

# The Battalion

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## Weather

Fair to partly cloudy Thursday, becoming increasingly warmer. High today 76°; low tonight 52°; high Friday 81°.

## No guidelines set on play approvals

By RICK HENDERSON  
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No guidelines have been set for future plays and they will not have to be approved by anyone, said Dr. David Maxwell, dean of Liberal Arts, Wednesday.

Maxwell was questioned in response to his recent decision to cancel a theater arts department production of Marat/Sade.

"I will leave it up to Dr. Joy (John Joy, instructor in Theatre Arts and director of 'Marat/Sade' before its cancellation) and Wenck (Robert Wenck, Theater Arts instructor) to decide what's acceptable," he said.

Joy said, "Our judgment was overlooked about something that concerned parties admit they know nothing about. How can we believe our judgment will be respected when it has not been? I hope the environment improves so I won't have to think twice about my natural judgment. But my experience tells me I must think about what I do in terms of this community."

Brian McPherson, a TAMU student connected with the Aggie Players, said that he had a meeting with Maxwell last week to protest the cancellation and to let Maxwell know how the students felt and to get answers to some questions. McPherson did not relate specific details but said he gained nothing "concrete or constructive."

Student complaints led to the cancellation of the play 'Marat/Sade' Maxwell said.

Maxwell said that a relatively

small number of students involved in the play complained to him about certain scenes involving nudity and simulated copulation.

Joy said he had no idea that any of the students involved with the play had objections to it. Three students with the Aggie Players said they also had no indication of discontent before reading it in the paper.

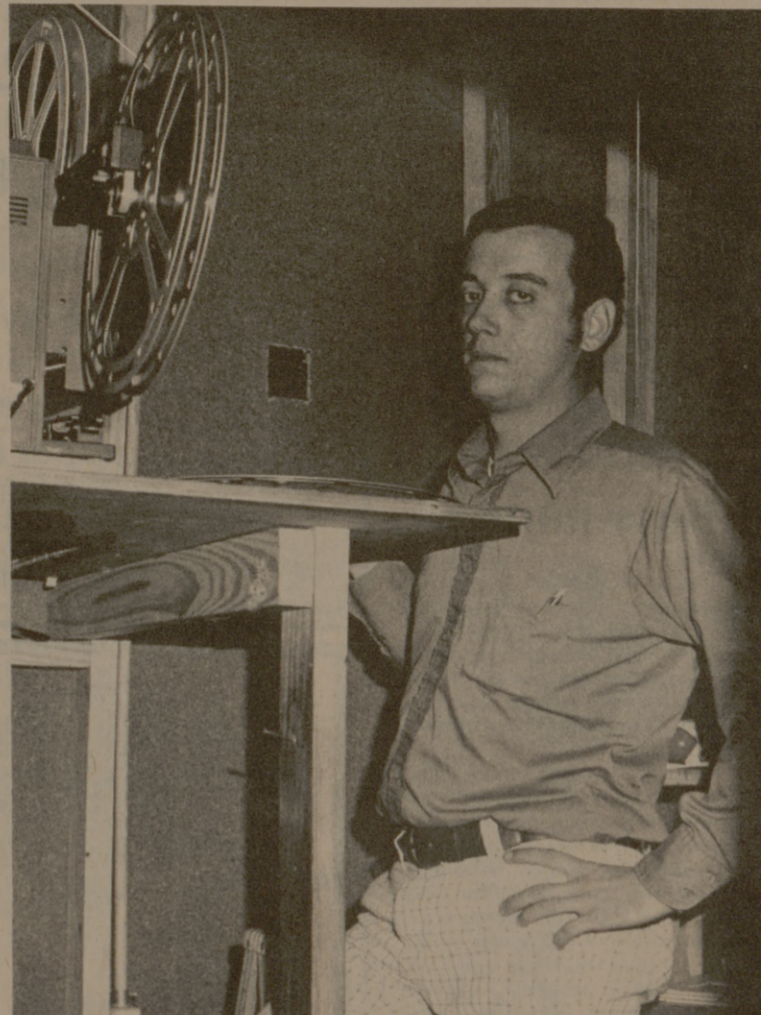
Maxwell said he did not consult higher university officials before making the decision or consulting Dr. Joy. "The upper administration did not tell me to have the play cancelled."

"I did not act on the basis of student complaints alone," he said. "I got in touch with Dr. Joy to find out if what the students said was correct about simulated copulation and nudity. The entire decision was based on verification by Dr. Joy that the play contained these elements."

Joy said he hadn't planned to use nudity in the production and the simulated copulation scene was to be done tastefully, in a more humorous than salacious way.

Maxwell said he was aware of this but that copulation and nudity presented in a tasteful way is a contradiction of terms. "I do not see that theater must reflect every aspect of human activities to be of value."

He said, "It was my judgement that a play with these characteristics would be found objectionable to the community of which we are a part. I did not think that university facilities and resources should be devoted to that presentation."



ROBERT MANCIL, manager of the Adult Library Club, poses by a film projector as the club prepares for an official re-opening Friday. The club has been closed since Aug. 3, 1973 when local police confiscated books, magazines and films. A federal district court issued a restraining order in September preventing police from further raids until the federal court can determine the constitutionality of the states law on obscenity. (Photo by TERRY MYRICK)

## Watergate lawyers ask for triple doctor examination of Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Watergate prosecutors said Wednesday that "clear and convincing evidence" is lacking that former President Richard M. Nixon is too sick to testify at the Watergate cover-up trial.

They urged U. S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica to send three doctors to examine Nixon.

But while asking that Sirica turn down Nixon's request to be excused, the prosecutors said they will not insist on the former president's appearance as a prosecution witness.

Nixon has been subpoenaed by both the government and John D. Ehrlichman, one of the five defendants charged with conspiring to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

Ehrlichman's lawyers said that if Nixon cannot testify, they want him to give a deposition that can be introduced as evidence in the trial.

Sirica indicated he is thinking of appointing a panel of doctors to examine Nixon and said he would hear arguments Thursday on Nixon's efforts to have the subpoenas quashed.

The government's memorandum

was filed as the government's first witness, John W. Dean III, was testifying.

Dean discussed the first weeks after the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic headquarters at the Watergate when, according to his testimony, the first efforts were made to help the Watergate burglars financially.

With Dean there to authenticate them, prosecutors plan Thursday to play the first of the White House tapes for the jury of nine women and three men.

Dean testified after the lawyer for Kenneth W. Parkinson finished his opening statement. Lawyers for Ehrlichman and Robert C. Mardian addressed the jury Tuesday. H. R. Haldeman's and John N. Mitchell's lawyers reserved their opening until after the government's case is in.

The prosecutors said Nixon's contention that his physical condition is such that appearance at the trial "would pose a serious risk to his life" is not backed up by a "compelling showing."

Nixon's doctor in an affidavit had said the former president must wear an elastic stocking, take oral medi-

cation, avoid prolonged periods of sitting, standing or walking, avoid extended trips and should remain in a controlled environment.

"It is clear Mr. Nixon can continue to wear an elastic stocking and take oral medication while in transit and in Washington," the prosecutors said. They added that he can avoid long periods of sitting or walking and that there are enough medical facilities in Washington to keep an eye on his condition.

The prosecutors said, "Mr. Nixon is not a neutral or detached witness. He has been formally accused of or participating in the conspiracy for which defendants are standing trial, and it would be only natural for him to seek to avoid an obligation to testify."

Dean testified that in the hectic days following the Watergate break-in he told Ehrlichman a great deal about the involvement of Nixon campaign officials in the incident.

Ehrlichman, one of the five defendants in the Watergate cover-up trial, is charged with lying when he said that all he knew about the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic national headquarters was what he had read in the newspapers.

## Bail bonds investigated

# Grand jury hears late testimony

By STEVE GRAY  
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County Judge William R. Vance,

who did not comply with an earlier subpoena, testified before the grand jury Wednesday morning.

The 85th District Court Grand jury is currently investigating area bail bond practices and has received

a 30-day extension of its term to complete the study.

The county commissioners joined Vance in giving testimony Wednesday.

Vance was subpoenaed by the grand jury Oct. 3 to testify Oct. 9. However, that day Vance was in Sinton conferring with two auditors on installation of a new computerized bookkeeping system in the county auditor's office. Instead of appearing before the grand jury, he furnished a letter.

The grand jury, however, returned the letter to Vance's office rejecting his explanation, complaining that the letter was unsigned.

"I told my secretary she had my authority to sign my name to the letter," Vance said, "but she simply forgot to do it."

Vance stated in the letter, dictated the night of Oct. 8, that he would be available to testify before the jurors anytime during the extension period of the study.

"My secretary typed the letter the next morning and delivered it to the grand jury at 11 a.m.," Vance said.

Vance would not elaborate on Wednesday morning's testimony but said he probably would not testify again.

"We had a discussion and we arrived at some understandings," Vance said, "but that's all I can say."

"I don't think there's a possibility that I'll be called again to testify," he said.

Vance said if he had not sent the letter of explanation to the jurors, "they could cite me for failure to appear."

He said he could not reveal details of testimony on the grand jury's study until the session is completed.

The present grand jury's term will expire Oct. 30 as a result of the extension. Its original term expired Oct. 1. A new grand jury will be selected Oct. 23 by a Grand Jury Commission in the district courtroom.

## Rocky plea denied; hearings delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Rules Committee Democrats rejected Wednesday Nelson A. Rockefeller's plea for a chance to testify immediately about issues raised over his nomination to be vice president.

Rockefeller issued a terse statement afterward saying: "I regret that I won't have a proper forum for at least another month."

Chairman Howard A. Cannon, D-Nev., announced the committee would not reopen its hearings until Nov. 13 at the earliest and possibly not until Nov. 18, the date Congress returns from an election recess.

Rockefeller has asked for an opportunity to present all the facts about nearly \$2 million in gifts he has made to political associates and friends and about a 1970 campaign book about former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg.

But Cannon said the committee's investigation of

these matters has not been completed and that a report on the audit of Rockefeller's income and gift tax returns will not be available before Oct. 22.

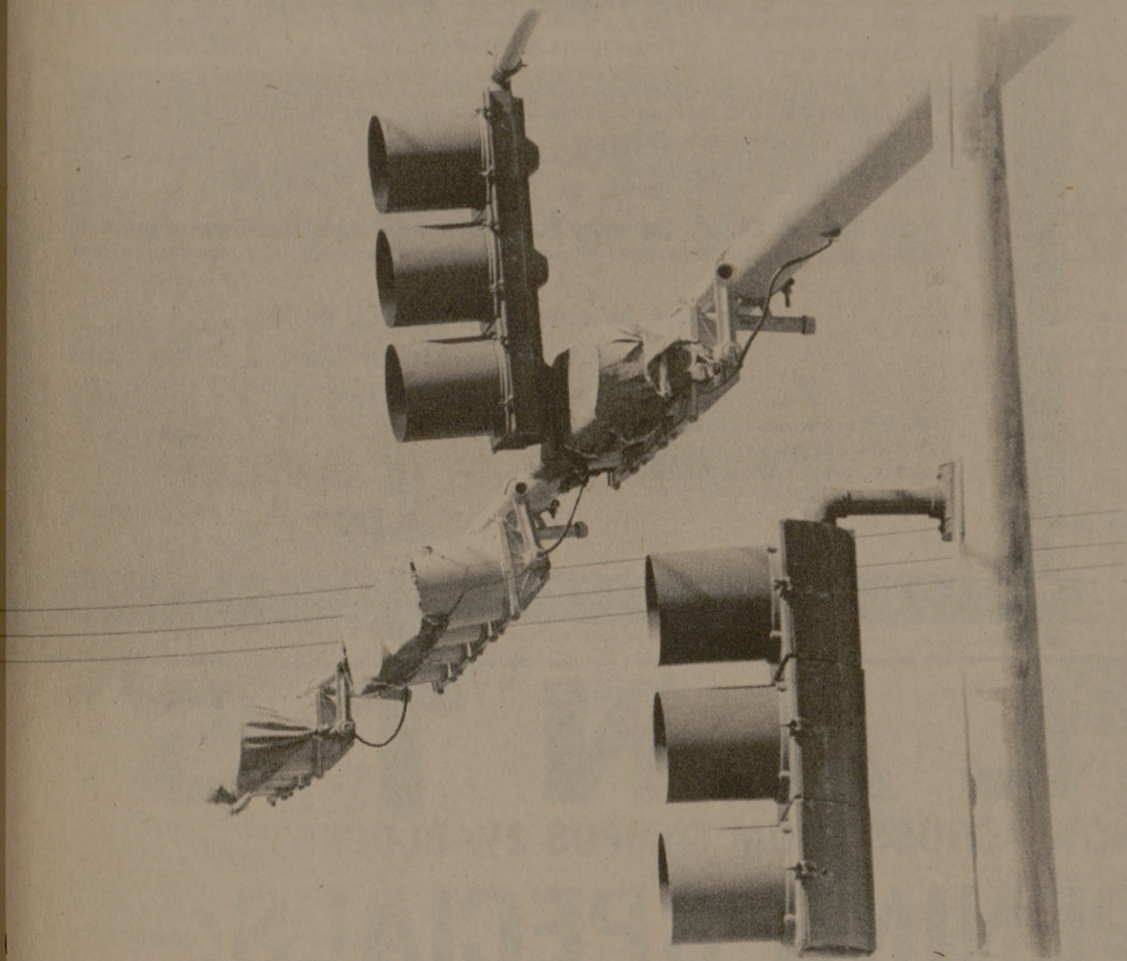
"I do not believe it would be advisable to convene the committee for further testimony at this time until all of the aforementioned information is available," he said.

"Additionally," he said, "several members of the Rules Committee would be unable to attend such a meeting at this time."

He said the decision to defer reopening the hearings until after the November elections represented "the consensus of a majority of the committee."

Asked if any of the committee's Republican members were included in that consensus, he replied: "No."

However, Cannon said he would have "no opposition to Rockefeller making a complete statement to the press on the matters involved" before hearings reopen.



NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS for Texas Avenue, originally scheduled for completion last December, may be ready in four weeks.

The contractor said the delay was caused by the need for state approval of all parts of the system.

The approval has been obtained and controllers for the lights have been produced and will be shipped shortly, he said.

Once the controllers are obtained, installation and testing will be complete in two to three weeks, Benignus said. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

## Two candidates meet press; Briscoe ignores invitation

DALLAS, (AP)—Two candidates trying to be Texas' next governor could not agree Wednesday on face-to-face political combat but both blamed Washington for some of the state's problems.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe was an absent but not forgotten subject of discussion at the "Hot Seat" news conference sponsored by the Dallas Press Club.

"Texans are so nationally oriented that it is tough to get them to think

about state issues," said republican candidate Jim Granberry. "Texans are concerned more about the five per cent surcharge proposed by President Ford than their local school tax increases. That's because they get more news about what happens in Washington than they do from state government or Briscoe."

Granberry called Briscoe the "governor under glass" because "he hides himself from the news media,

effectively cuts himself off from public opinion and the public."

Briscoe, Granberry and Sam McDonnell, American party candidate, were invited by the Press Club to take part in the "Hot Seat" joint news conference. Club officials said Briscoe never replied to the invitation.

Then, Granberry balked at appearing with McDonnell and appeared at a separate news conference following McDonnell's.

By JIM CRAWLEY  
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Rob Inglis is a man of the past and the present. A fact that is demonstrated by his lifestyle and his acting.

His one-man act of "Canterbury Tales" illustrates this combination. Inglis presented the "Tales" in Modern English Wednesday night. He says it aids the audience in understanding Chaucer's masterpiece. In doing so he left the audience in complete hysteria.

"My show is in line with Chaucer, the Greeks and other classical playwrights, in that, the theater in those days was educational, as well as entertaining," said Inglis.

In presenting the "Tales" to students, Inglis went out of his way to explain the actions that occur during his show. His antics are carried to the students by talking with the audience.

Inglis gives insight into the characters of Chaucer's "Tales" by relating them to events of the day. He continually makes jokes and puns about the characters and their actions. This humor created an atmosphere of understanding and amusement.

As an actor, Inglis has spent the last 20 years in the theater. The last ten years have been spent doing his

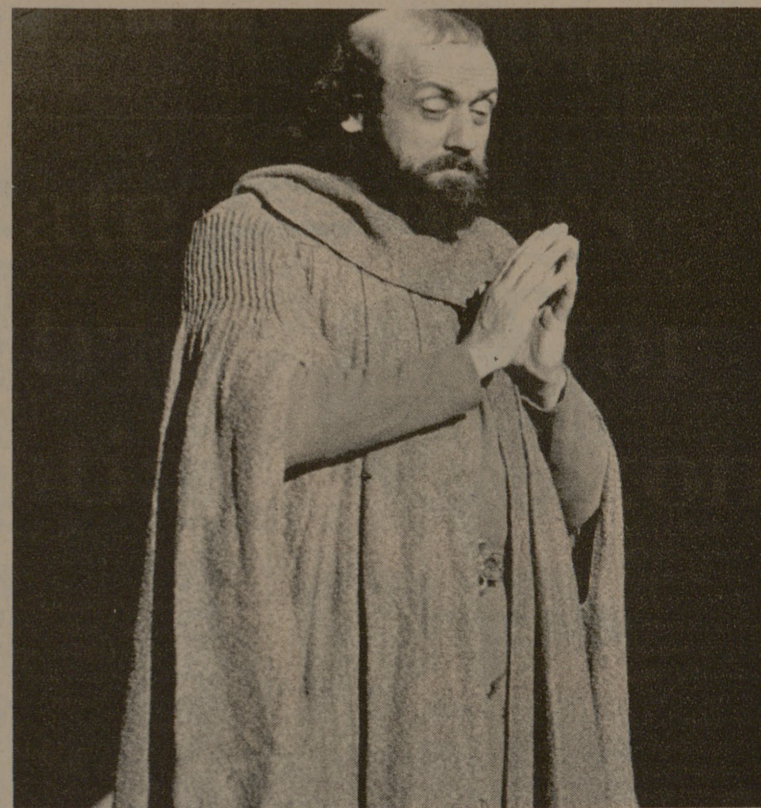
rendition of "Tales" on college campuses throughout the world. Before acting, journalism entered his life. He was a reporter in Australia for five years.

His experience in acting includes playing the ghost in 'Hamlet' for the Royal Shakespearean Experimental Theater Group, performing with the musical 'Oliver' and being a member of the Royal Court Theater.

Acting isn't all of his dramatist's activities; he is also an accomplished playwright. After writing for radio and television in England and Australia he wrote a musical, "A Rum Do." Adapted from a play, "A Rum Do" is the story of the civil rights fight between former convicts and the 'free' people of early Australia. This musical received a Royal Command Performance in Brisbane.

Presently, he is working on an "Eco-Theater." The Theater will present an integrated cast in a play dealing with science and its effect in today's world.

"Modern theater has problems because they have to compete with TV and films. The theater needs subsidizing to survive as do all the arts," said Inglis, in reference to the problems of today's theater.



ROB INGLIS performs "The Canterbury Tales." (Photo by Douglas Winship)