

Student leaders journey to Houston for 'culture'

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In the near perfect acoustics of 2,800 seat Jones Hall, Prima Donna Absoluta Leontyn Price was about to do the third of four encores when a voice arose from the applause, "Why doesn't she do 'farmers fight,' call it a night?"

This past weekend, Aggies, knightly manners and all, went to Houston to pick up a little culture and meet with successful former students.

The adventure, called the Spring Leadership Trip, was sponsored by the Memorial Student Center. Two-thirds were financed by former students and the other third covered by registration fees.

Aggie leaders from all areas, 150 in all, were invited to attend the trip. The first 47 turning in the registration fee received a place; several faculty and their wives also attended the trip.

An example of former student gener-

osity is John Blocker, class of '45, who took the 60-member group to breakfast at Brennan's, a gourmet restaurant, and donated other expenses as well.

Then there's Carrol Phillips, class of '54, who hosted the group for a mid-night dinner at his home, serving dry white wine and offering the warmth of the "upstairs room."

But Aggies will be Aggies and some 25 bottles were consumed while the

upstairs room proved to be the guest room. "You realize former students are Aggies, too," said one of the group.

"This sure ain't Sbis, or Duncan," was a common statement as the group hit some fine eating places including the "Bismark." "Thank God, it's Friday."

"This isn't art," cried a frustrated Aggie entering the Museum of Fine Arts. Before him sat a canvas thing

which strangely resembled a broken electric fan. "I thought it had some deep inner meaning," another of the group said, shaking her head at the contemporary art of the sixties display.

Another piece of art visited on a more grandiose scale was the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, built on a triangular floor plan with the center completely open clear to the ceiling.

"Come on, give me back my shoe,"

pleaded the group member who had laid down for a rest and had his right shoe "borrowed."

The shoe traveled between the two groups of the tour to be returned after dangling above the victim from a spiral staircase while a photographer took pictures in a \$250-a-night suite in the Regency.

Until this point, the victim had limped around the hotel on the shoulders of two supporters loudly complaining of his sprained foot from a skiing accident at Valle, Col.

After all this energy expenditure, it was no wonder that a majority of the group enjoyed the Houston Symphony, head back, eyes closed and sometimes snoring.

The dead tired members of the group could be seen stumbling around campus Monday in an over-exhausted manner saying, "It was fun, but it was too much even for an Aggie to handle."

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Lawn policy, government revisions up for vote

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An official MSC lawn policy will be suggested by the student body in a referendum on six different resolutions this Thursday.

The resolution supports the policy of not allowing people to walk on the lawn. The resolution further states that the reasoning behind this policy is to preserve the lawn as part of the memorial to Aggies who have died in foreign wars.

"Of course, the final decision would be made by the MSC Council, but I think that if enough people vote, the Council will accept their suggestion," said David White, Student Senate sponsor of the resolution.

Earlier in the semester the MSC Council voted to make the lawn policy a matter of personal discretion.

Five resolutions involving constitutional revisions will also be voted on by students.

The first resolution deals with restructuring the legislative and judicial branches of the Student Government. All chairman positions will be changed to vice president positions. The vice president of the student body will be named speaker of the senate and will be elected by the Senate. An interim president would serve until an election was called if the president could not finish his term. The interim president would be selected from the vice presidents.

The Judicial Committee would be changed to the Judicial Board and appointments to it would be in the spring following elections.

The Judicial Committee is the third branch of the Student Government. It decides matters of Constitutionality and reviews other judicial bodies on campus. It also must certify all elections. The members are appointed by the Student Body President and approved by the Senate.

Executive branch restructuring is proposed in the second resolution. It would allow people to serve on more than one of the three branches of the Student Government. An executive director would be established to administer on-going Student Government projects. A veto by the student body president could be overridden by a simple majority vote if the resolution passes. All appointments to University committees would also require a two-thirds approval vote by the Senate.

The third proposed amendment would limit the size of the Student Senate to 75 voting members. The breakdown on the seats would be 30 elected from living areas, 40 from colleges and five freshman senators.

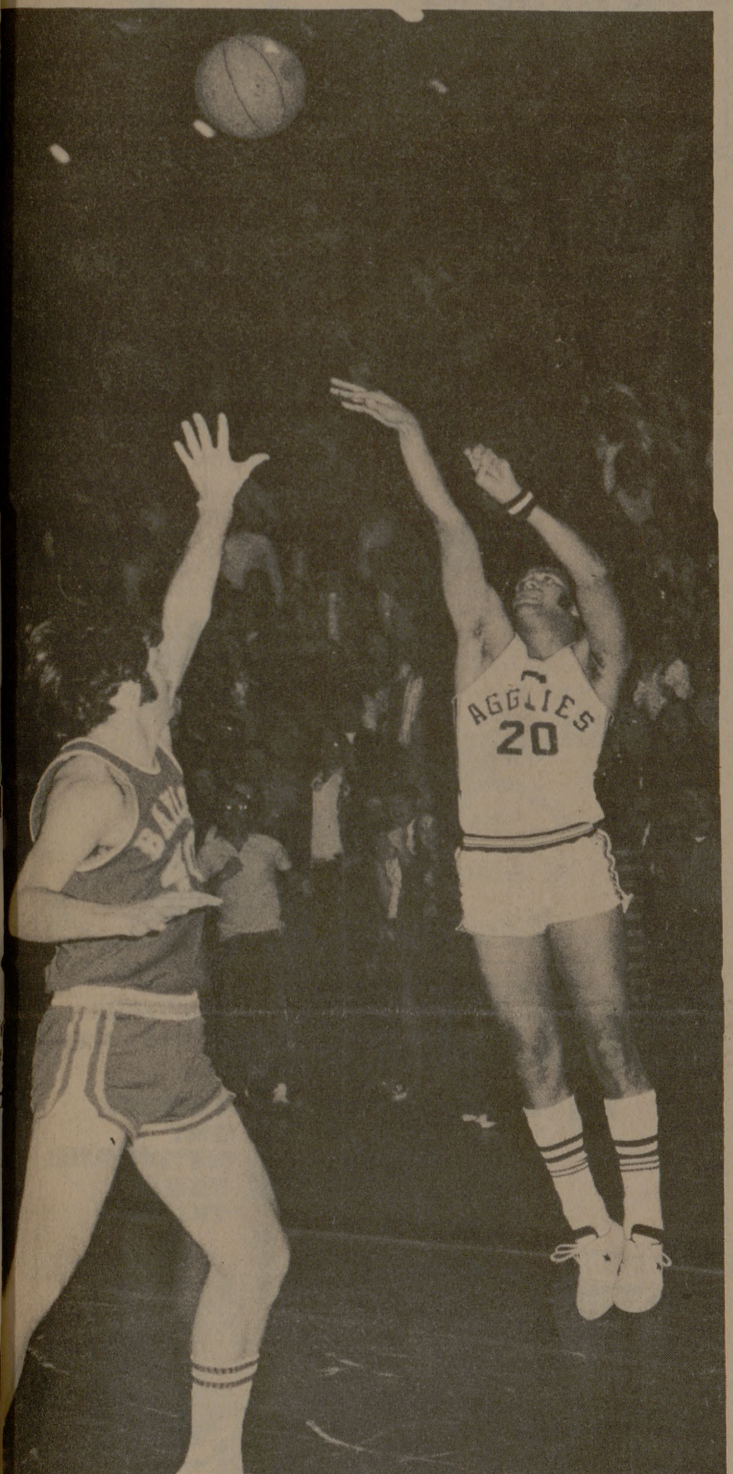
Previously the Senate was comprised of 50 colleges, 34 living area, and five freshman representatives.

The responsibilities of a senator will be stated in the fourth proposed amendment. Being informed on issues, presenting their constituents' views and working on a Student Government project or committee will be included.

The final resolution states that all persons filing for a position must submit a petition. If the person is running for president or vice president, he must collect 50 names. Those running for senator positions must submit 15 names from the appropriate constituency.

No petitions had to be filed for any offices under the old constitution.

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students must present their activity cards and student ID's to vote. The polling places are in the MSC, library, guardroom, Sbis newsstand and Krueger-Dunn.



NO. 20 in your program, No. 1 in your heart, Joe Arciniega, hits a bomb in last night's Aggie win over Baylor. Arciniega finished his home career with a season high four points. See story, page 7. (Photo by Steve Ueckert)

Special prosecutor may aid House impeachment inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP)—The special prosecutor's staff has decided that any evidence of presidential involvement in the Watergate scandal should go to the House impeachment inquiry rather than a grand jury, it was learned Tuesday.

That decision, reached after months of study and debate, was disclosed after President Nixon said Monday night that he had rejected a grand jury request for his testimony.

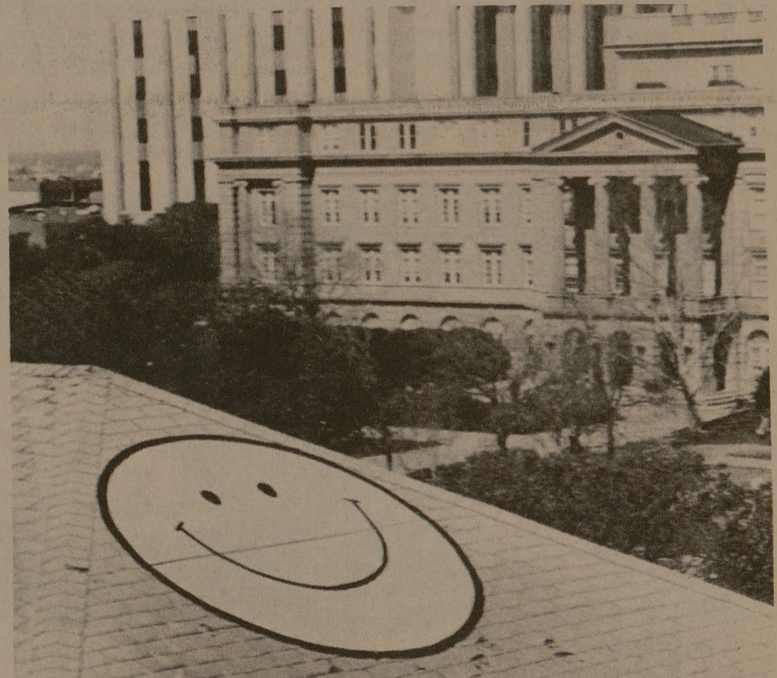
"I did offer, of course, to respond to any interrogatories that the special prosecutor might want to submit or to meet with him personally and to answer questions and he indicated that he did not want to proceed in that way," Nixon said.

Sources close to the investigation said the request for presidential testimony was made at the insistence of the grand jurors and that unless they continue to insist, no effort will be made to force Nixon to testify.

The apparent reason, the sources added, was that special prosecutor Leon Jaworski finally had concluded that the proper forum for evidence pertaining directly to the President was the House Judiciary Committee rather than a grand jury. The sources gave no indication whether any evidence against the President exists.

Authorities on constitutional law differ on whether a President can be indicted and, if indicted, can be brought to trial. Some say he must first be removed from office by impeachment and conviction in the Senate. Others claim he could be indicted, tried and convicted while in office.

It was understood that the prevailing view within the prosecutor's office was somewhere in between: That there is no constitutional bar to indicting a President, but that, as a practical matter, the best course to follow would be to refer the matter to Congress.



THOSE LITTLE FACES pop up almost anywhere; this one, made of quarter-inch plywood nailed down to the roof of Goodwin Hall commands a view of the south side of campus. (Photo by David Spencer)

Guaranteed building fund debated

Convention considers matching \$31 million yearly

AUSTIN (AP) — Acusations of "educational arrogance" and political trade offs heated up constitutional convention debate Tuesday over a guaranteed fund for state college buildings.

Convention delegates debated a series of amendments on the proposed State Higher Education Assistance Fund, then adjourned for the day before taking a final vote on it.

The proposal sent out by the convention's Education Committee would give to the 22 schools outside the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems an amount equal to the earnings of the Permanent University Fund. That fund's annual income is about \$31 million now and belongs exclusively to UT and A&M.

Rep. Woody Denson, D-Houston, said the higher education assistance fund was the price paid for votes to preserve UT and A&M's exclusive right to the permanent fund and its earnings.

"In fact, they cut a deal," added Rep. Jim Mattox, D-Dallas, an arch-opponent of the permanent fund's status quo.

"I don't think the delegates here have got the courage to go back and take up the Permanent University Fund and do it right," Mattox added.

Earlier, Rep. Ray Hutchison, R-Dallas, told reporters the decision to set up the higher education fund was "stacked" by "lobby pressure from the college presidents."

The smaller colleges of the state now divide up about \$22 million each year in revenue from a 10 per cent state property tax.

Sen. Jack Hightower, D-Vernon, defended the higher education fund, contending the schools outside the two super-systems need a dependable source of income, other than legislative appropriations.

"It is important for a board of

regents to make long-term plans such as, 'We are going to have to enlarge the library in five years' or 'we are going to have to make some major changes in the science building in 10 years,'" said the former Midwestern University regent.

Legislator-delegates approved, 107-55, an amendment backed by Hightower to limit the maturity dates of college building bonds issued against the fund to 10 years. A co-sponsor, Rep. Wayne Peveto, D-Orange, said the amendment would provide lower interest rates and limit the amount of money for which bonds could be issued.

Hutchison said the only way this would reduce interest payments would be "if the market at that time is for 10-year bonds."

The convention went along with Hutchison a few minutes later, and defeated an amendment, also backed by Hightower, to make the provision setting up the fund self-enacting, without any legislative action. The vote was 85-78.

"It would vest in 22 boards and agencies the power to write drafts on the state treasury," asserted Hutchison, a Dallas bond attorney.

Rep. Hilary Doran, D-Del Rio, was ribbed for imitating William Jennings Bryan after he spoke against the amendment.

"Don't press the crown of financial irresponsibility on the brow of the taxpayers of this state. . . . Don't crucify them on a cross of educational arrogance,"

Doran said.

In committee action, several major decisions were made.

The General Provisions Committee voted 9-7 against exempting religious-oriented child care facilities from state regulation. Such a provision had been sought by evangelist Lester Roloff of Corpus Christi, whose child care institutions have been closed by court order and the State Department of Public Welfare. The committee voted 9-8 against putting an open public records requirement in the constitution. Eleven

votes are necessary to defeat a proposal, so both may be brought up again.

Finance Committee members voted 13-7 to channel any future gasoline tax increases into the general revenue fund, not the special fund to construct highways.

Traditional Senate closed door sessions to debate confirmation of gubernatorial appointees would be forbidden by a provision approved by the Legislative Committee, 16-0. It would require all floor sessions of the legislature to be open to the public.

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Weather

Partly cloudy and mild Wednesday with southerly winds. High today 72°. Tonight's low will be 51°. Continued partly cloudy and mild tomorrow and slightly warmer. Thursday's high will be 74°.



Intramural championships

The Intramural Department announced that the intramural basketball championship will be played today at nine p.m. on the main floor of G. Rollie White. The game will pit Utag against C-2 to determine the University champion.

The prelim game at eight will pit Keathley against Krueger for the women's title.

The all-University wrestling tournament will take place at 6:30 also on G. Rollie's main floor.

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