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Texas A&M rejoins SWC radio network

From Staff and Wire Reports
Texas A&M, given more flexibility in a deal worked out with Host Communications, rejoined the Southwest Conference Radio Network's revised package on Monday in a 9-0 vote by league members.

Commissioner Fred Jacoby said the SWC "agreed unanimously to establish institutional football radio networks in cooperation with the SWC's Host network."

"Each institution will have their own announcer and color announcer for the games," he said.

"We will have two originations on each game; for example one by Baylor AND Texas when they play each other, or Texas A&M and Baylor, et cetera," Jacoby said.

"Individual institution networks will be under the umbrella of Host," he said. They (Host) will still sell the advertising, clear the stations and produce the game through the conference anchor studio."

Jacoby said profits will be split according to a formula that will take

into consideration the number of stations carrying a team's broadcast and the strength of the stations.

In the past, profits were split equally among the nine league schools.

Texas A&M Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill and Learfield Productions had agreed to a three-year, \$1 million package if the SWC package problems couldn't be worked out.

Sherrill had alleged that Host was giving the University of Texas preferential treatment.

Host and Jacoby denied the charge.

Wally Groff, associate athletic director, said A&M "would release the information when we're ready."

Groff said no one with the athletic department would comment until Sherrill arrives in College Station.

Sherrill was in Dallas for the meeting and could not be reached for comment.

John Keith, sports news director, also could not be reached for comment.

Jacoby said, "Host Communications, in conjunction with Learfield-Ashcraft, will work on cooperative ventures outside of the conference contract."

"This would include coaches' shows, promotion items and advertising outside of the radio contract," he said.

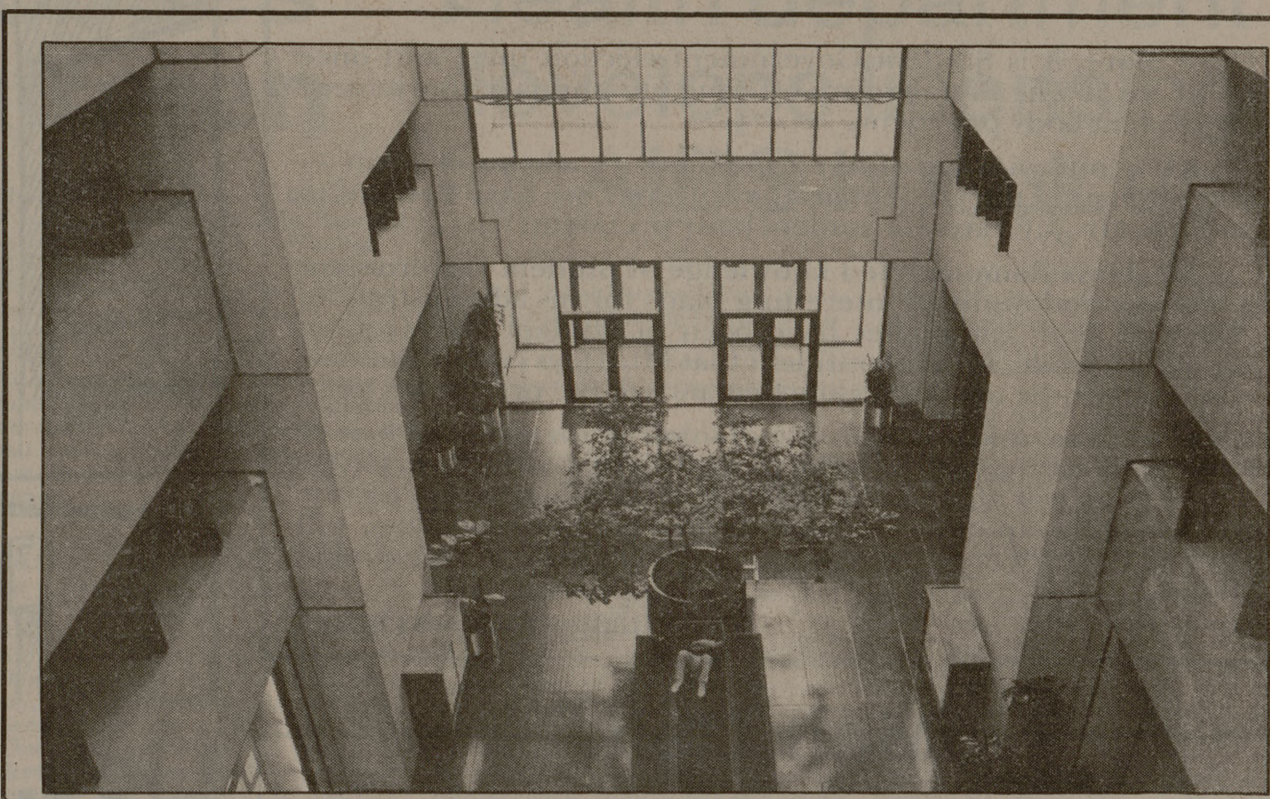
Jacoby praised Sherrill for his helpfulness.

"There is a little more flexibility for everyone in this and Coach Sherrill acted in good faith to resolve differences," Jacoby said. "Last Thursday he flew to Birmingham and met with Jim Host (president of Host Communications) and worked out this arrangement."

"It was presented to the conference and approved. Jackie should be given credit."

A&M will be back in the SWC package for the last two years of the contract with Host, Jacoby said.

"We're all very enthusiastic about it," Jacoby said.



Taking a break

Tommy Salaiz, a senior agronomy major from El Paso, takes a rest after a hard day's work in the

lobby of the Soil and Crop Sciences Building—Entomology Center.

Photo by Jay Janner

State senators discuss Hispanics' needs

By Tracy Staton
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Since Hispanics will be the majority population group in Texas by the year 2000, state government must recognize and meet the special needs of this cultural group, State Sen. Carlos Truan (D-Corpus Christi) and Sen. Hector Uribe (D-Brownsville) said Monday at Rudder Tower.

"The Mexican-American Impact in the Texas Legislature" was the second session in a lecture series, "Mexican-American Impact on Politics," sponsored by the MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture.

Both senators emphasized the importance of education to increasing Mexican-American influence on public policy. Hispanics must be offered an equitable education through programs such as bilingual education, they said.

One inequity they have been working to remedy is the absence of adequate higher education in South Texas. Truan is one of the plaintiffs who filed a suit against the State of Texas in December, charging that



Photo by Lisa G. Roe

Senator Carlos Truan speaks about Mexican-American impact on the legislature as Senator Hector Uribe takes notes Monday night.

Mexican-Americans have been denied a fair chance at higher education. Uribe is one of the lawyers representing the Hispanic interest groups that instigated the lawsuit.

"Hispanics are suing Texas over education funding," Truan said. "In South Texas, the average per capita funding is \$70. The statewide average is \$160 per capita and in Central Texas it's \$250. It's not fair. We

don't have a single professional school, and the only doctoral program is at Texas A&I in bilingual education.

"The resolution calls for institutions such as the University of Texas and Texas A&M to study South Texas, and if we aren't going to be adequately funded, maybe we ought to join hands."

Uribe also cited inadequate doctoral and master's programs in

South Texas as a disadvantage Mexican-Americans face. Even at the undergraduate level, the gap between white enrollment and minority enrollment is widening, he said.

"Many argue that the increased numbers of minority students on college campuses shows progress," Uribe said. "But that's not enough, because the real measure is the relative measure. The ratios and percentages indicate that the situation is worsening."

Fewer Mexican-Americans who graduate from high school attend college now, he said. And when the problem of high-school dropouts is added to the picture, the outlook is bleak.

Truan said school districts have the responsibility of retaining students and increasing scores on college-entrance exams. When school districts are successful, they should be rewarded, he said.

The senators acknowledged that Hispanics have scored victories in government, primarily with programs like bilingual education and adult education. Mexican-American influence in the Texas legislature has grown over the past 20 years; six of the 31 state senators and 19 of the 150 representatives are Hispanic.

Before 1971, only 12 of the 181 legislators were Mexican-American.

This increased representation shows that times have changed, Uribe said. And the Hispanic influence should expand as the Hispanic population expands, he said.

"Greater opportunity means greater responsibility," Uribe said several times during his speech. "How we respond to this increased opportunity determines our success."

Uribe also stressed that Mexican-Americans are a diverse group. Hispanic senators are not just interested in Hispanic issues, and Hispanic voters do not vote en masse, they make individual decisions just like other citizens, he said.

"I think we will see next a maturation of the Hispanic community," Uribe said. "Hispanics will be running against Hispanics just as whites have run against whites for many years, and issues will be important. As Hispanics join the mainstream of political life in Texas, they will support the best candidate without regard to race. If they support a candidate just because of ethnicity, they can't expect anyone else to act differently."

Israeli army seals regions to fight PLOs

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli army on Monday imposed its broadest clampdown yet on the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the occupied territories, sealing the regions for three days to combat a PLO day of protest.

The army also announced it was barring journalists from the territories for the first time in the four months that have left 119 Palestinians and one Israeli soldier dead.

Under the measure, the 650,000 Arabs in Gaza will be banned from leaving their homes, while the 850,000 Palestinians on the West Bank will be confined to their villages and towns, the army said.

The three-day closure began at 10 p.m. Monday in the Gaza Strip and at 1 a.m. Tuesday in the West Bank, an army statement said.

The restrictions also bar Palestinians from crossing the two bridges over the Jordan River, the army said. Incoming traffic from Jordan will be permitted, however. The orders also forbid Palestinians living in the territories from entering Israel, affecting about 110,000 Arab workers.

Candidates discuss issues at sparsely attended debate

By Todd Riemenschneider
Staff Writer

The two candidates for student body president met Monday to discuss the new University president, senior finals and their goals for the presidency.

Jay Hays and Brian Banner debated in Rudder Tower in front of fewer than 30 people.

Hays said Student Government's structure needs to be more focused so students are recognized more.

"What we have to do is to refocus the aim of Student Government back toward student representation and student services," Hays said.

He said students should know more about what is going on and what Student Government is doing.

Banner said he believes this year will be different.

"We have a new president (University) coming in and I think it will be interesting to see if the student body president is going to be able to sit down and actually talk out with him and to go to him first and speak about the issues," Banner said.

Hays and Banner agreed it is important for the new University president to understand the structure and traditions at A&M.

The candidates also spoke about what kind of power they believe the student body president possesses.

"What we have here is a situation where the student body president probably has an enormous amount of potential power that has yet to be tapped," Hays said.

He said the student body presi-



Photo by Sam B. Myers

Brian Banner and Jay Hays debate Monday night in Rudder Tower. Fewer than 30 people attended the debate between the two student body president candidates.

dent is now more of a figurehead than a person who directs power.

"(But) what we have to remember is we are students here and we are not in a position to dictate policy," he said.

Banner said the student body president has the power to be the voice of the students.

"We should represent all students on campus as that voice. In a way, the student body president is supposed to be a figurehead," Banner said, referring to the appearances the president must make during the year.

Banner and Hays also talked about getting a student appointed to the Board of Regents as a non-voting member. They agreed that a student is needed on the board

when the Regents are discussing student issues, such as senior finals.

Hays said senior finals negotiations must be a time of give and take. The students will have to give up something or take a stand, he said.

"We are going to have to take finals," Hays said, "but we don't have to take them under such a crazy schedule."

Banner agreed that seniors should take finals, but he said the exam schedule needs to be changed so people will be on campus for the graduation ceremonies.

Panamanian soldiers detain leaders after protest halted

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Soldiers firing into the air burst into the capital's leading hotel and detained opposition leaders and foreign journalists after an anti-government demonstration was smashed by authorities.

The military confiscated the film of foreign television crews at the Marriott Hotel, which has been used for weeks as an informal headquarters by scores of American and other reporters and leaders of the National Civic Crusade.

Opposition spokesmen said nearly

20 of their leaders were detained. Eight foreign journalists, including Richard Cole of the Associated Press, were taken away and held for about three hours.

The Civic Crusade, a leading anti-government coalition, staged the afternoon protest march in an attempt to force the ouster of Panama's military strongman, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Five leaders of the march were arrested.

The violence Monday coincided

with the beginning of the second week of a general strike that has closed down an estimated 90 percent of Panama's industry and commerce.

Gunmen dressed in civilian clothes but believed to be members of the Defense Forces' state security force, and helmeted soldiers carrying assault rifles, swept into the Marriott about three hours after the street demonstration was put down and forced their way into temporary offices of NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN, among others.

Student Publications accepting applications for editor positions

By Robbyn L. Lister

The Student Publications Board is accepting applications for Summer and Fall 1988 *Battalion* editor, 1988-89 *Aggieland* editor and 1988-89 producer of the *Aggieland Video Yearbook*.

Application forms are available in student activities offices in the MSC and the Pavilion; at the Student Publications Office, 217 Reed McDonald; in the journalism department office, 230 Reed McDonald; in *The Battalion* news room, 216 Reed McDonald; and in *The Aggieland* office, 011 Reed McDonald.

Typed application forms must be completed and returned to Dr. Doug Starr, chairman of the Board and journalism department head, in 230 Reed McDonald by 5 p.m. April 20.

The qualifications for *Battalion* editor are:

- At least 60 hours coursework and a grade-point ratio of 2.0 or higher overall.

- At least one year of experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or a comparable newspaper or at least 12 hours of journalism courses, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Reporting and Editing I and

II) and completion of or enrollment in JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society) during term of office.

The qualifications for *Aggieland* editor are:

- A GPR of 2.0 or higher both overall and in major.
- At least one year of experience in a responsible staff position on *The Aggieland* or an equivalent yearbook.

The summer *Battalion* editor will take office May 11 and continue through August 24, and is responsible for completing the back-to-school sections of the paper that will appear in *The Battalion* at the beginning of the fall semester.

The fall editor of *The Battalion* will serve during dead week, May 2 through 6, and then will resume duties from Aug. 29 through Dec. 2.

The *Aggieland* editor also will take office Aug. 29, but will serve until the yearbook is finished in 1989.

The producer of the *Aggieland Video Yearbook* will start work July 1 and will continue until the video yearbook is completed in 1989.