

Cloudy with intermittent light rain today and tonight. Decreasing cloudiness Wednesday. High Tuesday 54°; low tonight 40°; high tomorrow 51°.

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Board rules election valid

By TERESA COSLETT
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The run-off election for freshman class offices and constitutional amendment referendum held last week were made valid by a Judicial Board decision Monday night.

The board voted 7-0 to uphold an appeal against an injunction to halt the voting issued the day before the elections. Board member Mike Perrin abstained from discussion and voting because he had issued the injunction. Russell Hamley, junior board member was absent.

The injunction was issued Dec. 4 and the appeal was made by Susan Warren, election board commissioner.

Perrin had received complaints from students Douglas Winship and Jim Crowley that the election board had not placed the required notice in The Battalion ten class days before the election.

The decision in the case stated that the injunction was overturned because, according to the board's by-laws, it terminated when an appeal was requested.

Also the decision stated proper notification had been given in a story of the Nov. 15 issue of The Battalion.

The story said the election would be held but had not given the exact date of the election. The board ruled the University Rules and Regulations requirement that notification be given did not specify that the date must be included.

In the decision, the board upheld

its right to determine how injunctions about election procedures shall be issued.

But the board acknowledged that its jurisdiction did not extend to areas the Senate has constitutional power over.

On the basis of its ruling on the appeal, the board stated it would not hear further cases concerning the election notification procedure.

Winship and Crowley had previously filed appeals against the election results on the notification issue. But the board considered the notification question already answered in the decision on Warren's appeal.

Serving as counsel for Warren, Curt Marsh, student vice president of finance, said the injunction should be ruled invalid because it was not witnessed and issued by the chairman as specified in the senate's newly passed election regulations. But in the decision, the board ruled that its own by-laws, merely requiring the injunction to be written, took precedence.

Concerning Battalion responsibility in printing election notices, Battalion Editor Greg Moses was called as witness and said, "It is not our duty to fulfill student government's obligations. We will cooperate but should not be held responsible. They should pay for an official notice."

Marsh said since The Battalion is a student newspaper and supported by student services fees it should print election notices without charge.



Photo by Will Anderson

Jammed weapon

The Ranger field training exercise last weekend included upperclassmen and "fish aggressors" like John Dillon, who learned that it's a lot easier to be aggressive when your

M-60 machine gun works properly. The maneuver was held in the forests near Easterwood Airfield and lasted two days.

Officials talk

Ration predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top energy officials in the Ford administration said Monday they think the government will have to adopt mandatory measures to conserve energy.

Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton told the opening session of a three-day public hearing on U.S. energy policy: "I think we've got to come up with some awful tough turkey." The administration uses those words to characterize mandatory fuel-saving measures.

Energy chief-designate Frank G. Zarb told a reporter after opening three days of hearings on increasing domestic refining capacity: "My own personal view is that we're going to have to take stronger measures" to cut back consumption of expensive foreign oil.

Morton, chairman of the Cabinet-level Energy Resources Council, made his statement at a conference of its members at Camp David, Md., Saturday. The council will make recommendations to President Ford for presentation to Congress in January.

In response to recommendations by consumer spokesmen for strong energy conservation measures and protection against high prices, Morton said that the administration must come up with ideas that can be achieved politically. He endorsed no specific proposals.

"The real policy question we face is not either conservation or energy development," Morton said. "The major decision is how do we balance these two strategies. . . . How much conservation can the economy withstand? What should be the pace of resource development?"

Zarb, nominated by President Ford to succeed the ousted John C. Sawhill as head of the Federal Energy Administration, called the FEA hearing into domestic refining capacity. He said it was "too early to tell" for sure whether mandatory energy conservation measures would be adopted.

But he said some of the measures being considered include a gasoline tax and restrictions on oil imports. President Ford will fly to New York on Tuesday to seek energy advice from Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller and some members of Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices for America.

The President is described as open-minded on all possible options, which could indicate a change from his previously expressed opposition to mandatory measures such as a gasoline tax or allocations of gasoline and heating oil. Ford in-

tends to make up his mind on energy options during the Christmas-New Year holidays, when he is expected to be vacationing at the ski resort of Vail, Colo.

Lee White, a spokesman for the Consumer Federation of America, told the Energy Resources Council hearing the administration should support standby authority for gasoline rationing. White said he would like to see it used immediately.

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Plane crash

Student's parents both injured; weekend almost ends in tragedy

By JIM CRAWLEY
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A weekend visit to their daughter turned into a near tragedy for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goris, Sunday afternoon.

Their light plane, in which they were returning to Euless, crashed into a drainage ditch next to FM Road 2818, one-half mile from Easterwood Airport in College Station, causing injuries to both occupants.

A small grass fire was caused when the plane struck some power lines and punctured the gas tanks, spreading gas over the field.

Mrs. Goris, who was partially trapped in the wreckage for 10 minutes until firemen could release her, suffered broken legs, knee and rib injuries. Mr. Goris sustained

minor cuts and bruises. Both were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, in Bryan.

The plane, which had departed from Easterwood, was five miles north when Goris reported the engine had failed and he was returning to the field, said Bobby Clay, FAA investigator.

Department of Public Safety (DPS) Officer Maxie Ward said the plane struck the pavement and skidded to a stop in the adjacent drainage ditch.

College Station and TAMU fire units responded to the wreck site and prevented further spread of the grass fire and thwarted the possibility of the plane catching fire. Also responding were DPS officers and units of the College Station police department.

Goris did not file a flight plan because he was flying under Visual Flight Rules, which do not require one, said Clay.



Photo by Douglas Winship

Geneva Goris helped out of wrecked plane.

New cafeteria almost ready MSC lounge to open

By JIM PETERS
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The new lounge and cafeteria areas in the Memorial Student Center are scheduled to open "early next semester" according to University Center officials.

The high-ceilinged, well lighted student lounge is more than double the size of the old MSC lounge, said J. Wayne Stark, director of the MSC.

The new snack bar and cafeteria, located "inside" the etched glass panels on the first floor, will provide space for about 800 patrons.

A color scheme of avocado, blue and yellow is carried on throughout the dining area. Sunbursts and linear designs of those colors are in evidence on the tiled walls and 187 tables.

The existing snack bar area in the basement of the MSC will serve as the Brown Bag Area for persons who bring their lunch.

As is the rest of the University

Center, the lounge and cafeteria are being furnished by the interior design firm of William Pahlmann Associates Inc.

Expensive antiques have found their appointed place in the decoration in the lounge area.

Louis XIII, English Country, William and Mary and Spanish-style chairs (all costing more than \$400 apiece) will grace the lounge. A dozen leather chairs and other less expensive armchairs are also included.

Dutch walnut tables with scroll-shaped legs (\$480 ea.), \$1,800 antique English mahogany desks with maroon and gold tooled leather tops, a \$1,650 English pine reflector table and a large 19th century English oak center table (\$1,500) will complement the seating.

Nearly all of the furnishings were purchased in New York City where the Pahlmann firm is based, University purchase vouchers indicate.

The "Southwestern plains" motif

that Pahlmann selected is carried on in the steerhide benches in surrounding hallways and light fixtures on the lounge walls.

Fabric colors will range from the "Homeric" Teakwood blue on the sofas to the "Rogue" Buckskin Naugahyde covering the tables.

Five bronze and glass vitrines (display cases) will be situated throughout the lounge. They cost between \$1,100 and \$1,800 apiece.

Other decoration will include two five-foot in diameter wood globes of the heavens (\$1,500 ea.), redwood planter units, flag stands, chandeliers and wall light fixtures and blinds for the two-story windows looking out on the University Center Mall.

The remainder of the MSC is expected to open by early summer, Stark said. Other areas include: an art gallery, arts and crafts room, the main lobby the ballroom and surrounding meeting rooms.