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The Weather

Yesterday	Today
High 75	High 77
Low 51	Low 54
Rain 0.00 inches	Humidity heavy
	Chance of rain none



Photo by Stuart Mitchell

Hacked off

Rick Mulkin, a senior member of the Corps of Cadets, head of freshman Joe Navarro. Navarro may look a little company P-2, tries to stress his point by "hacking off" the worried, but he survived the gag ordeal.

Debate scheduled for next Tuesday

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Next Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. Eastern time, President Carter and Ronald Reagan will confront each other for 90 minutes in a nationally broadcast debate that, because of the number of undecided voters in critical states, could determine the outcome of the 1980 election.

When Reagan and Carter step on stage in Cleveland before the glare of television lights and a nationwide audience of millions tuned in at home, they will carry with them — by virtue of the timing of this faceoff — the power to secure their place in the history books.

The debate will take place exactly one week before Election Day.

Each man is expected to take perhaps as many as three days to prepare for the crucial encounter — the product of two negotiating sessions between the rival camps.

The format for the debate, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, is this:

A panel of four, separated by a moderator, will ask questions of the candidates for about 40 minutes during the first segment. Follow-up questions will be permitted, and a candidate will have a chance to rebut his opponent's responses.

Then, during the second 40-minute segment, the candidates will engage in a more realistic give-and-take. A candidate will answer his question, listen to his opponent's rebuttal, and then have a chance to respond to that rebuttal.

Brief closing statements will conclude the debate, according to Ruth Hinerfeld, chairman of the league's Education Fund.

"Questions will deal with the full range of issues before the nation — domestic, economic, foreign policy and defense," she said.

Hinerfeld said the panelists had not been selected, but the league will have the say in who participates. The moderator will be television commentator Howard K. Smith.

No verdict yet in Brilab

United Press International
HOUSTON — A Brilab jury was unable in its first day of deliberations to decide whether House Speaker Bill Clayton took \$5,000 as a down payment for future illegal financing of his dream to become governor.

U. S. District Judge Robert O'Connor Jr. ordered jurors to reassemble today after they failed to agree on verdicts for Clayton and two co-defendants during two hours of study Tuesday.

Deliberations were to resume at 9 a.m. With his right leg encased in a custom-made ostrich boot and crossed beneath him, Clayton appeared relaxed during four hours of closing arguments. During deliberations he strolled the courtroom and hallways sipping soft drinks with his wife, Delma, and receiving the good wishes of friends and politicians.

After jurors told O'Connor they wanted to recess, a smiling Clayton told reporters it would be inappropriate for him to comment before a decision was reached.

In closing arguments, prosecutors described the 52-year-old three-term speaker as a politician compromised by a desire to become governor, a man who, if he wanted to, could have refused offers of cash and future payments from a friend seeking special treatment on a state insurance contract bid.

The friend, Houston labor leader L. G. Moore, had been promised quick riches by FBI informant Joseph Hauser, who was posing as a Prudential Insurance Co. agent seeking access to influential labor and political figures.

The convicted swindler's real mission was to offer those figures bribes in the form of kickbacks on insurance contracts and to record their responses.

"He (Clayton) still could have said, 'no,'" prosecutor Wendell Odom said of Moore's \$5,000 political contribution and Hauser's

promise of \$600,000 more during their visit to Clayton's office last Nov. 8.

"How difficult would it have been for him to take L. G. aside or call him the next day?" Odom asked, emphasizing to jurors that Clayton's explanation of his intent to return the money was in contrast to his actions.

"He sat on it for three months and it came down to the crucial time and he tells (FBI agent) Fred Ligarde there was no money, there was no offer," Odom said.

Odom recalled character witnesses who swore to Clayton's honesty and fairness, and said they no doubt were right in terms of their dealings with the millionaire Panhandle cotton farmer.

But, Odom argued, "We've got two different Bill Claytons here. You know the speaker was offered a bribe. He had to have heard Joe Hauser's offer, and yet when asked by Ligarde if he had been offered any inducements, he said no."

"A different Bill Clayton comes forward. That's the Bill Clayton that's heard on these tapes."

Defense lawyers said the tapes supported Clayton and that prosecutors only listened to them for the "evil" that could be inferred.

Rep. Craig Washington, D-Houston, one of Clayton's lawyers, said there was no direct reference to bribery in taped conversations with Clayton and his co-defendants, Austin law partners Randall Wood and Donald Ray. He asked jurors to ponder why Hauser did not ask the question directly if the FBI really wanted to know whether the three would engage in bribery.

"That's how you find out if a person is susceptible to taking a bribe," Washington said. "Why do all this dancing around? Why didn't they just come out and ask?"

Freshman run-off results

President	Vice pres.	Sec.-Treas.	Social sec.
JAY CROSS 705	JILL MUTSCHLER 637	JAY STILL 855	BARBARA BRUNNER 662
Joe Nussbaum 567	Greg Griffen 615	Melissa McDaniel 376	Charles Viktorin 569

Carter tours three Texas cities today

United Press International
President Carter is making a three-city tour of Texas today, hoping to generate a little excitement for his candidacy in the northern half of the state while leaving the southern half to the man he whipped for the nomination, Ted Kennedy.

Mexican-American leaders have said Latinos are not enthusiastic about either Carter or Republican challenger Ronald Reagan, though they lean toward Carter and — if persuaded to vote — could save Texas for the president.

That was the foundation of the trip Tuesday and Wednesday by the Massachusetts senator to Houston, McAllen and San Antonio.

Carter also starts his trip today in south-east Texas, at Beaumont. But he then heads

north, to Waco and Texarkana before flying back to Washington.

The president's trip will be whirlwind at best.

He will visit the Bethlehem Steel Co. at Beaumont to inspect a recently constructed oil rig and speak to workers. He shifts to Waco for a rally on the campus of Texas State Technical Institute and two hours later arrives in Texarkana for another rally, this one at the Federal Building.

Texarkana is a good example.

Organizers of the rally said country singers Johnny Paycheck and Johnny Rodriguez and several area high school bands will begin performing at 3 p.m. on the Texarkana Post Office steps straddling the Texas-Arkansas state line.

Aggies elect president today in mock election

While the rest of the nation must wait two more weeks to elect a president, the Aggies will have elected him by tonight.

The MSC Political Forum Committee is staging a mock election today for voters on the Texas A&M University campus.

Students who present their ID cards at the voting booths may cast their votes for candidates in three different races, including the presidential race.

Booths set up at the fountain by Rudder Tower and outside the Commons, Sbis Dining Hall and the Academic Building are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Four candidates are on the presidential ballot: Democratic incumbent Jimmy Car-

ter, Republican nominee Ronald Reagan, independent party nominee John Anderson and Libertarian party candidate Ed Clark.

Students may also vote for either Democrat Kent Caperton or Republican N. A. McNeil for state senator.

Democrat Phil Gramm and Republican Dave Haskins are in the race to represent the 6th U. S. Congressional District.

Committee Chairman Sam Gillespie said Texas A&M has held mock elections each election year since 1968. He said Political Forum hopes today's elections will generate student interest in the national elections set for Nov. 4.

Ticket distribution bill to be read

Senate to vote on three bills

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Battalion Staff

The student senate will vote on the controversial documentation of academic minors bill at its meeting tonight.

This bill would require the Registrar's Office to place a student's minor on his transcript, if applicable, to ensure official recognition.

The bill has faced some opposition because it was reported that before going into effect it would have to be approved by the Coordinating Board in Austin. It was expected that the board would not have approved it.

However, bill sponsor Phil Hannah said, "It would not be necessary for it to go through the board since it's not a major change."

The bill was referred back to the academic affairs committee last meeting, and Hannah said the bill will be reported favorably out of committee.

The senate will also take action on the Only One Date a Semester Bill, which recommends that the Athletic Department sell individual date tickets instead of the current \$50 book. This would go into effect next season.

A bill requesting row indication of Texas A&M University parking lots will also be considered. This bill recommends that the University Police place row markers in nine of the larger parking lots on campus.

This bill was referred back to the student services committee after a question was raised over the \$50-per-sign cost.

The senate will hear two bills on first reading tonight, which will probably not be voted on until the next meeting, Nov. 5.

One of the bills to be read, the Ticket Distribution Bill, could ensure seniors and graduate students tired of watching Aggie football games from goal-line seats a

guaranteed ten-yard line or better seat if it passes.

This bill recommends that the Athletic Department issue tickets randomly only from sections 133-136, 228-235 and 329-334 on senior draw day. These represent four sections between the 10- and 50-yard lines on the first deck, eight sections between both 20-yard lines on the second

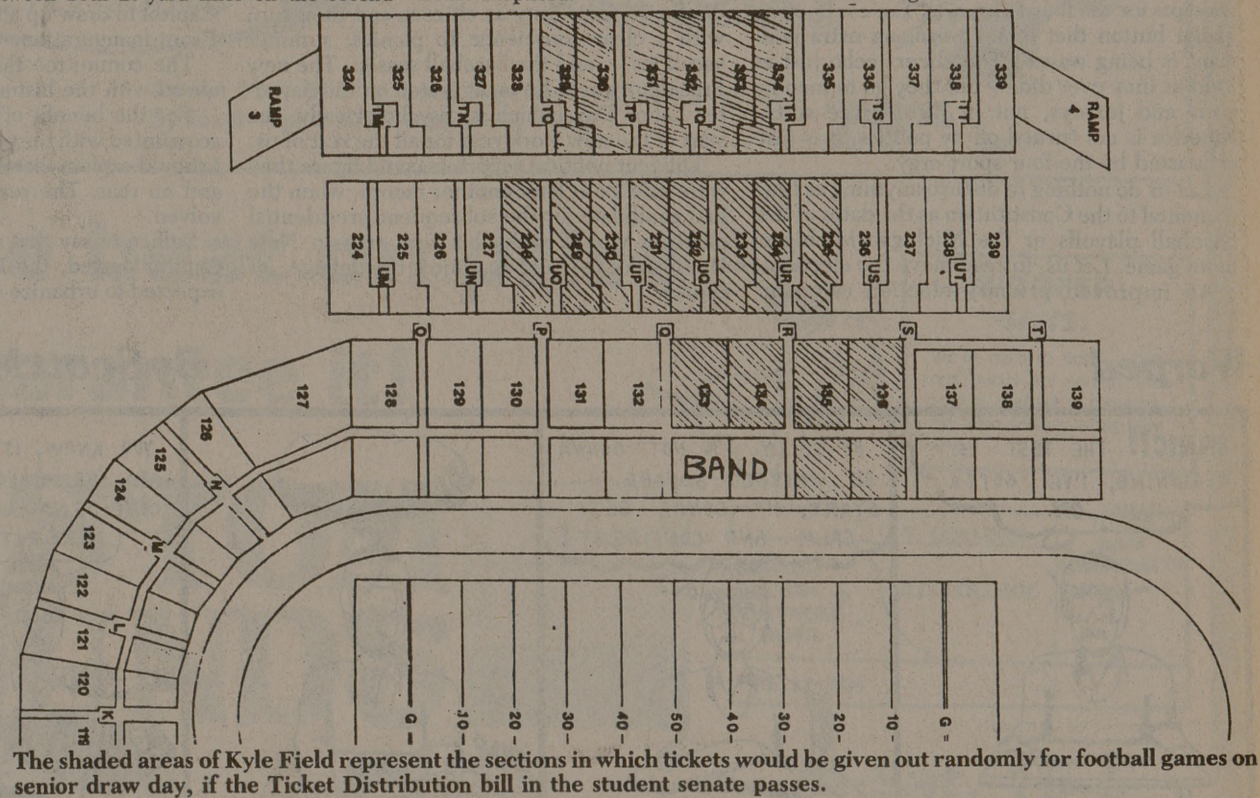
deck and six sections between both 30-yard lines on the third deck.

The bill recommends using this system starting with the Nov. 22 game against Texas Christian University.

Passage of the bill would guarantee good seats without eliminating the current system or creating long lines, said bill sponsor Brian Shepherd.

The second bill to be read will recommend replacing the missing plaques on the oak trees surrounding the drill field. The trees serve as memorials to Aggies who died in World War I. The bill also recommends repairing the plaques as necessary.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.



The shaded areas of Kyle Field represent the sections in which tickets would be given out randomly for football games on senior draw day, if the Ticket Distribution bill in the student senate passes.