

TOP OF THE NEWS

Campus

Joseph Kelly remains in intensive care in the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston after being rushed there Thursday afternoon by helicopter.

Kelly, 18, a sophomore accounting major, was found Thursday morning in a semi-comatose condition, his head in the sink of his Law Hall dorm room. A University Health Center spokesman said he believes that Kelly suffered a fractured skull from a fall in his room.

A variety of activities are planned around the 4 p.m. Aggie-Ole Miss football game.

There will be a Town Hall program featuring "Blood Sweat and Tears" at G. Rollie White Coliseum Friday at 8 p.m.

A midnight yell practice will be held in Kyle Field, Friday, Saturday, a 10:30 a.m. Corps of Cadets briefing in the Rudder Theater will be open to the public.

At 11:30 a.m., the renovated Corps area will be dedicated by President Jack K. Williams.

Dedication of the renovated Memorial Fish Pond in front of Sbis Hall is set for noon. The renovation was financed by the Class of '77.

A spirit line from Caine Hall to Kyle Field will start forming at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

University parking regulations require students to move their vehicles from the parking lots around Kyle Field by 10 a.m. on days, including this Saturday, when there is a home football game.

The student cars must be moved out of parking lots 48, 56, 60, 61 and 62 and into other available spaces, including especially lot 50, the large lot near Zachry Engineering Center.

A purse thief is working in the office buildings of Texas A&M University, University Police Chief O. L. Luther said Thursday.

Luther said six reports of stolen purses had been turned in to the police since school began. He urges everybody with an office in a public building to make their belongings secure if they leave the room.

Students interested in working in various College Station committees or commissions should contact Jerri Ward, vice-president of the external affairs committee of student government. She can be contacted at 845-3051 or 845-5256.

Fall semester graduation announcements are now being ordered.

December graduates should place orders at the Student Finance Center, room 217, Memorial Student Center. Orders may be placed Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The deadline is Oct. 10.

City

An A&M Consolidated Middle School student was released from St. Joseph Hospital Thursday night after hitting a stopped car at an intersection while riding her bicycle.

Marsha Jo Claycamp of 300 Lee St. was riding her bicycle east on Jersey Street when she hit a Ford Pinto stopped at the intersection of Anderson Drive and Jersey Street.

The car, driven by Steven Patrick Westbrook, an A&M student, was partially extended onto Jersey Street. College Station Police Officer M. Newton said Westbrook had started across the intersection when he saw the girl and then hit his brakes. Claycamp then struck his car on the driver's side.

She was not seriously hurt.

Texas

The income tax trial of the Carrillo brothers in Corpus Christi slowly slipped into gear yesterday with testimony from an accountant about the business dealings of Judge O. P. Carrillo and his brother, County Commissioner Ramiro Carrillo.

Women are portrayed in school primers as queens, majorettes, pioneers, nurses and mothers. A group of women's libbers don't like it and protested before the state school textbook committee in Austin Thursday.

School integration critics in Dallas say its integration plan "won't wash" in front of a federal judge.

More than \$70 million has been spent in Houston on federal school aid. It hasn't done much for the 20 per cent of Houston's school children who are functional illiterates. See story, Page 6.

The Texas Supreme Court is considering efforts to consolidate legal actions against Coastal States Gas Producing Company.

National

A majority of Americans give Vice President Nelson Rockefeller a poor job rating and by a 47-34 per cent plurality oppose his nomination on the 1976 Republican ticket, the Harris poll reported yesterday.

The U.S. Agriculture Department is preparing to announce new grain harvest estimates needed to help rebuild U.S. grain stocks and fill expected orders from the Soviet Union.

The U.S. House passed a bill to extend oil price controls for 60 days yesterday. See story, Page 6.

An expected announcement of a compromise settlement of the New York City teachers' strike was canceled yesterday without explanation. School strikes continue in Chicago and dozens of other smaller cities.

W. A. "Tony" Boyle, 73-year-old former president of the United Mine Workers Union, has been sentenced to three consecutive life terms for ordering the assassinations of union rival Joseph A. "Jock" Yablonski, his wife and daughter.

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a member of the Charles Manson family, was ousted from federal court during her arraignment on charges of attempting to assassinate President Ford. See story, Page 4.

World

Landmine explosions, poisonous scorpion bites, terrorist bullets — these are some of the dangers facing American civilians when they go to the Middle East to help enforce the latest Israeli-Egyptian truce pact. See story, Page 5.

France slapped an import tax on Italian wine yesterday, a move which could threaten European unity.

Ford seen wearing stuffed shirt

MILFORD, N.H. — President Ford, on his first political outing since last week's assassination attempt, appeared to be wearing a protective vest Thursday while campaigning in New Hampshire.

The President was greeted by friendly crowds as he sought to boost Republican Louis C. Wyman's chances in next Tuesday's special Senate election.

Secret Service agents and White House officials refused to confirm or deny that Ford was wearing a protective vest. But the outlines of

some sort of additional garment were visible through the back of his jacket, and his shirt-front appeared tightly drawn.

Photographs of the President leaving the White House showed Ford wearing a suit vest with his brown business suit. But when he arrived in New Hampshire he was wearing what apparently was the same suit without the suit vest.

The day-long motorcade showed that the President had lost none of his zest for shaking hands and reaching out to the thousands who greeted him at more than a dozen

stops in towns and highway crossings.

Republicans hoped the President's visit would boost the turnout for Wyman next Tuesday and overcome the extensive organizational effort by the Democratic candidate, John Durkin.

The Senate declared the seat vacant and ordered a new election after it was unable to decide on a winner in last November's close election.

At most of the stops, hands in the crowd reached out to touch and shake hands with Ford.

The Secret Service agents' cor-

don around the President appeared to be the same as before last Friday's incident in Sacramento, Calif., where a follower of convicted murderer Charles Manson pointed a pistol at the President before being grabbed by agents.

A security helicopter flew over part of the President's 120-mile route.

A Secret Service agent and a state police detective had been assigned to keep an eye on Linda Kasabian, another Manson follower, who now lives eight miles from Milford.

Ford confined his remarks to praise of Wyman. He noted that

Reagan had campaigned for Wyman in Manchester Wednesday night.

Ford and Reagan are considered likely rivals in this state's Republican presidential primary early next year, and Ford said in a radio interview that "I intend to be up here next March."

Under a ruling by the Federal Election Commission, the \$5,000 that it cost Ford to fly to New Hampshire will count against the limit that Wyman is allowed to spend in the campaign. That limit is \$150,000 per candidate with another \$20,000 permitted to be spent for fund-raising.

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CS Council

Civic center funds approved

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The College Station City Council voted Thursday night to set aside \$25,000 to help finance a civic center in the city.

The recommendation, made by Councilman Bob Bell of the Hotel-Motel Tax Committee, also included establishing a committee to seek an optimum site for the civic center.

Bell said his concept of the center is that it will be located in College Station and possibly be surrounded by a park.

The funds were made available through the six per cent tax charged to persons staying in the city's hotels and motels.

Revenues collected from the tax since October 1973 currently amount to \$69,408.

The council also voted to earmark \$8,500 of the tax revenue for tourist promotion. This money is to be used in a cooperative effort with Texas A&M's Continuing Education Program.

The council also heard further

developments on the proposed amendment to raise park land dedication requirements for housing developers in order to insure an adequate park system in the city.

Councilman Larry Bravenec of the Parks Subcommittee reported that there seems to be a misconception as to the definition of a neighborhood park. He said the subcommittee is considering several alternatives to the current requirements.

Bill Lancaster, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, said a neighborhood park should contain no less than five acres and preferably 10 acres of land.

"I think the only way to get five to ten-acre parks is for the city to decide where it needs parks and to buy land for them," City Planner Al Mayo said. He said the city could then charge the developers for the land as they build.

The Park Subcommittee is scheduled to meet next Tuesday to further develop a solid recommendation to present to the council on park land dedication.



Civic center considered

Staff photo by Jack Holm

Bob Bell, Jim Gardner and Jim Dozier consider a proposal by Councilman Bell to designate \$25,000 of the hotel-motel tax fund for a new civic center.



Film crew finishing

Staff photo by Steve Goble

Finishing off nearly a year and a half of work, a Hollywood-based team films a segment of a 25-minute documentary on

Texas A&M at the Rudder Complex Thursday afternoon. (See related story and photos on Page 3.)

Refunding policy changed this fall

A new refund policy applying to withdrawing students became effective this fall.

The policy states that a person withdrawing before the first day of class will receive 100 per cent refund. An 80 per cent during the second week, 40 per cent during the third week and 20 per cent during the fourth week. No refunds will be given after the fourth week.

The new refund policy applies to tuition, Student Service Fees, Building Use Fees, Student Center Complex Fees, Health Center Fees, P.E. Service Fees, Laboratory Fees and Residence Hall Fees.

In order for a student to receive a residence hall rent refund, the vacant room must be rented again within 10 days by a student not already living on University-owned property. If a refund is awarded, it will be made according to the above percentage schedule. If the room is not rented within 10 days, or if it is rented to a person previously living

on University-owned property, then no refund will be granted.

Refunds on laundry payments will be prorated on a weekly basis.

Board refunds will be determined on a daily basis.

If the student pays a uniform fee for ROTC, a full refund will be granted only if that student withdraws before the clothing is issued. If the student withdraws after receiving the uniforms, no refund is available.

There is no refund for identification cards.

The policy on room reservation deposits remains as stated in the Fall Semester 1976 catalogue.

According to state law, if the tenant of a residence hall or student apartment leaves, the full security deposit must be refunded within 30 days. If the deposit is not returned, the management must supply a written itemized list of damages fulfilling the requirements of Article 5236e of Vernon's Civil Statutes.

Registration system to change

Changes

By PEGGY INGRAM
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A major change in voter registration will sweep through Texas soon.

On Nov. 5, the day after the constitutional revision election, the State Secretary of State office is beginning the overhaul.

Those who have voted in either a primary or general election since the 1972 presidential election will receive a permanent registration form in the mail. Those who return a form before Jan. 31 will be registered to vote in Texas for life.

Elaine Blair, attorney in the election division of the secretary of state's office, explained to The Battalion Thursday that permanently qualified voters will be issued their new voting certificates by March 1, 1976. These will be renewed automatically by mail every other year.

Also, she said, these voters will never need to vote to maintain their qualified voter status.

"Under the old law, your registration was valid for three years but was renewed every time you vote-

d," she said. "Now you don't have to vote to be a registered voter."

The only time a permanent voter will need to deal with the local tax-assessor collector's office will be, as always, in the case of a name or address change. Other state offices will disqualify voters in the case of their death, conviction of a felony, or declaration of lunacy.

Only qualified voters will receive notices in the mail (between Nov. 5 and Dec. 15), Blair said. All others will be purged from the records unless they secure registration forms from the local county office.

"If you don't reapply," said Blair, "you won't be a qualified voter."

Those who register by mail or in person will receive temporary cards if they need to vote before the permanent card arrives, she added.

"Texas has the easiest registration in the country and now it will be easier," she said. "The voter doesn't have to do anything affirmative (like voting) anymore."

"If you are a qualified voter by (5 p.m.) Oct. 3, you'll be on the mailing list (to receive the permanent registration form)," she said.

Purges

Brazos County records won't be carrying as much dead weight when it's time to notify voters of the new permanent registration system.

In early July, 8,000 names were purged from Brazos County records, Bill McLeod, president of Texas Voting Systems of Bryan, said Thursday. Texas Voting Systems is a private company responsible for making the voting lists for Brazos County.

McLeod said the company will be making one more update before the Nov. 4 constitutional revision election.

Student voting urged

Student government officials are campaigning to get students to the polls Nov. 4.

Mary Ellen Martin, student government executive director, said students need to be registered by 4 p.m. Oct. 3 in order to be eligible for the constitutional revision election in November.

The first of the sign-up drives

ends today at 5 p.m. on the first floor of the MSC. Student government will sponsor another drive, however, Sept. 29-Oct. 3.

Martin recommends that students sign up to make sure they are qualified voters. Then they will be on the mailing list when the state begins mailing permanent voter registration forms in November.

As Blair further explained, the state will be coordinating all voter record information in a master computer system. The state, she said, frequently will send the local officers updated information from the Bureau of Vital Statistics.