

Political parties meet

Delegates to be picked

Democratic and Republican county conventions, from which representatives will be selected for each party's state convention in June, will be held Saturday. The Democratic County Convention will be held at 2 p.m. at Bryan High School. The Republican County Convention is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Sul Ross Elementary. The number of delegates to be selected is determined in proportion to the number who voted in the last

gubernatorial election, in accordance with the law of Texas. Democratic delegates chosen at Saturday's meeting will go to the Democratic state convention. Thirty-two delegates will be chosen at this convention and will participate in the Democratic national convention in New York City July 12. In addition, 70 alternate delegates from the state convention will go to New York.

Seven delegates will be chosen at the Republican county convention Saturday. These seven, along with seven alternates, will participate in the state convention. Four delegates will be chosen at the state level. The 96 Republican delegates elected in the May 1 elections, with the four delegates from the state convention, will represent the Texas Republican party at the national convention in Kansas City Aug. 16.

Team inspects solar energy

Two Texas A&M University engineers have been designated a special inspection team by the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) to help find ways to make solar energy more practical. Aerospace engineering professors Dr. James A. Stricklin and Howard L. Chevalier will evaluate solar collectors across the nation and apply advanced aerospace technology to reduce the weight of the collectors and thereby eliminate some of the high cost of installation.

Right now, collectors on the tops of houses are very heavy to allow for snow and windloads and conform to housing codes, Stricklin explained. "We're going to look at all these problems and record some basic information about them by looking at blueprints and recording dimensions, etc. Then, after a three-month study, we'll make specific recommendations to ERDA."

Stricklin said two of the big problems facing those who want to put in solar heating and cooling is finding people who can do the work, and working around obsolete housing codes. There is some work being done in Fort Worth-Dallas and Houston with solar collectors but none in this area, Stricklin says. He said to involve more people in solar development and research ERDA has gone so far as to supplement the construction of solar collector systems.

With the price of natural gas rising in Texas, solar power is rapidly becoming competitive in price, so information for architects and construction men working in the solar field will soon be in demand, Stricklin said.

Five men indicted in Means shooting

Associated Press
SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Two men have been charged with attempted murder in connection with the shooting of American Indian Movement leader Russell Means and another man on an Indian reservation. The FBI said three other men were charged as accessories. Means and AIM member John Thomas underwent surgery after they were shot early Wednesday. Both were listed in satisfactory condition at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Traffic Panel studies new bike regulations

Bicyclists will have to pay \$4 to register their bikes on campus next fall if the bicycle regulations proposed by the University Traffic Panel at yesterday's meeting are approved by Dr. John J. Koldus, vice-president for student services. An \$8 increase in moving violation fines and a \$1 increase for parking violations are also included in the proposed regulations.

The increase in registration fees was made by the panel in an attempt to raise revenue to help pay for construction of more bike racks on the A&M campus. A possible addition of bicycle registration to the options available during pre-registration would also be paid for by the increased revenue.

Fines for bicycle violations were increased to add some strength to the regulations.

In addition to increased fines, the regulations will give University Police the right to confiscate and impound bicycles for violations of certain parking provisions.

Also included under the penalties section of the proposed regulations is a \$2-per-week fine for delay in paying fines or registering bicycles. In

the current regulations, a flat fee of \$5 is charged if a ticket is not paid for within seven calendar days.

In other action, the panel learned that its earlier recommendation to eliminate the dorm-day student distinction in parking allocation was not approved by Koldus.

Koldus criticized the proposal saying that he didn't believe that a separation between upper- and lower-class day students called for in the proposal would help ease the parking problem on campus.

Hart Hall residents were told at the meeting that the north end of Lot 48 (east of Kyle Field) would be marked for upper-class students only, beginning next fall. Currently those students share the entire lot with underclassmen and do not have any advantage in parking space location.

— Dave Johnson

Attache presents books

Instruction and scholarly studies in German language at Texas A&M University were given a boost Wednesday by Mrs. Ruth Krassmann, cultural attache at the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, in Houston.

Mrs. Krassmann presented more than 60 books on German history, science and literature to the University Library. She also visited German classes of the Modern Languages Department.

"It is our wish you will have many more books coming, not only from German authors but others," Mrs. Krassmann said.

Dr. Haskell Monroe, dean of A&M facilities and former Library Council member, accepted the gift for Texas A&M.

Noting that "many people of German ancestry have meant much to Texas A&M," Monroe expressed appreciation to the Federal Republic

for the gift.

Monroe observed that Richard "Buck" Weirus, Association of Former Students executive director; artist-in-residence E. M. Schiwetz and former Board member and Texas A&M benefactor C. C. "Polly" Krueger have names reflecting the Germanic presence.

Mrs. Krassmann visited Koepke's advanced class for discussion in German and also made presentations in several second year and upper level German classes. She presented books as awards to top students in the groups.

Recipients were Jerry Kiker, Mark Luckstead, Debra Webb, Malissa Anderson, Marion Bothe, Charles McCullough, Carol Miller, Randy Shapery. Also, Roy Carter, Lenelle Kypfer, Frieda Karner-Hall, Susan Bechtel, Bennett Fletcher, Ruby Goeken and Martha Linnstaedter received awards.

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