

Weather

Partly cloudy, windy and cool. Winds from the northwest 12-20 mph. High Tuesday 53; low tonight 37; high Wednesday 59.

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Consolidated board calls April election

By JOHN COLEMAN
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April 5 was officially designated as the election date for a trustee election called by the A&M Consolidated school board at its regular board meeting Monday night. The election was called to fill vacancies on the board that will be created when the terms of board President Charles Hensarling and Trustee Joan Teer expire April 1. Hensarling and Teer currently occupy positions No. 5 and No. 6 respectively. In other action, the board approved an amendment to the budget for the current school year. Supt. Fred Hopson said that when the budget was first approved in August several factors were not adequately considered in the

budget recommendation. These included degree of student participation in the Instructional Development Institute and the Title III Dental Health program. The amendment also included a revision in the Board of Equalization figure and a report on delinquent tax collection. March 10 was set as the first date for consideration of the annual Principals' Report. The Board will have the opportunity to review personnel and to get feedback from the Administration on personnel matters. Other reviews will follow on March 11 and 13. Dr. H.R. Burnett, assistant superintendent of instruction, presented the board with a general overview of curriculum changes anticipated when the quarter system is initiated next fall.

Voting for the trustee election will be in the Middle School gymnasium. Polls will be open on April 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mrs. George Draper was approved by the board as election judge and H. E. Hampton as assistant election judge. Luther Jones will be presiding judge of the central counting station. Drawing for places on the ballot will be held March 7 at 12:30 p.m. at 100 Anderson, which will also be the location for the casting of absentee votes. Dolores Nelson was confirmed as absentee election judge. Canvassing of votes will take place April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room in the Special Services Building on Jersey. **Calendar of Election Events**
February 19 — first day to apply

for positions on the ballot
March 5 — last day to file for positions
March 15 — last day to call election date
March 17 — first day for absentee voting
April 1 — last day for absentee voting
April 5 — Election Day
April 7 — canvassing of votes
Burnett said the staff has been participating in identifying critical curriculum areas based upon a questionnaire given to the board. Results of this study are being drawn together in tentative programs. With no further business, the board retired to executive session to discuss personnel matters.



Photo by Kevin Fotorny

The American Brass Quintet

Members (L to R) Robert Biddlecome, Louis Ranger, Raymond Mase, Edward Birdwell, and Herbert Rankin performed as an OPAS attraction Monday night in the Rudder Theater. The five men played classical pieces on brass horns.

Wright words:

Birchers will be safer if the communists come

By MICHAEL PERRIN
Special to the Batt

Join the John Birch Society and be safe if the Communists ever take over. This advice was given to the audience gathered to hear Ron Wright, a Los Angeles broadcaster and lecturer. In a Monday night speech, he gave the reasoning behind his statement. "The Communists are masters of terror. If they should take over, then one bright sunny morning, they would come marching down the streets in search of victims. Oh, boy, say the neighbors. Joe is a member of the John Birch Society. He's had it. But this won't happen because the Communists know that the neighbors can't relate to a John Bircher being tortured. So they will go on past his house and pick an ordinary neighbor to torture. The community can relate to this and they will be intimidated." Wright advocates taking "the U.S. out of the U.N. and the U.N. out of the U.S." The Russians fought to get the U.N. located in the U.S. so that they could use it for a base of espionage, he said. Wright asserts that the U.N. charter was largely written by Alger Hiss, a Communist. He also says that a secret deal was made so that U.N. forces would always be under a Communist commander and offers

as evidence the fact that this has been true so far. The real power behind the U.N. is the Council on Foreign Relations, which was formed in 1919, according to Wright. This group is dedicated to bringing in a world government. All Presidents since Wilson have been controlled by the



Ron Wright

CFR, says Wright. The CFR now has 1600 members, among them such "phony conservatives" as Ronald Reagan, Lloyd Bentsen, and William F. Buckley. Wright also asserts that all but a few members of Congress are members of or controlled by the CFR. The few independents remaining are Jesse Helms from North Carolina, Phillip Crane from Illinois and two or three others.

There are no members of the judicial or executive branches of government who are still working for the people, he said.

Wright claimed that the "Rockefeller family is the most evil family in America." He says that they are following the Platonic ideal of a higher class ruling a lower class.

Wright says that the U.S. is close to being completely controlled and disarmed by the United Nations. But, he says, it is not too late to get out of the mess.

He says that if more people will get involved in organizations which "deal only in 100 percent truth" like the John Birch Society, then America can make a comeback.

Wright says that the full motto of the Society is "less government, more individual responsibility, and with God's help, a better world."

Animal heads will not be back

And nobody seems to know who owns them

The future of the animal heads formerly in the MSC student lounge is uncertain, but they will not reappear in the lounge, the interior designer and administrator agree.

The interior designer, William Pahlmann said,

"It was suggested to me that they be removed... and I don't know what's going to happen to them."

Pahlmann said he had considered the collection "rather proper for that sort of place (the lounge)

and this sort of an institution.

"But certain elements apparently found them not satisfactory so I had them removed. But I'm not upset. I certainly can't sit here worrying about them."

Several "environmen-

talists" had complained, Pahlmann said of the existence of several endangered species among the collection.

President Jack K. Williams said he had remarked to Pahlmann that "I didn't think the animal heads fit in with the Southwestern motif of the lounge."

There is also a question about the present ownership of the collection which dates to the turn of the century and was purchased at an auction in New York.

Pahlmann said it belongs to the University and "all I know is that they're in storage."

President Williams said the collection is Pahlmann's and he'll have to decide on their future.

As to the wood wall where the Rhinoceros, Ibex, Bontebok Gerenuk and Bighorn heads were located "for the moment it will stay like it is," Pahlmann said. Future wall decoration may include a Venezuelan tapestry, Pahlmann said. "It will require some searching though. Interior design is not something you can go about quickly without thinking."



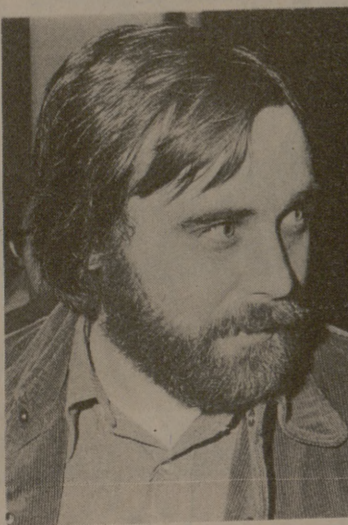
Inquiring Battman

What did you think of the SCONA conference?



Susan Rudd, A&M, Pre-med

I thought it was a real outstanding conference. The speakers were good. A lot of valuable information was presented. I think it opened a lot of people's minds.



Michael Harmon, George Washington University.

I was extremely impressed, more with the delegates than the speakers. I thought there was a wide diversity of opinion in the speakers and also in the quality of what was said. I think the SCONA people did a wonderful job.



Angela Shepard, Texas Tech, Pre-med

I thought it was real good. I enjoyed visiting with the students more than the lectures. A lot of the lectures were over my head.



Fathallah Mohammed, A&M, Urban Regional Planning

I thought it was very rewarding because we exchanged so many ideas. Hopefully, SCONA can expand worldwide so we can have a better world to live in.



Shane McCardell, Baylor, Pre-law

I thought it was very good. The most important thing was the idea of looking toward the future to solve problems before they happen. We're preparing ourselves to the problems that are coming.



John Sloan, Business Pre-law, Baylor

I really enjoyed it. It widened my scope. Sometimes I just think about what goes on in my little world. It's going to make me a more informed person.



Betsy Gintz, Sam Houston State University, Biology and Music

I thought it was fantastic. Just the overall interest the people have in what's going on is great. It was very well organized.