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Kim Tomes, left, with younger sister Trisha. Both are students at Texas A&M University.
Photo by Cyndy Fulghum.

A&M coed Kim Tomes wins Miss U.S.A. title

By JULIE SPEIGHTS
Twenty minutes after the Miss U.S.A. pageant ended in Charlestown, S.C., Kim Tomes' mother was greeted with "Hey Mama, we won!"

The words didn't come from Kim Tomes, the new Miss U.S.A., but from her sponsors, Guy-Rex Associates.

"Everything was right," said Richard Guy of Guy-Rex Associates. "She was the best-prepared girl to get Miss U.S.A. and she has a good chance of becoming Miss Universe," Guy said, because she's competed in beauty pageants before.

Kim is a senior physical education major at Texas A&M University and the first Miss Texas-Universe to become Miss U.S.A.

Guy said Kim's combination of a unique

appearance and down-to-earth personality won her the title.

Guy-Rex Associates designed Kim's evening gown and state costume for the pageant. They also assisted her with make-up and grooming.

"It was so mind-boggling," Mrs. Tomes said yesterday. "We were just overwhelmed."

"Kim's first love is A&M," she said. Kim is anxious to get her senior ring, but now they aren't sure what year to put on it.

As Miss U.S.A. Kim will soon travel to Acapulco, the Philippines, and possibly to Thailand, her mother said.

She will compete in the Miss Universe Pageant in the Dominican Republic July 16.

Kim's sister Patricia is a sophomore medical technology major at Texas A&M.

She also has an older sister, Valerie, who is married.

Kim's mother said the three girls are different from each other, but she is proud of them all.

Kim was a member of the Diamond Darlings at Texas A&M. Diamond Darlings sponsor, Mrs. Tom Chandler said, "Kim's just a good old gal."

"It shows that if a girl is just herself, she can win," Chandler said.

"I've never seen her look better," said Kim's ex-roommate, Karen Rider.

Rider said Kim is modest and prefers to be known as Kim Tomes rather than a beauty contest winner.

Aside from much recognition, Kim's title brings with it many rewards. She will receive \$21,000, a new car, a mink coat, a

diamond ring, a \$450 puppy and a furnished apartment on Fifth Ave. in New York City.

Her roommate is the current Miss Universe and if Kim doesn't become Miss Universe, she will room with the new Miss Universe during her reign.

Miss U.S.A. has not been chosen Miss Universe in 12 years.

Guy said the difference between Miss U.S.A. and Miss America is that Miss U.S.A. must compete with more girls to get the national title and the competition doesn't stop there.

There will be 81 competing in the Miss Universe pageant, Guy said.

"I think she will be a very popular Miss U.S.A. and I expect her to do very well in the Miss Universe pageant," Guy said.

Regents may okay more construction

Construction and renovations within the Texas A&M University System will be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting of the A&M Board of Regents.

The regents will consider recommended appropriations for additional parking space and a major storage facility at Texas A&M and renovation of a number of system buildings.

Prairie View A&M University will re-

ceive over \$1.5 million for renovation of two of its buildings if those improvements are approved by the regents. Street repairs and expansion totaling \$634,000 have also been recommended for Prairie View as part of its long-range repair program.

Appropriations for preliminary work on renovation of Texas A&M's old hospital building and Agronomy Building have been recommended for board approval.

The regents will decide whether to allocate \$149,000 for construction of a new parking lot on A&M's West Campus and expansion of a present lot according to the meeting agenda. Office furnishings for the new Soil and Crop Sciences Building may also be approved by the regents.

A&M students will have a new laundry service this fall if the regents follow a business department recommendation to discontinue the university-operated laun-

dry and contract Fabric Care Service of Bryan to provide that service. The laundry fee under the recommended system would go from \$45 to \$53.50. The University would receive a small commission for whatever laundry business the service received.

University President Jack K. Williams will recommend five businessmen and former students to the Consulting Board of A&M's newly-established Free Enterprise research center. They are:

James H. Galloway, '30; Rex B. Grey, '41; Robert B. Little III, '41; Felix R. McKnight, '32, and Norman N. Moser, '37. The regents must approve those appointments.

A \$10 million issue of Permanent University Fund bonds will be made for the A&M system in July if approved by the regents next week. That sale would be made in conjunction with one by the University of Texas System.

The regents will probably approve 51 recommended appointments and 19 promotions within the A&M system. They are also expected to accept for the system gifts, grants and loans totaling \$874,440.93, made since the board's last meeting March 22.

The meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Board Meeting Room adjacent to the Memorial Student Center.

Senate revising school finance bill

United Press International
AUSTIN — Senators yesterday began revising their recently assembled \$776 million school finance bill but insisted they intended to have a plan passed and ready for the House to consider by Thursday.

Lobbyists for school administrators and teachers urged the Senate Education Committee to increase funds for teacher salaries and revamp formulas for providing aid to poor districts.

Orby Holden of Georgetown, spokesman for the Texas Association of School Boards, urged senators to protect local districts from having to increase property taxes.

"Every time there's been an increase in the foundation school program there's also been an increase in local taxes," Holden said. "A lot of districts have increased taxes as much as 42 per cent in the past few years."

Holden said more than half the 1,089 school districts in the state will face increases in their local fund assignment under the Senate bill — a situation he said would compel many of those districts to raise taxes or cut back school programs.

Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, chairman, said the Education Committee will hear additional testimony today and begin considering a number of amendments, including several proposals to add \$44 million to the bill.

"I still hope that we, the Senate, can

vote by Thursday," Mauzy said. "That'll give us 11 days for the House to decide whether to concur or go to conference."

Mauzy denied suggestions that Senate delays in considering the school finance issue could jeopardize chances for the House and Senate to agree on a bill before the legislative session ends at midnight May 30.

"There is still time," Mauzy said.

Representatives passed a \$696 million school finance bill April 20 that emphasizes property tax relief.

The plan, drawn up by Mauzy's subcommittee, gives more attention to equalizing state aid to poor districts.

Critics complained the Senate plan would give equalization aid to many districts that are not poor, such as Dallas and Houston.

"Nearly every child in the state is going to qualify for equalization," said L. P. Sturgeon, Texas State Teachers Association lobbyist. "You can't equalize if you're going to help the rich as well as the poor. There couldn't be that many districts that have a great need for equalization."

Mauzy said the Senate plan will provide additional state aid to school districts with 80 per cent of the children in the state under a formula that takes into account the wealth of the district and the tax effort of the local community.

"This is the most mathematically sound way that I know of to see that the money goes to those with the need," he said.



Heavy traffic jammed streets on campus Friday (left) as friends and relatives swarmed in to help dorm students move out on the last day of the spring semester. Campus sidewalks will probably be as



empty as this one (right) was yesterday until students return in two weeks for summer school.
Battalion photo by Mike Willy

Motorcycle-car collision kills A&M chemistry grad student

A citation was filed yesterday against the driver in a car-motorcycle accident that killed a Texas A&M University graduate student Saturday.

The driver, Mike Jadowski of 1911 Pinewood in Bryan, was charged with failure to yield the right of way, College Station policeman Irvin Todd said yesterday.

Todd said he expected no further charges to be filed.

Joseph Michael Grima, a 24-year-old chemistry graduate student, was killed Saturday when his motorcycle collided with Jadowski's car on FM 2818.

Beutel director recovers from heart attack

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of Texas A&M University's A.P. Beutel Health Center, is "progressing nicely" after suffering a heart attack last week, University officials said yesterday.

Goswick, 47, was stricken at the health center about 1 p.m. last Tuesday. He was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital where he is now being treated.

Doctors have removed the pacemaker used at first to keep Goswick's heart beating and have moved him to a private room where he is still under 24-hour observa-

Administrators anticipate 10,000 summer students

A larger number of Texas A&M students than ever is expected to return in two weeks, along with new students and others, for summer classes.

Registrar Robert A. Lacey announced first summer term registration will be Tuesday, May 31. Classes begin Wednesday for the June 1-July 6 session. Second term registration July 7 is followed by classes and exams July 8-Aug. 12.

Summer commencement is planned Aug. 13.

Texas A&M officials expect about 10,000 students to enroll.

Veterinary medicine students began the summer trimester April 25. Except for a July 4-5 holiday, it continues through Aug. 5.

Texas Republicans oppose presidential primaries bill

United Press International
AUSTIN — Most House Republicans refused yesterday to support legislation establishing a permanent presidential primary in Texas. They contended provisions of the bill could permit Democratic officials to control Republican primary results.

The House approved the bill 117-7 and sent it to the Senate. The proposal guarantees a proportional division of the state's

delegates to national political conventions. It gives the secretary of state the power to place on the ballot the names of any "nationally recognized" candidates.

Rep. Brad Wright, R-Houston, a member of the subcommittee which drafted the original primary bill, said a series of amendments adopted during House debate made the bill a disaster.

"Republicans as a party support the concept of a presidential primary," he

said. "But I think this bill as amended dictates to political parties certain conditions that the legislature should not dictate."

"The secretary of state picking the candidates that will be on the ballot is a disaster. He is usually a Democratic appointee, and if he wants to fragment the conservatives all he has to do is pick 10 or 12 conservative candidates and one liberal, and the liberal will come out the leader," Wright said.

The House revised the bill during debate to permit the secretary of state rather than political party executive committees to select candidates for the ballot. The revision also guarantees proportional division of the delegates to national conventions.

The bill drafted by the Elections Committee permitted each party to opt for a

winner-take-all provision by senatorial or congressional districts.

Wright said the House amendments made the bill almost identical to one which is apparently dead in a Senate subcommittee. "It has no chance of passage now," he said.

"The House acted hastily by sending the Senate the same bill they turned down earlier. They're not even going to look at this bill."

Earlier yesterday, the House postponed until Friday a vote on a proposal permitting creation of water import authorities to bring water from other states to arid areas of Texas.

Two amendments quickly compounded the difficulty of creating such an import authority. Backers of the bill asked for the delay.

Federal agency suggests inspection of helicopters

United Press International
NEW YORK — Federal investigators have recommended inspection of all Sikorsky S-61 helicopters because they suspect the failure of a small landing gear attachment caused the Manhattan skyscraper helicopter accident that claimed five lives on Monday.

Such a wide inspection program could include even the helicopter used to shuttle President Carter about. The Presidential craft is the same model as the one that toppled over on the roof of the 59-story Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan.

There was no immediate indication from the White House of whether an inspection of the President's helicopter was planned.

"Our preliminary findings are that there was metal fatigue or failure" in the coupling — a part the size of a fist which attaches the landing gear structure to the body of the craft, Philip A. Hogue, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), said yesterday.

Hogue said his unit would make an emergency recommendation to the Fed-

eral Aviation Administration that the couplings in all Sikorsky S-61 helicopters — there are 60 to 80 in the world now flying — be inspected immediately.

But he said the NTSB was not recommending that the crafts be grounded pending the coupling inspections.

The NTSB also recommended that a change be made in the 9,900-hour service life of the coupling.

Five persons died Monday — either hacked by the helicopter rotor blades or hit on midtown streets by falling debris from the craft. Eight others were injured.

New York City suspended flights between the New York metropolitan area's three major airports and the Pan Am Building, pending a final NTSB report. But the helicopter service hoped to resume service between the airports themselves in a few days with new couplings if necessary.

"When an airline — for instance, Pan Am — has a crash, they don't stop their operations," a spokesman for New York Airways said. "When you have an auto crash, you don't pull all the Buicks off the road."

Dismissal of jury without mistrial wins approval

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Senate voted 28-3 yesterday to give judges power to dismiss a juror without declaring a mistrial before prosecutors begin presenting evidence.

Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Forth Worth, said the legislation is aimed at preventing a recurrence of situations such as occurred in the T. Cullen Davis trial.

A mistrial had to be declared in the murder trial of the Fort Worth millionaire because one of the eight jurors selected in

eight weeks of court proceedings participated in clandestine telephone calls and made prejudicial statements about Davis.

"The county had spent nearly two months and \$100,000 to \$200,000 trying to find a jury," Mrs. Andujar said.

Under her bill the trial judge could replace an offending juror and proceed with the trial unless prosecutors had already begun presenting evidence.

The bill now goes to the House.