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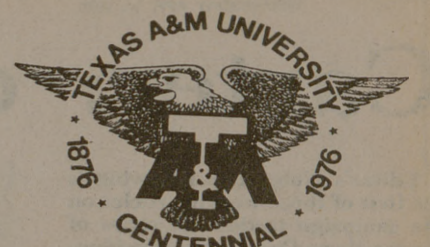
Mostly cloudy and mild today with a high in the lower 80s. Low tonight in the upper 60s. High tomorrow in the lower 80s. Chances of precipitation are 10 per cent today and 30 per cent tomorrow afternoon.

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Hearst has surgery for collapsed lung

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WOOD CITY, Calif. — Patricia Hearst, who collapsed in pain after resting comfortably today — the first time she has had a dreaded cough since her arrest with two underground revolutionaries — was taken to Sequoia Hospital last evening

gasping for air after her lung collapsed without warning in the San Mateo County Jail. She underwent surgery less than two hours later.

Undersheriff Harold Baker said Hearst was in stable condition and that the prognosis is good. A doctor who examined her said she probably would remain hospitalized for four to five days following the

45-minute procedure.

Security was tight around the hospital, about 25 miles south of San Francisco. Sheriff's deputies were stationed at the emergency entrance and elsewhere in the facility. Hearst was in a private room in a section of the three-story hospital where maternity and surgery patients are usually kept, said Arthur J. Faro, the associate hospital administrator.

It was the first night in the nearly seven months since her capture that Hearst had not slept in a cell at the jail. She was to have been flown to Los Angeles early today for a pretrial hearing on state kidnapping, assault and robbery charges.

It was at that hearing Hearst was to have encountered William and Emily Harris, the Symbionese Liberation Army mem-

bers she reportedly implicated in a Sacramento bank robbery during a meeting Monday with FBI agents. She was "fearful and apprehensive" about the meeting, one of her lawyers said.

But attorney Albert Johnson said Miss Hearst's emotional condition had nothing to do with the lung collapse.

Hearst's lung collapse came just hours

after prosecutors from various parts of the state met in San Francisco, reportedly to discuss Hearst's potential role as informer.

It was also reported that she already had provided FBI agents with details of the so-called "missing year" in her underground travels — including the names of those who took part in the Sacramento, Calif., bank robbery for which her former lover, Steven Soliah, is on trial.

SG elections to fill eight positions

Foreign students face problems

By SUZANNE DEATHERAGE

Most international students come to Texas A&M for the first time a week before classes start. They don't know anyone, they don't have any transportation, and they generally don't know where they are going to live.

They compete with American students on a first-come, first-served basis for dormitory rooms. Of the 1,063 international students now enrolled at A&M, only a few live on campus.

And those hunting for off-campus housing may run into opposition. They often receive the area's less-than-desirable housing.

At a recent Bryan-College Station Apartment Association meeting, many apartment owners expressed a reluctance to rent to foreign students. They were talking to guest speaker Corkey Sandel, acting international student adviser for A&M.

Several owners cited cases of foreign students who neglected to pay rent. The student would deny that he was the person who signed the lease and then leave the country, they said.

One apartment owner said he was going to charge international students a higher security deposit for an apartment.

Dr. Roy Hann Jr., president of the apartment association, listed five general

problems encountered when leasing to some international students.

First, the international students often have trouble understanding contracts and rents.

Second, the student sometimes vacates his apartment without giving advance notice.

Third, uncleanness. That is associated with the fourth problem, Hann said, the tendency of some international students to overcrowd their apartment.

The fifth problem is the international students' helplessness in such matters as properly operating a dishwasher or disposal, or flipping a circuit breaker.

Sandel acknowledged the problems that apartment owners have with some foreign students.

"I'm willing to work with you in any way," Sandel told the owners. "If I can locate a student, I will."

Sandel said, however, that the majority of problems "start at the beginning, with understanding the lease." He repeated that in a later interview.

"The best solution is more time and patience in outlining the contract," Sandel said. "Some apartment owners just say 'sign here.'"

Sandel said foreign students are not familiar with American laws and that it is a great cultural shock for them to come to America.

The International Student Advisors office is hard pressed to fully orient foreign students when they arrive at A&M. Sandel's staff consists of one secretary. Their time is almost entirely consumed by immigration matters.

A prospective international student does receive basic information through correspondence before he arrives in the United States.

Then, a week before school starts, a special orientation for international students is

held. Information from the International Student Adviser, the Student Legal Adviser and the Student Affairs office is provided.

The International Student Association also helps.

"Our part is making sure the international student knows what he's getting into, before he gets into it," said Raj Kent.

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S. G. runoff election Thursday; eight places to be filled

Eight student positions are to be filled in the Student Government run-off elections Thursday. The run-off races are those not decided in the Student Government general election last week.

Polls for the election will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the MSC, the Commons, and the Old Exchange Store. Voters must present a student ID and activity card to vote.

The races and candidates in the election Thursday are:

Vice president of finance — Hal Brunson and Scott Gregson.

Graduate senator, College of Business (open position).

Class of '77—Vice president, Susan Fontaine and Mark Smith; Treasurer, Scott Turner and Susan Colgan.

Class of '78—Vice president, Richard Tocquigny and Mark Mohr; Secretary, Mark Sicilio and Gail Hawley.

Class of '79—President, Ronald Lastovica and Brad Wakeman; Treasurer, Michelle Marti, David Person and Mark Hryhorchuk (name misspelled on first ballot).

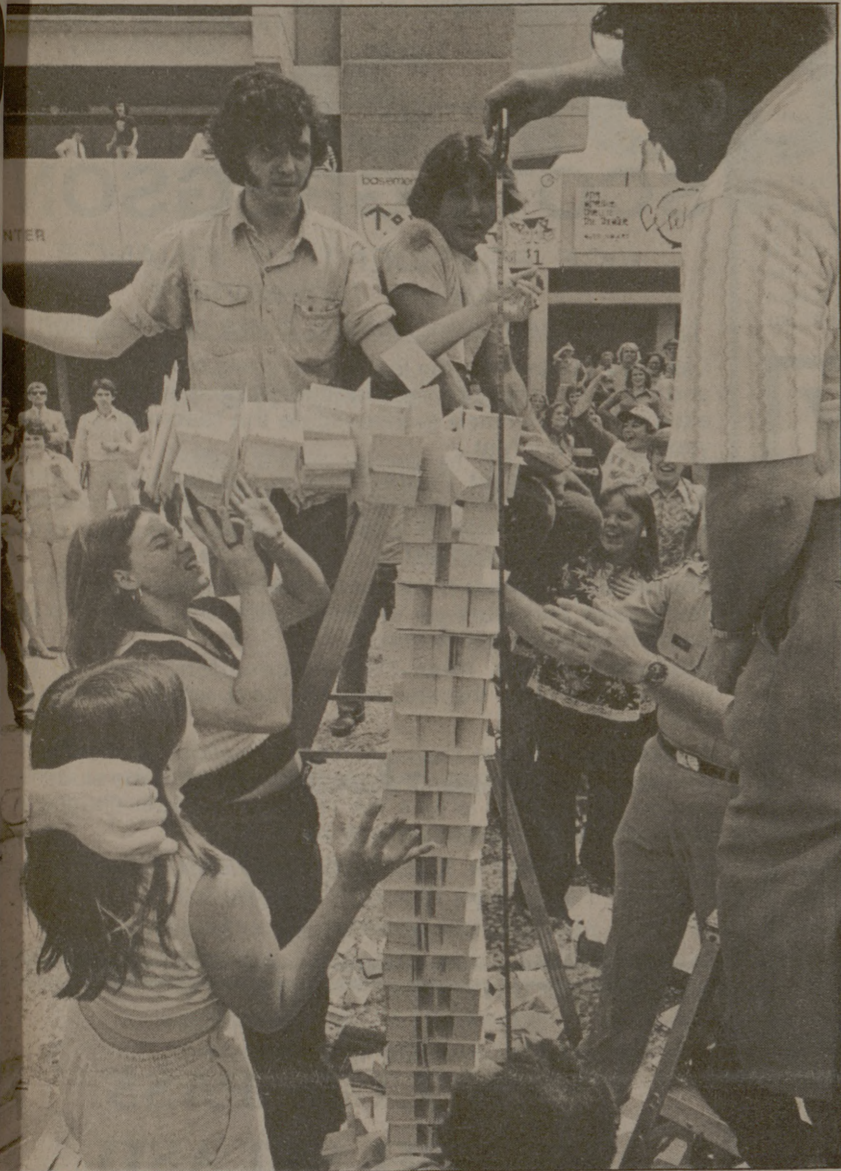


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Timber!

Shock and dismay appear on the faces of David Burris' computing science class as their card stack disqualifies itself by collapsing before standing for 15 seconds without support. The winning stack in the Gas Week competition was an 8'8 1/2" tower of computer cards formed into tubes built by Rex Jones' computing science class. There were only two other entries.

Two grand for \$2 at RHA Casino

By GALE KAUFFMAN
Battalion Staff Writer

Two dollars will get you \$2,000 at the 11th annual Residence Hall Association's casino.

For \$2, you can get \$2,000 in play money to play craps, roulette, black-jack, chuck-a-luck and the wheel-of-fortune at the April Casino. The events start at 8 p.m. in Memorial Student Center 212, 224, and 215.

Casino has been sponsored by the RHA for the past four years. It is designed to bring a little of the Las Vegas night life to A&M. Everyone is welcome to come in and

gamble to build their fortunes. Gambling stops at 11 p.m. and an auction begins. The play money won during the evening can be used to bid on movie and dinner passes, plants, gift certificates, beer, a calculator, a 10-speed bike, and one night's use of a suite at the AggieLand Inn.

Tickets will be sold beginning April 13 in front of the Harrington Education Center, in Sbis and the Commons. Tickets may also be purchased from dorm presidents. At the door Friday night, tickets will cost \$2.25.

Dealers, saloon girls, can-can girls and the stage band, "Common Wealth", will add to the Las Vegas atmosphere.

Oeffinger plans

MSC to widen appeal

"Our motto has been 'step inside the MSC circle'. Now we want to add to that and say 'step inside the MSC circle, your student union.'"

That's how new MSC President John Oeffinger explains his chief goal for the Center's coming year.

"What we're trying to do is make the MSC a place where students can come not only to study, but to do just about anything else. It's a recreational place, it's a place for just about anything, even sleeping," Oeffinger said in an interview yesterday.

"We realize the students provide our money and we're going to try our best to get their money's worth," he said.

Oeffinger said he is studying two main projects for his year as president. "We want to explore the feasibility of a credit union for faculty, staff and students, and possibly former students" he said.

"The big project for this year is increasing the quality of programs and trying to reach the student body, to let them take part in it. We're going to take a number of student polls and get student opinion as to what they want to see."

Oeffinger said he is exploring more programs to draw off-campus students into MSC activities.

"We've got two-thirds of the student body living off-campus, so we're going to be working to expand our public relations to the apartment coverage complexes,



John Oeffinger
President, MSC Council

since that's where the majority of the students live.

Oeffinger said he plans to take an active role in issues facing the student body and the University.

"I think the MSC president should come out, not so much to politic but to find out what other organizations are doing and keep abreast of their ideas. This year I want to work closely with each of the major or-

ganizations, like Student Government, the Corps, RHA and off-campus people, and see if we can help their needs in any way," he said. "At the same time if we have any problems, we can see how they can help us."

"What I'd hopefully like to see is all of us working together to get some things accomplished."

Oeffinger was also elected last week as the graduate senator from the College of Liberal Arts. He was elected as a write-in candidate with two votes.

"I think anybody who has speaking privileges in the Senate (as the MSC president does) should make use of them," he said. "I'm also going to be a student senator so in that capacity I will also be making my views known."

Allowing liquor on campus and in the MSC is an issue in which Oeffinger will undoubtedly be involved.

"I can see in the future some time that liquor will be legally recognized on this campus. I think it would be advisable to have some sort of a small pub-type arrangement where you might have some light music and maybe wine. But you want to have a control on it in the evening hours so that you don't have people getting drunk all over the union building."

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Sandra Good is sentenced

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Sandra Good and another follower of Charles Manson were sentenced to prison terms yesterday for making death threats to business and government leaders. The prosecutor called the sentences a death blow to the so-called Manson family.

"They're all in jail. I don't know what they can do now," Asst. U.S. Atty. Bruce Babcock said after the sentencing.

Good, 32, former roommate of Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, was sentenced to 15

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Two GOP candidates run for sheriff

In the coming weeks The Battalion will be providing candidate profiles for state and county offices in the upcoming May 1 primary elections.

By STEVE GRAY
Contributing Editor

A Texas A&M University student and a veteran private investigator oppose each other in the May 1 primary for the Republican nomination in the Brazos County sheriff's race.

Two other candidates, College Station detective Johnny Miller and incumbent Sheriff J. W. Hamilton, will contend for the Democratic nomination.

Ronald Woessner, 19, is a freshman forest science major at Texas A&M and a six-year resident of College Station. He graduated from A&M Consolidated High School where he was student body vice-president his senior year.

Woessner says he is running for sheriff because he feels that the

Democratic Party has had a stronghold on Texas politics for too long.

"Brazos County has been a one-party county for a long time and the Republican party has been having a hard time in getting candidates to run for office," he said. "It's time for a change."

He said there needs to be a two-party system on the state and national levels, as well as locally. "You've got to start somewhere and I'm willing to take the first step by representing the Republican party in Brazos County."

Woessner said he was uncertain about complaints regarding the lack of space in the sheriff's office and the overcrowding in the county jail.

"I've taken only one tour of (the jail) and right now I don't feel I can comment on the conditions there," he said.

Woessner advocates mandatory jail sentences for persons convicted of crimes in which a handgun was used. He said some of the criminal

laws should be re-evaluated.

"We need to reset the priorities concerning what should and should not be crimes such as prostitution and the use of marijuana," Woessner said. "But I still intend to enforce the present laws to the letter and let the courts decide on the guilt of those accused of crimes."

Woessner is single and lives in 1118 Berkeley in College Station.

Woessner's opponent, W. R. Owens, brings 27 years of experience as a private investigator for numerous business firms. He is presently affiliated with the Interstate Auction Company of Houston and conducts auctions for various groups in the area.

Owens, 62, was defeated by Sheriff Hamilton in 1972. He said he was affiliated with the Democratic party for about 40 years before he recently switched over to the Republican party.

He said the county jail is in dire need of expansion.

"Those facilities are pitiful," he

said. "The county could certainly use another jail because the present one is definitely overcrowded."

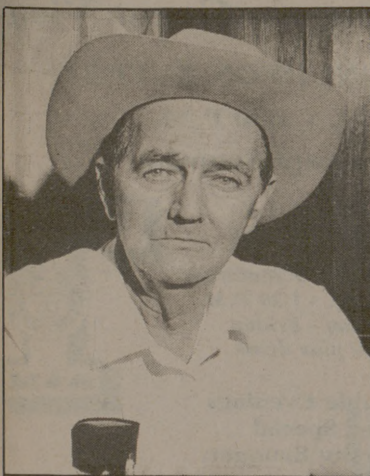
"One of my first priorities is to have separate facilities constructed to isolate children and first-time offenders from the other criminals in the jail."

Owens said he's received numerous complaints from citizens who say they have to wait a long time for a sheriff's deputy to be dispatched.

"What I'd like to do is to provide fair and efficient service to all points in the county. One way we could do this is to equip the (sheriff's) deputies with citizen's band radios," he said. "This way we could keep reserve deputies on call 24 hours a day."

Owens said he would also like to crack down on drug pushers who frequent the local school campuses and to encourage more communication between the public and the sheriff's office.

Owens is married and lives at 120 Highland in Bryan.



W. R. Owens



Ronald Woessner