

# The Battalion

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## Weather

Partly cloudy and warm  
Wednesday. Mostly cloudy with  
possible showers Thursday. Both  
days near 80°.



WE MAY BE THE ONLY female telephone installer-repairer in town, but we try not to act like it's too big a deal. Barbara Poncik, a mother of two children, is the only woman in this area working for the telephone company as

a repairman. She was switchboard operator for seven years before transferring to the higher-paying field job. (Photo by Kathy Young)

## Senate could be cut by 14 votes

By LATONYA PERRIN  
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Student representation on the Student Senate could be cut next year by 14 votes.

The Student Senate voted Tuesday night to lower the number of voting positions in the new constitutional revisions. The revision will be presented to the students on the referendum this spring. College representation will be lowered by 10 and living area by four if the proposal passes. The positions will be apportioned by population.

An amendment to change representation to 60 college votes, five freshmen and five executive committee members—omitting all living area votes—was narrowly defeated after lengthy debate.

"Most people feel closer to the people in their classes than those in their living area," said Senator Ron Miore (business).

Other revisions included specification of the duties of senators including involvement on Student Government projects and a requirement of gaining 15 names on a petition to run for senator or 50 to run for executive positions.

The Senate voted unanimously to accept a contract from American Publishers for new campus maps. The maps will be distributed free of cost to the students as advertising will pay the cost of printing.

A resolution asking that the scope of the County and Road District Highway Fund be expanded to include mass transit or other modes of transportation was tabled after some debate.

Vice President Shariq Yusufzai yielded the chair to Speaker Pro Tem Jan Faber due to "personal involvement" (See SENATE, Page 4)

## Subpoena found and delivered

WASHINGTON (AP)—A subpoena commanding President Nixon to testify at the California burglary trial of a former top White House aide has gone to the special Watergate prosecutor for further action.

After being delayed in the mail, the subpoena finally reached the District of Columbia Superior Court clerk Tuesday and he immediately sent it to acting U.S. Atty. Earl J. Silbert for action. Silbert promptly bucked it to the special prosecutor's office.

A spokesman for special prosecutor Leon Jaworski indicated the matter would be referred routinely to the D.C. Superior Court for a decision on whether the President's testimony is essential and, if so, whether he can be required to obey the summons. A White House spokesman has said the President "would respectfully decline to appear... on constitutional grounds."

The possibility remained open that Nixon would consider written responses to questions. The subpoena, requested by former presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman, was issued Feb. 1 by California Superior Court Judge Gordon Ringer. It was the first time a state court judge had

ordered a President to testify in person at a trial.

Ringer ordered Nixon to appear in court on Feb. 25 and April 15.

Ehrlichman and two other former White House aides are charged with burglary and conspiracy in connection with the break-in at the Beverly Hills, Calif., office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. Ehrlichman also is charged with perjury. All pleaded innocent.

## Medieval instruments return

Court musicians played upon medieval instruments to please their lords. Collegium Musicum will do the same for TAMU audiences Monday.

Town Hall is bringing the group, which will perform in the Rudder Center Theater at 8 p.m. The event is free for students with activities cards and \$2 for general admission.

The Collegium plays such instruments as the sackbut, chalumeau, viol and crumhorns to recreate the actual sounds of times long gone. Using music searched for in nooks and crannies, the group also plays compositions from the Renaissance and Baroque eras.

The Collegium, from the University of Texas Music Department, has traveled through Mexico and California receiving warm and enthusiastic welcomes.

This will be Collegium's second visit to the TAMU campus as part of the Young Artist's series. Tickets are on sale in the Rudder Center Box Office, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## SCONA prepares largest program

The largest SCONA program ever held is at TAMU this week.

Lectures, round-table discussions and films are the main events available to students here. Almost all SCONA activities are free and open to the public.

Students who can't attend the speeches can see them on KAMU-TV, channel 15 UHF.

The keynote address by Alice Rivlin will be shown Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., followed by a live telecast of William Ruckelshaus' speech at 8:30.

Abba Lerner will be televised live at 8 p.m. Thursday, followed by a videotaped broadcast of William Clements at 9.

The William Anders, Raymond Wright and Mike McCormack panel will be shown on KAMU at 9 p.m. Friday.

Hans Morgenthau's speech can be heard Monday at 9 p.m. with a recap of the conference scheduled for viewing Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

KAMU is TAMU's educational tv station. A major portion of the work at SCONA goes on at roundtable discussions in which the delegates meet in small groups.

Students interested in listening in on the round table sessions are invited to do so. These will meet for two hour periods, Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Roundtables will be held in the Rudder Tower rooms 308, 305 A and B, 402, 404, 407 A and B, 410, 502, 504, 507 A and B, 510, and 604 A and B. Students can come and listen, but cannot participate in the discussions.

Films will also be shown to help people visualize some of the topics better. Urban problems, military spending and energy aspects are possible problem areas covered. Films will be shown in Room 301 of the Rudder Tower at 8:30 p.m. Friday, free of charge.

All speeches will be in the University Center Theater.

- Wednesday**
  - 2 p.m. Alice Rivlin "Reordering American Priorities"
  - 8:30 p.m. William Ruckelshaus "Environment vs. Energy Needs" (Great Issues presentation, in conjunction with SCONA)
- Thursday**
  - 12:30 p.m. Hans Morgenthau "Shifting Emphasis in Foreign Policy"
  - 3:30 p.m. William Clements "Changing Budgetary Priorities and Our National Defense"
  - 8 p.m. Dr. Abba Lerner "Reordering Economic Priorities Free vs. Controlled Economy"
- Friday**
  - 10:30 p.m. William Anders, Raymond Wright, Mike McCormack (Panel Presentation) "Emerging Energy Priorities"
  - 1:30 p.m. Barbara Williams "Changing Budgetary Priorities and the Needs of the People"
- Saturday**
  - 11:30 a.m. Dr. Daniel Bell "Changing Personal Priorities" (invitation only—brunch will also be served)

## 'Quack Shack' made into classrooms

### Students going to old hospital for classes, not excuses

By VICKIE ASHWILL  
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Students now walk up the steps to the old University Hospital to go to class, not to get excuses from them.

Labeled "Quack Shack" by the students who used its facilities, the old building is presently being remodeled for office and classroom use.

"We're trying to make it as functional and useful as possible," said Logan B. Council, director of the University physical plant. "By the end of the spring semester the building should be in its final configuration."

Remnants from the past still haunt the old hospital like chipped and faded walls, the lake scene photo in the deserted lobby, porcelain and brass door knobs and various graffiti.

One sign reads as follows: "NURSE'S STATION (abandon hope all ye who ENTER HERE.)"

Doctors' offices and patients' rooms now hold architectural students or workmen with paint brushes. Ward four houses the "Cheerios Kids," a group of architectural students who, on some mornings eat cheerios in class.

"Here We'll Build the College" written in 1963 by Ernest Langford, professor emeritus of architecture, claims the old hospital "is the first hospital in the world

to be equipped with showers throughout."

These semi-famous shower stalls are now being converted into offices for professors.

College of architecture, home economics research, business affairs, grounds maintenance, janitorial service and a laundry station have all been assigned to the building.

"We're fixing it up temporarily to accommodate various administrative functions in the University," said Gen. Alvin R. Luedicke, TAMU executive vice president.

"It seems that everyone is growing a little bit. Just as soon as someone moves out of some place, someone else needs it," Council said.

Cost of the original wing was \$57,754.71 (in 1916) and the east wing, added in 1973, totaled out at \$89,230.16.

Council would not comment on the cost of the construction and said this was because he was unable to determine costs of various items to be used in the building at this time.

Luedicke commented that the old hospital remodeling was not a major construction job. "My only concern is that it doesn't become one," he said.

Council said both the east and west wings of the hospital were undergoing repainting and re-lighting where necessary.

"The upstairs will be air conditioned," continued Council. "And

we are getting ready to pour a handicap ramp by the ambulance entrance next week."

Council said the elevator, installed with the original wing, would remain in service for those

persons who are handicapped.

"It's a good strong building," said Council, "with no major structural faults. It's hard to set a date as to when it will be torn down, but it will probably be used

for at least five years."

Luedicke wants the old building to go down before then.

"I hope we only have to leave the building up one to two years," he said.



OLD HOSPITALS DON'T DIE, they just fade away into classrooms. Prof. John Fairey and his environmental design class survey their new surroundings as they meet in the old university hospital building. (Photo by Roger Mallison)

## Soviets sieze Solzhenitsyn for 'slanders'

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet police muscled into a Moscow apartment Tuesday and arrested Nobel Prize author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the dissident writer's wife reported.

In a statement prepared in case of his arrest, Solzhenitsyn said that if he was sent to a labor camp he would give his captors only one choice: "to kill me quickly."

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said her husband was confronted by seven "rough" men just inside the door of her apartment. A counselor from the state prosecutor's office named Sverev showed a document authorizing use of force to take him into custody, she said.

"I won't go," she said Solzhenitsyn told them. "I have explained why. I won't go unless you take me by force."

The mother of Natalya Svetlova, the novelist's wife, said the police then dragged him off. Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said the prosecutor's office told her four hours later her husband was under arrest.

In his preparatory statement released to Western newsmen by his family a few hours after his arrest, the author of "Gulag Archipelago" wrote that if a Soviet court sentences him to another labor camp term, he "will not work one half-hour for my oppressors. In this way I leave them the sole responsibility of being caught out in the open: to kill me quickly because I have written the truth about Russian history."

The statement, believed to be Solzhenitsyn's last before his arrest, included a promise to refuse to cooperate in any way with his captors, judges and jailers.

The 1970 Nobel laureate stated: "In advance I declare that any tribunal of common law on Russian literature or any of its books, on any Russian author, to be incompetent.

"If any such tribunal is called against me,

I shall not go there on my own legs. I shall be taken there with my hands bound in a police van."

A 1,500-word excerpt also was released to newsmen Tuesday from an unpublished section of the over-all work of which "Gulag Archipelago" is a part.

The published work deals with Soviet labor camps from 1918 to 1956, but a few pages in the final section deal with the period up to 1968 when he finished writing the entire work.

In the excerpt released Tuesday, the author said Soviet law is "powerful, slippery and unlike anything else on earth known as the law."

He charged that some laws are applied retroactively to some defendants while persons who gave false testimony during the Stalinist purges went unpunished and now are "basking in the golden sunset of their days."

Since publication in the West of "Gulag Archipelago," Solzhenitsyn has been attacked in the press, criticized on radio and television and caricatured in posters as an enemy of "everything the Soviet Union holds dear."

He has twice refused to honor summonses to appear for questioning. "I refuse to acknowledge the legality of your summons and will not come for an interrogation to any state organ," he said in a statement Monday.

In his statement Tuesday, the author said that if called before a tribunal, "I shall reply to none of its questions. Condemned to incarceration, I shall not submit to the verdict unless manacled.

"Once incarcerated, having already sacrificed my best eight years at forced labor for the state and have caught cancer there, I shall not work even one half-hour for my oppressors."

Solzhenitsyn's fight to recover from disease was recounted in his book "Cancer Ward."

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