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## Board denies appeal

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Justice at A&M has a time limit, the Student Government Judicial Board decided last night.

The board denied Rick Adams' appeal on disqualification as a freshman presidential candidate.

Adams had been disqualified for being on scholastic probation at the time of the election.

Adams filed the appeal against Susan Price, Student Government Election Commission chairman who had disqualified him.

Adams said that he was not scholastically ineligible and had not been notified that his name was removed from the Oct. 30 ballot.

Board members voted six to two to deny the appeal.

The majority opinion said Adams would have been justified in demanding to be recognized as a candidate prior to the election. After the election, he lost that justification because he had not acted quickly enough.

The opinion read, "There is no question that the registrar's office was in error in placing Adams on scholastic probation. Furthermore, there is no question that

statements by Thompson (student senate vice-president of rules and regulations) regarding personal notification of disqualification and publication of a list of candidates in the Battalion led to Adams' errors in judgment.

"However, the Election Commission did meet all their obligations as specified in the Election Regulations. Furthermore, it is clear in section 1.F of the Election Regulations that the ultimate responsibility lies with the candidate to check for errors in the list of candidates."

A minority opinion was prepared by the two dissenting board members. It read:

"We felt Rick should never have been taken off the ballot because his grades were only mid-term grades, and not final grades, as is the criteria for disqualification for scholastic probation in (section) 2.A.3. In instructing the candidates the Election Commission stated they would publish the names of the candidates in the Battalion, and personal notification of disqualification would be given. These elements override the direct responsibility of Rick Adams to check for errors that would only appear in the list of candidates. He did make sufficient effort to see the list."

Price said a list of both qualified and disqualified candidates had been posted in the Student Activities office of the MSC Oct. 26, four days before the election. Adams contended he could not find the list in that office the next day.

Several board members questioned Price on the basis used in disqualifying Adams.

The Election Commission sent a list of all freshman candidates to the registrar's office, Price said.

Adams was among those reported to the commission as on scholastic probation, Price said. "About fifteen" candidates were reported as posting below a 2.0 overall, she said.

Adams submitted test scores and records proving he was not on probation.

Thompson emphasized that, according to University regulations, even if the registrar's office is in error in reporting a student's eligibility, the error must be called to the attention of the commission chairman prior to the election.

It remains the responsibility of the individual candidate to determine prior to the election that no error has been made concerning his eligibility.

Duane Thompson, Price's counsel for the case, supported Adams' claim of scholastic eligibility in presenting the case for the Election Commission.

Reading from University regulations concerning freshman elections, Thompson quoted:

"All freshmen not on scholastic probation are eligible to run during the fall freshman elections. They must possess a minimum grade point ratio of 2.25 at the end of their fall semester, or they will automatically be removed from office."

"This means exactly what it says," Thompson said. "It says at the end of the fall semester. Mid-semester grades have no basis for qualification for freshman elections, unless he has already gone up here for summer school and has established a GPR."

Concerning Adams' notification of disqualification, Thompson quoted again from University regulations.

"The Election Commission shall post a list of candidates for office for the purpose of correcting errors three class days prior to election day. If a candidate does not appeal any error in the list 24 hours before the election, he loses his right to appeal," he said.



Ching-ching

The jingle of flattened bottle caps was heard on campus this week as Corps Freshmen maintained the tradition of Fish Spurs. Aubrey Gaddy of N1 displayed these spurs consisting of coat

hangers and 79 bottle caps per spur. The spurs are worn in anticipation of the football game with the SMU Mustangs.

Staff photo by Steve Goble

## TOP OF THE NEWS

### Campus

THE PENNSYLVANIA Ballet will perform Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Auditorium. Student tickets will be \$6.40, \$5.40, \$4.40. General Public tickets will be \$8, \$6.75, \$5.60. Tickets and further information may be obtained at the MSC Box Office.

THE TICKET Allocation Referendum will be held on Nov. 11. All students are eligible to vote. The run-off for freshman treasurer will also be held Tuesday. For further information call 845-3051.

THE ARTS & CRAFTS Fair will be held Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon, in the Rudder Center Mall.

ALIL ABNER DANCE will be held at the Grove at 8 p.m. Saturday. Admission will be \$2 per couple.

BLEACHER SEATS will be on sale for the Aggie-SMU game. Ticket prices are \$7. Also a small amount of knothole seats will be available Saturday morning for high school age and under.

The excess tickets surfaced because A&M students had not turned out en masse to purchase tickets like they have for previous home games.

THE TAMU HORSEMEN'S Association will hold an Intramural Horse Show Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Aggie Arena. For information call Helena Biasatti at 846-3027.

VRIDIANA, a film directed by Luis Bimmel, will be shown Monday at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theatre. The film tells of a woman who tries to do her Christian duty but fails and attacks religion and morality.

The Fat and the Lean, a 15-minute film by Roman Polanski, is also being shown. The film uses classical mime and modern appurtenances to create a mood. Discussion, led by Dr. Richard Costa, will follow the films. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Rudder Box Office for \$1.

THE POLITICAL FORUM COMMITTEE will begin an active week Monday with a debate on the football ticket distribution system. The debate is to be in the Rudder Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, the Political Forum will present State Representative Bill Sullivant at 12:30 p.m. in room 601 of the Rudder Tower. Sullivant will speak about the role of the Texas lobbyist.

Donald Morris will speak on the CIA Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 225 of the MSC. The Political Forum speaker was a CIA agent for 17 years.

### Texas

REP. JOE WYATT, D-BLOOMINGTON, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said in Austin at a special tax seminar for his committee that the 1977 legislature might be able to finance state government for another two years without new taxes.

SECRETARY OF STATE MARK WHITE said yesterday in Austin that Philips Petroleum Company has agreed to give him a complete statement of facts concerning its corporate political contributions in 1970-1975.

However he said, after their meeting yesterday, that the two Philips representatives had not admitted any corporate contributions that might be prosecuted.

EDWARD ELDON CORLEY'S capital murder trial's final arguments are to be heard today. Corley, 30, of Tyler, is charged with the kidnaping, rape and

shotgun slaying of a Chapel Hill housewife on Sept. 14, 1974.

Yesterday, Corley's attorneys continued their defense arguing that Corley is mentally retarded. However, prosecution witnesses testified that he is not mentally retarded, he is sane and knew what he was doing on the date of the offense.

### National

LYNETTE FROMME, accused of a presidential assassination attempt, has spent three days in some unorthodox sparring with the judge over selection of a jury to decide her fate. But the judge says he expects to get the jury seated and opening arguments underway before the end of today's court session.

Fromme displayed some unorthodox legal tactics in the Sacramento trial yesterday in questioning prospective jurors. She tried to empanel one juror who said he was prejudiced against her, gave a tongue-lashing to a state engineer, made numerous unsuccessful challenges and clashed verbally with the judge all day.

HUSTLER BOBBY RIGGS will race experienced distance runner Bill Emmerton across the floor of Death Valley on Dec. 15. Riggs will get a 50-mile head start in the 100-mile race.

### World

MORE THAN 100,000 MOROCCANS spent a cold night in the Spanish Saharan desert, 2 and one-half miles from the Spanish army's front line of barbed wire and armored cars barring their way.

The Spanish Army has claimed that it has planted 20,000 mines behind the barbed wire but many Moroccan officials thought the Spanish were bluffing. It was not known when or if the march would resume.

### Conviction voided

## Court favors Gandhi

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi won her battle in the courts today to void the conviction on charges of corrupt campaign practices which led her to resort to emergency rule four months ago.

After seven weeks of arguments and four weeks of deliberation, a five-member panel from the 13-man supreme court unanimously upheld the legality of retroactive amendments to the election law which Parliament passed to extricate Mrs. Gandhi from her legal difficulties.

The amendments declared that the actions for which Mrs. Gandhi was convicted last June 12 were no longer illegal. The court struck down another sweeping measure Parliament approved to help Mrs. Gandhi, a constitutional amendment that declared the prime minister's conviction was null and void.

Her opponents conceded that the ruling in favor of the election law amendments automatically overturned her conviction

and ended the four-year-old legal case against her. But the adverse ruling on the constitutional amendment was still a setback to her.

Immediately after the court decision, Mrs. Gandhi emerged from her residence to address 5,000 cheering supporters who had gathered outside.

The 57-year-old prime minister, who has ruled the country since 1966, warned that India faces "internal and external dangers."

"Unity is the need of the hour," she declared. Carrying Congress party flags, the crowd shouted over and over: "Indira Gandhi Zindabad Long Live Indira Gandhi!"

J. P. Goyal, one of the lawyers who helped guide the long legal battle against Mrs. Gandhi, commented, "She won, but everyone now knows she won only with the help of retroactive laws passed for her benefit."

The prime minister was convicted in Allahabad, her home city, on two counts of illegally using government officials to aid

her successful 1971 campaign for Parliament.

The guilty verdict carried a mandatory ban on Mrs. Gandhi's holding elective office for six years, requiring her to surrender the leadership of the government since the prime minister must be a member of Parliament.

Mrs. Gandhi appealed, and a supreme court justice on June 24 stayed the sentence but denied her the right to vote in Parliament until the appeal was decided. Her opponents announced plans for a civil disobedience campaign to force her resignation, and two days later she declared a national emergency, jailed many of her opponents and suspended most civil liberties.

The Congress party's big majority in Parliament passed the amendments affecting Mrs. Gandhi's case in August, several days before the supreme court was to begin hearing arguments on her appeal against her conviction. The court then delayed the appeal hearing while it considered the validity of the legislation.

### Consol bond issue

## Assessment to be compared

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The A&M Consolidated School Board decided Thursday to include a comparison of the A&M Consolidated district to other school districts in the state bond issue information to be mailed to voters Tuesday.

The comparison will show how much assessed value the A&M Consolidated district has compared to other districts of comparable size. Currently A&M Consolidated has an assessed value of \$123.5 million which is \$30,000 of valuation per child.

Also to be included in the booklet "Time to Know" will be maps of the schools in College Station with the proposed new buildings.

A map of the proposed new school to be located at 1300 Jersey St. will also be included.

The \$5.1 million bond issue, if passed, will include plans for a new school, a vocational facility for the high school and physical education buildings for College Hills and South Knoll Elementary Schools.

The proposed \$1.4 million vocational facility for the high school will free 10 classrooms currently used as vocational facilities to be later used as classrooms.

The proposed elementary school to be built on the old Middle School location at 1300 Jersey St. will cost \$1.8 million dollars.

This building would provide 25 more classrooms for kindergarten through fifth grade.

The physical education buildings for College Hills and South Knoll Elementary

Schools will cost \$350,000 and \$327,000, respectively.

Other items also included in the bond issue are four additional classrooms for College Hills Elementary School and six classrooms for the Middle School.

Food service expansions for both the Middle School and the High School are also included.

The administrative offices for the district would also be remodeled or rebuilt under the bond issue.

Other information to be released by the district for voter information will be a chart of projected enrollment, a story explaining the 14 cent property tax increase per year for two years and a chart explaining district indebtedness.

## Strauss certain of Ford-Reagan battle

By JIM JAMES

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Robert Strauss, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has no doubts that Ronald Reagan will challenge Gerald Ford for the Republican presidential nomination.

He also said Reagan will be an extremely tough challenger. "I think he (Ford) is in deep trouble. I think the odds are one out of three or four that Reagan can unseat him."

Strauss addressed 350 persons in the half-filled Rudder Theater in a Political Forum presentation, Thursday night.

Strauss said that he knew for a fact that Ford and his advisors find Reagan a formidable opponent.

"Number one is that Reagan is exceedingly articulate. Number two is that the Republican Party is extremely conservative, as is Reagan. Number three is the way the primaries are set up," said Strauss.

"They begin in New Hampshire where Reagan is very strong... then after Massachusetts you drop down to Florida which is one of Reagan's two or three strongest states. Then he'd take Ford on in New York where the president isn't very popular."

"That presents some real problems for the president. He's got to do everything to keep Reagan out of this race. That had a great deal to do with this weekend's action (Rockefeller's decision not to seek the vice-presidential nomination)," Strauss said.

He said that Ford was not trained by background or experience to be president and had had a negative record as a congressman.

Strauss criticized Ford's handling of New York City's financial problems, urging a return to the old RFC program.

He added that much of Ford's actions were being conducted on political grounds to the detriment of the nation.

Strauss indicated that the Democratic Party's mass of candidates would not thin out until after April 6, 1976, the date of the New York and Wisconsin primaries. Then, he predicted, a handful of candidates, one

to the right, a couple of moderates and a liberal, probably would be the serious contenders for the rest of the race.

"We'll probably pick a candidate on third ballot." He added that if the convention was still deadlocked a brokered convention (where the decisions are made by party leaders) was possible.

"It doesn't matter if the candidate is a little to the right or to the left," said Strauss. "What does make a difference is where he stands on unemployment, inflation, health care for the elderly, and educa-

## Strauss says Bentsen still a strong contender

Edward Kennedy won't accept a draft for the presidency and Lloyd Bentsen's campaign isn't running out of steam, said Robert Strauss, chairman of the National Democratic Party.

"I've seen no disintegration in Bentsen's campaign. He has money, hasn't run anywhere and is making friends all over the country; but the same could be said for Henry Jackson and many others," said Strauss.

He also said unless there was a stalemate at the convention he did not believe the convention would turn to an unannounced candidate.

"I think the American people would be outraged, unless we're deadlocked, if we turned to a candidate who hadn't been through the primaries.

As for Ford's policies Strauss commented, "Between Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan, they're having one helluva time determining White House policy... they're keeping the president busy."

Strauss called dropping Rockefeller "a cold blooded political move designed to stop Reagan." He avoided a question concerning his position and difficulties which might arise if George Wallace should receive the Demo nomination.



Political Forum

Robert Strauss, Democratic National Committee Chairman, spoke in the Rudder Theatre Thursday night on the future of political parties and the upcoming national elections. Strauss was brought to the campus by the Political Forum.

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