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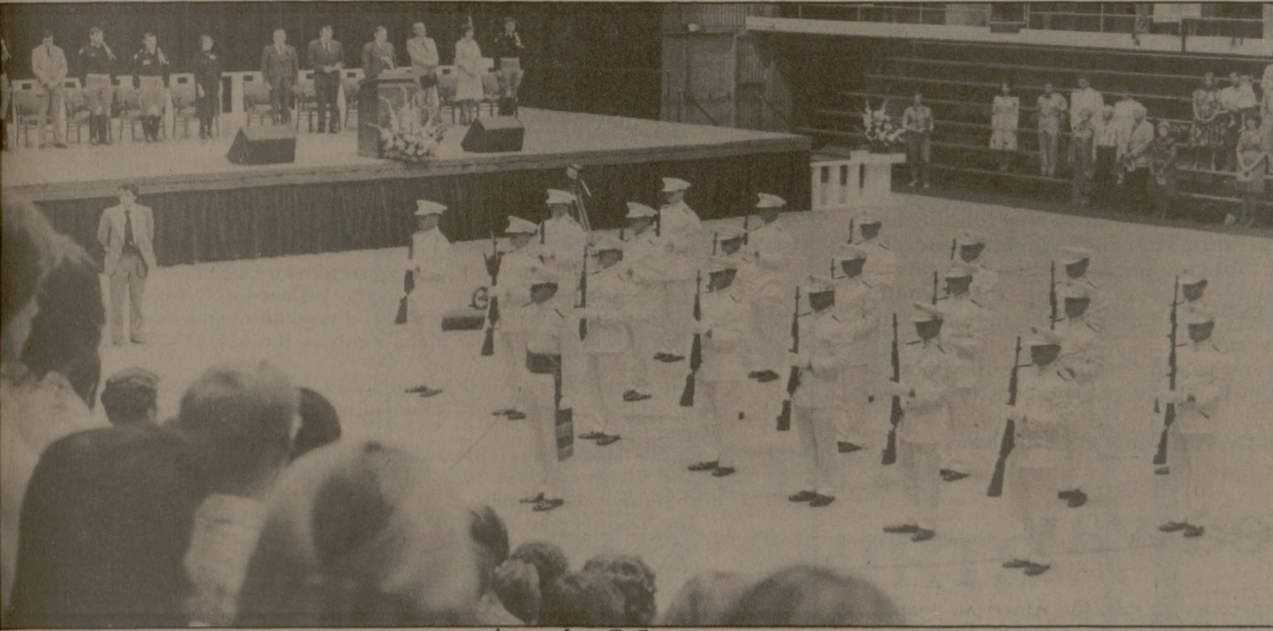
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Aggie Muster

Battalion photo by Susan Webb

The Ross Volunteer firing squad stand in preparation for their 21 gun salute during the 75th Muster Friday. Muster speaker was Col. Thomas Dooley, Class of 1935, who participated in a Muster on Corregidor Island in 1942 led by Gen. George F. Moore. "I hope this tradition kindled during a

time of war will long continue during a time of peace," Dooley said. Joe Reagan, head yell leader read the names of students who have died since last April 21. Eddy Joe Davis, president of Brazos County Former Students Association read the roll call of Aggies from the Brazos County area.

Congressman gets Koreagate sentence

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Former Rep. Richard Hanna, D-Calif., faced sentencing today for conspiring to help South Korea buy influence in Congress in a plot that brought him more than \$200,000 from Korean rice dealer Tongsun Park.

Hanna, 63, pleaded guilty March 17 to one count of conspiracy in a plea-bargaining agreement under which prosecutors dropped 39 felony counts against him.

He was scheduled to appear for sentencing today before Chief Judge William S. Bryant in U.S. District Court. Maximum penalty on the charge is five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Hanna, who now lives in Fayetteville, Miss., is the only present or former congressman convicted to date in connection with Korean lobbying efforts in Washington.

As part of the plea agreement, Hanna

signed a four-page statement admitting he received more than \$200,000 in cash and gratuities from Park, mostly in the early 1970s.

The statement said Hanna "believed that Park was making disbursements to other congressmen to increase Park's influence with them and to attempt to influence these congressmen to act favorably toward Korea."

Hanna admitted to helping Park maintain his exclusive role as agent for all U.S. rice sales to Korea, which earned Park \$9 million in commissions. Hanna said he helped initiate three trips to Seoul by congressional delegations in 1969, 1971 and 1974, and he personally met with a former director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency to discuss Park's rice dealings.

Shuttle bus routes to be altered for fall

Some Texas A&M shuttle bus routes will be altered slightly for the fall 1978 semester in an effort to serve more students, said E.C. Oates, chairman of the Shuttle Bus Operations Committee.

At its final meeting of the semester last week, the committee also affirmed its previous conclusion to deny recommendation for shuttle bus service during summer school. The decision was based on an experiment last summer that showed there were not enough riders to support any form of bus transportation, Oates said.

New routes for the fall will include Deacon Street, which runs west off of Texas Avenue. The north route also will include a stop at the intersection of Villa Maria and Wellborn roads. The student density is expected to be increased along the present routes to the east and require more buses, Oates said.

Prices of bus passes will remain \$20 per semester for students.

The intracampus bus system also will be operated next fall, Oates said.

as deregulation roadblock passed

Senator expects energy bill in May

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter probably will get his long-delayed energy bill within 30 days, one of the key senators fighting for the legislation says.

"We've never the biggest hurdle," Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., said Sunday, referring to last week's agreement on the natural gas deregulation issue by leaders of the House-Senate conference committee.

However, Jackson said on CBS's "Face the Nation" program the final element of the energy package — a proposed tax on domestic crude oil — may not win congressional approval.

As the lawmakers resumed work today, the House was expected to approve an emergency bill to provide financially distressed farmers with government-backed loans. Congress earlier had refused to pass

a multibillion-dollar aid bill that Carter said would spur inflation.

The new bill, similar to one in the Senate, has the backing of the administration, Democrats and Republicans in the farm bloc and farm groups including the farm strike movement.

It would establish a two-year, \$4 billion program of government guaranteed or insured loans — the capital coming from banks or private investors — to help farmers facing foreclosure. Individual farmers could borrow up to \$400,000.

A proposed \$498.9 billion budget for fiscal 1979 came up for the start of debate in the Senate today.

The budget proposed by the Senate Budget Committee reduces Carter's recommended spending package by \$500 million and would result in a \$55.6 billion deficit.

The proposal calls for continued increases for defense, above those due merely to inflation, more emphasis on energy programs and increased targeting of jobs programs toward the disadvantaged.

An income tax cut roughly the size Carter recommended is provided for, but the cut would not take effect until January 1979, three months later than Carter wants.

The week also is expected to include Senate action on a number of controversial nominations that have been pending for some time. Included is that of Benjamin Civiletti, named by Carter to become deputy attorney general.

The work schedule for the House an issue its members least like to face — ethics standards.

A bill expected to come up this week would put into the statute books parts of the ethics package that must be backed by law rather than just House rules.

A fight is brewing over a move, which has bipartisan backing, to repeal a provision limiting outside earned income to .5 percent of a congressman's annual pay, or \$8,625.

The House leadership opposes the repeal because it is certain to attract wide attention and would, if passed, tarnish the House image.

fieldhouse contract awarded

By TAMMY LONG

Construction contract for the A&M Consolidated High School fieldhouse was awarded to a Bryan company at a special board meeting Thursday afternoon. The contract, given to R.B. Butler, Inc., a bid of \$153,600 is still subject to review by an architect. The fieldhouse will be financed with part of a \$6.4 million issue passed in April 1976.

Eggy Crittenden, public information director for the school district, said the house will be built at the south end of

the high school's practice field.

Bob Caskey's, a coach at A&M Consolidated, said the building will include two dressing rooms with shower facilities, training and weight rooms, a storage room and coaches' offices.

Crittenden said the project is designed to alleviate over-crowded conditions at the high school which houses the present facilities.

Louis Hecox, assistant vice-president of R.B. Butler, said the fieldhouse should be completed by August 15.



World's Greatest

Sports Events

The largest . . .

By KAYCE GLASSE

The World's Largest Volleyball Game was played in Kyle Field Saturday with 3,708 persons participating. That is not just a statistic, however. That is the official count of Paul Jackson, the originator and known to most now as "VolleyPaul Jackson."

The occasion was to commemorate the making, not breaking of the World's Largest Volleyball Game Record for the Guinness Book of World Records. "VolleyPaul" brought up the idea and presented it to the MSC Recreation Committee. They snapped it up, and along with the Off-Campus Students Association, the Hospitality Committee, and Lambda Sigma, presented it Saturday.

The 1978-79 yell leaders lead it all off. After all good Ags remembered the yells, the game began. It was the North against the South all over again. The referee stood on a ladder in order to be seen, heard, and endured and at the same time did a nice job of dodging the ball.

So here I come in with my 11x8" notebook to record this earth shattering event for the annals of Texas A&M University history. The annals would have to wait, I decided as I stuck a 4x3" notebook instead in my belt and sauntered onto the field.

A small First Aid unit stood ready and it seemed the only casualties would be the photographers who kept getting their cameras tangled in the nets.

All sizes showed up for the on-campus vs. off-campus physical fitness exercise. There were three nets stretched across the field at the 50 yard line, with about six lines of people on each side. Rotation was indeed a new dance to be reckoned with. Those on the even yard lines rotated to the left, those on the odd yard line, to the right. Sounds elementary, eh, Watson? Don't count on it.

Assistant to President Miller, William G. Dowling led the game with the first serve for the on-campus side. After that, it was Aggie-outscream-Aggie.

The first game was won by the day students, 15-8. The second game was wrought by the wrath of the on-campus side, 15-1. By this time, everybody seemed to be a bit tired, what with dancing to the music of radio station WTAW-AM and the Baron coupled with volleyball, so the tie match was set with the enthusiasm of finals week.

One team would play for 15 minutes with the wind to its back for as many points as possible, then the other team would get the same opportunity. The on-campus side played with wind first, making the score 7-1. Then the change seemed to favor the off-campus team, as after their 15 minutes were up, the final score was 11-7 in their favor.

T-shirts were sold that read "Guinness World — World's Largest Volleyball Game Record Holder." It will be the Aggies' third Guinness record. One was set in 1968 for track and another in 1973 for the widest diameter bonfire. Aggies don't always have to spell right to get into the Guinness book, just so long as they have a ball!



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

. . . and the longest

By GREGG PROPPS

Whew, that was one tough softball game. But after 60 hours of play, the 20 players from the Bryan-College Station area, with the help of their water-balloon throwing bat girls, succeeded in setting a new record for the world's longest softball game.

The team from Buddy's Appliance squared off against the all Aggie Young Life team on Friday, April 21, at 7:20 a.m., in Bryan's Travis Park. After an official time of 60 hours, one minute and 204 innings of play, the marathon game ended on Sunday, April 23, at 7:21 p.m.

As time was called the players gathered to celebrate, and gloat about their record. The previous record was set in New Jersey, in a women's softball game that lasted 57 hours, 45 minutes on May 28-30, 1977.

Lee Baley, coordinator of the game, and the Young Life team captain, said the two teams tried to set a world record last year, but they were rained out after 36 hours of play. With dark threatening rain clouds looming overhead, and a constant reminder of a "severe thunderstorm watch" coming over the radio, Baley said that they were determined to stick it out this year.

For the game to be included in the Guinness Book of World Records, the teams had to follow several rules. The same ten players that started the game had to finish it, and they were allowed a five-minute break each hour. That meant that meals were generally taken back to the game, and it wasn't unusual to see an outfielder juggling a chicken leg, a drink, the glove and the ball, to make a play.

In fact, it wasn't unusual to see a player blow off the play completely if it meant saving the last bite of his burger. Oh well, when most of the outfielders are sitting down eating, you really can't blame him.

The burgers, chicken legs, tacos, and doughnuts that were so popular were donated to the teams by local restaurants. The uniforms, as well as the 40 softballs that were used, were also donated by local businesses.

What drives 20 men to play softball for 60 hours? Buddy Haney, captain of Buddy's Appliance team, said it was to raise money for the Young Life organization. Each of the players had sponsors who pledged money to the Christian fellowship organization. They expect to clear about \$2,700.

Obviously, a play by play recap of the game isn't possible, and besides, who really cared about the triple play in the top of the 133rd, or the home run with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 203rd inning? The main thing was making sure they set the new world record, and making sure that everyone had a good time. It isn't hard to tell the game was a success.

Oh yeah, the final score? Buddy's Appliance: 417, Young Life: 358.