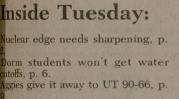
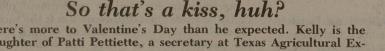


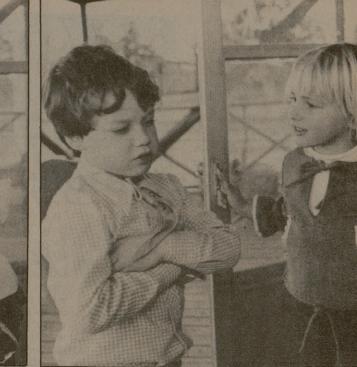


Six-year old Kelly Pettiettee knows how to thank a gentleman for a valentine. But when Jeff Moore gets his kiss from Kelly, he decides









Battalion photos by Malcolm Moore

tension Service. Jeff, age 5, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Moore of Somerville. Both children attend school at Snook.

there's more to Valentine's Day than he expected. Kelly is the daughter of Patti Pettiette, a secretary at Texas Agricultural Ex-



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Board chairman, executive committee members resign

hairman of the student senate judipard and all members of the execummittee Monday submitted their ations to Robert Harvey, student resident.

ials resigning are Stan Stanfield, al board chairman; Geri Campbell, ve director; Stuart Kingsbery, conSullins, director of information.

Their announcements came one day after similar announcements from Harvey and Vicki Young, vice president for student services. A special senate meeting is scheduled for 7:30 tonight in Room 204 student body president a choice

troller; Nancy Bunch, secretary; and Dan nations will become effective at the meet-

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Stanfield said he's withdrawing to allow the new student body president to appoint a new chairman. The others were asked by

tion, the senate may choose a new president at the meeting by a majority vote. Candidates for the office are the four re-maining vice presidents: Mike Humphrey, Allison King, Phil Sutton and Mike

Springer. Harvey and Young said Sunday they are resigning at the recommendation of the senate, which last week requested them to leave office by a secret vote of 26-24. The vote was the result of controversy surrounding grade point requirements for student government members. The senate requested resignations from members with grades less than 2.000 for last semes-

Harvey and Young posted below 2.0 GPRs for last semester, but their overall or cumulative GPRs are 2.94 and 3.23, respectively.

They contend the cumulative GPR should be the basis for grade require-ments. They also say that neither the constitution nor University Regulations is clear on the issue

Kingsbery said he probably would refuse his old post if it were offered him by the new president because he feels the senators are "hurting themselves and Texas A&M."

'I feel there's no way they can pick up the pieces now," he said. Two assistant controllers told Harvey they could take Kingsbery's place if they were offered the job. Bunch and Sullings said they also would accept their old posts. Campbell could not be reached for comment.

Humphrey likely to be president By LIZ NEWLIN

Battalion Staff Mike Humphrey will probably be the next student body president of Texas A&M University after tonight's election. The student body constitution states that the senate "shall select an

interim president body consultation states that the senate shall select an interim president from among the five vice presidents by a majority of the members present and voting." Vicki Young, vice president for student services, has announced her resignation, so four VPs are left. After talking with the characters involved and others, Humphrey's prob-

able ascent becomes a simple process of elimination.No one else is in a position to take the office. Specifically:Phil Sutton, the next-most-likely candidate. He's a graduate student in

agriculture, works, and has a wife. Sutton says he won't take the job, and that he's leaving in May. He also has responsibilities to his Corps unit. His

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area in student government, external affairs, has been run largely by senators on the committee. Sutton has been a good administrator, but the senate has not seen much of him and he has not been a prime leader and mover at meetings.

•Mike Springer, junior in physical education. He's VP for finance and has a tendency to jump up in the middle of senate meetings and make irrelevant points in his easy-going manner. He's interested in the budgetary process, which is in full swing right now, but many feel he doesn't know much about it and so can't be aggressive enough. Springer has no enemies, and he said honestly and admirably two weeks ago that he doesn't feel he could accept the post. His finance job is taking up much of his time and probably will until mid-April, when new officers take over

•Allison King, senior in marketing. She's head of the rules and regulations committee and assumes an equal share of the work load with committee members. She works hard and devotes a lot of time to her studies. King doesn't seem to have any higher political ambitions, but she said she would consider accepting the job if offered. The senate probably won't offer.

•Mike Humphrey, senior in civil engineering, will graduate in May. Last semester he was very busy interviewing because many companies want engineers with high grades. It may be the same this semester. As the Corps' Scholastic Officer, he has many obligations to that group. A rookie in the

Everybody pays for rea '\$3.50' store thefts

department, not to the store.

rity measures in stores.

be alert," said Kapella.

By ANDREA VALLS

college student would argue that 50 is quite a salty sum to pay for a of razor blades or a new shade of nail h. But this is only a misdemeanor fine iminal offense which is increasing in er in Bryan-College Station.

veryone is capable of stealing," said er Bishop, store director for Skaggs-risons. "It's simply a matter of oppor-He added that most shoplifters stealing by reasoning that society hem something.

Shoplifters feel society should take care them, even if they don't take care of mselves," Bishop said. Harrington Education Center. The resig-

appears to be a minor loss to a major food chain. However, the store is not reim-bursed for the loss of the merchandise and

the fine for the theft is paid to the police

to give statistics on shoplifting losses. Bernard Kapella, crime prevention offi-cer for the College Station Police Depart-ment, said that \$2.5 billion worth of mer-

chandise is stolen across the nation an-

nually. He added that five cents of every

consumer's dollar is used to pay for secu-

store can take is training its employees to

shoplifters, and has a re-training program

"We train our sales clerks to greet a cus-tomer when he steps into the department

and to recheck him about every five min-

utes. This way, a customer knows that he's

being watched and may be a little more

nervous about stealing," said Mahnke.

during busy seasons such as Christmas.

'The most efficient security measure a

The Fair trains new employees about

The businessman interviewed declined

Harvey to resign, also to allow the new According to the student body constitu-

n Mahnke, assistant manager of The r, a department store, said, "I've found hoplifters want to get back at society use they think that society should give n something...so they steal.

hop said the average value of merndise stolen from Skaggs is \$3.50, aligh he has witnessed thefts ranging m 15 cents to over \$100. The money

whoplifting in local stores: "like candy from a baby'

Here in College Station it's as easy as ealing candy from a baby," said a Texas M University student about shoplift-

ne, (not her real name) has been shoping for six years and has never been

know I'll never be caught because I t look like the type of girl who would pick up something and walk out of the with it," she said. She added that six years she has developed so many iques that she could write a manual how to shoplift.

hen asked why she felt she had to plift, Jane answered, "Why not? Prices high as hell and stores will rip you off ly. I only take what I think I de-

ane felt she deserved credit for never ing anything from a store on campus. just couldn't ever lift anything from M because my dad went here and my her was in the Corps. School's hard igh without having something like that eel guilty about.

er parents can never find out about her plifting because she is over 18, she The laws require only offenders er 17 years to be reported to their par-

me had no qualms about revealing me of her manuevers in shoplifting. One of my favorite tricks is stealing nail sh with gloves. I just pick up the bot-e pull off my glove and slip the bottle to my glove. Then, I drop the glove in purse and no one ever catches on." The most I ever had enough nerve to

steal was about \$120. I saw a long slinky dress that I really wanted. I knew I couldn't afford it, so I just rolled it up and

stuffed it in my purse." This is her most common way of stealing clothes from stores in College Station, she said.

I only took jewelry once, and I got so scared that I swore never again. I saw this emerald ring that I could have afforded but no one was around and I thought I could take it. I was drinking a coke, so I just picked up the ring, coughed, put the ring in my mouth and then dropped it in the coke while taking a sip.

Officer Bernard Kapella of the College Station Police Department considers her actions that of a professional, but Jane thinks differently.

'A pro is someone who would take money from a register, and that's theft, I could never do that.

Jane admitts she is sometimes afraid of getting caught.

Would you believe that I stuck earrings in my mouth and almost chocked on one when I saw a plainclothesman watching me? I just grinned and asked him where the ladies room was, and he didn't watch me after that.

'I'm starting to run out of stores," she said. Stores recognize your face before long, so I'm beginning to rotate to several around town.

When asked if she will ever stop shoplifting, Jane said, "I'll stop sometime, but I can't right now. There's always something you want in life, and there's always something you can't afford.

customers at Skaggs. A count was taken of the number of people who entered the store. After studying the films, the management found that one out of 30 people were shoplifting.

Although employees can help prevent shoplifting by being alert. Bishop said that employees are the major cause of the

'We have a big problem with em-

ployees stealing because they're close to

it. It's easy for them to stick a wad of money from the register into their pockets or to sneak merchandise out the back

Skaggs conducted a study to determine

the number of shoplifters at the store dur-

ing one day. A small wire with a small lens

attached was inserted through the ceiling.

Above the ceiling were cameras filming

thefts at Skaggs.

door

Skaggs now uses plain clothesmen, convex mirrors, and security people who watch customers with binoculars from windows in the store as new security mea-

Even with these new security devices, Bishop said that people still find a way to get the merchandise out of the store. He added that most women use a purse while men use their pockets or boots to conceal merchandise. Some women, he said, even use inflatable bags that make them appear pregnant in order to hide merchandise. Officer Kapella listed several common methods of shoplifting. He said customers

will:

• Ask to see more merchandise than the clerk can control.

hold it with their thighs.

• "Accidentally" knock merchandise off of the counter onto the floor

• Create a diversion while a partner steals the merchandise.

• Wear merchandise out of store

• Carry a hollowed-out book.

• Carry an umbrella with the handle

• Alter price tags during sales.

• Use an oversized purse or one with a fake bottom

Kapella added that most college Station merchants are now pressing charges be-cause the number of shoplifters has increased in the past year. Bishop and Mahnke said their stores press charges against all shoplifters without a warning and without asking any questions. Kapella said even though the majority of

the thefts are misdemeanors, the offender still receives a permanent crime record. Misdemeanor thefts are those up to \$200. Any amount over that is considered a felony

Kapella said there is a growing number

later," he said.

creases, the security will become tougher. Many stores are now using electronic devices, such as tags on clothing, to curtail shoplifting. The tags trigger a buzzer if they are removed from the store.

Stanfield said Monday that his resigna-

tion is voluntary and not politically based. 'I feel the new chief executive officer should be given the opportunity to appoint a new chairman of the judicial board," he said. Stanfield added that he would accept

the chairmanship if it was offered. Stanfield said he expected Chris Farmer to be appointed acting chairman. Farmer has served longer on the board than the

nationally known senior senator from

Texas discussed energy, federal legisla-

tion, the Panama Canal treaties, and the

intelligence communities (CIA and FBI).

The audience of about 125 included stu-

dents, faculty, staff members, and citizens

cided on the treaties will determine

whether or not they are ratified during the next five weeks. He added that senate ses-

sions will be closed because the issue is

sensitive and involves classified national

television cameras on the Senate floor. Tower said that although it sounded like a

good idea at first, he opposes the use of

the inconvenience of actual camera set-up.

of the treaties because they require that

we get Panama's permission to build

other canals." He cited a possible canal in

said offshore drilling is good for fishing.

He said marine life growing on oil rigs at-

Turning to the energy issue, Tower

Tower said he is opposed to ratification

One student asked about the use of

security information

Nicaragua as an example

Tower said senators who are now unde-

from the Bryan-College Staion area.

other members.

been occupied with professor evaluations, and he hasn't had a chance to implement many of the ideas he brought to the office. Yet the senate respects him and will almost certainly elect Humphrey, who says he would accept the presidency. What will Humphrey do as interim president? Most feel he's competent and dependable, but there's little hope for any major new programs de-

his slow, deliberate speaking style. His committee, academic affairs, has

velopments until the next slate of officers is elected. He has many ideas but so little time — the status quo will be maintained.

As one observer said, "There is no one who will be able to replace Robert

Tower speech attacks Carter administration

process leads to good fishing.

Tower said environmental legislation slows progress when asked about possible pollution from offshore oil drilling.

we want pristine air, we should go back to a pastoral economy in this country," he said. The senator had no reservations about nuclear energy. He said adequate safeguards and security would prevent terrorists from endangering any nuclear plants

Tower said he has voted for abortion in certain instances where rape or incest was involved, adding that states should have the right to determine those circumstances.

He was quick to criticize the Carter administration for its first year. "For the life of me, I can't understand why the president has steadfastly refused to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act," he said. The law could stop the current coal strike by United Mine Workers. Tower said he thinks Carter's lack of action on this issue may "cripple the nation.

In lighter discussion, one student asked the cigarette-puffing Tower how he felt the anti-smoking campaign about launched by Joseph Califano, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Through a veil of smoke from his own cigarette, the former political science teacher said he resents a big-brotherism." That view is not restricted to smoking, but also includes seat belts and "brain buckets" (motorcycle helmets). He said restraint should be



John Tower

applied to what is injurious to others. The U.S. senator opposes marijuana, but he said it should be more of a state issue than a national issue

'I don't think we should oppose severe penalties," he said.

Tower was the vice chairman of Spook I, a committee that reported on the intelli-gence community. "Time has come to let them go about their businesses," he said, adding he that he believes there will be no more abuse of the CIA or the FBI.

On another topic, he said a mandatory national health program would "open the door to socialism.

Tower answered questions for about an hour and then chatted with students and signed autographs.

cameras. Some problems encountered in televising the debates would be grandstanding by senators, important debates ending up on the cutting room floor," and

of students shoplifting. "They might be getting away with it for a while, but they'll be caught, sooner or

Kapella said that as shoplifting in-

• Place merchandise between legs and Lack of a prepared speech didn't stop Sen. John Tower Monday night from attacking the Carter administration in a tra-

ditional Republican fashion. Sponsored by the Political Forum, the

over the arm.