

Campus Briefs

Student radio

Due to equipment problems, Student Government Radio has not cablecast this semester at 107.5 Midwest Video.

"We are fixing it and hope to be on the air in a few days," says John Hendon, manager and program director.

Rising GPRs

Grade point ratios are up almost two-tenths of a point for the fall semester in the residence halls over the fall of 1972. GPR's have risen from 2.7 to 2.87 over the 4.0 system.

The greatest increases occurred in Keathley, Fowler and Hughes Halls, which were converted to women's dormitories for this fall.

The top halls in order of average GPR are Keathley, 3.0922; Schumacher, 3.0890; Law, 3.0534; McInnis, 3.0433, and Moore, 3.0201.

Nature trips

Three trips are offered for people who want to be out-of-doors the weekend of February 23 and 24.

The Brazos Bowmen Archery Club is planning a canoe trip down the Colorado River. This trip is open to all bowmen, their wives or girlfriends. Call Max Greiner, club president, for further information.

The Outdoor Recreation Committee of the Memorial Student Center is sponsoring backpacking to the Perdenales and canoeing on the San Marcos or Guadalupe Rivers. The size of these groups is limited and those interested may sign up in the Student Programs Office. For further information call Doug Bird at 845-1530.

Art prints

Prints in the Texas A&M University Library's lending collection will be checked out Thursday (Feb. 14).

The 75 framed, ready-to-hang colorprints will be displayed Thursday morning, announced Circulation Librarian Mel Dodd.

TAMU students may check out the art pieces beginning at 1:30 p.m. Prints are loaned for the semester on a one-per-student, first come, first served basis. Loans are restricted to TAMU students.

The collection includes works of Goya, Matisse, Rembrandt, Picasso and Velasquez, among others. A variety of artistic styles are represented.

Borrowers are responsible for lost or damaged prints, Dodd noted. Replacement cost ranges from \$25 to \$40.

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Revision gives tax breaks

AUSTIN (AP) — Committees at Texas' Constitutional Convention voted Tuesday to give the old, disabled or poor a tax break and rejected a proposal to establish a commission to set legislators' salaries.

A majority of Legislative Committee members who were present said in a preliminary vote they favor allowing the legislature to call itself into special session by a petition signed by two-thirds of the House and Senate.

Ten of 16 members voted for the Constitutional Revision Commission's proposal on conflict of interest but some said they wanted it weakened.

All the votes were considered tentative votes, with exact language to be worked out later. But they were thought to be a good indication of how the members felt.

In other action Tuesday, the Finance Committee also decided

tentatively to put into the constitution a provision allowing the legislature to provide property tax relief "for persons determined to be in need of such relief because of age, disability, or economic circumstances."

"This is going to do more to help sell this constitution than anything we'll put in there," said Sen. A. M. Aikin Jr., D-Paris, vice president of the convention.

An 11-7 vote of the General Provisions Committee blocked the mention of a state salary commission in the new constitution.

Although 11 was exactly the number of votes needed to kill the proposal in committee, a minority report could be filed by six committee members, giving the full convention a chance to consider such a commission.

The Judiciary Committee voted 11-7 in favor of a concept that would combine the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court

of Criminal Appeals and allow the legislature to give the present courts of civil appeals criminal jurisdiction as well.

Lecture set by astronaut

Former NASA astronaut Jack Swigert Jr. will be featured speaker at the Brazos Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers' annual banquet Feb. 22 in Bryan.

Swigert, who was a crew member on the near-tragic Apollo 13 moon mission, will discuss the current status of energy legislation and other aspects of the energy crisis during the 7:30 p.m. banquet at Briarcrest Country Club.

Swigert is now staff director for Cong. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague's Science and Astronautics Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

bulletin board

TONIGHT
MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION will meet in Room 225 of the MSC at 7 p.m. to discuss activities for this semester.
WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB will meet in Room 256 (the weight room) at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. New members are welcome.

A&M SAILING CLUB will meet in Room 109 of the Military Science Building at 7:30 p.m. They, along with the intercollegiate race team, will present fundamentals of sail in media, "Sailing" by Klaus Bauch.

THURSDAY
MARINE BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION will have Jack Anderson speak on "The Hazards of Oil Spills on Organisms." at 7:30 in Room 107 of the BSBE.
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in Room N, of the Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in Room 146 of the Physics Building at 7:45 p.m. The spring party will be discussed and a sweetheart will be chosen. All San Antonio girls are eligible.

CEPHEID VARIABLE SCIENCE FICTION COMMITTEE will meet in Room 225 of the MSC, at 7:30 p.m.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA will hold a pledge smoker, 7:30 p.m. in Room 401 of the Rudder Tower. People interested in joining are urged to attend.
CEPHEID VARIABLE will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 502 of the Rudder Tower. Plans for Aggie Com will be discussed.

Merrie Melodies and Looney Tunes

By TED BORISKIE

1973 was a year of looking backwards. The big news was of groups reforming, like the Byrds and the Blues Project. Buffalo Springfield talked of making a reunion album but it was mostly just talk. Cream talked of reforming for a tour and possibly an album and it looks like that might come off. Talk of a Beatles reunion still makes headlines, no matter how often these rumors are disclaimed by the fab foursome themselves.

There were few new big names to debut in '73 and when a singer or a group did happen to hit it big, it was usually someone who had been around for quite a while, like Seals and Croft or Loggins and Messina. 1972's big star, David Bowie, proved to be just a flash in the pan and the year's most talked-about new groups, Slade and the New York Dolls, failed to get off the ground.

At the end of the year Bob Dylan, the man who, with the Beatles, most personified the Sixties, announced he was making a comeback tour and was releasing an album in conjunction with that tour. This gave all those who had been looking in their rear-view mirrors something to talk about; maybe the old Dylan was really coming back.

"PLANET WAVES," the new album, is just out and carries much the same flavor his live concert did. Anyone who was disappointed with the tour because Dylan was not the same harsh, nasal, brash rebel of a decade ago will probably be just as let down by this. Some will just have to continue looking back, ignoring the message in the title of his 1967 movie ("Don't Look Back").

On "Planet Waves" Dylan is backed by the Band, who also backed him in concert. The Band has been with Dylan as a semi-official backup group since 1968, accompanying him on his occasional forays into the performing arena.

Dylan the lyricist seems to have taken a back seat to Dylan the musicians as "On a Night Like This," "Tough Mama" and "You Angel You" reach out upon first

listening, unlike the earlier Dylan where an understanding of the lyrics were required for an appreciation of his loose, hectic music. The Band can be thanked for the tighter arrangements as they have played together as a unit for 15 years and have played with Dylan for the last seven.

"Hazel" is another in a long list of bewitching songs about women from the same pen that gave us "Girl from the North Country," "Just Like a Woman" and "She Belongs to Me." The lyrics are nothing short of beautiful and proves that Dylan hasn't lost his touch.

PROBABLY THE KEY to the album is "Forever Young," which closes out side one. With the Band pushing it along with a slow easy beat, Dylan wistfully sings along, asking the listener to never grow old. He seems to have given up ever regaining his lost youth having settled into the family life and watching his kids grow up. Though not unhappily, he seems resigned to his fate and the song serves as some sort of warning.

"Forever Young" also kicks off side two and although the words are the same it is a different song altogether. The beat is picked up and Dylan sings in a sprightly, more optimistic tone. The song is no longer a warning but rather holds a promise of a bright future.

The most striking aspect of this album is that this is the first recording that Dylan doesn't completely dominate. On his previous efforts, the backup bands have been used only in a backup role but half of "Planet Waves" belongs to the Band.

Dylan's voice is more resonant and laid back than in the Sixties but only the tone has changed. His new voice is as expressive and limitless in appeal as his old one ever was, perhaps even more.

Personally, I still like the old Dylan best but as he hit so well into the turbulent era of the mid-60s he would have probably seemed out of place in the last few years had he not changed. "Planet Waves" is not as stunning or dynamic as he has done but it is a work that any artist could be proud of producing.



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