

Prairie View students get voting rights

Associated Press
AUSTIN - "For the past 10 years, students at Prairie View A&M have been seeking the right to vote. After

two unsuccessful law suits and constant turmoil, the right now seems to have been secured. Students at Prairie View A&M were the only

group in the state to be so denied by county officials," said Rep. Anthony Hall of Houston. Officials in Waller County have

agreed to encourage voter registration by students of predominantly black Prairie View A&M, heading off what Secretary of State Mark White called a "potentially volatile situation."

White told a news conference Thursday that the county will hire two assistant registrars and station them at the campus.

White went to the county Wednesday to look into complaints that tax Assessor-Collector LeRoy E. Symm was refusing to appoint roving voter registrars and was applying overly stringent residence standards.

Complaints had been raised by two black legislators, Reps. Paul Ragsdale of Dallas and Hall of Houston.

White said the students will not be asked such questions as where they have registered their cars. State-

ments that they reside in the county will be taken at face value unless a student volunteers information that would contradict such a statement, White said.

He said Symm had had bad experiences with roving deputies and has a legal right not to appoint any if he prefers to use county employes.

The registrars will be taking applications from students who wish to register in Waller or in any county in the state. Those students who wish to register in a county other than Waller will have their applications forwarded to the appropriate registrar in the state," White said.

He predicted that Prairie View will have "the highest ratio of registered voters of any school in the United States."

Hall said the Waller County action "brings to a close one of the most outrageous chapters in Texas civil rights history."

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FRIDAY

The A&M Women's Social Club meets at 9:30 a.m. in MSC 201.

Aggie Cinema presents "Chinatown" at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

A biochemistry seminar will feature Dr. Chan Benedict of the Plant Sciences Department. He will speak at 4 p.m. in Heep Building 114.

SATURDAY

The Class of 1975 presents its sophomore ball at 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom.

Aggie Cinema presents "Chinatown" at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Eckanker Total Awareness will meet at 7:30 in Harrington 100.

SUNDAY

Gromets meets at 11 a.m. in MSC 140.

The Chess Committee meets at 11 a.m. in MSC 212.

The Texas Water Utilities Board meets at 6 p.m. in Rudder 601.

The A&M Wheelmen will leave Rudder Fountain on a medium-paced bike ride at 2 p.m.

Muslim Students Assoc. will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower 302.

MONDAY

Applications for Fish Camp Counselors will be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in SPO 216, MSC. Applications can be made until Friday.

New Braunfels HTC will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Rudder Theatre Complex. Aggie-land pictures will be taken.

TUESDAY

A&M Wheelmen will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder 302.

Nixon's cruise is applauded

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KWEILIN, China - Richard Nixon, tourist, cruised 50 miles the Li river today past spectacular mountains that he repeatedly compared to pyramids.

The former president suggested to the Chinese officials escorting him and his wife, Pat, that they put out a guidebook for the scenic area and added: "And don't forget I was the first to call them the pyramid hills. When people come to Kweilin, you can say, 'We have our pyramids just like Egypt and Mexico.'"

The Chinese nodded approvingly. The mountains along the Li have been painted for centuries by Chinese artists, and the former president commented: "You can really see why the Chinese painters came here the way they did."

"It's just like Yosemite except for the snow in winter," said the visitor from California.

An American reporter accompanying Nixon again asked him for comment on the criticism in the United States of his trip. At first he seemed to ignore the question, as he had before, but then he said, "Not right now."

There was no indication, however, when he might comment.

In Washington, President Ford said Thursday that the Nixon trip "probably was harmful" to Ford's cause in the New Hampshire primary. And Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said he did not expect to see his former boss when Kissinger goes to California this weekend to join his wife, who is recuperating from an operation.

Sailing down the river in a shallow-draft barge towed by a motorized vessel, the Nixons passed

scattered groups of fishermen in sampans and farmers in the fields who applauded as they went by.

The river journey ended after six hours in the town of Yangshuo, and the Nixons returned to Kweilin for an evening program of songs and dances.

Tomorrow they go to Canton, the largest city in south China. There

they will visit a commune and the hot springs.

The Nixons leave Canton for home on Sunday, flying by special Chinese plane via Tokyo and Anchorage, Alaska.

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Film series to be offered

Students for Responsible Expression will present a four-week film series beginning March 4. Titles and times will be announced. Admission is free.

Terry Hunt Tooley, chairman of the organization, said student response after the speech by American Indian Movement infiltrator Douglas Durham has been substantial. Another speaker is tentatively scheduled.

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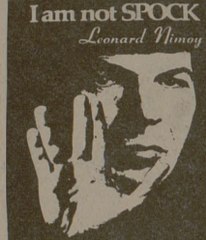
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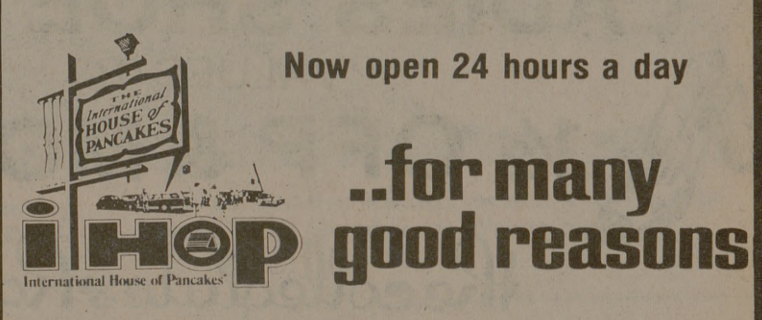
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Ross Volunteers to lead parade
The Ross Volunteers will mark their Silver Anniversary when they lead the King Rex parade at Mardi Gras this year.
Their appearance on Tuesday, March 2, will be the RV's 25th consecutive time to lead the parade.
The King Rex parade, traditionally the last one of Mardi Gras, has a 10 mile route.
In addition to the Ross Volunteers, photographers, public relations agents and advisers will make the trip.
— Linda Gilliam