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38 Candidates Vie In Run-Offs

Amendment Not Needed

Special To The Battalion
By The Associated Press

AUSTIN—A simple act of the Legislature is all that would be needed to change the name of Texas A&M College, Atty. Gen. Will Wilson said Tuesday.

A constitutional amendment would not be necessary, the attorney general told H. B. Zachry of San Antonio, president of the Texas A&M board of directors. Zachry had requested a ruling on the subject.

The school was created by an act of the Legislature in 1871 rather than by a provision of the constitution and any change in the name would not require a constitutional amendment, said the opinion approved by Wilson and written by Asst. Atty. Gen. John Reeves.

Insurance Plan To Be Discussed

Representatives from the Pan American Life Insurance Co. will meet with A&M System employees tomorrow to explain the workings of a new "major medical" hospitalization insurance plan, according to System Insurance and Safety Director John W. Hill.

Two meetings, one at 2 p. m. and another at 4 p. m., will be held in the Biology Lecture Room. System employees will have a chance to hear how the new plan, designated "Plan IV," will work and to ask any questions they may have.

Hill also said any department wishing to hold a meeting for its own employees could make special arrangements by calling the insurance and safety director's office in the system comptroller's office.

The new plan provides insurance coverage for extremely large hospital and medical service charges up to a maximum of \$10,000. However, Plan IV cannot become effective until at least 500 system employees, who are currently insured in one of the three existing hospitalization plans, agree to accept the new service. Presently 2,024 persons are insured with some type of System sponsored hospitalization insurance.

Costs for Plan IV for one employee run \$4.91 a month or \$14.73 quarterly; for an employee and one dependent, \$9.35 a month or \$28.05 quarterly; for an employee and two or more dependents, \$12.64 a month or \$37.92 quarterly.

Decision to enroll in the new plan is entirely voluntary.

Officer Positions To Be Determined

By TOMMY HOLBEIN

Runoff elections for class officers will begin tomorrow, with 38 candidates listed on the voting machines in the Memorial Student Center.

Last week's elections showed a lack of interest in the event, with only 1,825 ballots being cast in the primary election, although a large field of 177 candidates were in the running.

Still in the race for class offices are the following:

Class of 1962

Roque C. Rodriguez and John (Waddle) Waddell in a runoff race for president.

Chuck Cochran and Cecil Baily will have a runoff contest for vice-president.

Jan F. Ahart and Charlie W. Moore in a runoff for secretary-treasurer.

Johnny M. Martinez and "Shakey" Powell in a runoff race for social secretary.

Bob D. Bates and Donald L. Dodgen in a runoff for historian.

David Halm and Jeff Wentworth in a race for Memorial Student Center councilman.

Bill C. McClain, Jim T. Davis and Tom H. Ralph in a runoff for yell leaders. Two will be elected.

Class of 1963

Roger John and Paul Barrett named to a runoff for president.

Scottie Brown and Charles Blaschke in a runoff contest for vice-president.

Bob Garrett and Al L. Weaver in a runoff for secretary-treasurer.

Don (Ollie Owl) Brister and Shelby Traylor in a runoff for social secretary.

Paul Smith and Mundo Riojas in a runoff race for MSC councilman.

Bill Brashears, Tom (Doc) Nelson and Dudley Griggs in a runoff for yell leaders. Two are to be chosen.

Class of 1964

Mike C. Dodge and Bill Rector (See ELECTION on Page 3)

3 SCONA Delegates Attend Meet

"The Merging Africa" is the subject of a four-day public affairs conference which is now being held at Principia College in Illinois and attended by three students from A&M.

Vic Donnell, Vice-Chairman elect of SCONA VII; Gene Jameson, Chairman-elect of the SCONA VII Arrangements Committee, and David Halm, a member of the Arrangements Committee for SCONA VII, left Monday by car for the conference.

The three students are scheduled to register for the conference when it opens today.

The site of the conference is a small liberal arts college located near Elsau, Ill. Principia College itself is a four-year co-educational school which was established in 1898 at St. Louis. The college has an enrollment of about 450 drawn from 40 states and 10 foreign countries.

The working of the conference will follow a plan similar to that used by SCONA. Questions will be presented to the assembly by various speakers after which the delegates will form into small round-table discussion groups.

These groups will then strive to find plausible answers to the questions that were presented earlier and as a conclusion will present these ideas to the assembly as a whole when it reconvenes.

The A&M delegates are expected to return to the campus Sunday after the conference ends Saturday afternoon.

World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

JFK Launches Discrimination Drive

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy personally launched a drive Tuesday to remove "every trace of discrimination" from the filling of federal jobs or hiring by contractors who do business with the government.

Kennedy told the first meeting of his new Committee for Equal Employment Opportunity that he had armed the group with powerful sanctions so it can be an effective instrument against job discrimination.

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More Laotian Delay Said Serious

WASHINGTON—Any further delay in a Laotian cease-fire agreement, a State Department spokesman said Tuesday, "would be a matter of very serious concern."

This assessment came from press officer Lincoln White after Secretary of State Dean Rusk told reporters he expects a Soviet reply "within a very few days" to a British proposal for an immediate cease-fire in Laos.

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Government Sues Electric Companies

PHILADELPHIA—Eleven electrical companies, convicted conspirators in antitrust price-fixing and bid-rigging, were sued by the U. S. government Tuesday for millions of dollars in damages.

Six separate complaints were filed in U. S. District Court accusing the firms, including the nation's two biggest—General Electric Co. and Westinghouse Electric Corp.—of cheating the Tennessee Valley Authority and a dozen federal agencies in the sale of equipment used for generation, transmission and distribution of electricity.

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JFK Calls Latin Problem "Critical"

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy said Tuesday night "if we don't move now" to aid Latin-American nations, Cuba's Prime Minister Fidel Castro "may become a greater danger than he is today."

The President also asserted that Latin America "is in a most critical period in its relations with us."

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Physicians Says Astronauts Need Tranquilizers
LONDON—An eminent British physician said Tuesday he is convinced that man must have alcohol or tranquilizers to survive in today's jet age.

"The use of these drugs is necessary for man's continued existence in our so-called civilized world," he said.

"If he did not take them he would commit suicide when things got too bad for him."

UNCONFIRMED... Space Flight Questioned

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW—London's Communist paper, the Daily Worker, reported Tuesday night that the Soviet Union shot a man into space orbit six days ago and brought him back to earth suffering from "after-effects of the flight."

There was no official confirmation of the report here, however, and Western correspondents could find nothing to bear out the story.

A spokesman for Tass, official Soviet news agency, said reports abroad of a Soviet space man came entirely from unofficial sources.

The Tass spokesman did not flatly deny, however, that there had been a flight.

A spokesman at Britain's Jodrell Bank radiotelescope observatory, which keeps track of space ships and satellites, said he had no knowledge of a new Soviet launching.

Communist newspapers in Europe, including Rome's L'Unita, which often is first with news from Moscow, had not received stories similar to the London Daily Worker's.

The London Daily Worker, attributing its information to well-informed sources in Moscow, heralded "the first man in space" in splashy big headlines and said the astronaut was the test pilot son of a leading Soviet aircraft designer.

Said Confirmed

In New York City, CBS radio broadcast a report from Moscow in which correspondent Marvin Kalb said he had confirmed the London Daily Worker story.

London Daily Worker story through unofficial sources in the Soviet capital. Kalb said the flier was probably the son of Sergei Ilyushin, designer of the Ilyushin jet planes.

The London story said the astronaut "is understood to be suffering after-effects from his flight," and was under constant attention.

and observation of leading Soviet medical specialists and space scientist.

The paper said he completed three orbits around the earth some 200 miles out in space last Friday before his 4½-ton vehicle returned to earth on command.

The story appeared only a day after rumors swept Moscow that the Soviet Union was about to announce the completion of a manned space flight. Communist newsmen here apparently had been tipped off from source to expect an announcement.

No statement was issued, however, and a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Monday night that he knew nothing about it.

Some correspondents here raised questions, when no announcement was forthcoming, whether something might have gone wrong.

BSU Installs Exec Council

Jim Carnes, a junior from San Benito has been installed as the president of the Baptist Student Union.

The installation was held Sunday, April 9, in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bryan. In addition to the placing of the new president in office, the new Executive Council was put into office.

Other men put in office were Walt Cavitt, secretary; Jack Connor, vice president; Bill Harrison, Vespers chairman; Wendell Irby, enlistment chairman; Howard Davis, publicity chairman; Don Davidson, local missions chairman; Johnny Winder, social chairman;

Don Willis, editor of The Link; Larry Braidfoot, student center chairman; Rusty Dunn, station wagon chairman; Dennis McClure, summer missions chairman; Tom Harris, international student committee chairman; Larry Hynson, Christian Life Committee Chairman; Don Costlow, campus organization chairman; Dr. Bardin Nelson, faculty advisor, and the Rev. Wesley Hatcher, pastor ad-visor.

DUE NATIONAL PROMOTION

Singing Cadets Finish Record Album For RCA

The A&M Singing Cadets have just finished cutting a new record album for RCA Victor. The album, which will receive nationwide promotion and distribution, will go on sale in the Gift Shop of the Memorial Student Center May 14. The 12-inch, 33-1/3 rpm album will sell for \$4.98.

The album features a complete Singing Cadet concert typical of the type of program presented by the Cadets in their area-wide singing tours. Included in the album is the complete "Testament of Freedom" with music by the world-renowned American composer Randall Thompson. The words of this work were written by Thomas Jefferson.

In addition to the "Testament of Freedom," the album includes music ranging from serious hymns to light and gay popular numbers. "The Spirit of Aggieland," "Adoramus Te," "She Walks in Beauty," "Elijah Rock," "Birth of the Blues," the traditional state song "Texas Our Texas" and the well-known benediction "The Lord Bless and Keep You" are included in the sparkling recording.

Robert L. Boone, Director of the Singing Cadets, had this to say about the album:

"In these times of world disorder and confusion, we feel it is a part of the responsibility of the Singing Cadets to remind Texans and Americans everywhere of the great prices that have been paid not only by our generation, but by all American generations, in order that we may live in this great country of ours, practicing the freedoms given to us by men and women who have suffered and died in this cause.

"In a day when a declaration of patriotism seems to be 'square' or 'old hat,' we feel the need to be even stronger, and if our presentation of the 'Testament of Freedom' accomplishes the purpose of reminding Americans of their glorious responsibility and heritage, we will be well rewarded."

RCA Victor, processing company of the record album, expects it to sell very well throughout the nation and especially well in Texas. The Cadets will receive royalties from sales of the album.

Films Feature Pan-Am Week

Pan American Week's second day of programs was highlighted last night by films in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom showing sports and recreations of the Latin American countries.

Three films, "Winds to South America," "Acapulco" and "Fishing in South America," were shown to a large audience of students and local residents.

"This is one of the ways we feel that we can reach the people of the United States and show them our way of life," said Daniel Gramates, president of the Pan American Club.

The three films showed some of the resort areas and sporting places of the countries of South America and Central America. One of the pictures showed the Mexi-

can resort of Acapulco, a favorite spot for the vacationers of the Americas to spend their time in leisure and water sports.

"We hope that these films serve to give the students and people of this area an idea of the beauty of the Latin American countries and encourage more people to visit them," said Carlos Rivera of Costa Rica, the chairman of the film presentations.

Scheduled on the program for tonight are more films on the Latin American nations. There will be six documentary films shown free to the public in the MSC Main Lounge showing facts and points of interest about the Countries of South and Central America.

Another attraction has been added to the Pan American Week ob-

servance. There will be free coffee in the MSC during several surprise hours throughout the week.

The coffee will be made from donations made by coffee growers in Colombia, secured by several of the members of the Pan American Club. The free "coffee from Colombia" will be served in the MSC Fountain Room at unannounced hours during the week.

Coming up on the agenda for Pan American Week are several other attractions. Thursday there will be a three act play in the MSC Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. The play is written and produced by Latin American students. Friday there will be a Latin American Smorgasbord in the MSC Dining Room featuring recipes furnished by students from Latin American countries. Following the dinner there will be a talk by Dr. Martin Cottoni, Consul of Paraguay. Saturday there will be a soccer meet and a barbecue for the participating teams.



Observing MSC Murals... students study Pan-American displays

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