

Tomorrow's Battalion will feature an election preview insert that can be saved for reference for the two election days in College Station next week.

On Tuesday College Station voters will select councilmen to represent in Places 1, 3 and 5. On the following Saturday voters will fill Positions 6 and 7 on the board of trustees for the A&M Consolidated School District.

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Faisal death

Trouble for the Mideast?

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Nations with huge stakes, shocked by the sudden removal of King Faisal's strong personality from the sensitive Middle East and oil scenes, are anxiously wondering what changes it will mean. But a good chance exists that there will be little immediate change at all in Saudi Arabian policies.

The assassination does generate uncertainties, always bad news for world economies. It has removed an outstanding leader from a highly explosive world area at a critical time.

But the reputation of Faisal's successor suggests that he intends nothing in the way of revolutionary change. Quite possibly, one danger now is that nations with big stakes will overreact.

The man — in fact, the men — who succeed the slain autocrat are known to have faithfully reflected his views, notably with respect to relations with the Arab world, the oil nations and the United States. Faisal's successor, and the new crown prince who likely will shoulder much of the burden, are widely traveled men. Crown Prince Fahd is said to know his way around the intricate worlds of oil and Arab politics.

What seems most important is the strength of personality of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd as this affects the domestic scene. There is some ferment in Saudi Arabia from the sudden enormous influx of oil wealth and an inability to absorb it quickly enough to meet rising expectations, all of which can have political backlash.

There could be a problem here. Khaled is reputed to be a weak personality, disinterested in governing. However, he is also an ill man and in any case it seems likely most of the governing will be done by Fahd. Americans who know him regard Fahd as eminently responsible on the political and economic scene.

Other areas where the assassination generates much anxiety are: the Middle East peace effort, the general power picture of the Persian Gulf and the impact on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the OPEC. That cartel is now hearing something of an internal crisis.

In the Middle East peace search, Faisal's voice was cautious. His successors will likely reflect a similar cautious view that Israel need not be "driven into the sea." This view accepts the idea of a Jewish state, but on condition that it be limited to its pre-1967 frontiers. That means Israeli surrender, above all, of former Arab Jerusalem, site of the

holy Islamic shrine, the Dome of the Rock.

But Saudi Arabia's ruling family seems unlikely to want to alienate the United States, its main source of protection from what it must regard as ominous Communist designs, and thus would steer clear of letting the Middle East crisis do lasting damage to relations with the Americans.

Faisal's death came at a critical moment, following quickly on the shock of failure of the American diplomatic peace mission to Egypt and Israel which raises fears of another round of war. Faisal was widely regarded as a voice of moderation. Does his departure now move Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, also credited by some with a moderate view, into a new position? It seems unlikely.

Faisal's image was built from his enormous prestige as keeper of the holy Islamic shrines of Mecca and Medina and the power of his oil billions; Sadat's from the fact of Egypt's prestigious position as the leading Arab nation.

Sadat is moderate to a point — but not the point of offending his militant allies. Faisal's moderation stopped at the gates of Jerusalem. But the two were actually in different worlds.

How about the Persian Gulf power picture? The Saudis in the

past have been suspicious of the intentions of heavily armed Iran in what the Arabs call the Arabian Gulf. But these days the two nations have common stakes in protecting the gulf from international Communist aims and thus a reason to cooperate. Both also rely on continuing American friendship.

In the world of oil, the new king and crown prince have both been highly visible, having represented Faisal in such matters as negotiations in the United States, attendance at the Algiers oil producers' summit and various diplomatic chores.

Unquestionably there are elements in the OPEC that hope Faisal's death signals change. Faisal had insisted on the moderate courses during the upheaval in oil following the October 1973 war.

While the new ruler seems likely to reflect Faisal oil policies, nervousness generated by uncertainty seems inevitable within the OPEC. At the moment it faces its own developing crisis, brought on by the glut of oil on the world market and conflicting interests within the cartel regarding production cutbacks as opposed to lowered prices. OPEC must ask itself: What if the new Saudi rulers should decide to tip the scales toward a break in the cartel front?



Rukeyser attacks economists

Host of "Wall Street Week" Louis Rukeyser spoke on the current mismanagement of the

U. S. economy. Rukeyser was a guest of the Great Issues lecture series Tuesday night.

Photo by Jack Helm

Injunction halts Senate filing

SG obeys judicial order

By JIM CRAWLEY
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An injunction suspending Senate election filing is being obeyed, said Steve Eberhard, student body president.

The injunction, issued by Judicial Board member Mike Perrin, was requested by Barry Brooks, student vice president for student services. The injunction was served to Election Commissioner Susan Warren.

Brooks requested the injunction because the Senate had failed to reapportion the voting categories as required by the student constitution.

Should the Senate approve the reapportionment plan the filing for Senate seats would begin on April 1 and end on April 8, said Eberhard.

Students will be allowed to file for the executive committee offices, yell-leader, Graduate Student Council and Residence Hall Association positions, said Eberhard.

Eberhard said that the Senate will be asked to reapportion the Senate seats at this Thursday's meeting.

At present, the Senate has 30 living area senators. These are divided as follows: 15 off campus, 2 married student apartments and 13 on campus positions.

The proposed arrangement would allow 18 off campus, 1 married student apartment and 11 on campus representatives in the Senate. Eberhard explained that the three additional off campus positions would be obtained by switching one Corps of Cadet representative, a married student senator and one on campus senate slot.

The Senate elections would be delayed until the run-offs are to be held, said Eberhard. He also said that the plan needed to be approved by a majority of the Senate before it could be implemented.

Sanstedt wants basic academics

Students need math, English

Emphasis on the basic academic skills of English and mathematics is one of the key factors John L. Sandstedt believes is necessary for a good school system.

Sandstedt, 54, of 1204 King Arthur Circle, is running for Position 7 on the A&M Consolidated District School Board.

Also seeking position 7 in the April 5 election are James Hennigan, Joseph Natowitz and Aileen Wenck.

Sandstedt said he believes the board should emphasize courses which help the students with problems in everyday life.

He also said he would like to see increased participation in all sports.

"As many students as possible should take part in all sports, not just football and basketball," he said.

The school system needs a long term project to keep up with the constant growth in this area, Sandstedt said.

He also said, "We need a continuing effort to insure cost effectiveness in school programs at all levels."

Sandstedt is an attorney and professor in business law at TAMU.

He has served as president of the Brazos County Bar Association, the Bryan-College Station Jaycees and the Brazos County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

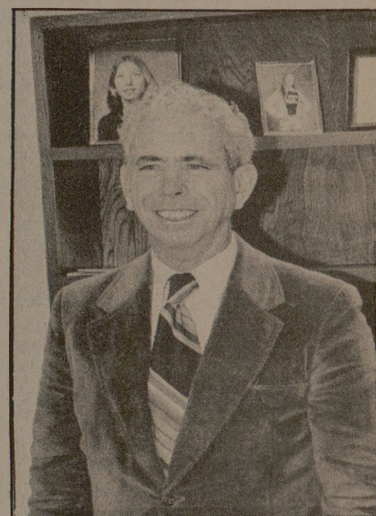
He has been city attorney for two years for the city of College Station and an adviser to registrants of the local draft board.

Sandstedt was a 1938 graduate of A&M Consolidated and presently has four children enrolled in the district.

"I am interested in the school and want to make any contributions I can to help the students and the community," he said.

Sandstedt said the present school board has done a good job in aiding students.

Position 7 is presently held by Joan Teer, who is not seeking re-election.



John L. Sandstedt

Improved dorms sought by RHA

The only thing needed for the success of the fledgling Dorm Improvement Committee of the Resident Hall Association is student input, said Chairman George Lippe.

Currently, the only members are Lippe and Maryann Hughes. Lippe said that any dorm student could be a member by contacting him.

"We're going to try to show the need for dorm improvements to the administration," said Lippe.

Dorm committees have been established to make a dorm list of needs and requests. The separate dorm committees then go over the improvement requests with Lippe and Hughes. This is usually done during a dorm visit.

The request is then sent to

Charles Powell, director of student affairs. If Powell agrees with the improvement he will send it to the physical plant for their approval.

"Each dorm has given us about the same suggestions for improvements," said Lippe. Most of the suggestions have concerned the lounge, showers and the need for more shelves in the rooms.

Presently, the committee is preparing a presentation for Powell, in which the committee hopes to show next year's needs in their presentation.

"I think student members should be consulted when the administration makes a proposal for a dorm improvement," said Greg Magruder, RHA president.



Courts take acrylic surfacing

A&M's twenty-two tennis courts began receiving new surfaces Tuesday, and are due to be completed by the first of April. Work

crews have already started applying the four-layer acrylic surfacing. Bounce walls and a storage shed are also due to be built.

Hennigan asks citizens to advise school board

Dr. James K. Hennigan, a professor in industrial engineering, is one of the four candidates running for Position 7 on the A&M Consolidated School Board.

In considering his goals for the school board he said, "I would like to see a continued citizen committee composed of citizens with specialized skills working on specialized areas of A&M Consolidated School District operations."

The election will be Saturday, April 5.

"Although I do not have a definite platform," Hennigan said, "I feel that there should not be more scholastic programs than there is money to finance them."

Dr. Hennigan said he favored strong discipline in classroom situations and supports dress codes based upon community wide consensus.

Hennigan said, "If elected I intend to serve the people in attempting to evaluate problems and situations as they arise based on input from the community."

Hennigan has taught in junior high school two years and for the last seven years he has been an assistant professor in the Texas A&M Industrial Engineering Department. He has a daughter and a son, enrolled in the A&M Consolidated School District.

Hennigan said his main reason for running for the board is that he was

asked by friends to run "as my duty as a citizen." "I feel that it would be my contribution to College Station," he concluded.

Position 7 is presently held by Joan Teer, who will not seek re-election. Running with Hennigan

are John Sanstedt, 54, a College Station attorney and associate professor at TAMU for 21 years; Joseph B. Natowitz, 38, associate professor with the Chemistry Department and Aileen Hendricks Wenck, 35, a lecturer for the English Department.

Balanced curriculum important to Wenck

Aileen Wenck, the last candidate to file for Position 7 on the A&M Consolidated School Board, said, Wednesday, her main concerns for the district are the upgrading of reading and language skills and improvement of the physical facilities of the schools.

Wenck, of TAMU's English Department, is running against three A&M associate professors in the April 5 election. They are John Sanstedt, James K. Hennigan and Joseph Natowitz.

"I think there has been a movement in the direction of improved reading programs but I don't know if it's happening fast enough," Wenck said. "I don't mean that any subject should take precedence over the others, but one needs to be able to understand and use a language in order to do well in other subjects."

Wenck said she would like to see

more elective courses such as drama and music offered at all grade levels. She also supports including courses in foreign languages in the elementary school curriculum.

Wenck said she has taught creative dramatics to children between 5 and 12 years old and understands the problems of teachers.

"The teachers are trying to educate our children but they must work in inadequate facilities," she said. "Our schools are overcrowded and in poor physical condition."

Concerning the current board, Wenck said, "the school board has been doing a good job, but sometimes it has taken action that I don't understand. I don't know why the board has to borrow money to keep the schools going because taxes aren't coming in. Why aren't taxes coming in?"



James K. Hennigan



Aileen Wenck