

Weather

Mostly cloudy Friday with scattered light rain. Continue mild. High today 60°; low tonight 47°. Partly cloudy Saturday; high 67°.

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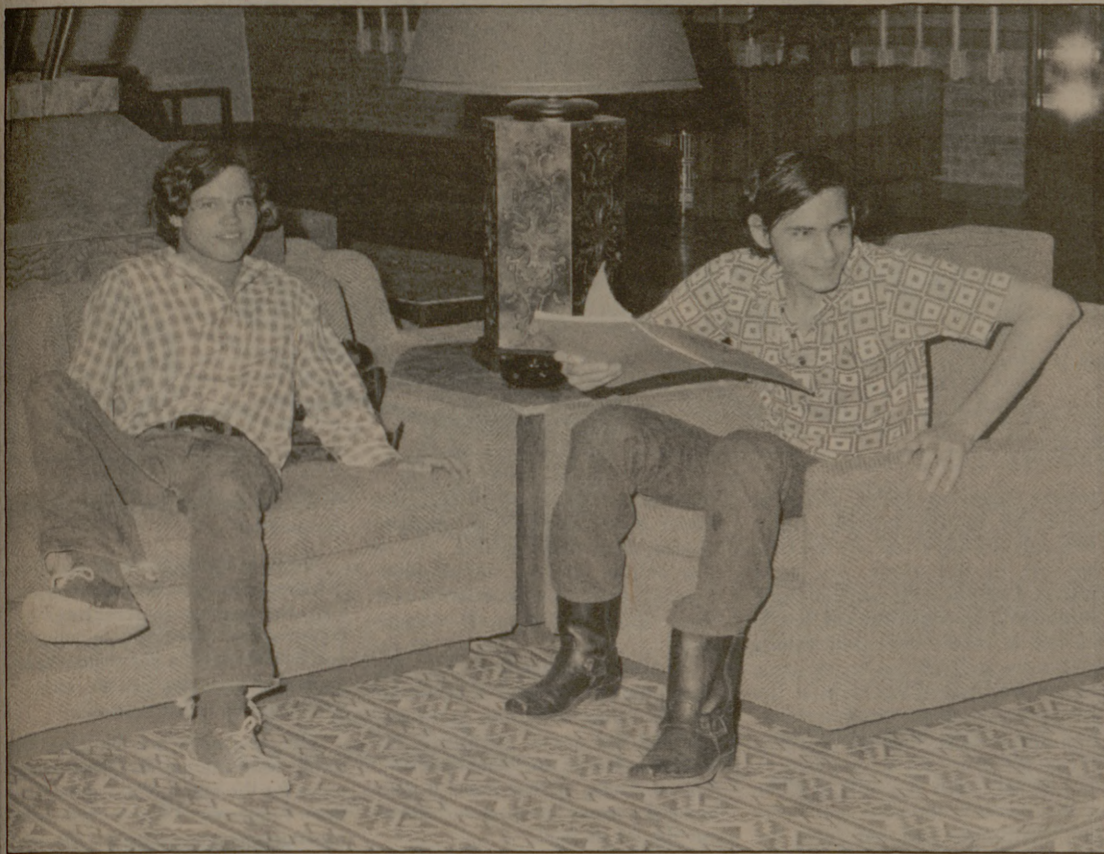
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Where am I?

Photo by Chris Svatek

Ronnie Olsson (L) and Steve Nimr succumb to the irresistible furniture in the new student lounge. Many students now have formed their own opinions of the lounge.

Presnal selected as committee chairman

AUSTIN (AP) — A little-known Bryan Democrat, Rep. Bill Presnal, was the surprise choice today of Speaker Bill Clayton for chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Fred Head, D-Troup, whose support swung the speaker race to Clayton, had been expected by many to win the post, perhaps the most powerful chairmanship in the House.

Head was named chairman of the Higher Education Committee and as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Joe Wyatt, D-Bloomington, was named chairman of the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Rep. Tom Massey, D-San Angelo, will head the Public Education Committee, which is expected to grapple with the mammoth issue of overhauling public school financing.

The State Affairs Committee, which traditionally handles many of the most important bills, will be chaired by Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City.

Rep. Ray Hutchison, R-Dallas, was named chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee.

The only other Republican to get a chairmanship was Rep. Tom Craddock of Midland, Natural Resources.

Other major committees and their new chairmen are:

-Transportation, Rep. Jim Nugent, D-Kerrville.

-Energy Resources, Rep. Joe Hanna, D-Breckenridge.

-Reapportionment, Rep. Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches.

-Rules, Rep. Ben Reyes, D-Houston.

All of the chairmen with the exception of Reyes are conservatives, as is the speaker.

A committee's importance is determined by whether it will handle those issues considered to be the hottest for this session. Appropriations always is important, as is Revenue and Taxation and State Affairs. Public Education, Constitutional Revision, Transportation and Energy Resources will work on bills

dealing with the most pressing problems this year. Reapportionment and Rules are intrinsically important to legislators.

Other committees and their chairmen are:

-Criminal Jurisprudence, Rep. Craig Washington, D-Houston.

-Judicial Affairs, Rep. Tim Von Dohlen, D-Goliad.

-Judiciary, Rep. Ben Grant, D-Marshall.

-Liquor Regulation, Rep. Bennie Bock, D-New Braunfels.

-Labor, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas.

-Intergovernmental Affairs, Rep. E. L. Short, D-Tahoka.

-Insurance, Rep. Ben Bynum, D-Amarillo.

-Health and Welfare, Rep. Lynn Nabers, D-Brownwood.

-Social Services, Rep. Lane Denton, D-Waco.

-House Administration, Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

-Financial Institutions, Rep. Jerry Donaldson, D-Gatesville.

-Environmental Affairs, Rep. Bill

Sullivan, D-Gainesville.

-Elections, Rep. Luther Jones, D-El Paso.

-Local and Consent Calendars, Rep. Tom Schieffer, D-Fort Worth.

-Calendars, Rep. Felix McDonald, D-Edinburg.

-Business and Industry, Rep. Chris Semos, D-Dallas.

-Agriculture and Livestock, Rep. Joe Hubenak, D-Rosenberg.

Ms. Johnson is believed to be the first woman ever to chair a committee of the Texas House.

"I feel we have come with a workable and durable committee structure that has not only a geographical and philosophical balance, but also a broad distribution of women, men, blacks, whites, Mexican-Americans, Republicans and Democrats," Clayton said.

Ms. Johnson and Washington are black.

Earlier, Gov. Dolph Briscoe urged the legislature to appropriate \$4 million at once for retired teachers and retired state employees' benefits.

Dale says 'wait'

Will city ask for track move?

BY STEVE GRAY
 Staff Writer

College Station City Councilman Don Dale said Thursday he probably will not bring up the question of relocating the railroad tracks when the council meets Monday night for its regular meeting.

Dale said in early December he would agree to support a resolution before the CS Council asking the Brazos Valley Development Council (BVDC) for financial support backing a study to relocate the tracks.

"I don't see any reason to bring it up," Dale said. "What appears to be holding it up is the state's approval

of a plan outlining transportation needs for the county, the university and both cities. I think everyone's pretty much in agreement that it should be moved."

In August a presentation was made by the city of College Station to the Governor's Council on Planning and Coordination, listing the needs and priorities of the Bryan-College Station area. The need for a transportation plan, including railroad relocation, was given top priority.

The tracks presently cross many principal streets in the Bryan business district, resulting in periodic

traffic jams and creating safety problems.

Business the council will consider includes realigning the voting precincts in College Station. City Manager North Bardell said Thursday the city must redefine the precinct boundaries when the county realigned its voting precincts for this year.

The council will also hold a public hearing on rezoning 171 feet of property behind the Saber Inn Motor Hotel, 701 Texas Ave. The tract in question is bordered by Live Oak Street. City Planner Bill Koehler said Thursday the hearing could result in granting a building

permit for possible expansion of the hotel.

Two motions will be considered for setting dates for public hearings on rezoning two other tracts of land. A .643 acre tract within the Anderson Ridge Apartment Complex near Village Drive and Holleman Drive may be rezoned later from apartment building purposes to commercial building use. A hearing date will also be considered for the rezoning of a three-acre tract northeast of the abandoned I & GN Railroad right-of-way between FM 2347 and Luther Street west from an industrial district to an apartment building area.



Bill Presnal

Presnal anxious to allocate funds

With a \$12 billion budget to work with, "we will have work cut out for us," State Representative Bill Presnal of Bryan commented following his appointment as chairman of the House Appropriations committee.

"The appointment comes at an extremely crucial time in the history of our state and our nation as well," he said.

"It comes at a time in which the economic stability of our nation faces obstacles not realized since the depression years, yet at a time when the Texas Legislature has an unprecedented amount of state funds with which to work."

The appropriations committee receives all tax and appropriation bills presented on the floor of the House. The committee is responsible for dividing the state's annual budget among the other house committees for their consideration.

Ex-senator regains seat

Higher building use fees protested

By JUDY BAGGETT
 Staff Writer

Mary Ellen Martin, the senator who was removed from the senate by a judicial board ruling on Dec. 4, regained her seat as senator of the College of Education Thursday night.

Martin lost her seat after one of her constituents filed a complaint with the Student Government Judicial Board. She was charged with violating Article III, Section 2 (c) of the Student Body Constitution which states that senators must at all times be a member of the constituency they represent.

Martin had transferred her records from the College of Education

to the College of Liberal Arts after adopting a double degree plan in psychology and education.

It was argued that she no longer represented her constituency in the College of Education since her records were transferred. Martin argued last night that she had checked with deans of both colleges about her senatorial seat before moving her records. They both approved of the action.

Steve Eberhard, student government president, put Martin up for appointment to fill the vacancy left when she was ousted from office. The appointment was approved unanimously.

Later in the meeting, a resolution

attacking the 200 percent increase in building use fees was passed unanimously with clapping and whoo-ahs. The resolution states that there is no apparent reason for an increase in the fee and that the elimination of extravagance in the construction of campus improvements could have prevented the increase.

Don Henson, agriculture graduate student, referred to a statement made by President Jack K. Williams in the January 15 issue of The Battalion that the hard work put in will make the campus a showplace for the nation. Henson said that many people were not willing to pay for a showplace.

An amendment to the resolution proposing that the Texas A&M Student Senate recommend to the Texas Legislature to set a legislative limit on the indebtedness of a state institution and also specify a use for indebtedness was passed unanimously.

Henson said that he hoped the resolution will be a concrete piece of evidence to show student dissatisfaction with the fee hike.

Also taking seat tonight were Mike Wollam, junior corps of cadets, Clayton Smith, junior College of Liberal Arts; Kay Zenner, off-campus undergraduate and Mike Gerst, University Owned Apartments.

For children

Consol parents desire communication training

BY ROSE MARY TRAVERSO
 Staff Writer

Basic reading and communication training are considered top priorities by A&M Consolidated School District parents, according to a survey conducted by the board's long range planning committee.

The survey, which was conducted late last year, was designed to invite a maximum of written comments from parents, and not just a bunch of x's," said Nancy Donaldson, committee chairman. Some of the surveys were returned to the committee with up to eight pages of comments, she said.

The long-range planning committee spent two months tabulating the results into a 26-page report which contains a record of all comments. "The report does not lend itself to statistical analysis because of the diversity of comments," she said.

The only area which was an "absolutely, overwhelmingly apparent concern of parents was reading and communications," she said, but other areas mentioned ran the gamut from vocational training to the development of self-esteem.

The parent survey is part of an effort aimed at eliciting community input for the development of a writ-

ten set of learning goals for the district, Supt. Fred Hopson said.

Future efforts will include "trying to involve a large number of citizens, chosen at random, who will be consulted about their priorities," and "pumping the parent survey through the faculty to get their reflections," Hopson said.

He said that so far the priorities stated in the survey seem to coincide with goals the district has already recognized as important.

"It's going to take a lot of time for the board to find out what exactly the community wants and develop some specific goals," Hopson said.

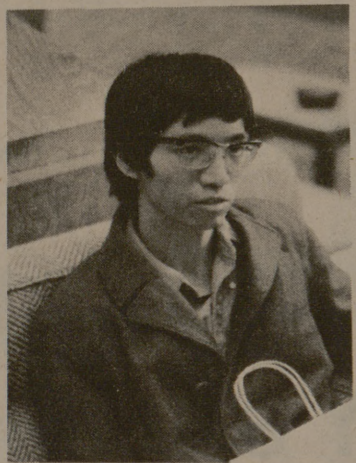
Inquiring Battman

What do you think of the new student lounge?



Pat Petsick
 Junior

It's very homey and relaxing with the couches and music being the best aspects. It's very prestigious for the university to have something no other university has.



Hsiato-tien Yen
 Grad students

It's wasteful. Everything is crowded together, there's no open space. It's out of proportion, but at least it's a place to meet people.



Leonard Morehead
 Sophomore

It takes a week to get used to it and then it looks like a museum. A meeting place should be leisurely, not stark. Things like the animals don't tie into what A&M is.



Ken Drozd
 Graduate student

It's hard to take oneself seriously in a place like this. Why aren't the Walton Hall and Plantation Oaks flags displayed? But I guess if I had a flag I wouldn't want it flown either.



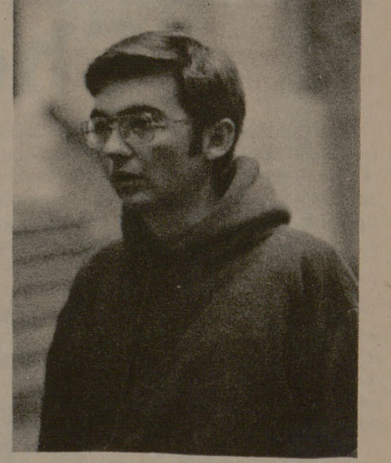
Timothy Seger
 Sophomore

All it lacks is a throne and a tuned piano. It looks like a contest was conducted among all the third graders in Texas with the first twenty-five entries winning and being used.



Ruth Hanson
 Sophomore

I like the way things are placed so no matter where you sit, everyone seems like they're in a different room. It's like a hotel lobby.



Tom Sturgeon
 Senior

Not much coordination is apparent for the money spent. It should be more student oriented. The board should have seen Fahlmann's work before commissioning him. If they did, I question their taste.

Survey taken in the new student lounge.

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