

Poll Shows Majority Want Optional Laundry For '74

The University Laundry Committee has found that 60 per cent of on-campus students favor an optional laundry service after a random polling of 385 persons earlier this semester.

While 54 percent of the men were willing to pay \$5 extra for laundry service, 69.5 per cent of the women were against any such fee.

"Of course," said Nash, "these percentages would probably decrease somewhat with women moving across campus where self-service laundry equipment is not as readily available."

Nash said two types of optional service could be considered. One would be set up on a commercial

basis where students would pay each time they sent laundry. The second consideration would be similar to the service available now, only students would decide whether or not to use the laundry at the beginning of the semester.

"A commercial laundry would necessitate a considerable rise in price," said Nash. "Each day the amount of input into the laundry would be unknown, creating the rise."

"On the other hand, the second option would be considerably cheaper and could be easily implemented."

Nash continued to point out that the laundry has indicated it would be happy to go optional, as workers have grown weary of student complaints. The laundry service is self-supporting and the change would not affect it too much.

"At one time, the laundry system was beneficial, especially to

the Corps," said Nash. "Now many take their laundry home or have their own particular way they want their laundry to be handled."

Nash felt that a portion of the 60 per cent of the residents preferring an optional service would probably continue use of the service. "I think some of these students just could not see making others pay for something they didn't use."

"The program is one that will

take time to put into action but we would like to see it happen by the fall semester of 1974," said Nash.

The program must be first brought before the Student Senate, which in turn, if it accepts the optional idea, can recommend it to the administration.

Laundry Committee members include Nash, Jane Logan, Slim Noack, Jimmy Griffith, Juan Gonzalez and Tim Jordan.

TUESDAY — Fair & windy this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness. Easterly to south-easterly winds of 8 to 15 m.p.h. High 65, low 43.

WEDNESDAY — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Southerly winds of 10 to 15 m.p.h. High of 70.

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Republicans, Democrats Get Campus Recognition

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The Young Republicans and Young Democrats became the first political organizations recognized on campus last week.

Dale Foster, president of the A&M Young Democrats, has been working toward campus recognition of his organization for the past three years. He was unsuccessful because the Board of Directors had ruled against partisan politics on campus. The Board recently rescinded its restrictions on political groups. Foster credits this reversal to a new A&M voting precinct and a gradual change in the administration's position on student political organizations.

The Young Democrats have had an organization for students in College Station for the past 10 years. With an active membership of 60 and a total membership of 700, it is among the five largest Young Democrat groups in Texas.

The recently formed Young Republicans, which gained university recognition a few days before the Democrats, have an active membership of 30.

"Because we are so new, few people know that a Republican organization exists here," said Rus Miller, public relations chairman for the club. "Now that A&M has its own precinct, we will have to handle primary elections."

Both Miller and Foster hope that campus recognition will help expand their clubs' membership.

"Our membership grows during election years," said Foster. "The Young Democrats were active in last year's elections. We had individual committees set up for each candidate in the primaries and campaigned for the general elections."

The Young Republicans, sponsored by Dr. Gordon McNeil, "will work to politically educate voters at A&M and initiate them into party politics," said Miller. "We plan to bring Republican state legislators to campus next fall to talk to students."

The Young Democrats also plan to bring state and national politi-

cal figures to campus as speakers next fall.

"Most of this spring has been spent organizing for the Young Democrats of Texas Convention which will be held at the Astro-world Hotel in Houston from the 27th to the 29th of April," said Foster. "We will take 60 delegates to the convention to give our organization its necessary representation. We also have one state officer and four other members on the state executive committee," said Foster.

The convention will honor the late Lyndon B. Johnson, and his family will be there to receive recognition in his honor.

The Young Republicans sent Beau Schaborough, president of the club, and Carol Moore, executive vice president, as delegates to a state convention in Dallas.

Schaborough and corresponding secretary Allison Berry were named District Five committee man and woman. They will work as liaisons for clubs in the area. Moore will represent the A&M

club at the national convention in Atlanta this July.

Both organizations would like new members.

The Young Republicans plan a meeting April 29 at 9 p.m. but have not set a place for the meeting. Membership dues are \$3 a year.

The Young Democrats meet the last Thursday of each month but have not named a meeting spot for this month. Dues are \$2 a semester or \$4 a year.

Media's Impact Subject For Serling Discussion

TV's "Night Gallery" and "Twilight Zone" creator, Rod Serling, will speak tonight through sponsorship of the Great Issues committee of the Memorial Student Center. He will discuss the impact of mass media on today's society.

The 8:15 p.m. program will be in G. Rollie White Coliseum, announced Great Issues Chairman T. C. Cone.

A prolific writer, Serling specializes in the effects of unusual circumstances on humans.

The long-running "Twilight Zone" series and NBC-TV's "Night Gallery" of which he is on-screen host are tension-producing tales of inner man and outer space.

Serling also wrote high-scoring TV dramas "A Storm in Summer," "Requiem for a Heavyweight" and "Patterns." The New York native wrote "Seven Days in May" and "Planet of the Apes" for the big screen.

A partial list of his honors ranges over television's most prestigious awards. He received six Emmies for TV's best dramatic writing. His shelves also hold four Writers' Guild Awards, two Sylvania Awards, the Christopher Prize and the first Peabody Award ever given to a writer.

"The networks hate to work with me," Serling says. "They hire me . . . then close their eyes." He is an acknowledged expert on the devious means of censor-

ship exercised over television. It makes executives, sponsors and producers wary.

He says it is because "they know I'm temperamental, irascible, controversial—and a perfectionist. They deliberately put into my contracts that I am only allowed to yell so loud."

Serling's TAMU visit will fulfill a long-term goal. An Army

paratrooper in the Pacific during World War II, his company commander was an Aggie.

"I've always wanted to see Aggie land," Serling told Cone.

Tickets to the Serling talk are 50 cents general admission and \$1 reserve seat for TAMU students with activity cards. All others are \$1.50 general admission and \$2 reserve seat.

Sign-Up Starts For Those Wanting Same Rooms

Residents of Krueger, Hart, Hotard, Law, Leggett, Puryear, Walton, Moore, Moses, Davis-Gary, McInnis, Schumacher, Utay, White and male residents of Dunn who want to reserve their present rooms or another room within their hall should contact their resident advisors by April 13.

Applications for day student permits will be accepted until April 18. Applications will not be accepted after April 18 until the close of pre-registration.

Students under 21 must have their parents send permission for off campus living by U.S. Mail to Mr. Ed Morris in the Housing Office before their applications will be considered.

Students without day student permits at Fall room sign-up should reserve rooms to avoid losing room priority. Those not qualified for a day student permit by April 18 will be required to pre-register as residence hall students.

Ag Photographers Sweep 31 Awards

Camera Committee photographers won 31 awards in the Memorial Student Center group's Salon '73, with Richard C. Gunn capturing the top color prize.

Four other schools shared prize ribbons. East Texas State took the lion's share from the annual intercollegiate photo contest.

Salon '73 winners are on exhibit this week in the University Library.

Gunn had the best of show color print. A subtle-color photo titled "Alone," it pictures a bicycle rider on a bridge over a fog-shrouded river.

Environmental Design Professor Roy C. Pledger had the runner-up best of show black-and-white, a family-type portrait. It placed first in the adult and family portrait category, one of 15 in the contest. He also won two second place ribbons and a third.

A local M.D. affiliated with the MSC committee, Dr. Antonio B. Fleitas, collected the most rib-

bons, all in color photography. He had firsts in female glamour and animal portraiture, and a tie for first in child portraiture. The physician also had seconds in animal portraiture and human interest.

Bruce Lawrie led other TAMU first place winners. The engineering technology senior from San Antonio had firsts in female glamour and still life. He also had a second in female glamour.

Sophomore journalism major Debi Blackmon of Bryan placed first in the black-and-white landscape category. She also had two third places.

William N. Seelig, civil engineering graduate student of Rockville, Md., had the top print in black-and-white animal portraiture. The best nature black-and-white entry was by Michael T. Postek, botany graduate student from Miami, Fla.

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SUNSHINE PROVIDED a welcome break in the weather Monday and opportunity to study in relaxing cool spring weather. Concentration on the text may have been a hard thing to do as a result, however. (Photo by Steve Ueckert)

Boycotters Attacked

Convocation Speaker Claims Consumers Eating Cheaply

A University of Illinois official here Monday night took a poke at the meat boycott, saying that consumers have been paying relatively low food prices since the days of World War II.

And now that farmers—stockmen in particular—are getting a fair return on their investment, consumers are "howling to high heaven," said Dr. Karl E. Gardner, associate dean of the UI College of Agriculture.

The dean was the main speaker during A&M's annual Agricultural Convocation attended by students and faculty in the College of Agriculture.

Purpose of the session each year is to recognize outstanding students and an honor professor, and to hear speakers discuss various facets of agriculture.

During the war, and especially in the three or four years after World War II, agriculture did fairly well, Gardner said. Then during the 1950s and 1960s, wages of factory workers, white collar workers and laborers galloped away from farm prices.

He pointed out that construction wages led the list and more than doubled in the 1960s decade alone. Meanwhile, agricultural prices went up maybe 20 per cent.

"Americans ate cheap," the speaker said. "Now a 'correction' is taking place, and urbanites are howling to high heaven. A few housewives think their meat boycott is a new idea. Who doesn't boycott what he feels is too expensive?"

Gardner emphasized that agricultural prices go up, and then they come down again.

"Wages, on the other hand, have not come down in the life time of any of the students present," he explained. "It was only three or four years ago that beef cattlemen and hog raisers were keeping their books in red ink. How few news articles make this clear to the public."

Gardner's talk was titled "What's Ahead for Agricultural Graduates," and said the outlook is "pretty fine at present."

"I see no reason to suspect that the current situation in agriculture is entirely a temporary one. I feel that it should extend into the future. This is not to say that we shall not see ups and downs in prices. But, these variations will take place at a higher plane than we have previously seen," the dean said.

Gardner added that he believes the percentage of graduates who

return to farming and ranching will hold its own and might increase a little.

New Computer System Goof Blamed For Ticket Notices

A computer operation recently set up between the University Police Office and the Data Processing Center has caused several thousand students and faculty to be billed a second time for traffic and parking tickets received since the beginning of the year.

University Police Chief O. L. Luther said that approximately 4,000 notices were sent out by the computer, some to people owing fines, but most to persons already having paid them.

The computer system, originally projected to be in operation Oct. 10, 1972, was put into operation just this April. Luther said he's not surprised at the mistakes and said that students with genuine bills should take them directly to the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building.

Students receiving notices, but already having paid their fines, should bring notices to the University Police Office in the YMCA Building along with their 1972 license numbers to have the matter cleared up.

Students without parking permits will also receive bills under the system after the University Police check license plate numbers with the Department of Public Safety in Austin.

Luther noted that if the fines or notices aren't cleared up before pre-registration or graduation times, students will be blocked from doing so by the Fiscal Office. Final semester grade reports will also be withheld by the Registrar's Office.

A second mailing is scheduled within the next two weeks and Luther said he doesn't know what to expect on this one. People owing fines will receive mailings every two weeks until the matters are solved with his office or the Fiscal Office.

Arabs Bomb Israeli's Home

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Two groups of Arab guerrillas bombed an apartment building Monday where the Israeli ambassador lived, then shot up an Israeli airliner parked at the airport.

About 12 hours later Israeli commandos, apparently landing from helicopters, raided Palestinian guerrilla installations in and near Beirut and Sidon, Lebanon. Dozens of Palestinian Arab guerrillas were reported killed or wounded in the Lebanon raids.

The Israeli military command did not say whether the raids were retaliatory, but Israel in the past has struck swiftly at Pales-

tinian guerrilla camps in Lebanon in response to terrorist acts.

At Nicosia the Arabs fought gunbattles with Cypriot police at the apartment building and with Israeli security forces and a policeman at the airport.

The government said one of the attackers, wounded in the head, died in a hospital. Three other Arabs and a Cypriot policeman were wounded.

No one was hurt in the bomb blast at the three-story apartment building.

The police said they found a note indicating that the Arabs intended to hijack an airplane.

It was not immediately known if the group had any ties with the Black Septemberists who car-

ried out the Olympics massacre and the slaying of two U.S. diplomats and a Belgian envoy in Sudan last month.

It was the fourth attack on Israeli diplomats abroad since September and the first major Arab-Israeli encounter on Cyprus, a Mediterranean island with deep troubles of its own.

Security was tight here after a weekend of bombings carried out by members of Gen. George Grivas' underground army which seeks to force union of Cyprus with Greece. The first fatal casualty of Grivas' four-month campaign came during a gun battle Monday morning in the village of Koutrafas.

Police gave this account of the Arab guerrillas' attacks: A group of Arabs drew up in a car in front of the Israeli residence, a three-story apartment house. One ran up to the front door and left a bag of explosives there. He then rushed back to the car, but Cypriot security guards opened fire as the car started away and three of the Arabs were seized.

The bomb went off, tearing open the front of the building and blasting out the rear wall on the ground floor, so that it looked like a tunnel.

The Israeli ambassador, Rahamin Timor, said later he had left his residence on the third floor for his office just before the blast.

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