. What we're trying to initiate at Krueger is getting the girls to meet the other girls in their wing and share their feelings and activities with each other."

Gwen and Judy will meet with Bill Cristler, student programs coordinator for the Cotton Bowl, after the Texas-Texas A&M game. Cristler plans the activities and gets the students together. The girls will also meet the Texas representative after the game.

"What really excites me about the Cotton Bowl honor is that I'll be able to tell people what it's like to be a girl at A&M. I've talked to Mother's Clubs about girls being here, and many of the members still seemed surprised at the fact" Gwen said.

"The Athletic Department has supported the endeavor since its conception and allowed use of the Lettermen's Club for the initial reception where the girls met with the selection committee."

Several other students will represent A&M at the Cotton Bowl festivities. They include: Randy Ross, Student Senate president; Mike Rice, Battalion editor; and Griff Lassley, head yell leader; Steve Wakefield who will serve on the Sportsmanship Committee; and letterman Larry Ellis.



GWEN FLYNT



JUDY BROCKETT

New Ceiling Price Stickers Required on Gasoline Pumps

Gasoline and diesel fuel retailers must post new ceiling price stickers on each pump or grade of fuel sold as the result of recent changes in the Cost of Living Council's Phase IV gas regulations.

Richard J. Stakem Jr., district director for the Internal Revenue Service in southern Texas, said that the new stickers must be posted by 11:59 Wednesday. New stickers and information forms can be picked up in the Varisco Building 219 North Main, Bryan, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-

days only. Stickers can also be obtained by writing P. O. Box 2929, Austin, Tex. 78767.

Old stickers should be removed and new ones put where they can easily be seen. If more than one grade of gas is sold from a pump, a separate sticker must be posted for each grade. Stickers show the new ceiling price and the minimum octane rating.

Gas and diesel fuel dealers may now increase their prices to reflect increases in fuel cost that they have experienced since May 15.