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## President, vice president announce resignations

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Battalion Staff

Texas A&M University's student body president and a vice president announced their resignations from office Sunday night.

Robert Harvey, president, and Vicki Young, vice president for student services, said they will submit their resignations to the student senate in a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The site has not been confirmed.

The constitution provides for the senate to choose a new student body president by majority vote from the remaining four vice presidents. They are Mike Humphrey, Phil Sutton, Mike Springer and Allison King.

The new president will then nominate candidates for empty vice presidential seats, probably at the regular senate meeting Feb. 22. The floor will be open for other nominations, and a majority vote will fill the vacancies. Vice presidents are not required to be senate members.

Harvey and Young posted below 2.0 grade point ratios for the last semester's course work, but that's not the only reason they're resigning.

"At this point in time it seems like this is the only way to resolve this issue," Harvey said.

Last Wednesday the senate requested the resignations of Harvey and Young. By a secret vote of 26-24 senators adopted the resolution. "The person in question should resign according to regulations as stated. This is to be applied to all members of student government currently shown to be deficient in posting a 2.000 GPR per semester."

One member abstained, and 19 were absent. Eight senate seats were vacant.

The senate did not decide which grade requirement should apply. Regulations are listed in the student body constitution and University Regulations. Young and Harvey contend the rules mean a 2.0 cumulative GPR should be required.

Young's cumulative GPR is 3.23, and Harvey's is 2.94.

The senate decided the requirement should be a 2.0 GPR per semester. The senate may try to revise the constitution

and University Regulations to require only a cumulative 2.0 GPR.

"It's in the interest of student government to move on and get something accomplished," Harvey said. "They won't as long as they're preoccupied with this issue."

"I honestly feel there is no precedent for officers to resign for posting less than a 2.0. I don't feel the constitution is clear on the matter, and the third reason is I don't believe the University Regulations have been enforced and won't be enforced concerning grade requirements.

"Those are the reasons I haven't resigned sooner," he said.

Young said her resignation is based on the senate's recommendation.

"I think they acted fairly in their own opinion. It was their responsibility to enforce University Regulations.

"It's my opinion it should be a student's responsibility to remain in good standing with the University." She said that for her it meant maintaining an overall, cumulative, 2.0 GPR.

"There are times when the demands of the office will make your GPR drop below a 2.0. It's easy," Young said. She plans to apply to medical school this semester. If Young, a junior, is accepted, it will affect her plans for participating in student government next year. She will be around in an "advisory capacity" for the rest of the semester.

Harvey plans to graduate in mechanical engineering this May and apply to law school. He said he will spend a week briefing the new student body president on his duties then "back out completely." He blamed putting student government duties above studies for his low grades.

Harvey also requested the resignations of other executive committee members directly responsible to him: executive director, director of information, controller and recording secretary.

"I just think that's the prerogative of any chief of staff," Harvey said.

Harvey said his greatest accomplishment as president was "just leaving an executive branch that's better organized, that's more able to assume the executive

responsibilities of student government."

He said his greatest regret was a job left undone.

"There are still so many things that student government can do that I'd like to see them do — that they may not get done." Tuesday night he plans to tell the senate "what they're capable of" and suggest projects in new areas of student life.

"My main worry is that student government may let this issue drop and not resolve it," Harvey said. "They need to see it doesn't come up again. A president should not have to resign. It should be procedural. We shouldn't have the hub-bub we've had this semester."

Like Harvey, the vice president said her greatest accomplishment was in administration.

"It was to provide the committee with a good example — one of interest and competence and some forethought into next year's plans and projects.

"The worst thing about student government is that it has this discontinuous set of officers who work six or seven



Robert Harvey

months and then leave." Young said she cultivated secondary leaders and planned for continuity.

"If they give me time, I'll speak Tuesday night. I'd like to include some closing remarks to the senate."

## SCONA sessions begin Wednesday

SCONA 23's four-day plunge Wednesday into "The Politics of Energy" will bring a variety of viewpoints to the issue.

Along with previously announced speakers, the Student Conference on National Affairs at Texas A&M University has added Cong. Toby Moffett (D-Conn.), Standard Oil of Indiana Executive Rudy Johnson and Roberta Hornig, Washington Star reporter on energy and the environment.

Speakers and roundtable co-chairmen represent Congress, government officials, major and independent energy firms, business and investment firms and education.

Cong. Olin E. Teague will address the opening session of the conference Wednesday. A major contributor and influence on SCONA since its inception in 1955, the Sixth District representative is ending 32 years in Congress this term.

The SCONA keynote speech, by Under Secretary of Energy Dale Myers, follows Cong. Teague's 2:45 p.m. Wednesday address. An aeronautical engineer and former NASA administrator, Myers was president of North American Aircraft Operations for Rockwell International before 1976 appointment in the U.S. Department of Energy.

Three Thursday presentations open with a delegates-only panel on "Energy, Life Styles and the Future" by Dr. Bob Jones and Dr. John Steinbrink of the University of Houston.

A public presentation by Cong. Morris Udall is set for 12:20 p.m. in the Rudder Theater, site of most SCONA speeches open to the public. The Arizona Democrat will discuss the environment and energy.

Thursday evening and Friday panels go into Congress' role in energy policy, future energy technologies and energy production. Cong. Robert Krueger (D-Tex.) and Moffett, representing conservative and liberal views, are on an 8 p.m. Thursday panel.

A Friday leadoff panel, on alternative energy sources, will feature the University of Texas' Dr. Linn Draper, Nuclear Reactor Laboratory director, and Dr. Harlan Smith, Astronomy Department head and McDonald Observatory director, with Dr. Stephen Riter. Riter is director of the Texas Energy Extension Service at Texas A&M.

Appearing with Johnson on the oil-gas panel are George Lawrence, American Gas Association president, and Michel Halbouty, petroleum exploration specialist.

Hornig appears Saturday, Feb. 18, as SCONA wrap-up speaker. Her assignments have taken the reporter to Alaska to write about the pipeline.

Co-chairmen of SCONA roundtables, at which delegates delve into conference data, include officials of the Shell Company and Mobil Oil Companies, General Services Administration, National Consumer Information Center and Library of Congress Research Service. Ten Texas A&M faculty members, in petroleum engineering, chemistry, mechanical engineering, medicine, history, political science and geosciences, are co-chairmen.

Texas A&M former students Lee Walker and Don McCrory will also help stimulate delegate thinking and roundtable involvement. Walker is a top official and shareholder in companies engaged in nuclear metallurgy, medical product manufacturing and other areas. He was an Aggie basketball letterman in 1964.

McCrory, employed by a Houston investment building firm, chaired SCONA 14 in 1968-69.



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

### Hey ref, need some help?

Tim Feickert, a senior from Lancaster, Ca., thinks a blind person could do a better job of calling fouls than the referee during Saturday's game against Texas Tech. Feickert is a member of the Aggie Baseball team. See related story p. 10.

## Israel's Begin blasts U.S., accuses Carter of taking sides

United Press International  
Israeli leaders are unleashing some of the strongest attacks on the Carter administration and accusing it of taking the side of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Menachem Begin met with his Cabinet Monday and afterward formally protested the move by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, in which he reiterated U.S. opposition to Jewish settlements on captured lands. The government of Israel expresses its

regret and protest over the statement made by Secretary of State Vance," Begin said. "The cabinet expresses its hope the government of the United States will reconsider its position."

Israeli officials said Begin's statement was the sharpest criticism of the U.S. administration since he took office in June 1977. They said Israel was concerned more by the timing than the substance of Vance's remarks.

In New York, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said in a television interview Vance

had overstepped his role as mediator between Egypt and Israel.

"On this specific point — on settlements and West Bank — I'm afraid he is taking sides now, which won't make his job any easier as a mediator," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The Israeli barrage came in response to an apparent shifting of American policy toward Sadat, who visited the United States last week. U.S. officials said Sadat was privately assured he would receive sophisticated American weapons.

In Paris, Sadat met French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing Sunday and French sources said Paris also was ready to sell Egypt advanced fighter bombers if the American arms deal fell through. Sadat was flying to Rome today to meet

Pope Paul VI and Premier-designate Giulio Andreotti, ending his eight-nation tour.

In a related development, Israeli Radio reported the Defense Ministry had ordered bulldozers to stop preparing the ground for expanded settlements in the Sinai Peninsula.

A high-ranking official said the move was a gesture to Cairo. "It was decided that it was best that operations be curtailed."

Vance said Friday that Jewish settlements were illegal and "shouldn't exist."

But Begin said, "The government of Israel stands by its view that the Israeli settlement program is in full harmony with international law and that it always has been legal, legitimate and essential."

## Dignitaries unharmed in Australian bombing

United Press International  
SYDNEY, Australia — A terrorist bomb exploded today outside a downtown Sydney hotel where 12 Asian Commonwealth heads of state were meeting, killing at

least two persons and injuring seven others.

None of the visiting dignitaries were hurt in the explosion, but 12 hours later army experts harmlessly detonated a second bomb that was set to go off only 300 yards from the site of the first blast.

The explosion occurred shortly after midnight outside the Hilton Hotel where the Asia-Pacific Commonwealth leaders had just returned from a harbor cruise. Four of the seven injured were policemen.

Two garbage men collecting trash were killed instantly when the bomb, concealed in a trash bin on the sidewalk outside the hotel, exploded as they emptied its contents into their truck.

The force of the explosion tore open the steel sides of the big truck, shattering shop windows for hundreds of yards around.

The four policemen, part of the conference security force, were cut down by the blast. A police spokesman said one of the injured officers was on the critical list.

Earlier reports said three persons were killed because parts of a body were found several floors up on a balcony of the hotel. Police said they were still not able to determine if there was a third fatality.

A few minutes before the explosion, police headquarters received a phone call from a man "with a foreign accent" warning of a bomb in a garbage bin outside the Hilton. While an officer was putting out the alert, the bomb went off.

## War Hymn author celebrated 81st birthday Sunday

The man who wrote the Aggie War Hymn was 81 years old Sunday and the day he wrote it was approaching 60.

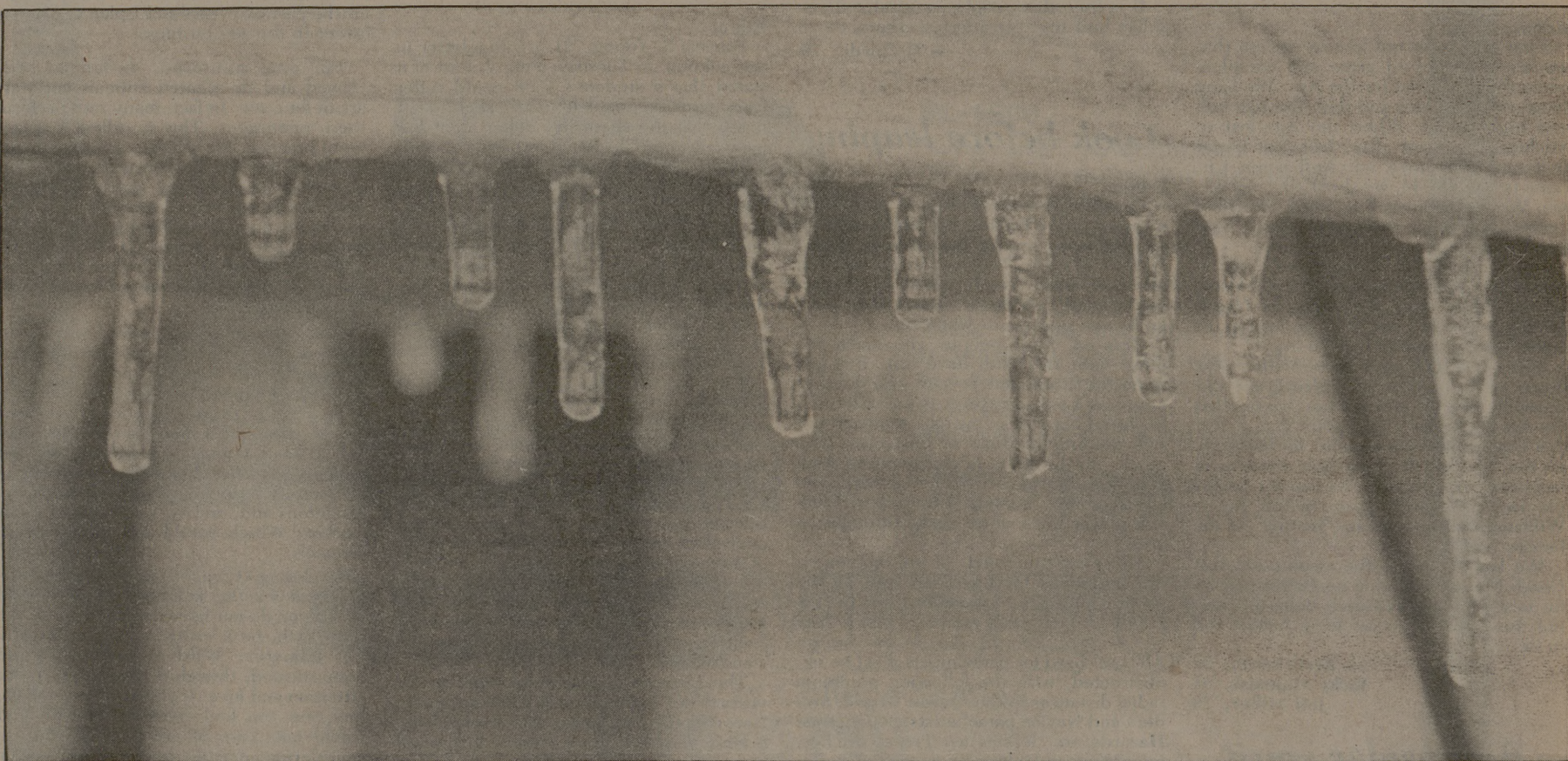
W. "Pinky" Wilson of Burnet scribbled the tune on the back of a letter while huddled in a foxhole in France during World War I, even as the Armistice was approaching on Nov. 11, 1918.

The 1920 Texas A&M graduate took the words from an old Aggie yell — "Hullabaloo, Caneck! Caneck!" — for his opening, wrote the tune for a quartet, and the rest is history.

When Wilson and his Marine buddy first performed the new song, Wilson was the only Aggie and Texan, but the number grows yearly now.

The War Hymn was first performed for a football game at the opening contest in 1921, says Wilson, and it's been a fixture since — ranking among the nation's most readily recognizable college fight songs.

"It simply never occurred to me that this song would ever be what it became...I made no effort to keep the letter on which I had written it," he recalls.



Battalion photo by Susan Webb

### The ice is gone — for a while

Temperatures in the 30s last week brought on freezing rain and these icicles hanging from a trash can in front of Heaton Hall.