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The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
High	70	High	72
Low	55	Low	68
Chance of rain	20%	Chance of rain	20%

Freshman elections today

Freshman elections will continue throughout the afternoon today until 6 p.m.

Voting tables are set up at the Guard Room, the Memorial Student Center, Commons, in front of the library and Shisa Dining Hall. Freshmen will use their IDs to be eligible to vote.

Mike Wolff, speaker pro tempore of the Student Senate, said the results of today's election should be ready Wednesday. But if necessary, run-offs will be held next Tuesday.

Candidates for the Class of '85 officers are:

- President**
— Warren Sumner
— Bentley Nettles
— Kenneth Ro
— Kenneth Mays
— Stephen L. Smith
— Richard Schultze
— Cody Gilbert
— Pam Huckleberry
— Robert N. Ellithorpe
— Gary Rose
— Ken Anderson
— Scott Strom III
- Vice President**
— Karen Pirtle
— Lindsey Dingmore
— Diane Baumbach
— Jim Allen
— John Sottile
— Richard Poorbaugh
— Steven Edwards
— Ray Mikeska
— Bill Patterson
— Michael Grage
— Keith Beauchamp
- Social Secretary**
— Mary Ann Heaton
— Amy Kardell
— Patti Poe
- Secretary/Treasurer:**
— Sherrie Couch
— Julia Herndon
— Susan C. Stubblefield
— Cara Hugelge

Seven positions for freshmen-at-large will be decided today. Candidates

- Eddie Floyd
— Mike Anthony
— Mark Holubec
— Jimmy Gilbreath
— Dennis S. O'Grady
— Lindsey Dingmore
— Matt Powell
— Kirsten Murphy
— Randall S. Harris
— Lynn G. Carroll
— Sandy Montgomery
— John Jones
— Michael Gates
— Brock Coleman
— W.J. Hutchins III
— Jay Holland
— Jim Currie
— Melody Garner
— Randy Pollock
— Keith Goode
— Paul Munin
— Grant Swartzwelder
— Timothy D. Evans
— Linda Thomas
— Tracy Turner
— Loretta Keng
— Russell O. McGee
— Donnie McGilbra
— Brent Johnson
— Dwayne Whitley
— Patrick Majors
— Darrell Pickard
— James Lopez
— Keith Carmichael
— James Weaver
— Carl Tong
— Scott Alderink
— Conrado Flores
— Raul Hinojosa
— Eddie Elizalde
— Harold Hinkle
— Charles Dietsch
— Melissa Williams
— James Ray
— Jim Paul
— Vincent A. Neal

Eddie Chiles to speak today at fund-raiser

Eddie Chiles, chairman of The West-ern Co. and owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, will be in Bryan today to speak at a Republican fund-raising dinner.

Also scheduled to speak at the dinner are State Sen. Walter Mengden, who has announced his candidacy for the 1982 U.S. Senate race, and Texas Secretary of State George Strake, who is running for Texas lieutenant governor.

The dinner, dubbed "The First Annual Teddy Roosevelt Birthday Fund-Raiser" in honor of Republican President Theodore Roosevelt, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, and its purpose is to raise money for Republican candidates for the 1982 elections.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be obtained at the door.



Staff photo by Dave Einsel

International welcome

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver accepts a Chinese painting from Dr. Chih-Kang Wang and other members of the Youth Goodwill Mission of Taiwan Republic of China. The dance troupe, directed by Wang

and sponsored by the Chinese Student Association, performed Monday night in Rudder Auditorium. The group has visited 21 U.S. cities in seven weeks and will return to Taiwan at the end of this week.

Reagan may arrange deal on nukes

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan would be willing to negotiate a proposal not to deploy nuclear weapons in Europe, provided the Soviets dismantle their potent SS-20 missiles, a spokesman says.

At the same time, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Monday the administration believes the anti-nuclear protests in European capitals last weekend were not representative of most Europeans.

NATO defense ministers last week, feeling pressure from the peaceful marches that drew several hundred thousand persons, endorsed the so-called "zero option" as a possible negotiating position with the Soviets.

It would provide for the United States not deploying Pershing missiles or cruise missiles in Europe if the Soviets agree to remove their 600-mile range SS-20 missiles, which carry nuclear warheads.

Speakes said the administration feels the "zero option" is something to look at under ideal conditions, but not at present.

The protests abroad, reminiscent of the anti-Vietnam war demonstrations in the 1960s, have caused some concern in White House circles.

They may serve as a prelude to talks on theater nuclear forces in Geneva on Nov. 30 between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Speakes was prepared for the question when asked for White House reac-

tion Monday to the disarmament movement.

"While these are obvious expressions of concern by a free people, they do not represent a widespread view of West European citizens," he said in reading from a prepared text.

"In fact, numerous public opinion polls consistently show strong majority support for NATO, and the West European governments share our concern over what is clearly the main threat to peace in Europe: the unceasing Soviet military building up in recent years.

"We will continue to work closely with our allies to deter potential Soviet aggression and believe strongly that is the best way to assure the peace."

Vice President George Bush also addressed the matter in speaking to a gathering of international investors of the American Stock Exchange at the White House.

"I don't question the idealism of the people who have been protesting the deployment of medium range nuclear missiles in Western Europe," Bush said. "But I do question their sense of perspectives. NATO is a defensive alliance. NATO exists because a threat exists. The threat is real. It is a fact of life."

Referring to the upcoming U.S.-Soviet arms talks, Bush said "those who say we aren't willing to discuss these issues with the Soviets aren't talking straight."

"It is our policy to negotiate a reduction of nuclear forces," he said.

Republicans weigh tax increases

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leaders, fearful President Reagan's new round of budget cuts won't get through Congress, are considering re-

commending that tax hike proposals be substantially increased to ease mounting budget deficits.

Congressional sources said Monday GOP leaders are considering \$50 billion to \$70 billion in tax increases over the next three years, including raising taxes on cigarettes and alcohol.

Reagan, who got a record cut in personal income taxes through Congress last summer as part of his economic recovery package, has already proposed raising other taxes by \$3 billion in fiscal 1982.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole says he expects Congress to pass a bill raising some taxes next year. Tax hikes of \$50 billion over three years are possible, he says, but not necessarily likely.

Dole, R-Kan., said his panel could find more than \$50 billion in tax hikes but that no decisions have been made to do so. "It's not a question of whether we can find it, it's a question of whether Congress would pass it," he told a reporter.

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker conceded Monday that Congress probably will not meet Reagan's goal of \$16 billion in deficit-reducing measures this year and said he doesn't believe any significant tax increases are possible.

Despite weeks of meetings on the subject, Baker and Dole sent mixed signals about how much could be achieved in tax-raising measures.

Dole issued a statement saying, "Congress will enact tax-increase legislation next year, despite recent reports to the contrary."

Baker had said Sunday on national television that no tax increases would be passed next year. But he retreated from that statement Monday, saying no significant increases were likely.

Baker told reporters congressional Republicans were still committed to Reagan's three-year goal of \$115 billion in savings.

Phyllis Schlafly vs. Katherine Brady

ERA Amendment debate tonight

By NANCY FLOECK

Battalion Staff
"Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

"Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

"Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."

This proposal, the Equal Rights Amendment, will be the subject of a debate between Phyllis Schlafly and Katherine Brady tonight at 8 in Rudder Theater. The debate, entitled "Perverted Hoax or Fundamental Freedom: The ERA," is sponsored by the MSC Political Forum Committee.

Phyllis Schlafly, lawyer, author of nine books including "My View of the ERA" and national chairman of Stop ERA, claims women don't want to be equal to men, that men are better business executives than women and that the ERA is a fraud that will destroy any rights women presently hold. She says that being a wife and mother is the most fulfilling role for a woman.

Katherine Brady, who will argue in favor of the ERA, is the author of "Father's Day," an autobiographical best-seller on incest, and the chairperson of the New York Women Against Rape organization. She's also a rape counselor and founder of the Katherine Brady Foundation, a self-help, non-profit organization that helps child abuse, rape and incest victims.

The ERA, passed in 1971 by the U.S. House of Representatives and in 1972 by the U.S. Senate, must be ratified by June 1982 if it is to become part of the Constitution. Three-fourths of the 50 states, or 38 states, are needed for ratification. To date only 35 states have passed the amendment.

If ratified, the ERA would nullify all laws that distinguish individuals on the basis of their sex.

In domestic terms, this means that property would be jointly owned by husband and wife. If a couple was to divorce in a state with alimony laws, the

spouse with the better financial position would be required to pay the other alimony. Consequently, some men would be eligible for payment. Property settlements would still occur, but possessions would be divided evenly.

In addition, child support payments and child rearing would not be the sole responsibility of one parent, but would be equalized between the two according to their financial position.

And contrary to a popular argument of those who oppose the amendment, if the ERA passes women will not automatically be eligible for the selective service. Congress has the option of drafting women now, without such an amendment, but apparently has not yet

deemed it necessary.

However, if the proposed amendment is ratified and the draft reinstated, the issue of whether to draft women would probably go to the U.S. Supreme Court, predicted Dr. Terry Anderson, assistant professor of history and adviser of Texas A&M's Student Women's Organization.

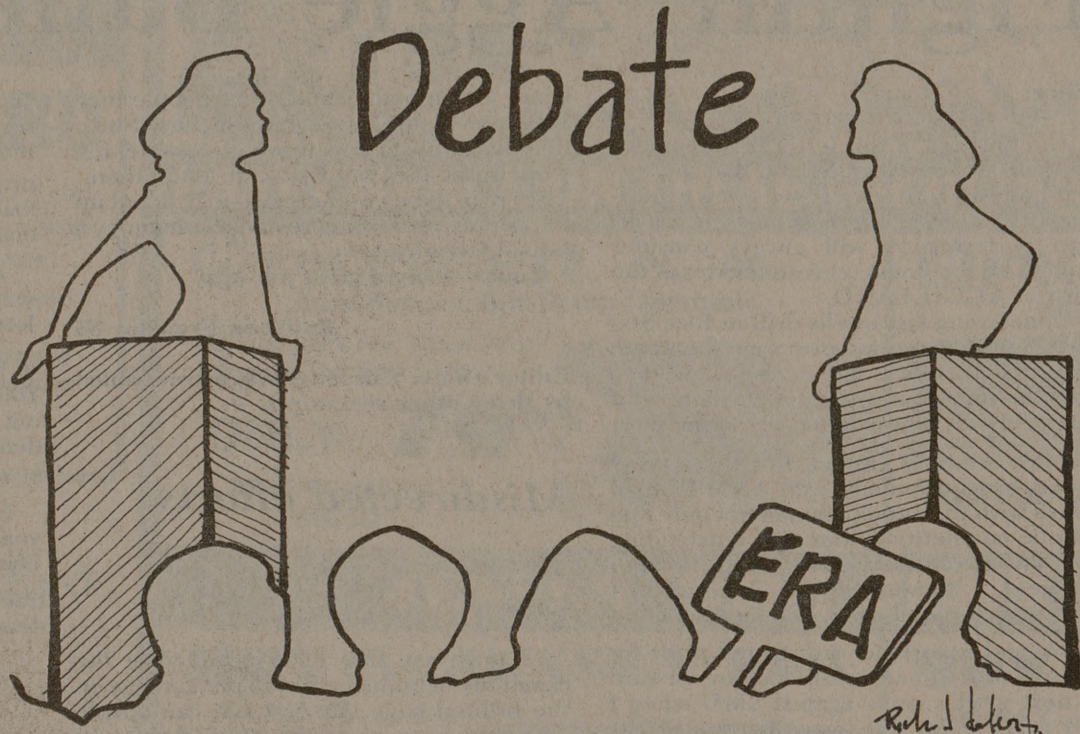
The Supreme Court would probably interpret the amendment so that women are eligible to be drafted, he said, but the decision to send them into combat could depend on individual field commanders.

The ERA also would not integrate public restrooms, one of the most common misbeliefs. The Supreme Court

has ruled that individuals have a right to privacy, and that privacy includes separate restroom facilities for men and women.

Also, under the ERA, women would be allowed to take out loans without a husband's or other male signature. In some states, women are prohibited from this as well as from buying stocks and bonds without a male co-signature.

After tonight's debate, MSC Political Forum Committee will take a poll to determine the audience's view of the ERA. In a mock poll of 1,414 students last week, 697 students, or 49.3 percent, voted for ratification and 717 students, or 50.7 percent, voted against it.



Students may pick up Aggielands

The 1981 Aggielands have arrived. The yearbooks can be picked up between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. this week and next week in the Commons. Students must present their ID cards in order to pick up their books.

Students who have not yet paid for yearbooks will not be able to purchase them until Nov. 9. Beginning that day, they can be purchased for \$15 in the Student Publications Office, 216 Reed McDonald.

Yearbook distribution began Monday when students picked up 2,000 books.