

# Election results posted at MSC midnight or later

Results from today's spring general election will be posted no sooner than midnight.

Election Board Chairman Barry Bowden said results will be posted on the glass windows on the outside of the Student Programs office and on the doors nearest the main desk at the Memorial Student Center.

Students will be voting for Student Government executive officers, Student Senators, Residence Hall Association executive officers, Graduate Student Council and yell leaders.

Also on the ballot will be six amendments to the Student Body Constitution on the following topics:

1. Establish a Student Executive Director to be responsible for the administration of on-going Student Government projects.
2. Combine the Student Senate Executive Committee and the

Student Body President's Executive Committee into a single Student Government Executive Committee.

3. Delete Constitutional Reference to Student Body President's Advisory Council.
4. Change the vote requirements

needed to override a veto by the Student Body President of a Senate Bill from two-thirds to a majority.

5. Have University Committees appointments approved by a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate rather than not ap-

proved at all.

6. Delete reference in Constitution to separation of powers. Polls will remain open until 6 tonight. Students are required to have an ID and an activity card to vote and in order to vote for the senator from their college, they need their fee slip or their mid-semester grade report.

Polling places will be open at Sbisa, MSC, Library, guardroom, Krueger-Dunn Commons, Zachry Engineering Center, the Veterinary Medicine School and the married student apartments.

# The Battalion

When you ain't got nothing, you got nothing to lose—Bob Dylan

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LAST-MINUTE CAMPAIGNING and a forum before the vice-president of finance, Curt Marsh looks on. (Photo by people attract a small crowd by Sbisa Wednesday evening. Steve Ueckert) Tom Taylor is the center of attention as his opponent for

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### Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler Thursday with a high of 73°. Northerly winds 10-15 m.p.h. gusting to 30 m.p.h. Low tonight 43°. Fair to partly cloudy Friday. High tomorrow 77°. No precipitation.

COOL



## Hearst joins SLA by taped message

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Patricia Hearst, the newspaper heiress who was dragged screaming from her apartment two months ago, renounced her family on Wednesday and declared she was joining her terrorist kidnapers as a revolutionary.

"I have changed—grown. I've become conscious and can never go back to the life we led before," said the tape-recorded voice identified by her parents as that of the 20-year-old Patricia, whose life had been held against demands for millions of dollars of free food for the poor.

The sudden declaration, one day after a sign that her release by the mysterious Symbionese Liberation Army appeared imminent, left Patricia's parents stunned and disbelieving.

"Personally, I don't believe it," newspaper executive Randolph A. Hearst said after hearing the tape. "We've had her 20 years, they've had her 60 days, and I don't believe she's going to change her philosophy that quickly or that radically."

"If it is her choice to become a member of an organization like

this, we still love her," he added. Hearst's wife, Catherine, agreed, telling newsmen outside the family's home near here: "I know my daughter very well . . . I know my girl. She would never join any organization like that without being coerced."

The couple, whose life for the past eight weeks had shifted from desperation to often-expressed hope, spoke only those words, answering no questions from the cluster of newsmen gathered in front of their home. Their brief statements were carried live by local television stations.

On the tape, which also carried death threats by the SLA against three so-called "enemies of the people," Miss Hearst said she was speaking her own mind and had chosen to "stay and fight." Her freedom, therefore, became no longer a matter of negotiation, according to an SLA leader who also spoke on the recording and said she could leave at any time she wanted.

The SLA voice indicated as well that the abduction of Patricia Hearst would be the group's last (See HEARST, p. 6)

## Nixon to pay \$465,000 in taxes

### Money said owed for past four returns

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House officials say President Nixon, facing a federal tax bill for about half his reported net worth, probably will be forced to borrow some money to make the payments.

Nixon announced through aides Wednesday night he would pay some \$465,000 in back income taxes and interest. He acted after being told privately a day earlier that the Internal Revenue Service calculated he owed on extra \$432,787 in taxes before interest for his

first four years in the White House.

The President's net worth as of last May 31, was put at \$988,522 in disclosures Nixon made four months ago. His cash assets were put at \$432,874.

A White House source, asked how Nixon proposed to meet a taxes-and-interest bill of about \$465,000, said the President would use some resources and probably borrow the balance.

The White House announcement

said the IRS report contained no suggestion of fraud on the part of the President.

IRS contended Nixon improperly claimed deductions for business expenses and a controversial gift of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives.

The federal tax collectors also held that the President failed to report taxable capital gains on sales of a New York City apartment and part of his land at San Clemente, Calif.

The tax agency, which once gave the Presidency an okay on past filings now challenged, also was said by Nixon aides to have found he should have reported as taxable income some federally-financed improvements to his California and Florida estates, and the value of air flights made by relatives and friends on military aircraft.

The White House announcement that Nixon would pay the (See PAYMENTS, p. 5)

## Bent horseshoe nails part of sidewalk craftsmanship

By CLIFF LEWIS

The ancient tradition of the sidewalk craftsman came to TAMU Tuesday, kneeling on the sidewalk by Sbisa beneath a hot sun and a lot of blond hair.

Where he sat in the shade, bending horseshoe nails and wrapping them together with wire, a small crowd gathered, wondering what this was that was happening on the campus. His simple jewelry was displayed on a blue ground cloth.

"This kind of work gives me a sense of creativity and the chance to scrutinize people," said Click Shannon. "I find that jewelry gives people a sense of security. And I find that no

matter how hard I try, I still need money to live."

Shannon knelt on the sidewalk and tried to keep his display cloth from blowing away. He's been around the world, he said, and he makes sandals and tyedyes and plays banjos on street corners. But Tuesday he was making his jewelry.

"There's a story behind this jewelry," he said.

"It started in Sweden, where the wife of King Frederick III liked the shape of horseshoe nails, so she got the royal blacksmith to experiment around with them.

"So this blacksmith moved to Crete, where there were all these people living in caves that had

crew cuts and hairy legs. He'd never seen such hairy legs, and he really dug that, so he gave them these nail bracelets free.

"Now the horses on Crete flipped out when they saw these nail bracelets because they'd only seen the nails in horseshoes before. Pardon me, yes sir, I'll sell it to you for five but it really should go for seven. Now, let's see . . .

"Oh, so there was a decree passed inducing all humans wearing this jewelry to put paper bags over the nails whenever they were around horses, so the horses wouldn't go crazy.

"And this was the origin of the horse-nail contraceptive." His thick mustache spread across his face, and he was laughing.

Shannon really should have had permission from the concessions commission under the office of Howard Perry, assistant to the Vice President of Student Services, in order to sell his wares on campus. But he didn't, and luckily he didn't get the fact brought to his attention. He just attracted the attention of curious students. "Every campus needs to have a little color added, right?" he proposed. "I've always had a dream for selling jewelry around cowboys."

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." Adv.



JEWELRY MAKER Click Shannon applies his artistic bent to a horseshoe nail in front of Sbisa Tuesday. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

## Voting in Spring Elections closes today at 6 p.m.