

# The Battalion

THE FORECAST for Thursday and Friday is mostly cloudy and mild. The high both days will be 79. Winds from the south will be 7-10 mph.

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## Comparisons made

# Average GPR is 2.56

The average Texas A&M undergraduate's GPR last semester was a 2.56, according to statistics released this week by the Office of Student Affairs.

This year grades were compiled by computer and a comparison was made between men and women, on and off-campus students, civilians and corps members. Grades were also averaged according to students' ages, classifications and dormitories.

"In the past it was done by hand for the president halls on campus," said Ron Blatchley, Associate Director of Student Affairs.

Last semester's grade reports show women with an average grade point ratio of .66 and men with a GPR of 2.52.

On-campus students earned an average 2.60 while off-campus students averaged 2.54.

The statistics show the corps average for the fall semester is 2.24, and the civilian average 2.72.

The overall grade point ratio of each division was compiled, as well as the number of students in each category.

McLinn Hall ranked first among civilian dormitories with a 2.87 ratio, while Spence Hall came in last with an average of 2.40. In the corps area, Dorm 3 was first in

scholastic achievement with a GPR of 2.44, and Dorm 1, which houses W-1 and 3 floors

of civilian women, was in eleventh place with 1.87. Several corps outfits have moved since last semester, however.

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### GRADE POINT STATISTICS

Group	Division	Fall '75 GPR	Overall GPR	Number of Students	
Age	16	2.21	2.39	9	
	17	2.79	2.79	86	
	18	2.56	2.58	3,492	
	19	2.51	2.60	4,408	
	20	2.54	2.64	4,109	
	21	2.62	2.68	3,575	
	22	2.67	2.71	2,375	
	23	2.72	2.77	1,321	
	24	2.71	2.80	784	
	25	2.79	2.85	549	
Over 25	Other	2.76	2.92	2,990	
	Other	2.59	2.65	341	
Class	1(Fr.)				
	2(Soph.)				
	3(Jr.)				
	4(Sr.)	2.45	2.48	5,284	
	0(undergrad. spec. stud.)	2.62	2.70	4,959	
	6(grad. spec. stud.)	2.43	2.46	176	
	7(grad. masters)	3.00	3.14	1,965	
	8(grad. Phd)	2.72	3.00	941	
	Sex	Female	2.66	2.71	5,067
		Male	2.52	2.59	14,251
All on campus		2.60	2.68	7,834	
All off campus		2.54	2.59	12,573	
Corps of cadets		2.24	2.32	1,904	
Non-Corps on campus		2.72	2.79	5,930	
All undergraduates		2.56	2.62	20,318	

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Civilian Dorms GPR Rank	Fall '75 GPR	Overall GPR	Number of Students
1. McLinn	2.87	3.03	159
2. Fowler	2.86	2.89	284
3. Keathley	2.85	2.91	276
4. Moore	2.83	2.83	254
5. Aston	2.82	2.86	476
6. Davis-Gary	2.82	2.89	254
7. Mosher	2.76	2.76	654
8. Leggett	2.76	2.79	167
9. Krueger	2.74	2.80	475
10. Hughes	2.73	2.79	189
11. Hart	2.71	2.78	274
12. Schumacher	2.71	2.81	191
13. Walton	2.70	2.77	337
14. Moses	2.67	2.73	255
15. Crocker	2.66	2.73	254
16. Law	2.65	2.74	475
17. Dunn	2.64	2.75	207
18. Miller	2.62	2.67	134
19. Hotard	2.55	2.67	91
20. Utay	2.53	2.65	225
21. Puryear	2.51	2.63	200
22. Spence	2.40	2.48	67

Corps Dorms GPR Rank	Fall '75 GPR	Overall GPR	Number of Students
1. Dorm 3	2.44	2.55	147
2. Dorm 2	2.38	2.49	168
3. Dorm 5	2.30	2.34	200
4. Dorm 8	2.24	2.29	207
5. Dorm 4	2.23	2.30	190
6. Dorm 10	2.22	2.31	195
7. Dorm 11	2.21	2.35	196
8. Dorm 6	2.20	2.25	205
9. Dorm 7	2.19	2.24	189
10. Dorm 9	2.13	2.18	166
11. Dorm 1 (W-1)	1.87	1.99	41

# City bond election planned for spring

By LYNN ROSSI

A \$5 million city bond election for College Station is tentatively planned for this spring, said Gary Halter, chairman of the city council's Capital Improvements Committee.

The committee has not yet made any recommendations to the council concerning the bond issue because of the current public utilities controversy with Bryan, Halter said. The proposed issue would include sewer, water, and electrical system improvements, in the event the city council rejects the Bryan utility contract.

If the utilities contract is settled between the two cities, the portion of the bond issue dealing with the utility improvements would be deleted, Halter said.

The A&M Consolidated School Board is also discussing a proposed \$5 million bond

Other proposals are:

- One providing for street signals, bike paths, and city street extensions. This would cost \$302,000.
- Bee Creek Park improvements, including tennis courts, baseball diamond, and bridges, would total \$144,000.
- A proposal to improve Oaks Park on Stallings St. would cost \$57,000. Halter said those improvements are now being reevaluated.
- Anderson Street Park improvements would total \$35,000. Improvements for Thomas Park, including a swimming pool and tennis courts, are estimated at \$130,000.
- The Wayne Smith Park proposal includes a parking lot, fencing and other im-

provements. Its cost would be \$20,000.

● The last proposal on the bond issue is a \$400,000 fund that would enable the city to acquire more parkland.

City Manager North Bardell said the committee will present its recommendations to the council. The council in turn will decide which proposals should be placed on the ballot. The council also will schedule an election date for the issue. This will probably be in late April or early May, Halter said.

"We don't want to rush into this," Halter said. "We want everyone to know what the needs are and what the committee's thinking is. In 1969 we built a new city hall. The people have a right to know why we need to expand it seven years later."

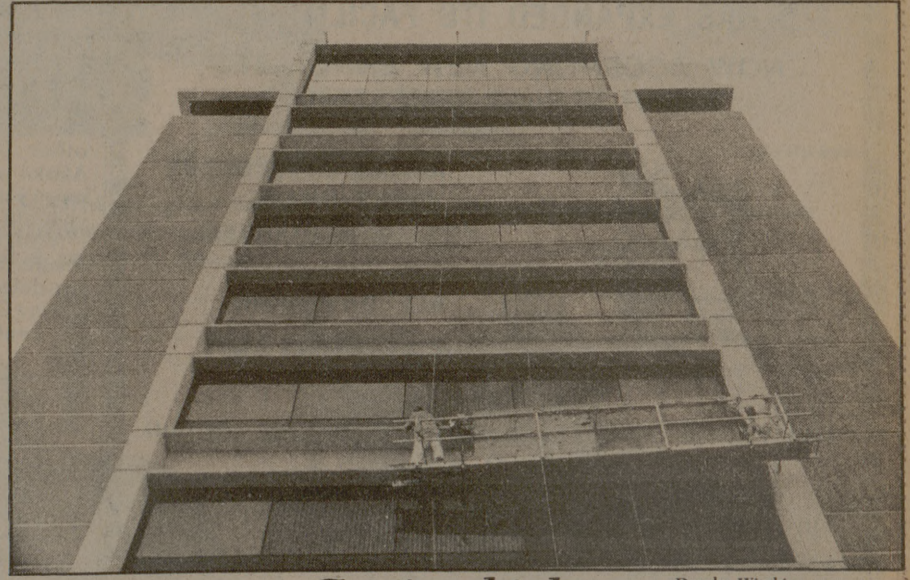
The College Station City Council will meet tonight at 7 in the city hall.

issue for the construction of an elementary school and additions to existing school facilities. The school issue is now being studied by the board's Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Councilman Halter said his improvements committee plans to recommend to the council that ten proposals be placed on the city bond issue ballot. Voters would then be able to vote on each proposal separately, a was the case in last November's state constitution referendum.

One proposal would include the drilling of a 2-million-gallon-a-day water well. Sewer, water and electrical distribution for the existing utility system would also be improved under the projected \$2.7 million proposal.

Another proposal provides for the expansion of the city hall, police station, fire station, and warehouse. These improvements would cost about \$1.1 million, Halter said.



Getting high

The Rudder Tower has been getting some periodic exterior maintenance lately. These workmen are working their way down the east face of the building caulking the windows.

## Gramm: Bentsen race hurt

Poor showings in the Mississippi and Oklahoma presidential caucuses will hurt Lloyd Bentsen's bid for a second term as U.S. Senator, one of his opponents said yesterday.

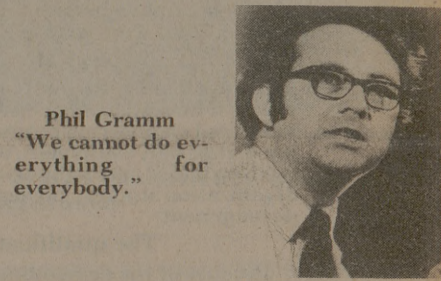
Speaking before about 70 persons at the Captain's Table restaurant in Bryan, Senatorial candidate Phil Gramm noted that Bentsen has been working toward the Presidency for three years. "I don't think a man can take the beating as he's taken and not hurt him in his run for the Senate," Gramm said.

Bentsen announced Tuesday that he was dropping out of the Presidential race to devote full time to his campaign for the Senate.

Gramm, a 33-year-old Texas A&M economics professor on leave-of-absence, immediately launched into his three main campaign issues: inflation, unemployment and the energy crisis.

Gramm blamed inflation on four causes: the government's failure to increase taxes, special interest groups that want grandiose projects at home but refuse to pay for them, people on welfare, and "the giant corporations that want to get on welfare."

He singled out the government bail-outs of New York City, Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and Penn Central as cases of corporate welfare. He said he did not consider the oil



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depletion allowance to be a case of government subsidy.

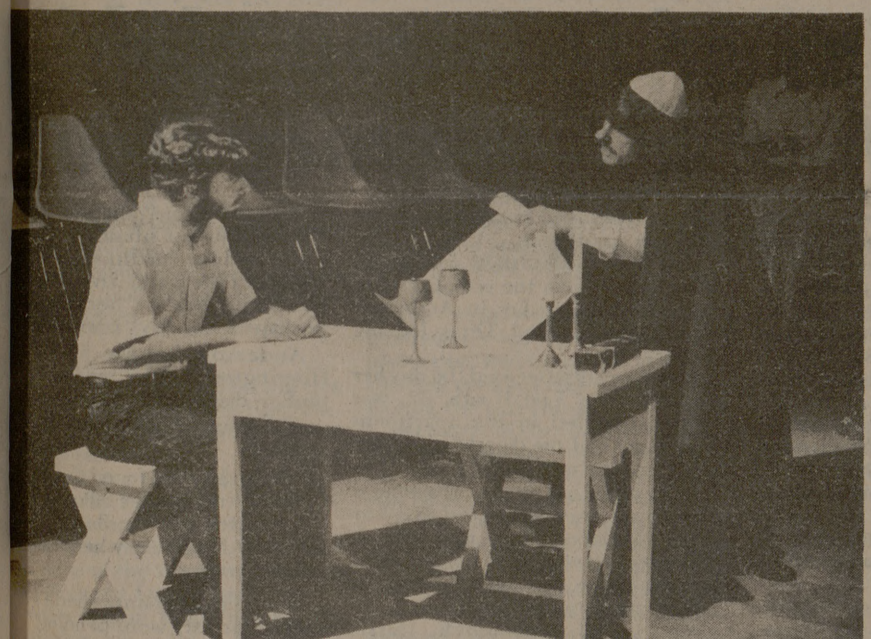
"We're going to stop inflation only when we put the federal government on a budget like everybody else," Gramm said. "We cannot do everything for everybody."

Gramm said he encourages employment in the private sector as opposed to placing persons on the federal payroll.

He suggested the following as solutions to the energy problem: increase domestic production of energy resources, deregulate natural gas prices on interstate sales, establish a national energy program.

The Democratic candidate said detente has been an international policy of concession and should be stopped.

"Looking at our foreign policy in terms of what we have given relative to what we have gained, detente has been a very poor policy," Gramm said.



Jacob and the Indians

David McCarroll

Leslie Denten portrays Jacob and Don Campbell is a Rabbi in the StageCenter production of Stephen Vincent Benet's Jacob and the Indians. The production, which starts tonight at 8 at StageCenter, is part of a series.

## Seven Duval officials arrested by Rangers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO, Tex. — Seven persons, including members of the politically powerful Carrillo family, former and current county officials and a bank president have been arrested here following a barrage of indictments issued by a grand jury investigating official corruption.

The seven were rounded up Wednesday by Texas Rangers who fanned out in this South Texas county armed with arrest warrants issued by District Court Judge Darrell Hester of Brownsville. All seven were booked and then released after posting a total of \$242,500 in bonds.

One person named in the 35 indictments as not immediately arrested and the ninth person named, former Duval County judge

Archer Parr, is currently serving a ten-year prison term in the federal penitentiary at Marion, Ill., on a perjury conviction.

The arrests were the culmination of more than a year of work in this county by a special task force sent by the Texas Attorney General's office. Most of the cases had been prepared last year, but were held back by the investigators waiting for the expiration of the term of a grand jury which had been appointed by a judge who was one of those indicted. The cases were taken to a new grand jury last week.

Those indicted were: — B.O. Goldthorn, president of the First State Bank of San Diego, named in five indictments accusing him of felony (See Indictments, page 5)

# First Northgate resembled Old West

By JAMIE AITKEN

For many years there was no Northgate at Texas A&M. Thirty classes were graduated before the first building appeared beyond the original north wall.

The small agricultural college was virtually isolated except for the railroad west of campus. Bryan was still "a spell down the road," even by horseback.

Boyet's Store was the first commercial business of Northgate. It sold groceries and general merchandise and through the years evolved into what is now Charlie's Grocery.

W. C. Boyett, proprietor of the store, owned most of the land north of campus. When the Post Office opened in his building he took over as postmaster for the area.

The row of shops that today forms Northgate began to take shape in the 1920s. Cafes, tailor shops, and photo supply stores occupied buildings adjacent to Boyett's Store from 1920 to 1927.

Commercial photography came to A&M in the form of a Czechoslovakian immigrant, Joe Sosolik. In 1929 Sosolik set up his photo shop in a building owned by E. J. Kyle, dean of agriculture, at the site now occupied by Loupot's Bookstore.

Shortly afterwards, Jeff Casey and Bill Sparks bought some real estate at the corner across from Sosolik's new studio and erected a two-story brick building. The building still stands today as the oldest structure at Northgate. Casey and Sparks soon established the Aggie Land Pharmacy where Campus Photo Center now operates. A Mrs. Wright ran a board-

ing house upstairs.

Next door to Sosolik's studio was Youngblood's Cleaners. Mrs. Parkhill's Cafe and a variety store filled the vacancies down to Boyett's Store. Except for Aggie Land Pharmacy, Northgate could have been a picture out of the old west; with planked walkways elevated above the mud of the unpaved road. The wooden buildings were built with high facades.

In 1929 the Northgate of the old west burned. A fire in Youngblood's Cleaners destroyed that building, Sosolik's new studio and Mrs. Parkhill's Cafe. Youngblood moved to a new addition of shops which opened along College Main. Sosolik moved as well, settling a block north of his burned-out shop. University Studio operates in the same building today.

Following the fire Kyle constructed a new brick building on the

site of Sosolik's old shop and opened a pharmacy and cafe. In 1930, Zubik's Uniform Tailor Shop opened on College Main and Joseph Holick began shoe repair for the first time at Northgate.

A few of the Northgate merchants, including Sosolik and Holick, had started their businesses years earlier on campus. In 1928, A&M President T. O. Walton ordered all commercial businesses off campus.

In the early 1930s, C. W. Lipscomb, the pharmacist at Aggie Land Pharmacy, bought Dean Kyle's building and opened his own drugstore.

Northgate developed steadily through the remaining years, with the incorporation of College Station in 1938. Northgate became the downtown area and saw the construction of numerous churches and a city hall.

The year 1940 found Loupot's in a

seven-foot-wide shop next to Boyett's Store. Boyett's did not become Charlie's Grocery until 1949. The infamous Aggie Den followed soon after. Only in recent years has Loupot's occupied the Lipscomb building.

The old trolley that used to connect College Station and Bryan has long since passed into history. There are no more gates at Northgate, and besides, the last of the armed guards graduated years ago.



Northgate

Photo Courtesy of University Studio

This 1921 photograph shows the Northgate commercial district, as seen through the old north gates to campus.

## Northgate merchants aid area

The organization is spearheaded by a photographer. Its vice-president is the man behind the counter at University Cleaners and laundry. The group's secretary-treasurer runs News Office Supply.

Jim Berry, Bernie Gessner, and Marlow Harvey are the officers of the Northgate Merchants Association (NMA).

Funded to provide a common ground for discussion of mutual problems and plans, the NMA has been successful in improving parking, university relations, promotion, advertising, appearance and maintenance in the Northgate area.

Berry, a photographer for University Studio, became acting head of the NMA last April after he and other concerned merchants met to discuss parking problems.

"Last year the parking problem was atrocious," explained Gessner, vice-president of NMA and owner of University Cleaners. "The two-hour zone was not patrolled well. People

would park their cars outside a business and leave them for the rest of the day."

Noticeable changes resulted from NMA action. Two-hour parking was reduced to one hour and old parking spaces at street corners were replaced with bright yellow "no parking" stripes.

Other problems the NMA has encountered center around city ordinances. A new sign ordinance would have made almost every sign along the streets of Northgate illegal had it been in effect while the shops were going up.

"All signs have to be 18 feet from the curb," Berry said. "That would put my sign about where I'm standing."

"We're interested in maintenance and appearance. But if those signs are to be painted, they would have to be done where they're due. If they come down, they're down for good," Berry said.

— Jamie Aitken