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Easy rider

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It may look like a lazy man's way to get around, but it's really a prototype for the fastest bicycle in the world. Bryan Sullivan and Brian Rosenberger, a junior aerospace engineering major from Houston, designed the

bicycle as a project for their aerospace engineering class. They hope their final design will exceed 60 mph. Sullivan, a senior from Dallas majoring in aerospace engineering, tests the bicycle on a sunny afternoon.

OAS votes for immediate truce, says Argentina has sovereignty

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Organization of American States, faced with a rowing threat of war in the South Atlantic and over the objection of the United States, called today for an immediate truce between Argentina and Britain.

But, with the United States abstaining, the OAS's majority Latin American bloc also gave Argentina a diplomatic victory when it recognized that country's rights of sovereignty over the disputed British-claimed Falkland Islands.

The United States was opposed to the resolution because it could disrupt Secretary of State Alexander Haig's efforts to negotiate a settlement.

The United States has never publicly recognized either British or Argentine sovereignty over the Falklands, but it has recognized longstanding British control and administration there.

In an early-morning decision, the OAS approved on a 17-0 vote a nine-point resolution that also called on Argentina and Britain to refrain from

hostility and to negotiate their differences peacefully.

The United States, Colombia, Chile, and Trinidad-Tobago abstained when the resolution was put to a final vote by the members of the OAS' 21-nation Rio Treaty for mutual hemispheric defense.

After the vote, which was greeted with long and loud applause, Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said his country and government are grateful for this evidence of inter-American solidarity.

The American ambassador to the

OAS, J. William Middendorf, explained the U.S. abstention by saying a vote would have interfered with Haig's peace mission.

"The resolution comes at a delicate moment of Secretary Haig's continuing efforts at a time when the United States has redoubled its peace efforts," Middendorf said.

As the OAS was meeting, diplomatic sources in Washington disclosed Haig was making last-minute peace proposals to avoid a South Atlantic war.

Argentina says British ready to strike today

United Press International
The British task force in the South Atlantic will impose a total air and sea blockade on the Argentine-held Falkland Islands, including the airport at the capital of Port Stanley, effective Friday at 7 a.m. EDT, the British Defense Ministry announced today.

The ministry said that ships and aircraft found within the zone after the blockade is imposed will be regarded as operating in support of the illegal occupation and will therefore be regarded as hostile and will be liable to be attacked by British forces.

Also from the time indicated, Port Stanley airport will be closed and any aircraft on the ground in the Falkland Islands will be regarded as present in support of the illegal occupation and accordingly is liable to be attacked.

The ministry warned the blockade would be imposed "without prejudice to the right of the United Kingdom to take whatever additional measures are needed in support of the right of self-defense under the U.N. charter."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher held emergency talks with her full Cabinet amid indications that Britain plans an imminent attack on the Falklands.

In Buenos Aires, naval sources warned that the British fleet would be within striking distance of the Falklands by this afternoon at the latest.

The ministry said it had sent 1,800 troops and two more ships since Monday to join the South Atlantic task force. The fleet now contains 5,500 marines and paratroopers.

Argentina's military junta, meanwhile, issued a yellow alert in its southern coastal region, putting

police, firemen and doctors on 24-hour call. Hospitals reportedly were emptied of all but the critically ill.

Argentina warned Britain will launch a sea-and-air assault on the Falkland Islands as early as today and put its southern coastline on alert for all-out war in the stormy South Atlantic.

The junta also warned military reservists that anyone not reporting for duty could be executed, and banned journalists from southern ports used as jumping off points for the Falklands.

Back in London, Britain imposed a near total blackout on battle preparations and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ominously told Parliament Argentina was unlikely to withdraw from the Falklands unless we bring military pressure to bear.

As both sides went on war footing, Secretary of State Alexander Haig made a last stab at heading off an armed confrontation by sending a new proposal to Argentina and Britain. A Buenos Aires news agency said it was rejected as unacceptable.

Haig reportedly warned Argentine President Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri Britain was deadly serious about retaking its colony of 149 years and the United States was bound by treaties to support its NATO ally.

The Organization of American States, meeting into the early hours today, approved, 17-0, with four abstentions, a resolution recognizing Argentine sovereignty over the disputed islands and calling for an immediate truce. The United States abstained.

Judicial Board forces seat change

Senate told to apportion itself

by Cyndy Davis
Battalion Staff

The Student Government Judicial Board has directed the Student Senate to reapportion itself at its last meeting tonight at 7:30 in 204 Harington Classroom Center. The Student Senate failed to apportion itself during the 1981-82 session, causing the Judicial Board action.

Apportionment involves distributing senators among students so each Texas A&M student gets equal representation based on college enrollment and living area population figures, Lance Wright, judicial board chairman, said.

If the Senate does reapportion, a College of Agriculture at-large Senate seat could be removed and one College of Engineering at-large Senate seat could be added, Wright said.

A change in enrollment figures in these two colleges may result in the switched seat.

The Senate also will consider executive branch appointments made by Student Body President Pat Pearson, and will elect a speaker and speaker pro tempore for the Senate. Pearson has submitted the following appointments for approval to the Senate:

- Executive Vice President — Chris E. Cleveland
- Director of Planning — Chris Langford
- Director of Freshman Programs — Jeff Anthony
- Director of Continuing Programs — Wally Brewster
- Comptroller — Eugene Sepulveda
- Traditions Council President — Steve Forman

Director of Executive Aids — Jeff Underhill

Election Commissioner — Les Asel

COSGA Director — Melissa Cospes

Director of Communications — Pam Franklin

Refrigerator Manager — Jim Fritts

Director of University Committees — Jack Cherry

Secretary of the Department of Census and Research — Lynda Beard

Director of Crime Awareness — Tracy Moy

Data Processing Director — John Kane

Judicial Board Chairman — Larry Warnock

Athletic Council Representative — Joe Jordan

Five bills also will be introduced tonight. These are:

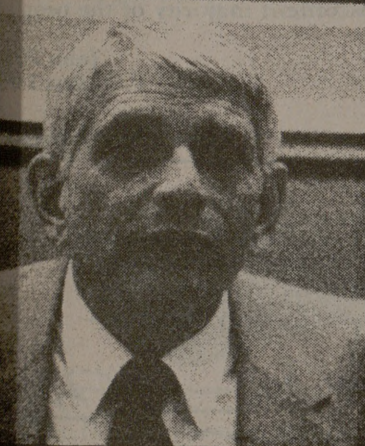
Data Processing Directorship Bill — defines the responsibilities of the data processing department of Student Government.

University Committees Bill — requests that the student body president ask University officials to schedule University Committee meetings at least once a semester.

University Drive Parking — recommends that parking on University Drive by the Academic and Agency Building be limited to blue and brown permit holders.

Academic Visibility Bill — asks that the trash dumpster obstructing the view of the Academic Building be relocated.

Discovering Aggeland Funding Bill — appropriates up to \$2,000 for the publication of at least 12,000 "Discovering Aggeland's."



Dr. Frank E. Vandiver

Vandiver says Mentors valuable to students

by Laura Williams
Battalion Staff

University President Frank E. Vandiver had high praise for faculty members who volunteer their time to counsel students.

Vandiver spoke at a Mentors meeting Tuesday night. Mentors are faculty members who offer academic and personal counseling to students.

"I came to thank you for what you are," Vandiver told about 30 faculty members. "Academic counseling is the key to a university, but academic counseling alone won't get it. It's easy for the student who is doing well to get lost."

Vandiver addressed the issue of poor teaching incentives as opposed to research incentives.

"I know of the 'publish or perish' syndrome the students claim," he said. "But I also know of researchers who claim there are no rewards in research."

Superior teachers who care about the student as well as their subject matter are the key to quality education, Vandiver said.

"I think we ought to strive for this type of teaching," he said. "It is not impossible, although it is rare. You Mentors may be the best answer we have."

Vandiver said the Houston Mothers' Club, which conducted a campus survey during Fall 1981 and submitted complaints of poor teaching to Vandiver, had done the University a service, to a certain extent.

"I think their concern is something we ought to be glad about," he said. "It's better than apathy."

Although Vandiver agreed that many complaints of students, former students and Aggie mothers were valid ones needing immediate attention, he stressed that teacher evaluation is very subjective.

"Bad teaching" often comes in the

wake of a decline in the student's morale," he said. "When a student's morale is down, everything goes bad. We're a university that does not have uniformly good teachers — or uniformly good students for that matter."

But, Vandiver said, the University would be much worse without caring teachers.

The mentors discussed several academic issues after Vandiver's speech. Complaints about graduating seniors that finish classwork two weeks before the end of the semester and unintelligible foreign teachers were discussed.

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Mostly cloudy with light winds and a slight chance of showers; high near 80; low in the low 60s. Thursday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the low 80s.