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## Weather

WEDNESDAY — Today and Thursday will be fair with a light freeze tonight. The winds will be out of the north from 3 to 5 m.p.h. High for today and Thursday will be in the lower 60's with a low at night in the high 20's. Cool but nice!

## First Meet Places Drill Team Second

The Fish Drill Team brought home second place in its first competition of the year. The all-freshman team went up against five other teams at the 10th Gulf Coast Drill Competition in Houston.

Texas A&I, the meet winner with 935.5 points, is an all junior and senior team. Texas A&M was less than 12 points back and outscored third-place UT-Austin by 37 points.

The Fish Drill Team, commanded by Danny A. Waelti of San Antonio, made only one other previous public appearance this fall, at a football game march-in. They placed second in inspection and regulation marching phases of the meet, and third in fancy marching.

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THREE BALL IN THE CORNER POCKET—Jimmy Caras, five time world billiard champion, was presented Tuesday night by the Billiards Sub-committee. His artistic skills whet many an Ag pool shark's interests. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

## Senate to Propose New Honor Code

A revision for the Aggie Code of Honor will come before the Student Senate tonight at 7:30 in Room 102 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

Curt Marsh, rules and regulations chairperson, sponsored the resolution to update the present honor code and make it more compatible with all students.

"The present honor code was written in 1958 when the school was all corps," said Marsh.

The resolution recommends reducing the present honor code to three paragraphs. "The purpose

is to make it shorter so more students will read it," Mars said.

He also said the honor code should be placed in the front of University Rules and Regulations Handbook.

"The present honor code is in the back of the rules book and no one reads it. It should be placed where it will catch the attention of more students," Marsh said.

The Senate will also discuss a resolution on optional athletic fees. Sponsor of the resolution, John Nash (Law-Puryear) was not available for comment.

## Hofheinz Edges Gottlieb

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorney Fred Hofheinz bopped by a large turnout of black voters squeaked to a win in the mayor's race here Tuesday but his opponent Dick Gottlieb called for a recount.

Hofheinz, who trailed most of the night slipped into the lead as precincts from the city's Negro areas started to roll in. Complete unofficial returns showed Hofheinz ahead of 3,027 votes or 123,635 to Gottlieb's 120,608. Hofheinz had 50.6 per cent of the vote while Gottlieb had 49.4.

## Athletic Council Endorses Coed Sports; Conference Nod Needed

With a short and simple statement on the subject, Athletic Council Chairman Charles Samson announced Tuesday that the Council is "formally disposed toward women's athletics at Texas A&M."

"(You will) see us generally supporting this type of action," Samson concluded. His announcement of the outcome of the Council's Friday meeting was made at the first meeting of the student advisory committee to the Council. "However, any actions other than this won't have any meaning until a change is made in the Southwest Conference Constitution and By-Laws."

The change is an item on the agenda for the faculty representatives to the SWC this week a change would allow women to compete for athletic scholarships on an equal basis with men, said Samson.

The existing Women's Sports Association at A&M has a budget of \$16,000 in expenses this year, but has no money to come anywhere near this. The WSA's sole income this year came from the Texas A&M Book Store; the amount was \$200. This must pay for the 10 sports the WSA participates in—or \$20 per sport per year. The women are forced to pay for transportation, equipment and other things involved in competition.

WSA director Kay Don told the committee that five women qualified last year for national swimming competition, but only one could be sent for a lack of funds. This year, five more women have already qualified.

Samson told the committee that up until this year one could infer only male competition from the National Collegiate Athletics Association rules. The rule was changed within the last year and

is permissive only, allowing for women's teams and competition, no structure for organization of women's sports has been specified.

Gillian Parker, chairperson of the Women's Awareness Committee, said women should receive active encouragement opportunity and funding to rapidly develop a separate program from local administrators.

Randy Ross, Student Government President, told Parker that he could probably help women athletes find more funds. He pointed out that a god source of funds might be from the Student Services Fee, which is set at \$19. The state ceiling is \$30 on the

charge. A 50-cent increase in the fee could net nearly \$10,000 for women's athletics next year. Over 150 women compete on a pay-as-you-go basis now with the WSA.

"Whatever the outcome of voting on the SWC rule change this week," said Samson, "the real future of women's athletics will be the responsibility of women. They must show an interest and resulting need before much can be done."

In further orienting new members of the committee to A&M's athletic matters, Samson pointed to some of the current studies being done by the council to expand athletic facilities.

"We're trying to develop a master plan for growth in facilities," he noted. "For example, we're in real bad shape as far as tennis courts go. We're studying the feasibility of building a modern 'sunk-in type of court near the educational TV building and Kyle Field. We want to give consideration to those living nearby, also."

He also said the Council is studying construction of a new baseball diamond either across the railroad tracks and or behind the varsity tennis courts.

The next meeting will be in the Letterman's Lounge in G. Rolie White Coliseum at 2 p. m. Thursday.

## Kunstler, 3 of Chicago Seven Convicted of Contempt

CHICAGO (AP) — Defense lawyer William Kunstler and three Chicago Seven conspiracy defendants were convicted today of contempt during their stormy trial before Judge Julius J. Hoffman four years ago.

Lawyer Leonard I. Weinglass and two other defendants were acquitted by Judge Edward T. Gignoux of U. S. District Court.

What happens when a prospective SCONA speaker is convicted of contempt and faces a maximum of six months in prison?

According to Gary Taraba, SCONA chairman for operations, prospects of getting defense lawyer William Kunstler now look pretty slim.

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during their stormy trial before Judge Julius J. Hoffman four years ago.

"Kunstler was under consideration yet no invitation had been extended to him yet," said Karaba. "We don't know how this decision will affect us yet."

Judge Edward T. Gignoux of U.S. District Court, who presided at the trial without a jury which began Oct. 29.

Convicted with Kunstler were David T. Dellinger, Jerry C. Rubin and Abbie Hoffman. Acquitted were Thomas C. Hayden and Rennie "Rennie" Davis.

Those convicted face a maximum sentence of six months in

prison. Gignoux has set sentencing for Thursday.

Gignoux took more than an hour to read the lengthy verdict as he ruled on each of the 26 specifications of contempt remaining against the lawyers and defendants. Dellinger was convicted on seven specifications and Hoffman, Rubin and Kunstler were convicted on two each.

At the conclusion of the conspiracy trial in February 1970, Judge Hoffman had cited the lawyers and defendants on 175 counts of contempt and imposed jail sentences ranging up to four years in Kunstler's case.

A federal appeals court threw out the sentences and returned the case for trial to the district court. The appeals court repleated many of the contempt citations.

## Commission Sets 55 mph Limit

By The Associated Press —The Texas Highway Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to set the maximum speed limit for all highways in the state at 55 miles an hour.

The commission said it was acting to erase the turmoil brought on by different speeds.

Commissioner Dewitt Greer noted that some motorists were following the request of President Nixon and Gov. Dolph Briscoe to drive no faster than 55, but others were still stepping on the gas.

The commission order, adopted on a 3-0 vote, will become effective as soon as the new highways signs can be posted, probably in about two weeks.

Chairman Reagan Houston of San Antonio specified, however, that the commission order will be delivered to Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill Wednesday for his approval.

If Hill should decide the commission does not have the authority to change the maximum speed limit, the order will be void.

There has been considerable disagreement over whether the speed limit can be changed without a legislative act. At least two House members—Gene Jones and Hawkins Menefee, both of Houston—have threatened to file a lawsuit to block the commission from altering the speed limit.

Also, Speaker Price Daniel Jr. had an aide had deliver letters to the commission asking it to defer temporarily action pending an opinion from the attorney general. Daniel said Jones and Menefee had agreed to delay their suit awaiting Hill's opinion.

But Greer said, "We are in a state of indecision, and it is up to some agency of government that might have the authority to do everything it can to avoid this indecision."

Greer noted that at Briscoe's request government cars and some "educated citizens" had slowed down to 55 m.p.h., but "others are going 70."

Greer added that 90 per cent

of Texas' roads are two-lane roads and the different speeds "are creating dangerous spots. Somebody should make a move."

Commissioner Charles Simons of Dallas said the commission should adopt an order "so the attorney general will have some idea what the commission has in mind."

Simons said he had made a personal check of driving speeds the past two Sundays by driving 60 miles an hour on Interstate 35. He said at that speed he passed "many more than overtook me."

Houston noted that the commission will meet again in Austin, Dec. 10 and might have a better idea of recent developments.

## News Shorts

### Attorney Falls to Death

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert A. Morse abruptly resigned in Brooklyn Tuesday, and a short time later plunged five stories to his death from his Brooklyn Heights apartment.

Police said he left behind a suicide note. They did not divulge its contents.

Chief Judge Jacob Mishler of the U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, said Morse submitted a semi-coherent letter of resignation, in which he mentioned he was "having trouble making decisions."

Associates who had seen Morse in the 48 hours before his death reported that he had appeared

"very depressed . . . distraught and despondent."

Morse reportedly was hoping for appointment to the federal bench and a close associate said: "He really wanted a judgeship. He was fighting for it but feared he might not get it."

An aide said the 45-year-old Morse spent the morning in his Brooklyn office, then left about noon, saying "he was going to a meeting."

Divorced in 1966, Morse had a 19-year-old daughter.

There was no sign of disorder in the apartment, police reported.

### Truckers Halt Traffic

Hundreds of trucks blocked an interstate highway in Pennsylvania Tuesday night as their angry drivers continued sporadic protests spawned by higher fuel costs and lower speed limits.

Earlier in the day, truckers claiming their paychecks were suffering because of energy shortage restrictions also conducted stoppages in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Connecticut and West Virginia. At least 10 arrests were reported.

Some drivers and a trade magazine have called for a nationwide truck stoppage. Other drivers re-

portedly used citizens band radios to call for support from fellow truckers.

James Cox, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania state police, said blockades were formed Tuesday night at two locations on Interstate 80. He said an estimated 400 to 600 trucks were bottled up at the Lamar exit in central Pennsylvania and numerous rigs were backed up at the Bartonsville exit in the eastern part of the state.

"I have no counts at Bartonsville," Cox said. "But one person said there were trucks as far as you could see."



Any Takers Yet?

## Arrests Prompt Warning

Richard Parker Branson of 309 Boyett, College Station, was arrested last night for sale and possession of cocaine, T.H.C., marijuana, mushroom tea and narcotic paraphernalia. Texas Department of Public Safety agent Tony Cordova, detective Bobby Yeager and TAMU detective John Miller executed the search warrant and arrest.

Branson, a TAMU student, was placed in Brazos County Jail in lieu of bond.

Tuesday night's activities capped two months' investigation which has netted the officers over three pounds of marijuana, a quantity of cocaine, hashish, T.H.C., mushroom tea, narcotic paraphernalia and L.S.D.

Those arrested in the last two months include Bobby G. Nelson of Dorm 12 for the possession and sale of hashish and marijuana, Bob Stilson of San Angelo for possession and sale of hashish, Mike Hopkins of College Station

for possession of marijuana and probation violation, Mike Fawell of McInnis Hall for possession of marijuana and Benjamin Craft of Leggett Hall for possession and sale of L.S.D.

Further investigations are still pending against others that have come to the attention of the officers and "those that take warning from this article and clean their act up will be cool," warned Miller.

## Victory Tree Owner Wants Investigation

HOUSTON (AP)—The operator of a recreation camp says Texas A&M University students should furnish some saplings to replace a 104-year-old tree used by the Rice University football team as a pregame retreat.

Tom Manison, owner of the 175-acre camp Manison at Friendswood, near here, said he sent a letter to Texas A&M President Jack Williams, asking that the Aggies plant 104 saplings to take the place of the giant oak tree which vandals felled with a chainsaw Nov. 21.

A front-page article in the A&M Battalion student newspaper last week said "the vandalism was no doubt precipitated by the Rice band's parody of A&M traditions during halftime of the Rice-Aggie game Nov. 17."

Manison said three young men riding in a truck entered the campgrounds the morning of Nov. 21 and asked directions to the "Victory Tree," a name conferred on the tree by Rice players.

A groundskeeper discovered the fallen tree a short time later after seeing the youth leave the camp. Williams said Monday he had not received Manison's letter.

When asked if the university was investigating whether its students were involved, Williams replied: "What? Investigate the cutting down of a tree? Of course not."

## 3 Senators Confirmed

Three student senators have been appointed by Student Government President Randy Ross and confirmed by the Senate to fill vacancies left by three off-campus graduate student senators.

They are Lecil Hander (846-1360), Jim Smith (845-3019) and Ron Petersen (846-8646). They were approved at the Nov. 14 Senate meeting after meeting with the Student Government credentials committee.

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