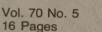
#### The weather

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Fair to partly cloudy, high in low 30s. Low tonight in low 70s. In-greasing cloudiness tomorrow, high the upper 80s. Precipitation probability 10 per cent today, 30 per cent tomorrow

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# Ward system suit challenged **Intervention suit filed**

#### **By JAMIE AITKEN**

Battalion City Editor Three Texas A&M students met last ght with a Bryan lawyer to discuss dense tactics for tomorrow's ward system tion in 85th District Court.

The students, Jerri Ward, Mary Ellen artin and Robert Harvey, conferred with Cent Caperton to organize their attempt to have the ward system upheld in College

The ward system was presented as a ter amendment on an April 3, 1976 ballot. The amendment was passed by a arrow margin, and dispute soon arose wer the clarity of the proposal on the bal-nt. Many voters claimed that the ballot was iguous and that it had caused them to te incorrectly

A petition was filed asking for action to taken to invalidate the election. A Sept. court date was set for a ruling on the

The students said they first met with Caperton last Friday to form some defense the ward system.

The students, members of A&M's Stu-dent Government, said their involvement in the ward system case is not on behalf of or funded by SG, Harvey noted. However, student senators voted in the spring to en-

dorse the ward system. In a meeting with presiding Judge W.C. Davis, the students said they were told to enter a plea of intervention for the right to present their support for the ward system n court.

Under the counsel of Caperton, a two-page letter was submitted Friday at the county courthouse. The letter was prefaced with the statement: "It is our opinion that the charter revision election of the City of College Station held on April 3, 1976, relating to the ward system, is valid and should be upheld by the court."

The letter went on to contest the plaintiff's contentions that the ballot was ambiguous, with poor instructions, and in violation of Section 149 of the city charter. Section 149 states that only one substantive change may be included on the ballot. An

article included on the ballot affecting the choosing of a mayor is held by the plaintiff as a substantive change in addition to the ward proposal.

The plaintiff in the case is listed as D.A. Anderson. Anderson headed the list of names on the petition contesting the ward system

The students said they began their defense proceedings when they foresaw little or no defense for the ward system.

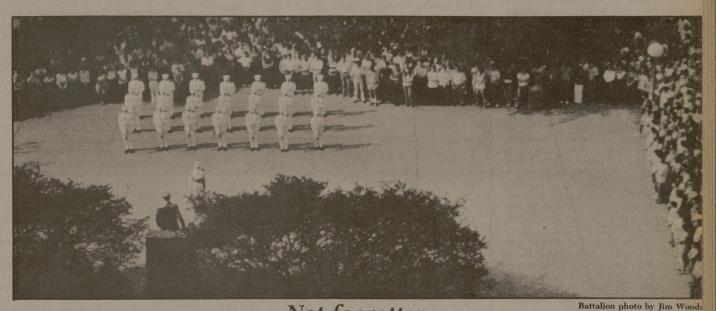
'Our involvement is very informal,' Harvey said.

The three did not yet know whether they would present their own defense or if Caperton would act in their behalf. They indicated that the matter may be

settled quickly in their favor, reporting that the burden of proof lay with Anderson. "I think their (the petitioners) grounds are completely frivolous," Martin re-marked. She said the results of the June 29

straw vote were irrelevant to the case, and

that she hoped to see those results dis-allowed in the proceedings.



#### Not forgotten

Eight deceased Aggies were honored last night during the traditional Aggie ceremony of Silver Taps. The large crowd gathered under a full moon to pay tribute to their comrades. The Aggies recognized last night were: James G. Derrock, 61; Dr.

J. A. Strickland, 44; Dr. Bryant F. Cobb. III, 40; John Mallory Davis, 32; Daniel E. Copp, 22; Susan M. Zenner, 20; Glen A. Burns, 20; Catherine B. Wagner, 19. This picture was possible with the bright moon and a time exposure.

# Kissinger ready for talks Two persons die in Johannesburg fire

Victims of Zulu attacks in the Soweto nship set fire to an eight-block hostel or Zulu migrant workers early today, and o charred bodies were found in the

Eyewitnesses said blacks from areas in big ghetto south of Johannesburg, th Africa, who had been targets of Zulu tacks two weeks ago attacked the zimhlope hostel with gasoline bombs. It used 11,000 Zulu bachelors.

he report raised fears that the Zulus, bers of South Africa's largest and most like tribe, would retaliate and set off the round of violence and bloodletting Soweto, where the country's black upaval began in mid-June. At least 306 persons—all but three of

m black—have been killed since then. Two weeks ago, a clash between Zulu orkers and black mlitants trying to enorce an antigovernment work boycott ouched off a series of attacks and counerattacks between the Zulus and perma-ent Soweto residents in which 35 persons ere killed

#### More violence reported

More violence also was reported in Cape wn, on the southwest coast, where olice killed four "coloreds," as persons of inted race are called South Africa, during

hours of rioting Tuesday. day, Cape Town police fired tear gas

The police fought rioting coloreds through Cape Town on Tuesday. They said that in addition to the four dead, scores of persons, including some whites, were wounded or cut by flying glass. They said they arrested a large number of people, including two whites.

The rioting stemmed from a demonstration by colored students against a govern-ment order closing all colored high schools

Police said quiet was restored in downtown Cape Town late Tuesday night, byt they reported widespread arson in the colored township of Ravensmead and nearby areas.

Kissinger not optimistic Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger appears ready to embark on a round of African shuttle diplomacy that he considers to have no better than a 50 per cent chance of heading off race war in southern Africa. Kissinger is to report to President Ford today on his weekend talks in Switzerland with South African Prime Minister John Vorster and is expected to discuss plans for a trip to Africa.

Kissinger yesterday said that Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere has invited him to come to Africa as soon as possible. Kis-singer said he would hold off a final decision

## **U.S.** prisoners in Mexican jails Japan says begin protest, hunger strike

#### **Associated Press**

MEXICO CITY — American prisoners in two Mexico City jails began a hunger strike Tuesday as federal prison authorities predicted proposed legislation would re-

sult in the release of hundreds of Americans held on drug-related charges. The prison authorities said only 52 men,

including two Canadians, participated in the strike, which was called to protest alleged delays by the United States in responding to a Mexican prisoner exchange proposal

Sergio Garcia Ramirea, deputy secretary of government and head of the federal pris-ons, said 13 prisoners quit eating at Re-clusorio Norte and 39 inmates joined the strike at Reclusorio Oriente.

The two new prisons opened about a month ago after the government closed its ancient Lecumberri Prison.

Garcia Ramirez said none of the prison-ers in the women's jail or the other men's facility in Mexico City had joined the strike

President Luis Echeverria sent to Congress this week two reform measures which would affect the plight of the Americans jailed in Mexico.

One would amend the Constitution to allow the president to sign prisoner exchange agreements with foreign govern-

## **Consol offers**

ments. The other would restore the right of parole to drug offenders.

Legislation passed in 1971 prohibited parole for inmates held on drug-related charges. There are an estimated 572 Americans in

Mexican prisons, most of them accused of importing cocaine or possessing marijuana. Garcia Ramirez said hundreds of Ameri-cans would be eligible when congress pas-

sed the legislation. The measure is virtually assured of congressional approval. The federal prison director said 30 social

workers were sent to the prisons Monday can government had shown a total lack of to begin interviewing prisoners and reviewing their files to determine who would be eligible for parole.

## Echeverria rips up poster at fair

Associated Press SAN ANTONIO – President Luis Echeverria of Mexico says he tore up a protest poster waved in front of him by a Mexican-American activist because he

found it "insulting. In a brief flash of anger last night, the Mexican president, here to open the Mexican Trade Fair, grabbed a poster calling for 'freedom for political prisoners," tore it in

half and threw it back at the protestor. The incident lasted only a few seconds, witnesses said. U.S. Secret Service agents, who helped guard Echeverria, refused to

rushed the president into the hotel as a handful of other demonstrators continued to wave posters calling for the release of

very content," knowing they may be re-leased soon, he said.

was in protest against the U.S. govern-

Garcia Ramirez said the hunger strike

He quoted from a letter he said he had

received from James Dean Brown, 34, of

San Francisco, Calif., a strike organizer at Reclusorio Notre who said last week the Americans would quit eating until they were returned to the United States.

He quoted Brown as saying the Ameri-

concern for the prisoners and demanding

"that the government initiate action to re-

patriate their citizens to American soil.'

"political prisoners." The Mexican government maintains that there are no political prisoners in the coun-try. Witnesses said Echeverria hurled the poster back at the protestor and called him 'little Fascist.'

Later Echeverria told Charles O. Kilpatrick, publisher of the San Antonio Express and News, "Yes, I tore up the sign because I found the lettering on it very insulting." There were no arrests following the inci-

## Soviet pilot given asylun "I believe it would be fair to say they are

#### By PHIL BROWN

Associated Press TOKYO — The Soviet air force pilot who landed his MIG25 fighter jet in northerr Japan will leave for the United States in a day or two unless some unexpected development delays his departure, a Foreigr Ministry spokesman said today.

The flier, Lt. Viktor I. Belenko, 29, told police after his surprise landing Monday that he wanted asylum in the United States.

The U.S. Embassy declined to comment, but White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen told reporters in Washington "If the pilot requests asylum in the United States, I'm sure he will be welcomed

here." Washington sources reported that U.S experts were making a thorough examina tion of Belenko's plane, but the Japanese spokesman denied this.

"As far as I know, no foreigners have touched the aircraft," he said.

The Soviet Embassy said it lodged "more than five protests" because the Japaness government would not let it see Belenko. The Soviet Union demanded that both the pilot and the plane be returned. The Japanese Foreign Ministry said the Sovie Erchergie regent to interview Belenko Embassy's request to interview Belenke had been denied, and the government tool the "humanitarian view" that his reques for asylum should be honored.

erse colored youths who set up madblocks in one district and were stoning ars. Other police were stoned as they were up a crowd looting a shop.

on going until he receives a report from his top aide on African affairs, William E. Schaufele Jr. A spokesman for Nyerere insisted that Kissinger had invited himself.



With only 8 days of classes under their belt, many Aggies have.

already lost many hours of rest. For some, the pace will slow. For

others, activity will seem to decrease as their bodies become accus-

tomed to a rigorous schedule. And alas, there are those who never

give their body enough time to make the first adjustment before

another load is taxed. . . Let's hope the pace is slowing for this coed.

## **200** community

## fall courses

Approximately 200 activities will be offered during the fall session of the A&M Consolidated Community Education Prog-

ram. Charles Greenawalt, community educa-tion coordinator, said activities include continuing and remedial education for adults, cultural enrichment and recreational classes for all citizens, and the use of school buildings by all groups in the community

Activities range from G.E.D. courses to belly dancing classes, Greenawalt said. We have an increasing number of women taking plumbing, home maintenance and auto mechanics," he continued. "Last year one woman even did a complete brake job on her car.

Registration begins the week of Sept. 13. A schedule of classes is available at the community education office, 1300 Jersey St., College Station. To register, Greenawalt said to check the schedule and report to the designated school at the time the class is scheduled to meet. Classes begin Sept. 20 and last eight weeks. The cost of tuition is \$5 to \$24 a course.

Community education is self-supporting. Teacher salaries, utility bills, and building director salaries come directly from tuition fees.

Community education involves schools, churches, civic clubs, businesses, industry and government. Greenawalt said Texas A&M students and professors' wives teach and attend classes. He said participation in these activities gives university students a chance to get away from academic studies and gives wives a chance to get out of the house. "They are doing something for plea-sure," he added.

Greenawalt said that anyone interested in teaching a community education class should come by his office and fill out an application. He said a desire to share know-ledge is the only requirement. Teachers are paid \$5 an hour. The spring schedule is being made now so prospective teachers should contact the office as soon as possi-

The goal of community education is to "close the gap between school and com-munity," Greenawalt said. "Schools belong to the people; they pay the taxes so they should be able to use the facilities."

More than 7,200 persons enrolled in classes last year and 8,500 to 9,500 are expected to participate in the 1976-77 progMexican secret service men

## Ford stays home

# **Demonstrators** dog Carter

#### **Associated Press**

While President Ford campaigns from the security of the White House, Jimmy Carter is out pressing the flesh. It seems that meeting the public has more hazards. Campaigning through the Northeast on

Tuesday, Carter said he would have fired FBI director Clarence Kelley and specu-lated that cheating by Richard Nixon and other Washington big shots encourages crime

But for a group of angry demonstrators in Pennsylvania the big issue was abortion and they were noisy about it. Carter met the demonstrators as he ar-

rived Tuesday night in Scranton, Pa. They lined the route Carter took from the airport to his hotel, waving antiabortion signs and shouting at the candidate.

And they mingled with Carter suppor-ters at the hotel as the candidate arrived, making a throng estimated by police at 1,000 persons, with one side shouting "We want Carter" and the other chanting "Life, life, life.

Meanwhile, President Ford remained in Washington, making some unusual appearances designed to make use of the White House as a backdrop for what his campaigners hope will show him to be working instead of campaigning.

Carter's running mate, Sen. Walter Mondale, said Ford was "practicing being president" and is "failing to take his cam-paign to the people." Carter, faced with the crowd outside his hotel Tuesday night, first tried to greet supporters and shake hands. But in the crush of bodies and the din of the conflicting shouts, Secret Service agents circled the candidate and hustled him into the hotel.

Carter was not struck or injured and did not appear shaken by the incident. Inside the hotel, he smiled and waved to people in the lobby. Demonstrators outside the hotel said they opposed Carter's stand on abortion. Carter opposes a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion, although he says he personally is against abortion. He is running on a party platform that says it recognizes religious and ethical con-cerns over abortion, but opposes a con-

stitutional amendment. Earlier the former Georgia governor said if he were president he would have fired

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, who received gifts from subordinates and \$355 worth of government-supplied window de-

But asked if he will fire Kelley if elected president, Carter replied, "I will cross that bridge if I come to it.

"When people throughout the country, particularly young people, see Richard Nixon cheating, lying, leaving the highest office in disgrace . . . when you see the head of the FBI break a little law and stay there, it gives everybody the sense that crime must be okay.

He said people ask themselves, "If big shots in Washington can get away with it, why can't I?"

Carter has said he does not plan to make Ford's pardon of Nixon an issue and he did not mention it.

#### Briscoe to aid Carter

In Texas, Gov. Dolph Briscoe last night reiterated that he will continue to campaign actively on behalf of Carter.

Briscoe, in San Antonio to attend a private state dinner for Mexican President Luvis Echeverria, told newsmen afterward that he would emphasize Carter's record as a former governor of Georgia.

"He supported fiscal responsibility while governor of Georgia, and this will be the chief issue of this campaign," Briscoe said. Former Texas Gov. John Connally, a Democrat who turned Republican, re-cently warned that Briscoe should back off on his support of Carter.

But Briscoe last night said that he is coninced that Carter "can bring fiscal responsibility to the federal government, and this is something that is badly needed.

He said Carter had introduced "zerobased" budgeting in Georgia and the concept has been adopted in Texas.

Nobody can carry a state for somebody else. He (Carter) makes the difference. The candidate makes a difference. He proved that in the Texas primary," Briscoe said. Briscoe went to the Democratic national

convention in July as an uncommitted de-legate but actively supported Carter. The recent Republican administration

has run up "the largest national deficit ir history," the Texas governor said. Meanwhile, Ford's stay-at-home cam

paign relied on a variety of events Tuesday aimed at showing him at work in the White House

He held formal Rose Garden ceremonie Tuesday before television cameras to sign two bills that ordinarily would have been signed with little fanfare.

One bill provides funds for victims of the collapse of Idaho's Teton Dam. White House aides made sure Idaho Sen. Franl Church, who had sought the Democratic presidential nomination, was positioned behind Ford as the television cameras re

corded the signing. The other bill signed by Ford was a rerui of a measure Ford vetoed earlier this year It adds \$240 million to authorized funding for federal day-care services for children

Later, Ford made an unusual appear ance in the White House press center to read a statement demanding "a full ac counting, without further delay, of al Americans missing in action in Vietman.

The statement was a reaction to a day-old development in which Vietnam listed a dead a dozen American airmen who had been listed as missing in action. Ford' statement was delivered at an hour when i would be fresh for the evening television news broadcasts.

In other political developments yester day:

REP. MORRIS K. UDALL, who sough the Democratic presidential nomination and House GOP Leader John Rhodes eas ily won renomination in their Arizona dis tricts.

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