Political Forum Student Opinion Poll

The Political Forum Committee of the MSC ran the following poll Wednesday and Thursday, February 10-11, in an effort to evaluate students' opinions and feelings on various political and campus oriented issues. Approximately 1350 students responded to the poll at tables set up in front of Sbisa, in Commons and in the MSC on the first floor.

The results, by percentages, and the general topic areas covered are as follows:

IN YOUR OPINION:

1) *Public Executions:*
Should criminal executions be televised?
22% yes 73% no 5% no opinion

2) *Gas Shortage:*
Should the President be given the power to allocate Texas natural gas from intrastate pipelines for distribution to gas shortages outside Texas?
33% yes 61% no 6% no opinion

3) *Fireside Chats:*
How effective will President Carter's fireside chats be as a means of informing the public?
25% very 57% slightly 17% not effective

4) *Pardon:*
How do you feel about the President's pardon of the draft resisters?
26% agree 64% disagree 10% no opinion

5) *Reelection of Governor Briscoe:*
Should Dolph Briscoe be reelected for another term as governor of Texas in 1978?
8% yes 65% no 27% no opinion

6) *Aggieland Editor:*
Should there be a committee to advise the Aggieland editor?
68% yes 20% no 12% no opinion

7) *Compulsory Class Attendance:*
Should A&M continue with its compulsory class attendance policy?
22% yes 70% no 8% no opinion

8) *Professor Evaluations:*
How useful are the Student Government professor evaluations in evaluating a professor's performance?
19% very 55% slightly 26% not at all

SCONA Schedule

The following is a schedule for SCONA XXII speakers.

Wednesday
2:45 p.m.
Dr. Ruth Fry, Director and founder of the Jung Center, Houston

Thursday
9 a.m.
Dr. M.L. Sharrah, senior vice president of Continental Oil.

3:30 p.m.
Dr. Nathaniel Branden, executive director of the Biocentric Institute, Los Angeles

Friday
11 a.m.
Dr. Stanley Milgram, psychology professor, City University, New York

Saturday
11 a.m.
Lynn Ashby, editorial columnist, The Houston Post

Zoos captivate most bengal tigers

United Press International

There are more bengal tigers in captivity in American zoos than there are living in the wild.

Top of the News

Campus

MEMBERS of the 1977 Executive Development Course at Texas A&M University have dug into their pocketbooks to demonstrate support for their new alma mater. The 58 executives attending the three-week course wrote checks for $20 apiece to present $1,160 to the University on the eve of their departure. Marvin N. Swink, energy conservation manager for the Gas Company of New Mexico and a 1954 A&M graduate, presented the check to A&M Development Director Robert L. Walker. Swink said the contribution was made because participants wanted to honor Executive Development Programs Director B. J. Adams, and because the executives were impressed with A&M and its students in general.

TOURS of the Texas A&M University campus are now offered weekly for adults by the Visitor Information Center in Rudder Tower. Walking tours of the campus will be anytime during regular working hours each Monday, except on holidays. Reservations must be made in advance. Arrangements may be made by calling 845-5852.

Texas

DALLAS police have accused a 29-year-old advertising executive of being the "friendly rapist" responsible for at least 75 sexual assaults during the last 18 months. "He told his victims he didn't want to hurt them and never has hurt one of them, other than raping them", a police spokesman said. The suspect was identified as Guy William Marble Jr., vice president-business manager of Public Relation Advisors, Inc. By late yesterday, Marble was charged with five rapes with bonds of $250,000 on each count.

TEMPORARY furloughs for convicts was unanimously approved yesterday by the Senate. The bill which now goes to the House for consideration would limit convicts to no more than two furloughs per year in order to obtain medical treatment, attend funerals or visit critically ill relatives. Dolph Briscoe vetoed similar legislation two years ago, but is expected to be satisfied with the rewritten bill.

AGRICULTURAL loans are harder to come by because of increased farming expenses, West Texas bank officers say. A recent statewide survey of 149 lenders by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service showed potential loan customers could not be served, loan payments were lower, and more collateral was required.

PENALTIES for the misuse of food stamps is being urged by Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin. The state legislator said yesterday that on some occasions the stamps have been used in poker and craps games. The Senate Human Resources Committee voted unanimously to provide jail terms and fines for persons caught misusing food stamps. The bill now goes to the full Senate.

National

SPECIAL interest groups contributed a record $22.6 million to congressional candidates last year—nearly double the amount two years earlier, Common Cause said yesterday in a statement based on financial reports filed with the Federal Election Commission.

THE WARMING spell that broke the grip of Arctic air in much of the East last week is likely to be replaced by more colder-than-normal weather during the next 30 days. A National Weather Service spokesman said yesterday the anticipated colder and drier weather means snow should melt slowly during the next month—good news for areas of the Ohio River basin that had been threatened with flooding—but the outlook, given a six out of 10 chance of being right, offered no relief for drought-stricken California.

World

NICARAGUAN officials said yesterday the fungus that threatened Central America's entire $1.6 billion coffee crop is under control and said that they hope to have it eradicated by May when the region's rainy season begins.

Prisoner charged with double crime

COVINGTON, La. (UPI) — A man sentenced to life imprisonment for shooting a Slidell policeman during an armed robbery faces charges of attempted murder and armed robbery in the same case.

The sentence was imposed on David Lewis, Wednesday, by 24th Judicial District Judge H. Charles Gaudin. Lewis was convicted of murdering Sgt. Earl Alfred, the first black on the Slidell police force, during an August, 1975, robbery.

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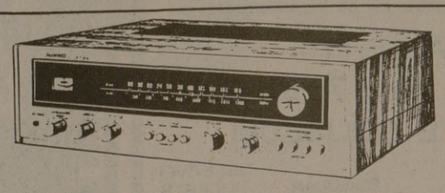

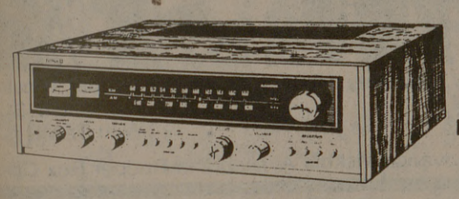

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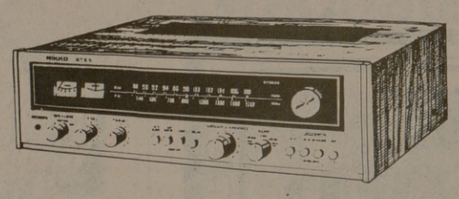

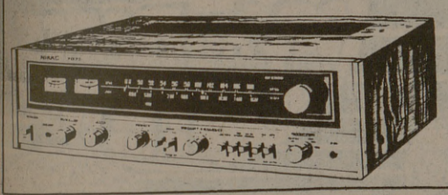

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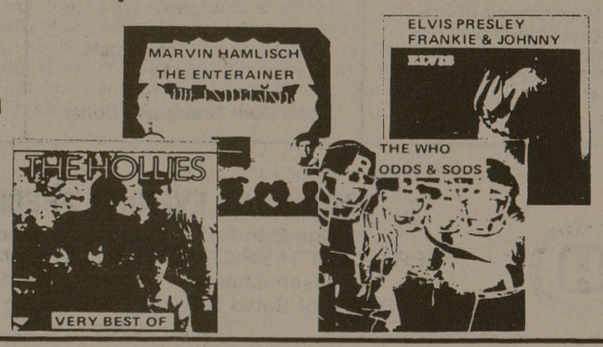

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