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College Station, Texas

# **Barcelona** increase mistake,' firm says

Friday, April 16, 1976

#### By JIM CRAWLEY

An announced \$180 per month rent in-crease has been reduced by the owners of the Barcelona apartments. A spokesman for the owner said the original increase was 'a mistake.

The \$180 increase was publicly disclosed at last Thursday's College Station City Council meeting by newly-elected Councilman Lane Stephenson. The rate was raised from the present \$280 per month for a two bedroom-two bath apartment to \$460 for the same apartment.

The revised rent increase calls for the rent on a two bedroom-two bath apartment to be \$380 per month.

Charles Kaufmann, of the Max Kaplan firm which owns Barcelona, said the increase was necessary because taxes and utilities have increased at a faster pace than the apartments' rent.

Another employe of the Kaplan firm, Enid Meyer, said the change in the amount of the increase was due to a re-evaluation of the rate structure.

"We feel we have a new approach," Meyer said. She explained that, under the revised rent increase, each student would sign a separate lease. If a roommate moved, the student wouldn't be responsible for the unpaid rent of the roommate. "We're not afraid to admit a mistake, Meyer added.

Kaufmann said the apartments had in-curred a loss of \$122,000 last year because of the high taxes and utilities. He said the costs are the same year-round, while the apartments are nearly empty during the summer months.

Saying the increase was "purely economic in nature," Kaufman compared the 12-month apartment market in Houston with the eight and a half month market in College Station.

"You have to attempt to nearly approach the rent price of the 12-month market be-cause of the low summer market in College Station," said Kaufmann.

The Kaplan employes said the occupancy rate of the Barcelona complex fluctuated from 85 to 90 per cent during the school year to only 20 per cent in the summer.

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In an attempt to cut utility costs, several local apartments are contemplating the installation of electric meters for each apartment, as opposed to a master meter for the entire complex. Under the individual meter system, each tenant pays for his utilities.

Kaufman said Barcelona will not be changed to an individual meter system be-cause the per apartment cost of installing a meter is approximately \$200.

Disagreeing with the idea that apartment owners are trying to make a lot of money in the tight housing market, Kaufmann said, "If we fill up Barcelona this August, with the new rates we'll hold our own for the first time. I don't think anyone is trying to gouge the students.

The Barcelona Apartments are located at 700 Dominick Dr. in College Station. The complex has 250 units.

### Spring gas in a 'bug'

This auto stuffing contest (these guys crowded in 19) near Rudder Fountain was one of several events held during "Gas Week." The MSC Recreation Committee's events were to "get everyone outside the buildings and themselves," said chairman Doug Branch.

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nission chairman. un-off elections were held yesterday all races not decided in the Student rnment general election last week, lass of 1979 treasurer is still unde-Price said the Election Commission e Judicial Board will decide later this when the run-off will be held.

inished in the race for treasurer, Michelle Marti urn to led ected 197 votes, David Person picked

up 190 votes, and Mark Hryhorchuk got 73 votes, making another run-off election for this position necessary.

The new vice-president of finance is Scott Gregson, elected by 116 votes. Greg-son picked up 679 votes to opponent Hal Brunson's 563 votes.

In the race for graduate senator, College of Business, Charlie Snyder won by 5 votes. In last week's general election, no one ran for this position but a run-off was held yesterday between Snyder and rival Hal Richards, both write-ins.

Class of '77 vice-president is Susan Fon-taine, who collected 139 votes and won the race by 21 votes. Competitor Mark Smith gained 118 votes. Susan Colgan beat opponent Scott Turner by seven votes to become the new treasurer. Colgan collected

come the new treasurer. Colgan collected 122 votes to Turner's 115. Class of '78 vice-president is Richard Tocquigny who was elected by only 8 vot-es. He collected 230 votes to opponent Mark Mohr's 222 votes. The new sec-retary-treasurer is Gail Hawley who gained 307 votes to beat competitor Mark Sicilio by 166 votes by 166 votes.

Class of '79 president is Ronald Lastovica who picked up 211 votes over opponent Brad Wakeman's 184.

Results on the referendum on football ticket distribution systems in last week's general election are: the random allocation system-2,488 votes; the first come, first serve system-2,294.

This is the largest voter turnout in A&M history for a run-off election, according to Price. She said approximately 1300 stu-dents voted which is double the amount for past elections.

Bryan and College Station will not be com-pleted until the end of April, Bill Erwin, division manager of GTE, said. The increased revenue from these pay

stations is needed to cover increased labor and operating costs, Erwin said.

"Pay stations get a lot more than their normal share of usage. They require more maintenance because of vandalism and need to be self-compensating," Erwin said. Ordinance 980 on the GTE rate hike case says that the council found that GTE was not entitled to more than a 6.7 per cent

rate of return a \$14,900,000 rate base, or rate of return a \$14,900,000 rate base, or \$998,300. Before the rate hike, GTE was earning \$1,150,243 giving them a rate of return of 7.72 per cent. The ordinance also stated that GTE failed in its burden of proof to show any increase in rates was justified. However, the council approved the hike "in hopes of avoiding costly litigation and in hopes that CTE will upgrade its service"

GTE will upgrade its service.

The use of common equipment was the cause given by Erwin for the busy signals one invariably gets when trying to dial the 602 orthogical at night 693 extension at night.

A certain number of switches operate a (See "Pay Phone," Page 4.)

In today's column, David Broder analyzes Jimmy Carter's cam-

Lloyd Bentsen and Phil Gramm, both campaigning for the Democratic Senate nomination, at-tacked each other in their campaigns yesterday. Page 2.

**Tell leaders outspend others** 

#### By DAVID WHITE

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efer addition to time expenditure, Fred Clure spent \$60 to win the office of stubody president. This is less than most ader candidates spent on their cam-

s father (Igns. and I All candidates for yell leader spent over 0, except John Barnes and Bill hitehead who spent \$15 and \$20 respec-ely. There were 19 candidates for the ers living e

McClure's opponents, Duane Thompson and Richard Maulsby Scruggs, spent \$70 and \$25 respectively. There was no real relation to the winners

and the amount of money spent by the candidates, said Susan Price, student election commissioner. However, most candidates took advantage of the increased limit for campaign spending, she said.

The student senate amended the rules werning elections. It raised campaign

spending allowances from \$15 to \$50 for senators and class officers and from \$35 to \$100 for executive positions.

The senate raised the limit because they felt that it couldn't cover the rising costs of materials, especially plywood for signs. About 10 candidates had approached the limit, Price said, and none had gone over. The increase in the budget allowance did not affect any of the candidates' decision to

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paign technique. Page 2.

Presidential hopeful Henry Jackson

A quarter per call **Pay phone tolls** rise 150 per cent

Godbey speaks here,

slams Teague's votes

#### By DEBBY KRENEK

The next time you go out, be sure to take some quarters in case you need to make a phone call. General Telephone has raised the cost of using a pay phone to 25 cents.

The 150 per cent increase was approved in October 1975 by the College Station City Council despite the fact that GTE was receiving a rate of return higher than that deemed necessary by the council, accord-ing to Ordinance 980 concerning the case. Although the increase was approved last year, the conversion of pay phones in both

Attacking U.S. Rep. Olin E. Teague's

voting record in Congress, Democratic hopeful Ron Godbey made a final bid for

votes last night in a personal campaign appearance at the Memorial Student Center.

Godbey, campaigning for the Sixth Con-gressional seat, addressed approximately

50 students, completing a two-day visit to

The 41-year-old former Fort Worth

weatherman and municipal judge centered

his presentation on the voting record of

"Back in 1960," said Godbey, "Mr. Teague made one promise and one boast. First, he promised that we would have the

## *Iwelve men drown* vhen oil rig topples

is cons CORPUS CHRISTI — Twelve men who le station rambled into a saucer-like survival capbefore an oil drilling platform sank in wind-whipped Gulf of Mexico were d dead in the capsized capsule early ay, the Coast Guard said.

wo Navy scuba divers, battling 15-foot , made their way to a hatch beneath the rturned capsule and sighted an unde-mined number of bodies in the flooded USE rior of the capsule, the Coast Guard sman reported.

T AN The divers made the grim discovery as veral tugs and larger craft, including the ARLON 's aircraft carrier Lexington, stood by ranight of futile rescue efforts. Several FRIEN copters hovered overhead. HE P

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nutes before it capsized 40 miles east of Corpus Christi. The big rig went down about 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

The heavy seas and winds topping 50 miles per hour stalled attempts to reach the trapped men for hours, bouncing the cap-sule around like a top in the raging sea. Lines fixed to the device broke as attempts were made to right the capsule, which was floating with its entranceway facing into the

Rescue authorities said 17 men left the platform in one survival capsule, bobbed about for a time in the water and were hoisted aboard one of the tugs which hustled alongside.

They reported there were 19 aboard a second capsule and seven escaped before it flipped over, trapping the others inside. Tugs took the seven aboard, all apparently bruised but not injured seriously. It was more than six hours afterward be-

(See "Rent," Page 4.)

run, but some voiced disapproval of the

Robbie Tucker, senior yell leader-elect, said he spend \$92 on his campaign. He was against the budget increase

"It's getting to the point where you have to pay a lot to be elected. I liked it better at \$35," he said.

Pee Wee Sellars, who was defeated in his campaign for senior yell leader, spent \$40. "I would have liked to have spent more

but I couldn't afford it," he said. The other winning yell leaders' expendi-tures were: Frank Shannon, \$97.36; Joe D. Mickler, \$66; Tim Macmanus, \$85, and Joe Reagan, \$87.

In the race for vice-president of student services, Troie Pruitt was re-elected over Gregg Ball, who spent no money for his campaign, concentrating instead on making himself known by word-of-mouth. Pruitt re-used signs she made last year so her campaign costs came to an estimated \$14.

In the race for vice-president of finance, the winner, Scott Gregson, spent \$90 in the election and \$20 of the alloted \$25 for the run-off. His opponent, Hal Brunson, spent \$90 in the election and \$16 in the run-off.

The unopposed vice-presidential candidates all spent some money on their cam-paigns, except Jerri Ward, who was reelected vice-president for external affairs.

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Bill Schwennson has been named head drum major of the Aggie Band. Page 6.

A&M has signed two all-state bas-ketball players. **Page 8**.

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#### We were wrong

An advertisement printed in yes-terday's Battalion incorrectly said that Julian Bond was to have spoken at noon today. Lynn Gibson, chairman of Political Forum, reports that the speech was cancelled more than a week ago, but because of a mixup, the ad was not cancelled.

Millican Dam; secondly, he boasted about his 90 per cent voting. Today; well, we don't have the dam and his voting record has declined to 58 per cent." Saying that he doesn't like to talk about

Bryan-College Station.

Congressman Teague

someone when he can't defend himself, Godbey nevertheless said that the only issue in the race is Teague's record.

Godbey also chastised Congress on their foolish spending of different National Science Foundation grants. He said many of the studies are necessary, but some are 'boondoggles.

Concerning the defense budget, the Reserve officer said that military allocations

should be spent on weapons for conventional (no-nuclear) war. Godbey explained that because of the "one-shot" syndrome of American defense spending, the United States is falling behind in the military power race.

Godbey said Teague has opened offices in the Dallas area of his district. Godbey, a resident of Duncanville, a Dallas suburb, cites his challenge of Teague as the reason for the new offices.

The question-and-answer session after the speech became a confrontation between a small group of Teague supporters, seated in the back of the room, and the candidate. The verbal exchange, between Teague's campus campaign coordinator and Godbey supporters, was punctuated by verbal barbs at both candidates on the various issues.

Godbey, who drove to the meeting in his worn 1970 Ford convertible, commented that he didn't have as much money as Teague and that he didn't have as many contributors as the incumbent claimed to

Godbey said he has good name recognition in the northern part of the district. where he is remembered as a radio and television weatherman.

- Jim Crawley

### **Burning off gas**

Twenty-four students sat for up to two hours and fifteen minutes yesterday eating jalepeño peppers as fast as possible. The Jalepeno Eating Contest, HAVEA held near Rudder Fountain, was part of Gas Week. When the last pepper had been eaten, Terry Bleck was declared the winner after eating 62 peppers. Mark MacDonald downed 58 to finish second. In these photos, contestants await the starter's signal (left), Chuck Hinton samples one of the alepeños (center) and Laurie Jahn (right) expresses her opinion of the whole affair.





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