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Spirit Line

Emory Bellard and crew walk down the Spirit Line on their way to run up 36 points on the hapless SMU Mus-

tangs. The people in blue suits are middies from the Maritime Academy in Galveston.

Staff photo by Steve Goble

Football ticket debate draws few spectators

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Less than a dozen spectators attended Political Forum's football ticket referendum debate last night.

The debate was to present a pro and con comparison of this year's and last year's ticket distribution systems.

Students vote today and tomorrow in the referendum to determine whether Student Government will support the present system or the system used last year for football ticket distribution. Should voters decide they want the old system, a special Student Government committee will work up a proposal recommending a return to that system.

That proposal would have to receive administrative approval before going into effect.

The half dozen non-student government observers were almost outnumbered by the debaters. Student Vice-President for

Academic Affairs Raj Kent and Senator Joe Marcello supported the new ticket system, while Senators Steve Ingram and Donnie Payne spoke in favor of last year's system.

Ingram was influential in organizing the petition drive which brought about the referendum.

Political Forum sponsored the debate "to offer an opportunity for students to hear both sides (concerning the referendum) and you saw the result tonight," Forum chairman John Oeffinger said, after moving the debate from the Rudder complex auditorium to the MSC lounge.

Political Forum reserved the 2500-seat auditorium for two hours in anticipation of a large student turnout. Oeffinger said over 300 students had been expected for the debate.

"With all the uproar which occurred the first few weeks the new ticket system was in effect, if this issue couldn't draw a big audience, it's hard to see what will," he said.

Oeffinger said he felt the debate had been adequately publicized. Over 2000 flyers were distributed throughout all on-campus living areas, especially the Krueger-Dunn, Mosher-Aston complex and the corps units. Announcements were also made in the MSC and Duncan dining hall, he said.

Asked to comment last night on the debate, Student Body President Jeff Dunn said, "I just hope people come out and vote tomorrow."

Polling places for the two day referendum are the Commons, the Exchange Store, and the MSC.

Oeffinger predicted a light voting turnout for the referendum. He cited instances of many students believing only freshmen were voting in the election, or being unaware that the election was being held.

The small turnout for the debate would probably not hinder future Political Forum programs of the same type, he said.

Russians limit SALT efforts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The stagnation of U. S.-Soviet nuclear arms talks results from an untested American missile and a relatively short-range Russian bomber.

According to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Russian inflexibility has brought to a halt the efforts to sign a new strategic arms limitation treaty — SALT — that limits offensive nuclear weapons.

He told a news conference Monday that only 10 per cent of the SALT negotiating process is incomplete, but the margin has separated the two superpowers for months. Recent developments show no improvement.

The troublesome 10 per cent focuses on the Soviet Backfire bomber and the U. S. cruise missile system. The first is a sophisticated but rather old-fashioned weapon, the other a fundamental threat to the atomic arms balance.

The question is whether and how many of these weapons should be counted in the formula worked out last year by President Ford and Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev to limit the number of offensive nuclear arms allowed each country.

Under the Vladivostok agreement, named for the Siberian city where the two men met, each side would get no more than 2,400 strategic missile launchers or airplanes.

Exactly what are these troublesome systems?

The U. S. cruise missile is essentially a small, unmanned drone airplane that flies at less than the speed of sound and can be launched from a bomber or a submarine. Its advantages include radar-evading ground-hugging flight, mobile launching and pinpoint targeting.

So far, it has not been tested, but it is projected to be able to reach at least 1,500 miles from its launch point, which means a plane or submarine can fire one into any area of the Soviet Union.

The Backfire, a name attached to the plane by Western military experts, is the most sophisticated bomber ever developed by the Russians. It flies faster than sound, can carry nuclear weapons and air-to-ground missiles, has swing wings and is highly rated by U. S. military analysts.

Its range is 2,300 miles, which means it

cannot reach the continental United States and return without refueling. It's nearest American equivalent is the F111, an intermediate-range bomber in service for several years.

In fact, that similarity exemplifies the dispute. In demanding that the SALT limit include the Backfire, the United States claims the plane is really intercontinental because it can reach the American mainland and return if refueled.

The Russians counter that the Backfire is

really an intermediate-range bomber, and, like the F111, should be excluded from the Vladivostok formula.

American intelligence experts are divided over the objectives the Russians have set for their new plane, with some analysts saying Moscow intends to use it on the Russian periphery.

Other U. S. experts deny that, although so far the Russians have deployed about 25 Backfires in the western Soviet Union and Black Sea area.

SG execs discuss Cotton Bowl plans

The student senate executive committee discussed beauty representatives, refrigerator rentals, professor evaluations and reordering of goals Sunday evening.

Each southwest conference school is invited to send three representatives to Cotton Bowl festivities, one being a female to be on Cotton Bowl Court.

The woman from the SWC school which is playing in the bowl serves as queen.

Jeff Dunn, student body president, said the representatives' pictures need to be sent by the end of the month to Dallas. Jerri Ward, vp of External Affairs, asked if there was some way to get out of sending a beauty representative.

Dunn said the woman to go would be selected for leadership, interest in representing the university, poise and tact, self-expression and oral control.

The committee decided to pass along SG's savings on refrigerator rentals at a rate of \$3 per year and \$1.50 per semester.

The execs also considered the vacancies that have occurred in the senate this year with positions presently open for the Davis-Gary-Moses-Moore, college of engineering graduate student, off-campus

graduate and college of science senior constituencies.

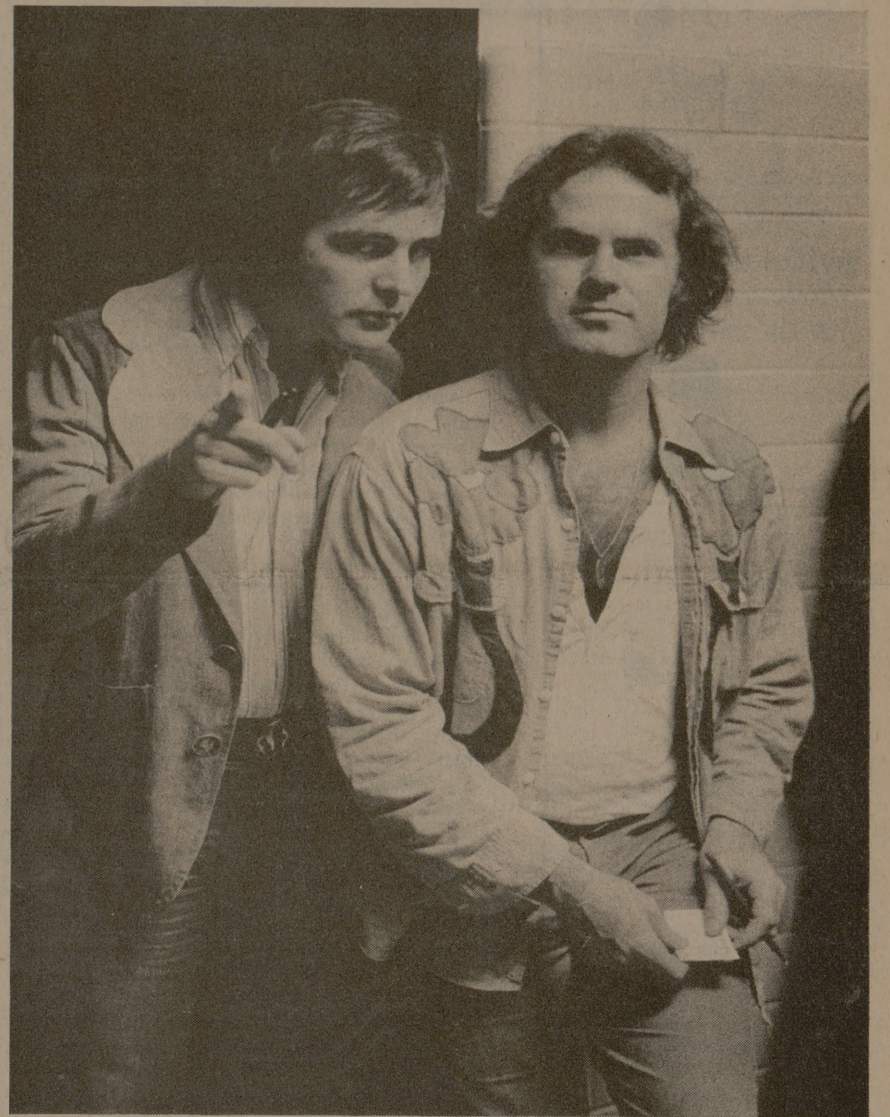
Grades, time expenditures and withdrawing from the university were cited as reasons for resignation. There is also a position with the Radio Board open with only one applicant.

Raj Kent said he would be presenting to the College deans the reasoning behind this year's professor evaluations. He also suggested that a financial incentive be introduced for scholastic endeavor and added to the outstanding student award entitled the Gathwright Award.

Dunn suggested that the executives re-evaluate their goals and priorities so a spring-planning session might be held before bonfire.

Ward said two students had been invited to serve on the College Station's physical development committee. She also said that action to extend liquor sales to 2 a. m. on the weekend was being formulated.

Duane Thompson, vp of rules and regulations, announced a meeting to consider Confidence-No confidence voting for Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the conference room in room 216 of the MSC.



Loggins and Stafford

Jim Stafford (left) and Dave Loggins sign autographs and stare in amazement at the Aggies back-

stage after their concert last Friday night. See story page 4.

Staff Photo by Jack Holm

Betty Ford's comments seen as campaign asset

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Ford's political advisers are about to suggest a bigger 1976 campaign role for Betty Ford than originally had been anticipated.

The First Lady, whose outspoken comments originally were viewed with trepidation even by the President, is now proving to be a heroine in the public opinion polls.

One of the President's top-ranking White House aides confides that "from the polls we've seen, the conclusion is that Betty and the kids are a distinct plus for the President."

It also was learned that officials of the Ford campaign committee, after doing some of their own polling, expect to bring up with the President the possibility that Mrs. Ford should take an active part in the

campaign.

That decision was disclosed after the latest Harris poll reported Monday that Mrs. Ford is winning overwhelming approval for her outspoken comments over the last year on women's rights and the way she would handle the situation if her daughter, Susan, were having a love affair.

The Harris poll came to the conclusion that Mrs. Ford "is supported most by those segments of the public who are least likely to back her husband in the 1976 election," including the "younger and independent elements in the electorate."

The Harris organization said a survey of 1,519 adults nationwide showed that a 60 to 27 per cent majority agreed with Mrs. Ford when she said she "would not be surprised if her daughter had an affair."



Flag Avenue

Staff photo by Steve Goble

When the Avenue of Flags first flew over Main Drive, it was the dubious honor of several cadet units to awaken early Saturday mornings of home games and put out the flags. The upperclassmen frequently noted as their units ran down the street planting

flags, that the job could be more efficiently handled by two maintenance workers in a pickup. The corps now has a pickup although they still staff the work. Putting out the flags are Alex Zamarripa (left) and Gary Saathoff, both of Squadron Nine.

Campus

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT TICKET ALLOCATION REFERENDUM will continue through tomorrow. Polling places are the MSC, the Commons and Old Exchange Store.

The ticket referendum reads: This is a binding referendum. Which football allocation system do you prefer:

The present system (random selection with seniority)
Last year's system (First come, first served with seniority)

Please note: Do not take into account the number of tickets a party can request for a game. This can be modified under either system.

This portion is non-binding:
Do you wish to keep the seniority system?
What is the number of tickets which should be allocated to any group: Home games, Away games 2,4,6,10,20

RICE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS have informed Texas A&M University that the Rice band does not have the Aggies in its game plan Saturday.

Dr. John J. Koldus III, Texas A&M vice president for student services, said key representatives at both schools are working to avoid a repeat of the incident two years ago when the Rice band included in its presentation material which some Texas A&M students found insulting.

Texas

THE COLLEGE STATION UNITED WAY reports that it has reached 84.4 per cent of its goal of \$35,000 for this year.

Spokesmen for the Bryan-Brazos County United Way say they have reached 89.4 per cent of its \$135,925 goal.

Both fund drives serve about 15 different charity agencies in the area.

GOVERNOR DOLPH BRISCOE will not be required to testify in the funds misapplication trial of Austin lawyer and former milk industry lobbyist Jake Jacobson.

State District Court Judge Curt F. Steib overruled a motion yesterday that would have required Briscoe to appear as a witness in the trial, which is scheduled to begin in San Angelo Jan. 12.

WITNESSES FROM FIVE SOUTHWESTERN STATES will tell Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and a squad of high administration officials today what they think is wrong with the nation's domestic policies.

The White House forum, one of six throughout the nation, will furnish fuel for President Ford's state of the union message, Rockefeller's aides said.

CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY HOUSTON has recorded its first human case of Western equine encephalitis in more than 10 years.

They also announced yesterday four more confirmed cases of St. Louis en-

cephalitis and seven additional suspected cases, including one death.

Both are mosquito-borne diseases. Usually the Western equine affects only horses and a check of city health records showed no human cases confirmed of this strain in more than a decade.

THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL of State, District Court Judge O. P. Carillo apparently will begin on November 18, without further postponements.

THE THREE-DAY "WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE" CONFERENCE will conclude today with an address by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas.

Yesterday, Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Tex., told the conference that women must think they are equal before men will accept them as equal.

CONVICTED MURDERER EDWARD ELDON CORLEY, was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the murder of Vicki Lynn Morris after a state district court jury deliberated in Waco yesterday evening for one hour and 15 minutes.

National

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ said in Houston yesterday that a record corn crop could mean a drop in meat prices a year from now but is expected to have little or no impact on food prices the next six months.

GOVERNOR HUGH CAREY OF NEW YORK yesterday proposed new state and city taxes and help from banks and the federal government to keep New York City from default and to stabilize the state's own shaky finances.

Meanwhile, Deputy White House Press Secretary William Greener repeated President Ford's promise to veto what the President has termed a "bail-out" of New York City.

FORMER ASTRONAUT ALAN B. SHEPARD and major league baseball figures Bob and Ken Aspromonte are among 14 persons awarded seven new Coors Beer distributorships in southeastern Texas, the company has announced.

Coors markets beer in 11 western states and last August began an expansion in the Houston and Beaumont areas.

JOSEPH QUINLAN is considering taking to a higher court his fight to let his daughter, Karen Anne, die with dignity.

Superior Court Judge Robert Muir Jr. ruled yesterday that the respirator that has kept Karen alive since she slipped into a coma April 15 must not be disconnected.

"There is no Constitutional right to die that can be asserted by a parent for his incompetent adult child," he said.

Quinlan said he is still weighing whether to appeal the decision because he had to consider his other two children.

