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**THE FORECAST** for Tuesday is partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers this afternoon increasing to 50 percent Wednesday morning. High today, 76; low tonight, 60; high Wednesday, 77.

**THE THIRD** installment board payment for the 1976 Spring Semester is due on or before April 8, 1976. The amount is \$137.80 for the Day Board Plan and \$123.45 for the 5-Day Board Plan. Please pay now either at the Fiscal Office, Richard Coke Building or at the Cashier's Office in the main lobby of the Rudder Center to avoid penalty.

## Almost anything goes: eggs, mud or golf balls

By GALE KAUFFMAN

Would you like to be stuffed in a cardboard box, have mud smeared all over your body, have raw eggs cracked in your hair and golf balls thrown at you while flying through the air? These are only a few things that the 144 contestants of the Almost Anything Goes game went through Sunday on the A&M Drill Field.

The game was sponsored by the Residence Association in cooperation with Hasree, an information organization for campus students.

There were 18 teams competing in the nation obstacle course. Each team composed of four males and four females. The eight teams having the fastest time competed in the five major events.

The event of the Triumphant Tramp after the obstacle course. The object was to catch as many golf balls as possible in a net while jumping on a trampoline. The object was to keep from getting hit by a person who was throwing the balls over a 4-foot high ply-board sign. The RHA had the event on their second try by catching 3 balls. They had to do it over because they weren't jumping high enough on their attempt. They only caught six the first

By far the messiest event of the day was Tired of It All. Four tires were placed over a human axle and then rolled over a ramp into a mud hole. Each time the axle and tires came over the ramp to land in the mud, the crowd groaned. Keathley-Moore II crossed the finish line first with a time of :31.45. Old College Main I and Puryear Hall followed with times of :35.5 and :37.9 respectively.

Peat moss and sand flew in the Great Confederate Confetti Bash. The eight members of each team had to dig through this to find eight poker chips. Fowler Hall's team came in first, followed by Hughes Hall and the RHA.

The contestants returned to the obstacle course for the Grand-Finale-Around-the-World-Tour. The team members had to run through tires, jump three hurdles, crawl under a low bridge and sprint about 20 feet, each with an egg in his mouth. If the egg broke, the contestant had to get a new one. They must have tasted good, because some people went back for seconds and thirds. Old College Main I came in first in this event. Fowler Hall took second place and Keathley-Moore II took third place.

The team of Old College Main I took home the first place trophy for winning AAG. Fowler Hall representatives received a second place trophy and Keathley-Moore II placed third. Toby Rives, assistant director of Student Affairs, presented the participation award to Walton Hall. Walton's team did not make any points.



Photo courtesy of Carol Silverthorn

### Just rolling along

The A&M Residence Hall Association sponsored an "almost anything goes" competition Sunday afternoon on the drill field. Competing teams ran

obstacle courses and participated in such things as a refrigerator box race, a confetti bash, and a tire race, as shown in the photograph.

## FDT wins again

The Texas A&M Fish Drill Team won State of Texas Invitational Drill Meet Saturday for the fifth consecutive

year. This is the team's fourth win this year. The team earned 918.8 points from a field of 1,000. Even though they placed second in inspection, first places in basic fancy drill assured a first place overall. Freshmen Christopher Craft and Glenn Mann placed first in the tandem drill. This is an individual competition and does not count toward the team's meet points. The next meet is the Trinity University Meet April 24 in San Antonio. The newly-formed Texas A&M Women's Drill Team placed second in the

State of Texas Invitational Drill Meet.

The University of Texas at El Paso, their only competitor, placed first.

The Women's Drill Team placed first in inspection and fancy drill and second in basic drill.

—Linda Gilliam

—Because of today's campus election section, precinct results of last Saturday's elections will be in Wednesday's Battalion.

## Students to consider constitution revisions

Students will consider student body constitutional changes during student elections Wednesday and Thursday.

The changes are the result of a constitutional convention held in February. The convention recommendations were included in the referendum following approval by the Senate.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to clarify, update and delete phrases that have been incorrect or misleading.

Students will vote on each amendment separately and not on the entire constitution.

The preamble changes from "to assume the privileges and responsibilities of self-government and to promote the welfare of the student body." The addition now outlines the purpose of student government as the representative voice of the student to the administration and the initiator of organization of student affairs.

Article I, Section II would change student government's role from governing to representing the student.

Article I, Section IV's change deals with the separation of student government's branches and forbids anyone to be in more than one of the branches.

Article I, Section IV adds the requirement that executive committee members post a 2.0 GPR to remain in office. An executive committee candidate would have to get 100 signatures on his election petition instead of 50.

Article II, Section II defines the qualifications and length of office for the student body president.

The new requirement would be that the candidate must have been registered in classes at A&M for at least three consecutive semesters before filing. It also outlines the procedure for the appointment of a replacement in case the presidency is vacated.

The replacement would be by Senate selection from among the five vice-presidents five days after the office is vacated.

The Article II, Section III changes require the president to announce when appointment recommendations will be considered by the Senate. There are also some changes in the ordering of duties.

Article II, Section IV outlines the president's veto power, his ability to make contracts and his duty as cere-

monial representative for the student body.

Article II, Section V removes the sexual hodge-podge of he/she and his/hers from the present statement.

Article II, Section VI will allow the Advisory Council to make recommendations on its own.

Article II, Section VIII requires the student body president to give prior approval for standing committee chairmen recommended by the executive director. The director is also given the authority to remove any of these chairmen.

Article III, Section I specifies the student Senate as the official policy and opinion-making student group.

Article III, Section II will require people on scholastic probation to leave office. Senators must file with 25 signatures for office. Their term of office is determined by the latest Senate meeting or the election of a new senate, whichever comes later.

Another change would provide for senate vacancies to be filled within 10 class days with a member of that constituency.

There is also a change dealing with the recall of a senate member by his constituency. Ten per cent of the constituency must sign a petition and file it within 10 days of the completion of the election to the Student Government Office.

The changes also affect the dismissal of members for disciplinary conduct probation.

Two amendments to Article III, Section IV remove powers from the Senate. One takes away the Senate's power to override the Student Body President's veto. The second removes the Senate's authority to recommend recognition to and withdrawal of student organizations.

An amendment to Article III, Section V removes the Rules and Regulations Committee's power to review appointments which the Senate must approve.

An addition to Article III, Section VI lowers the number of signatures necessary to call a referendum from 20 per cent to 10 per cent of the student body. That amendment also requires that the referendum be called within 10 days after such a petition is presented to Student Government.

Article IV, Section IX is an additional section that would be added to the constitution. That section would give the Judicial Board the power to establish its own by-laws and procedures.

## MSC council anniversary celebrated

By KAREN GERMANY

The Memorial Student Center celebrated its 25th anniversary with a banquet and awards ceremony Saturday night in the MSC Ballroom.

The event served as the climax of a reunion of past MSC council and directorate members.

"What we celebrate tonight is a concept," said John Nelson, chairman of the Silver Anniversary. "We celebrate the concept of student unions and students."

Former students presented Congressman Olin Teague with a special award for his continuing and immense contribution to the MSC and to the Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA).

John Lindsey of Houston was recognized for his support of the MSC. Lindsey, founder of SCONA and founding contributor to the President's Endowed Scholars, hosts the Texas A&M leadership conference in Houston annually.

The former students gave appreciation gifts to J. Wayne Stark, secretary-treasurer of the council and directorate; Olie Davis, worker at the MSC loading docks; Ann Bradley, accounting secretary; Faye Yates, finance secretary; Pat Ramsey, SCONA secretary; and Ruth Hewitt, Senior Secretary of MSC.

Twenty-eight students were recognized for their outstanding service during the 1975-76 academic year.

Outstanding committee member awards were given to Ken Dimmick, Arts; Terence Cozad, Aggie Cinema; Bill Coady, Basement; Wayne Paulus, Cepheid Variable; Michael Buben, Great Issues; Ann Chenoweth, Outdoor Recreation; Kathy Oeffinger, Political Forum; Roberta Britsch, SCONA; Susan Clark, Town Hall; and Mike Cox, Travel.

Class awards recipients were freshman Peggy Mitchell, Basement; sophomores Greg Martin, Black Awareness; Marie Sohner, Recreation; and Barbara Michaels,

junior, Town Hall.

Student distinguished service awards were given to John Nelson, council; Michael Riewe, Aggie Cinema; Gordon Bruner, Basement; John Oeffinger, Political Forum; John Morlock, Outdoor Recreation; David McKissack, Arts; Mark Probst and Daniel Fette, Town Hall.

Distinguished service awards for non-students were presented to Dr. Robert Chenoweth, MSC council; Dr. Vaughn Bryant, Political Forum and Great Issues; Dr. Merrill Whitburn, Arts; and Dr. Murray Milford, Political Forum.

John Oeffinger received the first "Bo" Lee award. The award serves as a source of funding and financial help for MSC directors.

Mrs. Gertrud Adam was the recipient of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross Award.

Jane Logan, 1975-76 MSC Council and Directorate President, was given the Thomas Rountree award. The Rountree award is given to an outstanding leader.

## Revision results uncertain

By STEVE GRAY  
Contributing Editor

Newly-elected College Station Mayor Larry Bravenec appointed a three-member committee last night to study the validity of Saturday's city charter referendum election results.

Bravenec had been mayor for only about five minutes when he told the College Station council that he had received complaints from voters who said they had difficulty in understanding the charter change proposal as presented on the ballots. Voters approved a change from the present at-large system of election to a ward system by 29 votes.

Councilmen James Dozier, Jim Gardner and Gary Halter were appointed to study possible discrepancies in the wording of the ballots at the six polling places in the city.

Bravenec's appointments came shortly after the old council officially approved the results of the charter election by a 3-2 vote. Then-Mayor O. M. Holt cast the tie-

breaking vote in favor of approving the charter election after Councilmen Dozier and Halter voted no. Councilmen Adams and Gardner voted in favor of the results.

Dozier, an opponent of the ward system and chairman of the Charter Revision Committee, which submitted the ward proposal to the council earlier this year,

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said he was not sure the results of the referendum were legal.

"I felt that the council was a little premature in approving the charter change results. I wanted a little more time to check out those complaints," he said.

Halter said he also received some complaints from voters about the way the referendum was presented. "Apparently, there were some discrepancies in the wording of the ballots at several of the precincts and the voters became confused," Halter said.

Nearly all of the council expressed surprise that the proposal was approved. Adams had been the council's only proponent of the ward system.

Bill McLeod, president of Texas Voting Systems, Inc., said yesterday he felt that the proposal, as it appeared on the ballots, was worded in such a way that it would probably be approved by the voters.

"I was not at all surprised that it was approved," he said. "As long as I've been in this business I've found that most voters won't read more than the first few sentences of a proposition. They won't read their instructions."

Texas Voting Systems was responsible for the printing and tabulation of the ballots from the city and school board elections. The proposed charter change was drawn up by the Charter Revision Committee, City Attorney Neeley Lewis said.

City Manager North Bardell said McLeod told him before the election that the wording of the proposition was confusing because of the number of legal terms

## Billionaire H. Hughes dead at 70

Associated Press

Howard Hughes, the phantom financier who ruled a business empire valued at more than \$2 billion from a series of secret hideaways, died Monday en route to Methodist Hospital in Houston for treatment. He was 70.

The aviation pioneer died aboard a chartered ambulance jet from Acapulco, Mexico half an hour before it landed in Houston.

In Los Angeles attorney Greg Bautzer, who said he had represented Hughes for 25 years, said the billionaire died of a stroke. The hospital spokesmen said Hughes died at 1:57 p.m. Customs agent Nancy Carney caught a glimpse of the body as it was carried off the plane. She reportedly said he looked thin and aged. "He looked much older than 70," she said.

Funeral services for Hughes are pending. The disposition of Hughes' vast fortune is still a public mystery. Hughes' wealth was built on wizardry in aircraft manufacturing and in oil drilling tool design.

## Five polling locations set

Polls will be open at five locations on-campus for the Student Government general election tomorrow and Thursday.

Polling places will be located at the first floor of the MSC and Zachry Engineering Center, the Commons, the Guard Room and outside Sbis Dining Hall. The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Students must present a university activity card and a student ID card when voting.

Voters will elect Student Government executives and senators, RHA and class officers, yell-leaders and Graduate Student Council members.

Student Government constitutional revisions and a referendum on the football ticket distribution system will also be considered by voters. In the football ticket referendum students will choose between first-come, first-served and random distribution methods.

Run-off voting for undecided races in the election will be April 15.

## Callaghan heads G.B.

Associated Press

LONDON — Aides say the main foreign policy aim of Britain's new prime minister will be to strengthen Western Europe's partnership with the United States.

James Callaghan, who succeeded Harold Wilson yesterday as the Labor government's leader after two years as foreign minister, is a dedicated Atlanticist. He believes, with U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, that the time has come to recast the Atlantic relationship on political, economic, and defense issues.

But Callaghan's more immediate concern, to be tackled in a budget message to parliament today, is the home front and the state of near bankruptcy that threatens the nation.

Callaghan will get a chance to press for closer European-American cooperation next January when Britain becomes president of the nine-nation European Common Market for six months. Meanwhile, informants say, Callaghan, who would like to visit Washington before then, will visit soon if the American election campaign permits.



Staff photo by Jim Hendrickson

### New city council

College Station's new mayor, Lorence Bravenec, was sworn into office last night by former mayor O. M. Holt. Five city councilmen were also sworn in after having been elected Saturday.