



Battalion photo by Jo Ella Dixon

Voting for freshman and off-campus leaders was held Thursday around the A&M campus. At the MSC polling area, David F. Mitschke, veterinary medicine student, and Terrell Pickett and Jimmy Scully, freshmen electrical engineering majors, cast their ballots.

Ex-mayor is innocent

United Press International
FORT WORTH — Former city mayor R.M. "Sharkey" Stovall, who claimed his driving while intoxicated arrest was politically motivated, was judged innocent Thursday.

Tarrant County Judge Pete Perez, who conducted the non-jury trial, heard three days of testimony in which several persons, including deputy police chief, agreed Stovall's arrest might have been politically motivated.

Stovall led a group of Fort Worth residents which successfully spearheaded the defeat of collective bargaining for police and firemen. Stovall's attorney, Jerry Murad, said there was considerable police resentment against Stovall.

Stovall was arrested after midnight April 14 when the car he was driving ran into the rear of a motorcycle ridden by postal worker Dale Reynolds. Stovall claimed he lost a contact from his eye and his vision had become blurred.



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Runoff needed

Voting results in

Danny Weinbaum became president and Pattie Heaton became secretary-treasurer of Texas A&M University's freshman class in elections held Thursday.

There will be a run-off between Jes Mason and Brenda Kallins for vice president, as well as one between Kay Whitcomb and Tammy Dodson for social secretary.

Senators will be Brad Smith, Eric Langford, Brian Gross, Deanna Holder and Kathleen Miller. Elections were also held for Off-Campus Student Association representatives.

Representatives for OSCA Zone 1 are Philip Johnson, Skipper Kongable, Kim Reed, Julie Davison, Earl Blankenship and Dale Campisi. Zone 2 winners are Jim Colton,

Randy Knight, Becky Matthews, Dorothy DuBois, Vicky Baumgartner, Jill Hall, Reed Hughes, Joel Krouse and Don Seaver.

Zone 3 representatives are Kevin Skees, Kathy McMordie, Jim Conner, Frank Box and Melissa Pitts. Representatives for Zone 4 are Angie Goodson and Michael Jones. Run-off dates will be announced.

Halloween helps kids act out fears

United Press International
Halloween in some ways may be more important to children than Christmas, says Arnold Dobrin, a children's author and illustrator who has raised two sons of his own.

"Christmas deals with joy, happiness, a religious feeling," Dobrin said in an interview. "Halloween deals with their emotions, teaches them to deal with their fears constructively."

Celebrating Halloween, a child can dress in a costume. He or she can be ugly, can be fearful. "Halloween allows a child to grapple with these problems in an acceptable way," Dobrin said.

"Very few holidays deal with the seamy side of life. A child is as concerned with this as adults are."

Dobrin is a native of Omaha who now lives in Westport, Conn. He

said experimenting with his own two sons as they grew up taught him the importance children attach to Halloween, the impatience and fascination it generates.

His latest book, "Make a Witch, Make a Goblin" (Four Winds Press \$6.95) grew from those memories. It is a Halloween crafts book for children in the elementary grades.

"Almost all the projects can be done on next-to-nothing," he said. "They require mostly imagination and time."

Some recycle materials such as empty cans, disposable aluminum pie tins and paper grocery bags.

A scarecrow costume uses old clothing and old brooms.

A witch centerpiece has a plastic detergent bottle for its body.

Dobrin said he would like to see children use their imagination to

carry his projects further, decorating and developing designs in their own ways.

He said he was helped with the book by Sue Noad, who has young children of her own. Dobrin said Noad made some projects when he was too busy by researching and contributing ideas.

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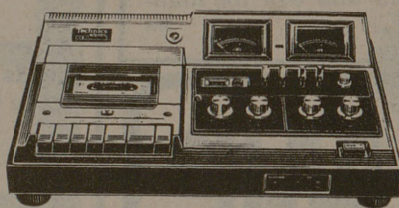
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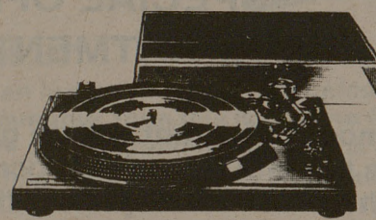
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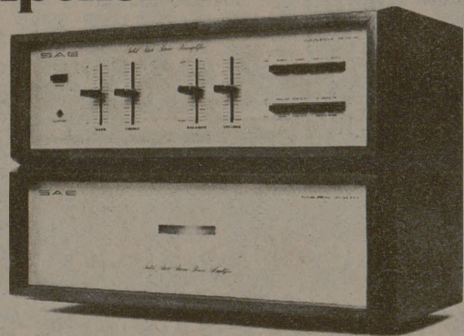
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