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It's Dead Week. Either you're studying for the deluge of finals next week or you're having fun and waiting until next Sunday night to begin studying for that 8 a.m. final in chemistry. For dozens of cadets and civilians, yesterday was spent indulging

in a field of man-made mud. Under the supervision of Jerry Mainord, a full hour of mud and water slinging was enjoyed by students. Most had a good time, that is until they realized it meant an extra long shower to remove the rapidly hardening mud.

## U.S. agrees to let Vietnam into UN

By ARTHUR HIGBEE  
United Press International

PARIS — The United States has agreed to the admission of Vietnam to the United Nations and to the early establishment of diplomatic relations with the Hanoi Communist regime, Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Phan Hien announced today.

The announcement followed two days of diplomatic talks here between the two countries.

Phan Hien also said he had pledged that his government will speed up the search for American servicemen still missing in Vietnam.

Hien said he pressed for U.S. aid in postwar reconstruction and said talks will resume in Paris at the U.S. Embassy in Paris in about two weeks.

Hien said that during the talks he told U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard C. Holbrooke, "The United States is responsible for healing the wounds of war and helping to rebuild Vietnam."

"We have also demanded an immediate termination of the U.S. trade embargo," Hien said. But he did not claim that Holbrooke had made any commitments on either subject.

Speaking in Vietnamese through French and English interpreters Hien told a Vietnamese Embassy news conference "the United States delegation said the

United States will not oppose Vietnam's admission to the United Nations.

"In addition, both sides have agreed to achieve a speedy normalization of relations," he said.

The United States has twice vetoed Vietnam's admission to the United Nations.

Hien said, "The U.S. delegate had expressed his appreciation for the action of the Vietnamese authorities in gathering information on Americans missing in Vietnam."

"The Vietnamese delegate told him that thanks to the good will of the Vietnamese authorities, the latter will intensify their efforts to provide additional information on this matter."

Hien said the two sides agreed that their two days of talks in Paris were held in "an atmosphere of cordiality and frankness."

Our talks were constructive and useful," the 59-year-old Vietnamese diplomat said.

Asked whether more bodies of Americans missing in Vietnam have been discovered and whether Washington has been told so, Hien said that since the visit of a U.S. goodwill mission to Hanoi in March, "we have continued to give information on this matter through organs created for this purpose."

Pressed further, Hien said the United States has been informed about "two or three new cases." He did not reveal the identity of these Americans.

Asked whether he had given Holbrooke a specific figure on how much U.S. aid Hanoi wants, Hien said he has already discussed this with Leonard Woodcock, the U.S. labor leader who headed the goodwill mission to Hanoi.

## Senate meeting tonight

Ninety University committee chairmen will be appointed tonight at the regular meeting of the Student Senate in room 204, Harrington, at 7:30.

The chairmen will start their jobs next fall.

A resolution to provide mail boxes for students to use in communicating with

their senators will be presented by Allison King, vice-president of Rules and Regulations.

Funding for student activity cards and the appointment of a Judicial Board Chairman is also on the agenda.

Tonight's meeting is the last for Student Senate until classes begin this fall.

## Blood officials argue over services provided

By GLENNA WHITLEY  
Battalion Staff

Texas A&M University students will be able to give their blood again this summer as they have every semester since

the blood will be gathered in a special operation by the Wadley Blood Bank of Dallas, which has an agreement with Student Government granting Wadley exclusive right to collect blood on campus.

Wadley has agreed to provide blood when needed for A&M students, faculty, staff, and their families.

That sounds simple enough and useful enough. But it is not simple, and its usefulness has been questioned, especially by the American Red Cross.

Red Cross is a national blood banking organization, with its chapters directly connected.

Wadley's agreement with Student Government covers Texas A&M students, faculty, staff, and their families. Red Cross covers anyone who lives in Brazos County.

Wadley has one blood drive per semester on campus and as much blood as possible is drawn. Red Cross has monthly drives, and only the quota is drawn. In Brazos County this quota is 200 units. Wadley collected 720 and 509 units in its last two drives.

Both organizations charge the hospitals a blood processing fee, which eventually is passed on to the patient. This fee covers

(\$30 processing fee plus \$35 non-replacement fee.)

Wadley promises to reimburse the processing fee of \$30 if the blood is used in Brazos County under the agreement made with Student Government. Red Cross will not reimburse the processing fee.

Red Cross will replace blood used at the hospital on a one-for-one basis, meaning that one unit used is replaced by another unit. Wadley's system for blood replacement is more complicated. In Bryan, two credits released to the hospital would cover the costs for one unit of blood. The user would still have to pay for it, but Wadley would reimburse him by check through the Student Government.

Md. is the largest blood research center in the world, according to a Red Cross administrator in Waco.

THERE ARE other differences in operation and philosophy, which produced relations so strained between Red Cross and the AABB, that the Red Cross withdrew from its agreement with the organization. Until Oct. 19, 1976, the two systems cooperated on the transfer system through the AABB blood bank clearing house in San Francisco.

Phyllis Swanton, administrator for the Central Texas Red Cross in Waco, said Red Cross administrators were disillusioned with the credit transfer system.

She said they were required to deal in paper credits when a person needed blood outside the 23 Texas counties that have Red Cross centers.

Within those 23 counties, blood could be shipped directly to the hospital to fulfill the patient's blood replacement requirements. But outside those 23 counties, Red Cross had to transfer paper credits within the clearing-house system. Then the clearing house would designate a center to repay an AABB blood bank.

She said that in certain months, blood banks' supplies were low because of holiday accidents or surgery scheduled during summer or holiday months.

SWANTON SAID the AABB would hold these credits until it didn't have any blood and Red Cross had just enough to meet its own needs. AABB would then ask for repayment of the credits, and, if Red

Cross couldn't supply the blood, the bank would request money instead. Credits could be paid off with cash (\$14 per credit owed) instead of direct blood shipments.

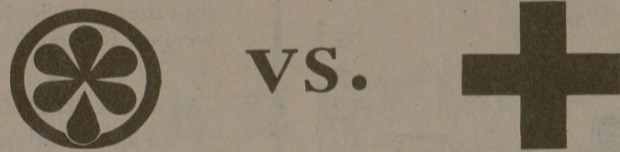
"That's silly," said Dr. Norwood Hill, administrator for Wadley. "That's not the way it works at all." He said he couldn't speak for the entire AABB, but if someone in the AABB system were treating Red Cross that way, he wasn't aware of it.

He said that a blood bank can offer re-

payment with blood shipments three times, and if the bank it owes does not elect to receive the blood one of those times, the debt is cancelled. Hill said the monetary exchange was used "almost never" by Wadley. "We hold out for the blood," Hill said.

Student Government offered to give Red Cross credits from the Aggie Blood Account with Wadley.

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DIFFERENCES between Wadley and Red Cross aren't limited to Texas A&M and Brazos County. They exist nationwide and are fundamental differences in philosophy and operations.

It is difficult to summarize the dispute between Wadley and the Red Cross, but here are its essential parts:

Red Cross philosophy is that people are responsible for furnishing an adequate supply of blood for their community. Wadley's philosophy is that individuals should care for their family's future blood needs by donating blood.

Wadley belongs to the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), which operates the company in the paper transfer blood credits. Red Cross withdrew from agreement with the AABB because of content with the credit transfer system.

Wadley is one of 1,600 AABB banks connected only by the transfer system.

the equipment used, salaries of professionals who draw and test the blood and administrative costs. Wadley's fee is \$30 per unit. The Red Cross fee is \$21 per unit.

Wadley asks individuals to replace blood used by asking friends and family to donate their blood. A non-replacement fee of \$35 per unit is charged to those who don't. Red Cross has no such fee, and it does not ask individuals to replace blood used.

Red Cross blood costs \$21 per unit. Wadley blood can cost up to \$65 per unit

In Houston hospitals, a three-for-one replacement would cover the processing charges and non-replacement fees associated with that unit of blood.

Wadley is a state-chartered organization and must provide blood for charity patients to be considered non-profit and tax-exempt under the tax laws of Texas. Red Cross is defined as a charitable organization under its federal charter and is not required to give blood away to charity patients.

Both systems do extensive blood research. The Red Cross lab in Bethesda,

## Eulesless senator breaks filibuster record

United Press International

AUSTIN — Sen. Bill Meier, D-Eulesless, sneezing slightly and shaking his legs to relieve the pain, set a world filibuster record today by talking nonstop for more than 40 hours and 34 minutes.

The Senate and crowded gallery gave Meier a standing ovation when Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby announced the record breaking time.

"I appreciate the hand I got and I'd certainly appreciate some votes too," Meier

Meier, 36, said he intended to talk until 11 a.m. — a total of 43 hours and

40 minutes since he began his filibuster at 3:20 a.m. Monday.

"I feel like my legs are just going to pieces," the Eulesless senator told a colleague.

Meier also complained of back pain and was bleary-eyed but showed little other effects from his grueling talkathon against a bill allowing the Texas Industrial Accident Board to close its records on claims filed by workers injured on the job.

"I'm not going to do it again next week," Meier said when a reporter asked how he felt.

Hobby noted the previous world record was set in the same chamber five years ago.

"I don't know how we've been so lucky in the Texas senate," Hobby said.

Supporters of the bill mustered 21 votes shortly after midnight yesterday to suspend Senate rules and extend Meier's filibuster into a day normally reserved for debate on bills originating in the House.

The vote was a bittersweet one for Meier, who looked weary from the long hours without sleep, rest or substantial food. It meant the Eulesless senator could continue talking and attempt to break the

Guinness Book of World Records filibuster mark established by former Sen. Mike McKool of Dallas, but it also meant proponents of the bill could pass it quickly if he stopped talking.

Failure to suspend the rules would have delayed further debate on the bill until Friday.

Other senators, many of whom have stands different from Meier on the workmen's compensation bill, joked with Meier and made racy jokes about possible injuries covered by workmen's compensation.

Staff members and those in the gallery often cheered and applauded at the boisterous session until Sen. A.M. Aikin, D-Paris, dean of the Senate, called a halt to the joking.

"Levity is all right up to a point," Aikin said. "But some of us have been up all night last night and almost all night tonight. I don't like this violating rules all over the place, all this cheering and all. I ask enforcement of the rules."

Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby vetoed the chamber to order, and Meier resumed his monotone talking, reading at length from court cases involving open records and workmen's compensation suits.

The bill by Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, would permit the Industrial Accident Board to keep confidential its records concerning claims filed by workmen injured on the job.

Supporters of the bill contend it is necessary to prevent employers from searching the records and blacklisting workers who have a history of filing claims for job-related injuries.

Meier argued the bill would be a step toward closure of all public records.



Texas A&M University students use some of the 35 keypunchers during "happy hour" at the remote computing center in the Sterling C. Evans Library. The center, operated by the Data Processing Center, handled 12,744 student requests from March 21 to April 20.

## Remote computing center is busy as students try to finish programs

If the remote computing center located in Texas A&M University's Sterling C. Evans Library were isolated from all means of chronological measurement, the staff members could still estimate the approach of semester's end by the large number of students pressing to finish their programs.

From March 21 to April 20, the remote center handled 12,744 jobs during "happy hours": times at lunch and at night when no charge is made to a student's department. That averaged to 449 jobs an hour during the daytime happy hour and 256 per hour at night.

But students use the 35 keypunchers, 1,000-card-a-minute readers and 1,100-line-a-minute printer for 16 hours a day during the week and on a reduced scale during weekends.

Students — ranging from liberal arts majors to budding scientists, teachers and executives — may spend more time in line waiting for a keypuncher than actually carrying out their programs, say officials. Half of the jobs are completed within a minute of the time the computer is asked a question, and 95 percent of the requests are finished in less than six minutes.

## No cure for spring fever?

United Press International

FARMINGTON, Conn. — The symptoms include lethargy, difficulty in concentrating, restlessness, feelings of tension and, in general, the blahs.

It's nothing serious, just spring fever, says Dr. Allan Tasman, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

And, Tasman says, the best cure is just to relax and enjoy it. Clinically, the ailment is called a "syndrome" and Tasman said the most serious cases seem to strike the young-at-heart.

"The onset is usually around the same time as the trees and plants begin to bud," Tasman said. "We definitely see more people in the spring and fall with mood changes. No one really knows why, but it's a definite fact."

"People who are young in spirit seem to be inflicted with more severe cases," he said.

Theories about the causes of spring fever are pure conjecture, Tasman said. But he thinks they may be related to the reawakening of nature during the springtime.

"Animals that hibernate wake up in the springtime. It may be

possible that we're all waking up in the same way after the long winter," he said.

Yet, Tasman said, the syndrome appears to be a universal phenomenon, not restricted to areas with marked seasonal changes. Nor does age, sex or social status have any bearing, he said.

"Having grown up in the South, I can vouch it occurs there," he said.

Spring fever can be either pleasant or unpleasant, depending on your outlook on life.

The fever makes optimists become more exuberant while pessimists are likely to interpret the feelings of tension and restlessness in a negative way, Tasman said.

There is no specific cure, but Tasman recommended "spending as much time as possible outdoors — preferably in pleasant, nonstressful surroundings such as parks. Spending more time with loved ones seems to have a beneficial effect, also."

Working persons chained to a desk are "definitely at a disadvantage as far as treatment goes. But they can compensate by spending as much time as possible outdoors," he said.