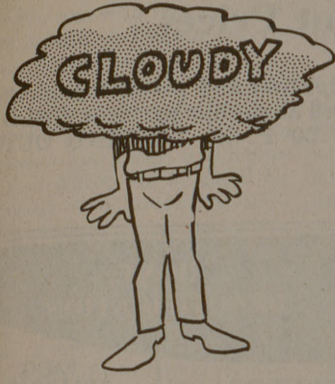


Weather

Partly cloudy and warm Thursday with south-southwesterly winds 14-22 m.p.h. High today 88°. Low tonight 71°. Considerable morning cloudiness Friday clearing to partly cloudy in the afternoon. High Friday 88°.



# Commons ousts Trudeau

## Canada to hold new elections in July

OTTAWA (AP)—Angered by inflation and dissatisfied with a proposed government budget, the opposition brought down Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's minority Liberal government Wednesday and opened the way for new elections in July.

The vote of 137-123 was only the third time a government has been defeated on the floor of the House of Commons. It meant the handsome and progressive-minded Trudeau, who replaced Lester

Pearson as prime minister in 1968, will face a new contest for political survival.

Trudeau's government had survived 19 no-confidence votes in the 1½ years preceding Wednesday's vote, usually with the help of the left-leaning New Democratic party—NDP. The latest no-confidence vote carried because the NDP—which held the balance of power in the 29th parliament—decided to join the main opposition conservatives in

attacking the administration's budget.

The critical vote came on an NDP resolution—actually an amendment to a Conservative measure—that condemned the government for its "failure to apply any measures to help pensioners, or others on fixed incomes, to deal with the housing crisis and to remove the glaring inequalities of the tax system."

Inflation in Canada has reached 10 per cent this year.

It was the first time a Canadian government suffered a Commons defeat on its budget. The budget proposal was presented on Monday.

Trudeau had no immediate comment on the vote, except to say he will dissolve Parliament and seek a formal election order Thursday from Governor-General Jules Léger. The election is expected to be July 8, and Trudeau will remain prime minister until then.

Conservative leader Robert Stanfield declared promptly after the vote that after the new elections "I will return as prime minister."

NDP leader David Lewis appeared jubilant, and said the party machinery for a new election is "rolling already, every-

thing's moving along well."

The Liberals were vulnerable to a joint NDP-Conservative attack because they hold only 109 seats in the 264-seat House of Commons. The Conservatives have 106, the NDP 31 and the right-wing Social Credit party—which supported Trudeau—15. There is one independent member, the House speaker, and two seats are vacant.

Canada has a parliamentary system of government, and ordinarily the leader of the party that elects the most members to Parliament becomes prime minister and leader of the government. The government can be defeated any time a majority of members votes no confidence on an important matter of government policy—for example, Wednesday night's federal budget vote.

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## Grand jury continues Zebra killing investigation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Cloaked in secrecy and unprecedented security, a San Francisco County grand jury has held an unusual second consecutive night session into the Zebra street slayings.

Rarely does the grand jury meet more than once a week. But the jury weighing evidence against three men charged in the random slayings held a three-hour hearing Monday night and returned again Tuesday night.

In both instances, about 20 policemen sealed off City Hall and the unidentified witnesses refused to answer newsmen's questions as they entered.

Walter Giubbini, chief assistant district attorney, refused to say how many witnesses have been called or to disclose their identities. There was no confirmation that the secret informer whose April 28 meeting with Mayor Joseph L. Alioto led to the arrests has testified.

Three black men — Larry C. Green, 22; J. C. Simon, 29, and Manuel Moore, 29 — have been charged with three of the 13 random killings of whites here in the past six months. They will enter pleas Thursday. Their attorney, Clinton White of Oakland, said they are innocent.

Giubbini has refused to say whether the accused men will be ordered to appear before the grand jury.

He also refused because of a gag order issued last Friday to discuss any aspect of the Zebra case, so named after the "Z" radio channel police have used in their investigation. Judge Agnes O'Brien Smith of Municipal Court issued the order Friday.

Lt. William O'Connor, the police department's public affairs officer, meanwhile disputed an article that appeared in Tuesday's editions of the San Francisco Examiner. The story said the arrests of the three men may have been "premature" and may have destroyed months of police work into the killings.

## 1,950 will receive degrees; Vice President key speaker

Officials are anticipating a record 1,950 students will be awarded degrees Saturday in ceremonies highlighted with an address by Vice President Gerald R. Ford.

The commencement exercises begin at 9 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Admission to the coliseum will be by ticket only, noted university officials, pointing out the facility will be filled by the graduates and their families and friends, along with the official party, academic department representatives and other university personnel involved in the ceremonies.

Guests without tickets can view the ceremonies via closed-circuit television in the Rudder Center auditorium and theater. The ceremonies also will be telecast by KAMU.

Commissioning ceremonies, with Gen. George S. Brown, Air Force chief of staff delivering the prin-

cipal address, will be at 2:30 p.m., also in the coliseum. University officials expect 161 of the graduates to be commissioned into the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Final review will be at 4:30 p.m. on the main drill field.

In addition to the Vice President's address and award of degrees, the commencement program will include presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards to four prominent graduates, Gulf Oil Foundation's presentation of the E. D. Brockett Award to establish three professorships at TAMU and the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award. Joe H. Moore, president of The Association of Former Students, also will formally make the alumni organization's annual gift to the university in support of scholarship and related programs.

The commissioning ceremonies will include presentation of the Doherty Award to the outstanding member of the Corps of Cadets being commissioned Saturday.

Vice President Ford practiced law briefly in Grand Rapids before joining the Navy during World War II. After four years of service and attaining the rank of lieutenant commander, he returned to his law practice in Grand Rapids in 1946 and, two years later, was named one of "America's Ten Outstanding Young Men" by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Vice President Ford was selected by "Sports Illustrated" in 1959 to receive the magazine's Silver Anniversary All-American Award as one of the 25 football players in the preceding quarter-century who contributed most to their fellow man. He was presented the George Washington Award by the American Good Government Society in 1966 and three years ago was chosen by the American Academy of Achievement to receive the Golden Plate Award as one of 50 "giants of accomplishment."



FREE FORM diving, music and bikini-clad girls topped dead week's swim-in at Wofford Cain Pool Wednesday night. The event attracted several hundred who rocked out to the vibes supplied by the MSC. (Kodalith by Gary Baldasari)

## Judicial Board discusses possible procedure revision

Judicial Revision and a possible publication were discussed at the Senate Judicial Board meeting, Wednesday evening.

A need to set up procedure was the general consensus of the eight board members meeting. "Thorough investigation of all the areas of appeal in our own system," was recommended by Jerri Ward, J-Board chairman.

Subpoena powers, student-fac-

ulty ratios and student liability were proposed by Ward as areas of consideration for next year. Ward said the appeals system on campus would be explored next year. "It seems to dead end with certain committees," she said.

A publication explaining the different appeal bodies was suggested by Mike Perrin, senior member of the board.

The publication will be directed at incoming freshmen either separately or in a booklet on Student Government. This is pending approval of the Student Senate Activities Director.

Ward closed the meeting suggesting research by the Board members be carried on throughout the summer on other universities' judicial systems.

## Construction will not be completed by 1976

Construction will not be complete by 1976, TAMU's centennial year, said General Alvin Luedcke, executive vice president.

As yet unapproved plans for landscaping will continue in different sections of the campus. One of the areas under consideration is the median running up from West Gate to the Academic Building. The shrubs lining the esplanade will be transplanted if young enough, or removed.

This clearing, according to Luedcke, will enable the lighting system to more adequately illuminate the street area.

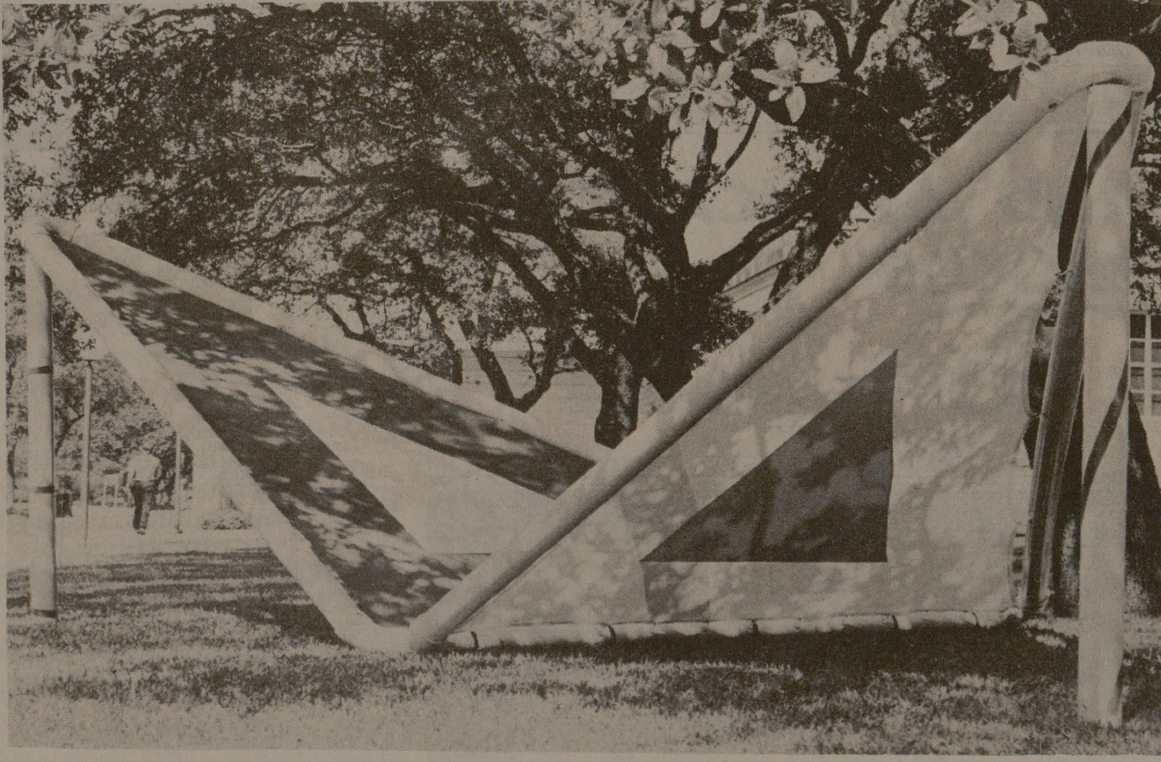
The Memorial Student Center is scheduled to be completed by next Christmas. There are no plans for any type of landscaping around the MSC to prevent or block students from treading on the memorial grass, continued Luedcke.

The new architecture building will be in the building stages during the '76 school year. During this period water line construction and room renovations will continue.

Luedcke said the new water tower should be completed by the end of the year and the old water tower will be removed.

The third summer of the major Dormitory Improvement Program Phase III has been approved. During the summer, the rooms and closets in Corps area dorms 2, 10 and 12 and Hart Hall will be repainted, as will the bath and shower areas in Moses, Davis-Gary, Crocker, Moore, Hart and Legett Halls. Aluminum and wire glass ramp doors will be installed in Hart, Law, Puryear, Walton and Moses Halls.

The total cost of the program is \$203, 674.



IT'S A BIRD! It's a plane! (It's a tent?) No, it's "Eklektos." Samuel Ximenes, junior in Environmental Design, displayed his art behind the Academic Building. (Photo by David Spencer)

## Constitution gives 4-year term option

AUSTIN (AP)—A legislative article that gives lawmakers greater power and flexibility and presents voters the option of four-year terms for House members has been approved by the Constitutional convention.

The article is subject to revision on third reading later in the convention, but any changes required a two-thirds vote.

In its present form, the legislative article makes certain major changes from the existing constitution:

- Instead of the present 140-day legislative sessions every two years, there would be a 140-day session in odd-numbered years and a 90-day session even-numbered years.

- Lawmakers could call them-

selves into special sessions by a petition of two-thirds the members of each chamber. This is a prerogative reserved for the governor.

- The House would be divided into single-member districts, eliminating the last vestiges of at-large countywide representation.

- Local laws no longer could get through the legislature under the guise of general bills limited to areas within certain population brackets. Notice of such a bill would have to be published in the area affected. The city or county must be named in the bill.

- All legislative sessions must be open, including the traditionally closed Senate meetings to discuss the governor's appointees before voting to confirm them.

## DeFrank predicts Ford's presidency

Those who hear U. S. Vice President Gerald Ford speak at Saturday's commencement exercises will probably be listening to the next President, said Newsweek writer Tom DeFrank.

"I believe Ford is capable of stepping into the Presidency," DeFrank said in a telephone interview with The Battalion. DeFrank, a TAMU graduate and former editor of The Battalion, has traveled close to the vice president and says that Ford's personality is pleasing.

"The thing that carries the day for Ford is that he's a genuine human being; he's decent and honest. You feel you can call him Jerry and get away with it," DeFrank said.

DeFrank said Ford doesn't expect President Nixon to resign or be removed from office, but Ford is probably the only man able to unite the Republican party.

"I believe Ford is being honest when he says he will not run for President in 1976," DeFrank said. "At the same time, he is smart enough to know that if he is forced into the Presidency, it will be a different story."

"Ford has a strong obligation to help the Republican party keep from disaster."

Newsweek's January 28 issue stated "the GOP leadership had an obligation to defend the President, and Ford—as one Republican not facing re-election this fall—was the logical candidate for the job." The article further said that Democrats conclude that "the White House . . . was sending Ford on a suicide mission in an effort to make Mr. Nixon more attractive."

Ford and Nixon are close ideologically, and DeFrank believes the only major change Ford would make in the Presidency would be to make the Executive Office much more open to the public and the press.

Ford began his political career in 1949 when he won the first of his 13 consecutive terms as a representative from Michigan. He was chosen in 1965 as Minority Leader of the House, and became Vice President on December 3, 1973.

## Senate makes 11 appointments at last meeting

Less than one hour was taken by the last senate meeting of the semester.

The Senate approved 11 appointments at the meeting Wednesday night. For the position on the Publications Board, Steve Eberhard, SG president, nominated Don Hegi, MSC vice president for projects. Sandy Hood was appointed to the off-campus undergraduate vacancy in the Senate.

The new representative on the Athletic Council will be Larry McRoberts subject to the approval of President Jack Williams. The 7 members of the Athletic Advisory Committee will be Tom Walker, Cindy Murray, Larry McRoberts, Gwen Flynt, Ron Plackemeier, Joe Hughes and Gerard Pelletier.

These were the last of the appointments to be made.

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