

American people win television debate

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PHILADELPHIA — Both President Ford and Jimmy Carter are claiming victory in the first of the 1976 debates. But a nationwide Associated Press poll showed that neither candidate was the clear winner, although Ford attracted slightly more new supporters.

The restrained yet contentious confrontation was laden with economic statistics and political rhetoric but barren of any new proposals. "I thought I did well," Carter told reporters as he left the Walnut Street Theater, site of the debate. He said he had wanted to stress what he considers Ford's lack of leadership, "and I think I did that adequately."

"I enjoyed it very much," Ford said on leaving the theater. Asked who won, the President replied, "The American people."

Later, Ford told supporters, "We have a turning point in this campaign. . . . The momentum is on our side."

The AP poll was conducted among 1,065 scientifically chosen viewers who were questioned both before and immediately after the debate. It showed that 34.4 per cent of those who watched on television thought Ford had won and 31.8 per cent thought Carter had won. The rest, 33.8 per cent, didn't or couldn't pick a winner.

Statistically, the margin between Ford and Carter was too small for a clear winner to be declared. Experts say that a sample of this size could err by 2.9 per cent from what

the result would be if all viewers were polled.

Voters were asked their preference for president. Carter supporters numbered 45.3 per cent before the debate and 46.9 per cent afterward. Ford was preferred by 41 per cent of the voters before the debate and 44.9 per cent afterward.

The undecided vote dropped from 11.9 per cent before to 7.1 after.

The poll was taken for The AP by Chilton Research Services of Radnor, Pa. The firm specializes in high-speed telephone polling.

The debate, scheduled to run 90 minutes, was interrupted for 27 minutes by an electronic failure that cut off the sound to the millions watching it on television.

The candidates fielded 12 questions from

a panel of three reporters. The topics ranged from unemployment, inflation and taxes to amnesty, government reorganization and domestic spying by government agencies.

Carter described Ford as insensitive to the plight of the unemployed and said that the President's 56 vetoes since he took office represented a "government of stalemate."

At the outset of the debate, Ford accused Carter of failing to be specific in his proposals. The President said his Democratic opponent was advocating programs calling for "more spending, bigger deficits, more inflation and more taxes."

The second debate is scheduled for Oct. 6 in San Francisco and will cover foreign policy and national security. A third, with

no limitation on the subject matter, will be Oct. 22. The vice presidential candidates, Sens. Walter F. Mondale, (D-Minn.), and Bob Dole, (R-Kan.), will debate sometime the week of Oct. 11.

But the candidates and their advisers felt the first debate would be the one likely to have the most lasting impression on the voters and the one to set a pattern for the others.

Members of Carter's staff had said they felt the former Georgia governor should avoid strongly worded, direct attacks on Ford which voters might resent as showing disrespect for the presidency.

Nonetheless, the Democratic candidate took Ford to task for what he said was a lack of leadership and blamed the Republican administration for what he said was a variety

of economic ills.

The moderator for the debate, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, was Edwin Newman of NBC. The questioners were Frank Reynolds of ABC television, Elizabeth Drew of the New Yorker, and James P. Cannon of the Wall Street Journal.

The two candidates stood behind chest-high lecterns. During the opening minutes of the confrontation, their voices sounded strained.

Hamilton Jordan, Carter's campaign manager, said later, "I thought Jimmy was a little nervous at first and started a little slow." Jordan later added that he thought Carter "took command of the debate."

Jordan's assessment was as expected as (See Jobs, Page 4)

The weather

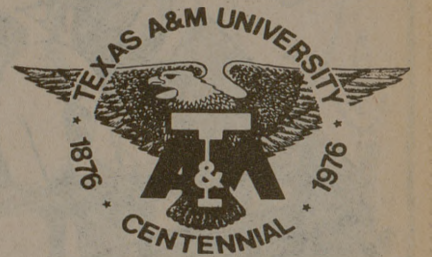
Partly cloudy and warm with high in upper 80s. Low tonight in mid-50s. Cloudy and warmer tomorrow with high in low 90s. Precipitation probability zero.

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C.S. City Council votes 6-2

Ambulance service rejected

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College Station City Councilmen rejected an application from Mid-Tex Fire and Safety for ambulance service for the city, after more than an hour's discussion.

The rejection came on a six to two vote, with council members Lane Stephenson and Ann Hazen casting the only votes in favor. The ambulance sub-committee's report, which stated opposition to issuance of the permit, was cited in the council's decision. The report stated that no complaints had been filed against the present ambulance service, operated by Ed Sher-

in other action, the council unanimously rejected the rezoning of a nine acre tract on Mesek Lane. The land would have been rezoned Family Residential District R-1 to Mobile Home Park R-5.

The council unanimously returned consideration of State Highway 6 and Texas Avenue, to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Plans of the developer and the homeowners to arrange for deed restrictions were cited in the council's decision.

Homeowners had previously presented a petition, signed by 10 out of 11 homeowners in the affected area, asking for denial of the rezoning from Single Family Residential R-1 to General Commercial District C-1.

Council approved rezoning two lots, located at the northwest corner of Park Place and Texas Avenue, with the stipulation that

the sections first be combined to form one lot. The lot would then be rezoned from Single Family Residential District R-1 to General Commercial District C-1.

Rezoning of a tract of land located on FM 2818, from Single Family Residential District R-1 to Planned Industrial District M-1, was unanimously approved by the council.

An ordinance establishing bicycle routes and authorizing necessary traffic and con-

trol devices was also unanimously approved.

The Housing Code Review Committee Report was tabled until the next council meeting, so that it could be considered further. The council also recommended that members of the committee be sent letters of appreciation.

A requested amendment to the building code was returned for further consid-

eration by the Building Code Board of Adjustment by a unanimous vote of the council.

The council approved the final plan subdividing a portion of the McCulloch Addition at Nevada and Welch Street.

The Council also adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of the Annual Contributions Contract and General Depository Agreement for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program.

Dr. Salk tells Senate

Vaccine may cause polio

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Polio cases caused by live-virus polio vaccinations now exceed cases that occur naturally, scientists say.

Dr. Jonas Salk and others told a state Senate health subcommittee hearing Thursday that live-virus vaccine can give the disease to the person it is supposed to protect.

"At the present time," Salk said, "the risk of acquiring polio from the live-virus vaccine is greater than from naturally occurring viruses."

Dr. Robert A. Aldrich of the University of Colorado Medical Center told the panel the live-virus vaccine presented "a small but distinct risk of polio."

Salk invented the first polio vaccine, a dead-virus type that dramatically cut the peak number of cases of polio in the 1950s by 95 per cent.

In 1961, federal health authorities recommended that the oral, live-virus vaccine invented by Dr. Albert Sabin be the

only one used, and the Salk vaccine fell into disuse. Salk's vaccine is no longer even produced in the United States.

Federal authorities say less than a dozen cases of polio are reported each year in the nation, an extremely small number compared with the millions vaccinated each year.

A&M volunteers begin fund-raising campaign

About 100 volunteer workers for the College Station United Chest and Texas A&M University United Fund Drive were told to "get out amongst 'em" when they met yesterday to receive materials and final instructions for their fundraising campaigns beginning Monday.

The "get out amongst 'em" theme was initiated by Dr. George W. Kunze, Texas A&M graduate dean, who is serving as campaign chairman for the College Station United Chest drive this year.

Texas A&M's drive is conducted in support of both the College Station United Chest and Bryan-Brazos County United Way. College Station's goal is the same as last year, \$35,000, while a record \$142,726 target has been established for the Bryan-Brazos County drive.

No specific goal is set for the Texas A&M drive since it is conducted on behalf of the two community drives, said Dr. Charles

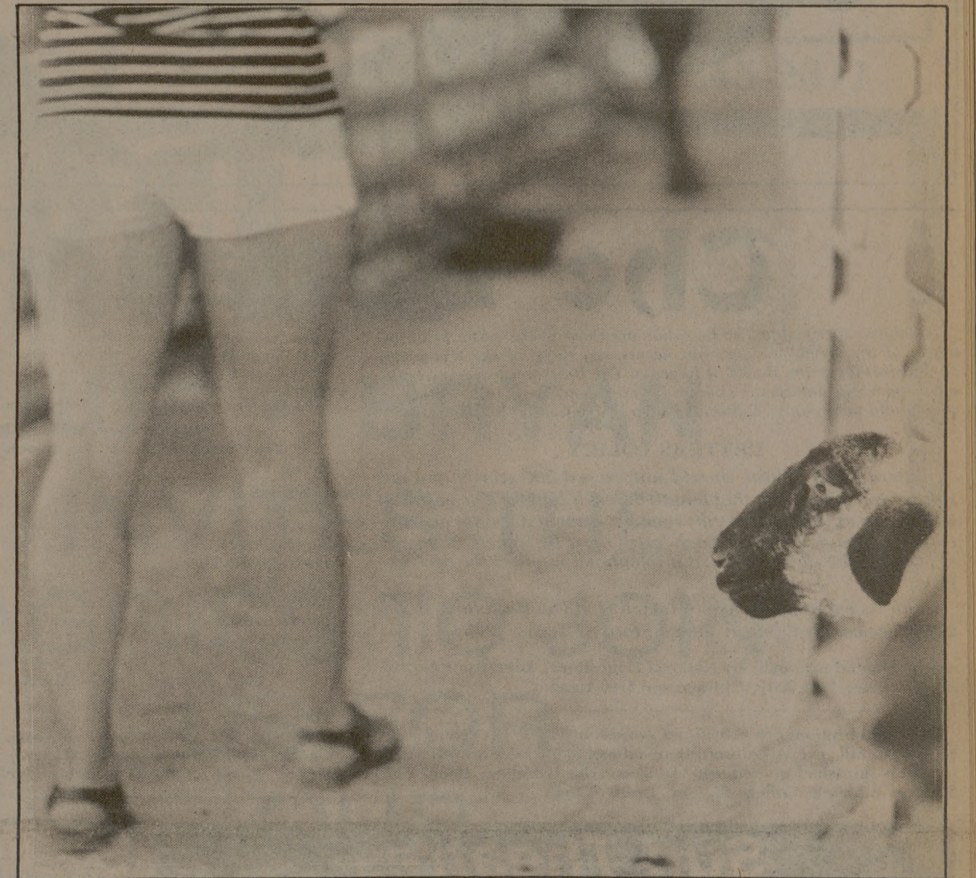
McCandless, the university's campaign director.

The Bryan-Brazos County United Way's drive also begins Monday, with all three campaigns to continue through Oct. 16.

Dean Kunze announced receipt of three advance contributions totaling more than \$1,000 from local business establishments. Dr. Haskell Monroe, Texas A&M's dean of faculties, said the first individual contribution had already been made by Texas A&M President Jack K. Williams.

Williams, still recovering at home from heart surgery, also drafted a memorandum which was included in the campus portion of the campaign material.

The College Station United Chest supports 15 agencies, and the Bryan-Brazos County United Way has 16 organizations relying on it for funds. Eleven organizations receive support from both sources.



Battalion photo by Kevin Verner

Not ba-a-a-ad

There are many things to see at the Washington County Fair which ends Saturday night in Brenham. This sheep viewed one of the sights as it stuck its head out of its pen Thursday. Other items to see include: quilts and clothing; plants, fruits and vegetables; livestock and auctioning; games and rides. You may want to stop at the fair before the football game in Houston. Brenham is located about 30 miles south of College Station on highway 36 and 290.

TOP OF THE NEWS

Campus

"ART OF Black Africa" will be on display in the Rudder Exhibit Hall through Oct. 9. The show is presented by the Arts and Black Awareness committees.

BRADFORD JOHNSTON, associate administrator for applications for NASA, will speak on "A Forecast for Earth Observations" at a symposium banquet Sept. 28. The speech will begin at 7 p.m. in the MSC 230.

STUDENTS may sign up at the MSC games desk by 6 p.m. today to enter the Football Tournament. There will be a \$2 entry fee for teams and \$1 fee for individual entries.

THE DEBATE club is reorganizing and will be accepting new members throughout the school year. An interest in the club is the only membership requirement. Prospective members may call David Dally at 846-2274.

Texas

OSCAR CARRILLO has been assessed a seven-year probated sentence for felony theft in the use of postage stamps. Jurors in Jourdan recommended the sentence yesterday for the former state representative after they returned a guilty verdict Wednesday.

INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL candidate Eugene McCarthy will most likely go to the Supreme Court today in an effort to get his name on the ballot in Texas, his lawyers say. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled yesterday that McCarthy won the right to have his name on the ballot in Texas but that he did it too late for the November general election. McCarthy says he will probably be on the ballot in 11 states.

A FEDERAL grand jury in Tyler is investigating possible price fixing and fraud by Texas companies selling meat to the armed forces. Testimony before a U.S. Senate committee last spring alleged that some meat

suppliers bilked the government out of millions of dollars by substituting cheap grades of meat for the prime cuts ordered by the Army.

TWO ABILENE women were arrested last night after a 2-hour-old infant girl was abandoned in a service station restroom, police said. The child was found in a trash container Wednesday night about half an hour after she was deposited, officer said. The infant was reported in good condition at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

National

PATRICIA HEARST faces sentencing today more than six months after a jury convicted her of armed bank robbery. The sentence could be as light as probation or as tough as 35 years in prison. Hearst's defense lawyer says she is anxious to get the proceedings on. He said he would move for a new trial after sentencing.

SEN. DANIEL K. INOUE says he has no plans to fire his administrative assistant who admittedly committed perjury while testifying before a federal grand jury. Inouye, a Democrat from Hawaii, also denied a report that the Senate Ethics Committee is pressuring him to fire the aide, Henry Giugni.

World

MAJ. MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM, strongman of Ethiopia's leftist military junta, escaped an assassination attempt last night in downtown Addis Ababa, the government announced today. It was the first known assassination attempt against any of the top three officers of the Provisional Military Council.

AFRICAN DELEGATES to the United Nations got the assembly steering committee to recommend yesterday that the perennial question of the white South African government's apartheid policy of racial separation be debated in plenary meetings of the Assembly.

Fort Hood soldier found innocent of rape

Associated Press

FT. HOOD, Tex. — The former commander of the 3rd "Grey Wolf" Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, Col. Milford Marshall, has been found innocent at his court martial of charges that he raped an officer candidate.

A live-officer Army court martial board acquitted Marshall Thursday after deliberating 55 minutes.

A division spokesman said Marshall would not have resume command of the

3rd Brigade because the position has already been filled. Marshall was relieved of command June 1, the day the rape charges were filed by a 22-year-old woman.

Twenty-two character witnesses and eight sworn statements were introduced into the record Thursday. Several defense witnesses were field grade officers up to the rank of lieutenant general. They all testified Marshall had a reputation for honesty and truthfulness.



Student hurt

Chemistry graduate student Ben Lass learned about Texas A&M lacrosse the hard way Wednesday.

He was sandwiched between two players while attempting to score in a scrimmage of the school's club on the parade grounds.

The result: a fractured rib and a punctured lung.

He is in good condition at Beutel Health Center, and is expected to remain there until Sunday. If his condition worsens he will be transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

Ben enjoyed most of his lacrosse play while he attended Hobart College in New York...last year's college champs.

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