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Bond issue called

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The A&M Consolidated School Board Monday night approved the execution of a legal order calling for a bond issue on Nov. 18.

The bond issue, if passed by local residents of the district, will provide funds for a new elementary school to be located on the Old Middle School site at 1300 Jersey St.

Board member Lambert Wilkes abstained from voting for the calling of the bond election because of his previous objections to the bond issue.

The bond issue would call for an increase in property taxes from \$1.77 to approximately \$2.10 per \$100 for property valuation.

Board member Joseph Natowitz said the district would be \$7,813,000 in debt, at the most, if the bonds are approved.

Currently the district has \$2.9 million of outstanding bonds.

The tax rate for the district should decrease after present bonds are retired, Board member Bill Lancaster said.

"As long as I've been on the board I have seen the tax rate decrease," former board member O. C. Cooper told the board.

Cooper said it did not seem the board members had made up their minds on what to plan for the district's future.

"I cannot see how this board can sit in

good faith and call a bond issue," Cooper said.

Residents present at the meeting voiced their desires to know what the possibilities were of raising the tax base and hiring more teachers for the proposed school.

School Superintendent Fred A. Hopson told the visitors that new teachers would be needed "only as the district grows and not because a new school is being proposed."

"Teachers from present schools will be used to teach in the new school," he said.

College Station City Councilman Jim Gardner, at the meeting, said he thought the building plan for the district needed more scrutiny.

"Fifty per cent of the two-mile diameter around the proposed new elementary school is on the Texas A&M University campus," Gardner said.

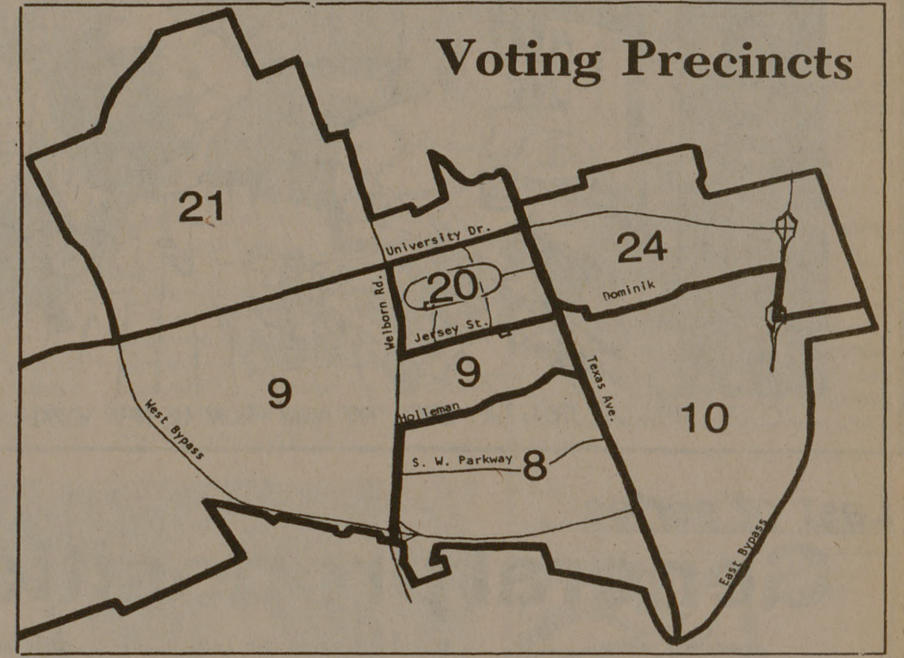
Hopson said this would not decrease the expected enrollment of 432 students at the proposed new school.

If the new school is built enrollment at College Hills Elementary will be approximately 435 and South Knoll Elementary would have an enrollment of 505 students.

"We're already overcrowded in the College Station school system," Natowitz said. Board member Bruce Robeck said no bond issue would ever pass in the district if voters rejected the proposed issue simply because some disliked one aspect of it.

He said the proposed elementary school location has elicited opposition from some residents.

"The proposed elementary site is not ideal but it is the best, considering the situation," Robeck said.



Voting Precincts

College Station voters will go to the polls today to approve or reject the proposed revision of the state constitution. The polls will be open until 7 p.m.

They are located as follows:
Precinct 8 South Knoll Elementary School
Precinct 9 A&M Consolidated Special Services Bldg.

Precinct 10 College Station Fire Station
Precinct 20 Texas A&M University Center
Precinct 21 College Station Municipal Bldg.
Precinct 24 College Hills Elementary School

Conservation bills move

Presnal reports progress

By DON ILOFF
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The Legislature's attitude toward conservation is actually very good," said Bill Presnal, to a small, quiet crowd of about 50 people.

The first in a series of lectures on politics and conservation was given last night in the MSC. Bill Presnal, Chairman for the Texas Appropriations Committee, spoke on conservation and the Texas legislature.

Bill Presnal is a graduate of Texas A&M

University. He is presently serving his fourth term in the state legislature, where he serves in a variety of committees such as the Social Services Committee and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

Presnal mentioned that there was a

great volume of bills before the legislature involving conservation. He cited some of these bills. Such a bill was Senate Bill 55, which was introduced by Senator Sherman. "This bill," he said, "is best known as the Strip Mining Bill."

Presnal then proceeded to name and describe many of the conservation agencies in the Legislature.

"The Parks and Wildlife Department is the largest agency dealing with conservation where the majority of income does not come from the tax dollar," said Presnal.

Jokingly he remarked, "We have many state agencies. We find some everyday, it seems, that we didn't know existed."

Presnal shunned the subject of the proposed new constitution, but did urge that everyone vote.

"I think that the majority of the people who don't vote, will not, because they don't understand all of the issues," he said.

"But then I don't think I've ever gone to vote understanding all of the issues myself," said Presnal.

KBTX to show spirit film

A film segment on 'Aggie Spirit' will be shown on the six and 10 p.m. editions of the KBTX news tonight.

The film was shot of the activities surrounding the A&M-Baylor football game two weeks ago. It was originally scheduled to be aired on the "CBS Evening News with Dan Rather" on Saturday, but was preempted by a football game.

The CBS news team documented a wet but spirited "midnight yell practice," was on hand for the "spirit line" through which the players passed Saturday morning en route from Cain Hall to Kyle Field and then filmed the "Twelfth Man" in action in the stands. The newsmen also interviewed Coach Emory Bellard and yell leaders.



Bonfire Building Started

Some C-2 cadets muscle a log onto the stacking area behind Duncan Hall. Work on the 1975 Bonfire began last weekend. By Sunday, the stacking area was covered with neat rows of logs.

Staff photo by Steve Goble

Anderson speaks

GOP future seen

By ERIC LINDQUIST
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Consolidation of government benefit programs and the renewal of public faith in the government were emphasized by Congressman John Anderson Monday night.

Chairman of the House Republican Conference and leader of a Congressional Delegation to the People's Republic of China, Anderson commented on the future of the Republican Party in relation to current problems in the nation. He was speaking as part of the Political Forum program.

The American public, Anderson claimed, is feeling alienated from the government. "It is no longer working for their benefit," said Anderson, but for the officials themselves or for special interests.

"He feels they will not put forth a necessary effort to change the problem."

Stating figures, he showed that public faith in government is at an all time low. Anderson paralleled this to a

decay and merging of the two-party system. More people are voting independent and surveying the candidates as a result of recent political upheaval, he said.

If the nation were given an honest choice it would go Republican, he said. They are ready to follow the road to decentralization of government and put the reins back in the hands of the people, Anderson said.

He advocated combining government programs such as welfare and Medicaid. This would result in reduced government expenditures. Anderson said that this area "fairly cries out for reform". This issue can not be resolved, he said, with a Republican president and a dominantly Democratic Congress.

In the brief question and answer session following the talk, he stressed that the future of America meant a strengthening of the two-party system. "Both parties should roll up their sleeves and get to work on genuine political reform," Anderson said.



John B. Anderson

Campus

THE GUARNERI String Quartet will perform tonight at 8 in the Rudder Theater. Admission for A&M students is \$3.50 and \$2.50; non-student \$5 and \$4. Tickets are available at the box office, ground floor Rudder Tower.

TICKETS for the Townhall Jim Stafford and Dave Loggins performance are available at the box office, ground floor Rudder Tower. Tickets are free with student ID and activity card.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL Chairman, Robert Strauss, will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Rudder Theater. The topic of his speech will be the "Future of the United States' Political Parties." Admission is 25 cents for students and \$1 for non-students.

SIGN-UP for the Wadley Blood Drive will be Tuesday through Thursday. Registration will be taken at tables in the MSC, Sbsia mall, and military quad.

TWO A&M STUDENTS were elected to the southern region American College Union-International board of directors. Mike Hatch, senior, was elected chairman and Marie Sohner, sophomore, was elected as a member-at-large.

THE A&M LIVESTOCK Judging team took first place overall in the Grand National Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest held in San Francisco, Calif., last weekend. Members of the team are senior agriculture majors Billy Brown, Geary Stutts, Terry Phifer, Rodney Roberson and Dale Berriwinkale. They are coached by Bob Brown of the Animal Science Department.

THE A&M SOIL Conservation society last Saturday repaired a drainage ditch to control water erosion at Lake Somerville. The group included Joseph Provasek, Kim Olszewski, Federico Sanchez, Dick Harman, Stan Peters, Brent Hundley and Wayne Gabriel. They smoothed and graded the ditch and lined the bed.

CONSTRUCTION of balsa wood cubes for the Mechanical Engineering contest will continue through Friday with lumber available at News Office Supplies Wednesday morning. Entry fee is \$1 with judging taking place Saturday at 9 a.m. in Zachry Engineering Center.

SUPER FISH contest will be held at 3:30 Thursday in the Rudder fountain area. Campusology questions will be asked in "spelling bee" fashion. Enter until time of contest in the Recreation cubicle room 216 of the MSC.

Texas

U. S. DISTRICT COURT Judge William Wayne Justice issued a restraining order in Tyler, yesterday, against the new Texas law requiring county officials to begin purging voter registration lists throughout the state this week. The three Grayson County residents who filed suit contend that the law is illegal because it hasn't been inspected for compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act.

THE HOUSE SPONSOR of the Texas Open Records Act of 1973 has filed an affidavit in Dallas, declaring he intended through the measure to bring Blue Cross records on Medicaid out in the open.

Representative Lane Denton, D-Waco, gave the affidavit in a lawsuit filed by a writer to compel disclosure of Blue Cross' documents.

Denton said that when he sponsored the open records bill he was aware of the state's Medicaid contract with Blue Cross and that it was his specific intent that the Blue Cross records be made available upon request, to the public.

THREE VIRGINIA MEN, accused of a 1972 hijacking of an Eastern Airlines plane, are to enter pleas before a U. S. District Court judge in Houston, on Friday.

The three are also charged with murder in state court for the slaying of a ticket agent at Houston Intercontinental Airport.

They were recently convicted of murder in the slaying of two persons during a bank robbery in Virginia, four days before the hijacking here.

National

PRESIDENT FORD said at a news conference in Washington, D. C., last night that he neither asked Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller to step aside as a potential 1976 running mate nor tried to talk Rockefeller out of his decision. He refused to speculate on running mates.

Ford said he wants to put his own selections into key national security positions, and he announced his intention to nominate Donald H. Rumsfeld as defense secretary, replacing James R. Schlesinger; George Bush as CIA director, replacing William Colby; and Lt. Gen Brent Scowcroft as advisor on national security affairs, replacing Henry A. Kissinger, who will continue as secretary of state.

Ford also said Elliott L. Richardson will be nominated to be commerce secretary replacing Rogers C. B. Morton.

LYNETTE FROMME, charged with attempting to assassinate President Ford, goes to trial in Sacramento with the possibility of legal issues yielding center stage to a courtroom duel between the devotee of the Charles Manson family and the presiding judge.

Jury selection begins today in the trial of Miss Fromme, 27, who was arrested in a park near the State Capital Sept. 5 after Secret Service agents said she pointed a loaded .45-caliber pistol at Ford from two feet away. She was found mentally competent to stand trial and has been held under \$350,000 bail in a maximum security cell.

World

GENERALISSIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO'S doctors reported in Madrid this afternoon that his pulse, heart beat and temperature were normal after a three-hour operation during the night which halted the abdominal bleeding that had been putting added strain on the dictator's damaged heart.

Although Franco's heart came through the operation without new damage or danger signs, his general conditions continued grave, the doctors said.