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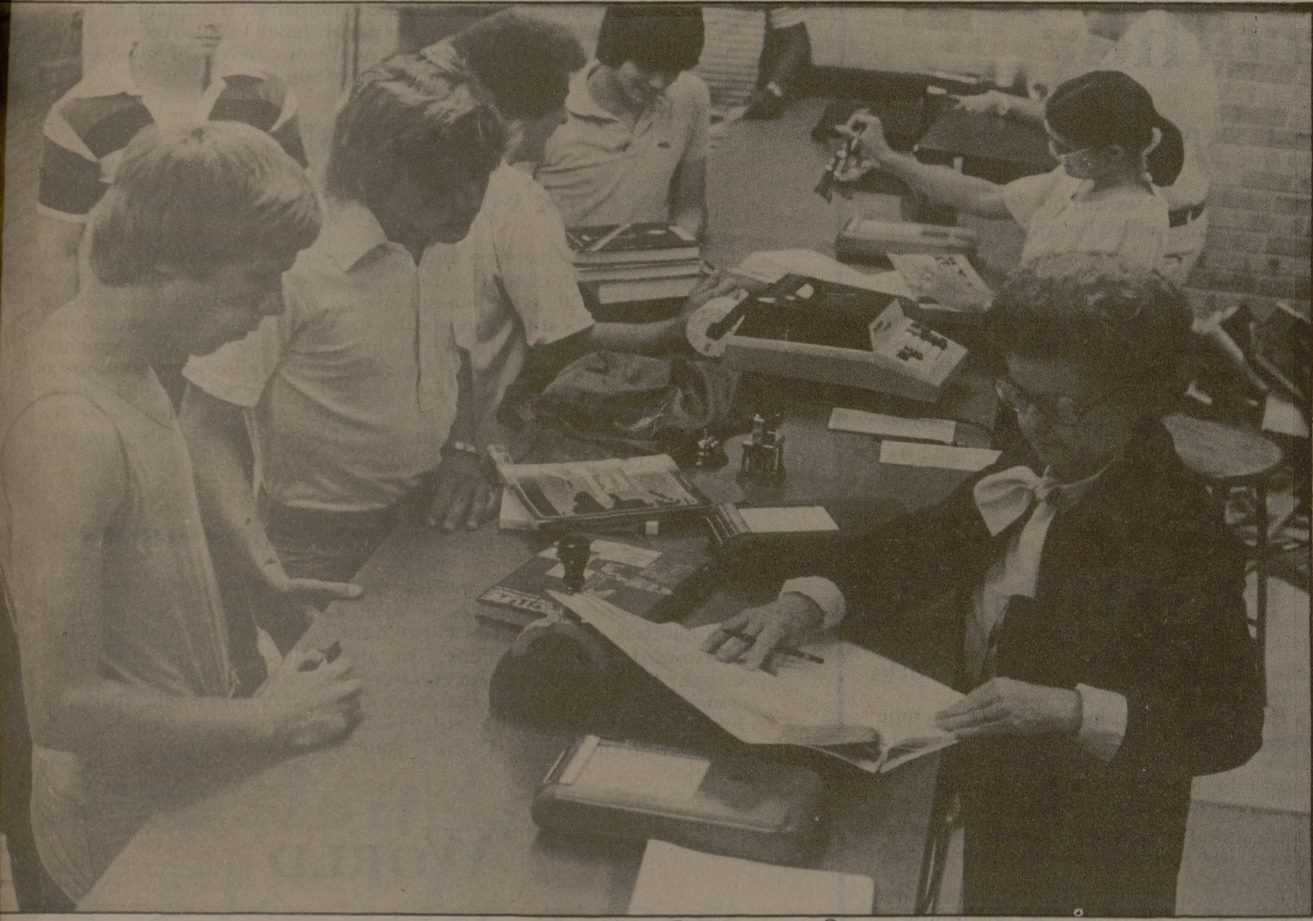
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How much do I get?

David Bradley (left), a junior recreation and parks major, and Rob Colburn, a freshman environmental design major, prepare

for the end of the semester by selling their books at the MSC Bookstore.

Briscoe concedes to Hill in primary

United Press International
AUSTIN — Dolph Briscoe acknowledged the defeat that would end his tenure as governor in a terse four-word telegram and then went riding with his wife near their ranch in Uvalde.

Briscoe, who spend a record amount in seeking to extend his governorship to an unprecedented 10 years, Monday conceded the Democratic primary to Attorney General John Hill after two days of silence in Uvalde.

Hill showed the telegram to reporters. "Congratulations and best wishes," it said. "I appreciate it (the telegram)," said Hill, who had not spoken with Briscoe. "As far as I'm concerned it's timely. I intend to continue to be cordial. I'm sure he'll reciprocate."

Returns late Monday with only 15 counties incomplete showed Hill with 51.2 percent — 914,375 votes to Briscoe's 743,962.

Briscoe refused to concede defeat Saturday or Sunday, insisting Hill's majority would evaporate in final returns.

The governor finally telephoned aides in Austin from his ranch about noon Monday and ordered the telegram sent.

Clapp said Briscoe indicated he planned to return to Austin later this week.

Hill, who left Austin Monday for a four-day out-of-state vacation, said he hoped to

have Briscoe's endorsement and the backing of his supporters.

Although the Democratic nomination has been tantamount to election in Texas for the past 100 years, Hill faces a November race against Republican Bill Clements to succeed Briscoe in the Governor's Mansion.

Hill said President Carter called to congratulate him Sunday. The attorney general said Carter agreed to make time available for a meeting to discuss energy issues.

Hill said he plans to go to Washington next week to meet with key congressional leaders on the conference report on energy.

The attorney general announced he has detailed a member of his campaign staff to serve as liaison with state budget writers in coming months to look at ways the state can get more for its money.

"I'm going to place my early emphasis on budget," Hill said. "I believe that's the first job the people want done."

In the campaign, Hill said Briscoe failed

to properly supervise state spending or administer allocation of federal grants by agencies such as the Governor's Office of Migrant Affairs.

"I'm not settled in my own mind as to how the migrant programs should be administered," he said. "My main concern is that the money and programs be delivered to migrant workers and families in the most efficient means possible. In my opinion, the most unfortunate part is that there was evidence that not enough of the money was getting down to the migrants."

Hill declined to discuss what stance he would take on various Briscoe appointees such as Insurance Board Chairman Hugh C. Yantis Jr.

"Most people realize there will be a lot of new people and a lot of new blood in the Hill administration," he said.

The attorney general, who criticized Briscoe for absence from office and inaccessibility during the campaign, said he plans to be available for weekly news conferences.

Berkowitz pleads guilty to murders

United Press International
NEW YORK — David R. Berkowitz Monday admitted he was the notorious "Son of Sam" murderer and pleaded guilty to the six .44-caliber slayings that terrorized the city for more than a year.

In a surprise disclosure in state Supreme Court in Brooklyn, authorities revealed that Berkowitz had kept a secret diary in which the defendant, calling himself the "Phantom of the Bronx," claims to have set nearly 2,000 fires since 1974.

"I shot them," Berkowitz said, his voice steady and low-pitched, as he told how he gunned down 20-year-old Stacy Moskowitz and her boyfriend as they sat in a car on a quiet street in Brooklyn in the early morning hours last July 31.

"How many times?" asked Supreme Court Justice Joseph R. Corso.

"Five times," replied Berkowitz, who faces a maximum 25 years to life in prison for the murders at his sentencing May 22.

Miss Moskowitz died of a gunshot wound to the head. Her 20-year-old boyfriend, Robert Violante, lost an eye and is almost blind in the other. They were the last victims of Son of Sam, who claims that "howling demons," speaking through neighbor Sam Carr's dog, ordered him to kill.

Security was unusually tight as Berkowitz arrived at the courthouse shortly after 9 a.m. in a heavily armed motorcade. A police helicopter hovered overhead, and

police and court guards frisked spectators and reporters who had to go through two metal detectors inside the building.

Berkowitz pleaded guilty to the last two .44-caliber killings in a third courtroom appearance presided over by Queens Supreme Court Justice Nicholas Tsoucalas.

"The pleas are accepted," Tsoucalas said at 12:35 p.m., ending an extraordinary morning during which three separate judicial district sessions were held under one roof.

In the first session, Justice Corso accepted the pleas on Miss Moskowitz and Violante.

"Who did you fire at first?" Corso asked. "Stacy Moskowitz."

"When you aimed the gun at Stacy Moskowitz head, did you intend to cause her death?" the judge continued, pursuing questions designed to satisfy the legal test of whether Berkowitz knew the consequences of his actions.

"Yes," the defendant replied. Asked whether his conduct was right or wrong, Berkowitz replied firmly: "It was wrong."

"Are you pleading guilty because you are really guilty?"

"Yes."

Berkowitz' attorneys told the judge they had urged their client to plead not guilty by reason of insanity, but that their client had ignored their advice.

Rape

Precaution is best prevention

Editor's Note: It can happen anywhere, at anytime and to anyone. Regardless of how, or why or even where it happens, rape can be emotionally traumatic and permanently scarring.

In this, the first of a two-part story, the prevention aspects of rape are discussed.

There are several ways to avoid getting into a dangerous situation where rape is concerned. Clothing style definitely has something to do with whom a rapist may choose for his victim, said Leslie Schubert,

member. As a resident adviser from a Texas A&M University dormitory, she became accustomed to listening to people and trying to help them solve problems.

Kerry Hope of the Texas A&M Personal Counseling Center said one important part of prevention is to check every exit. Whether a woman is on a street, in a building or even in the home of a friend, knowing how to get out is smart.

Having some sort of plan in mind in case of attack is also a way to fend off physical as well as possible mental damage. Many

brothers or boyfriends. Mace is a chemical irritant that can temporarily blind a person if sprayed toward the eyes. It is also used by law enforcement agencies to subdue dangerous people.

A check of local pharmacies and sporting goods stores turned up only one store that sells Mace. Tri-State Sporting Goods sells a six-inch can for \$6.95 and a purse-sized container for \$3.95. Rosemary Rawls of the Brazos County Sheriff's Department said Paralyzer is the best brand to buy and the large size lasts about five years.

Rawls also said alleyways and deep recessions are places for women to avoid.

Before patrolman Robert Sorenson joined the Texas A&M Police Force about four months ago, he counseled sexual assault victims. He worked for four years on a help crisis line at "The Answer," a Christian counseling center in Northgate. A spokesman for "The Answer" said they no longer have the crisis line because there are not enough staff members to handle calls.

As a student and patrolman, Sorenson

seems to have the most practical advice: Women simply should not walk alone.

"You can always call the University Police," he said.

Sorenson said if a woman is on one side of the campus and needs to get to the other, especially at night, she should call the University Police. A car will come get her within about 10 minutes.

In case of an attack or rape, every person should find out what to do and where to go. One young woman who was attacked on campus earlier this year said she thought sexual attacks didn't happen much at Texas A&M.

The woman — call her Mary — was attacked in one of the women's bathrooms of the Academic Building by a medium built man. Mary thought the man was waiting for her when she entered the restroom. She said the man grabbed her from behind and tried to undo her blouse and when she tried to get away, he began to hit her shoulders

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Houston riot hospitalizes 15

United Press International
HOUSTON — Witnesses say "young thugs" were responsible for a weekend riot in which 15 persons were hospitalized but a civic leader blames the incident on outside agitators trying to damage relations between the Mexican-American community and police.

The riot occurred Sunday between 200 demonstrators and about 200 police officers during a celebration of Cinco de Mayo, a Mexican national holiday, at a city park.

Al Leal, the attorney chairman of the Hispanic Caucus, Monday said a small group of troublemakers tried to manipulate the crowd and create a breakdown with police.

"The sensitivity of the Mexican-American community to police abuse is justifiably critical," Leal said. "But Sunday's occurrence was not the result of the leadership but by agitators who have only one desire — to promote a breakdown between police and community."

"The leadership will make sure this will not occur again. The victims are the people who live on the north side. They will suffer from this kind of disturbance and outrage," Leal said.

"These agitators were looking for an opportunity to incite. They came to that rally

with the purpose of creating chaos and not to protest in a reasonable fashion," he said.

"When that disturbance broke out, they manipulated that crowd into a riot situation. They got the microphone being used for that celebration and started inciting the riot situation."

Among those injured was Jack Cato, a reporter for KPRC-TV.

"We knew things were not too good when a guy threw a bike at us. That was the first blow. It was teen-agers, young kids, just wanting to have malicious fun," said Cato, who was hit on the head with a brick and stabbed.

Cato said he and cameraman Phil Archer were trying to film a city vehicle set on fire when they found themselves surrounded by the hostile group. Archer also was stabbed.

The violence was set off when a young Mexican-American walked through the holiday crowd and started beating another man. Others joined in the fight. Then police began arriving.

Chaos then erupted: people screamed and there were reports of sniper fire, but police said they did not fire at the crowd. A grocery and gas station near the park were damaged and there were scattered reports of vandalism.

Ramblin' thoughts of graduation day

By GLENNA WHITLEY
Battalion Staff

I was decked out in my black polyester gown and plastic Peter Pan collar, mortarboard smartly tipped to one side of my head, tassel on the left. I slowly marched in with 2,000 other black-garbed degree candidates. G. Rollie White overflowed with people in their Sunday best. And the most vivid memory I have is: Oh no, I have to go to the bathroom.

I feel guilty now. I should have been thinking noble thoughts. Looking to the future, a future in which I'm unemployed, but a future none the less.

Instead I plotted how to get out and back into the line inconspicuously.

I do have other memories of graduating with a B.S. in journalism Friday night.

Thousands of people waving and yelling, trying to pick out their own graduates. Me looking in vain to find my family.

My shoes hurting my feet after standing so long.

The guy to my right in the final throes of a paranoia attack. ("This all a mistake. They're going to say I didn't pass computer science.")

Jack K. Williams, the Chancellor of the Texas A&M System, giving a blessedly brief and funny talk based on a few James Thurber fables. Jarvis Miller, the president of the University, never cracking a smile.

And the waiting. There is no possible way to make reading more than 2,000 names interesting and fast. Graduation ceremonies are inherently boring.

So why did I sit through it? By filling out a few forms, a senior can get a diploma and go home without paying \$7.88 for a cap and gown, dressing up and sitting two and a half hours.

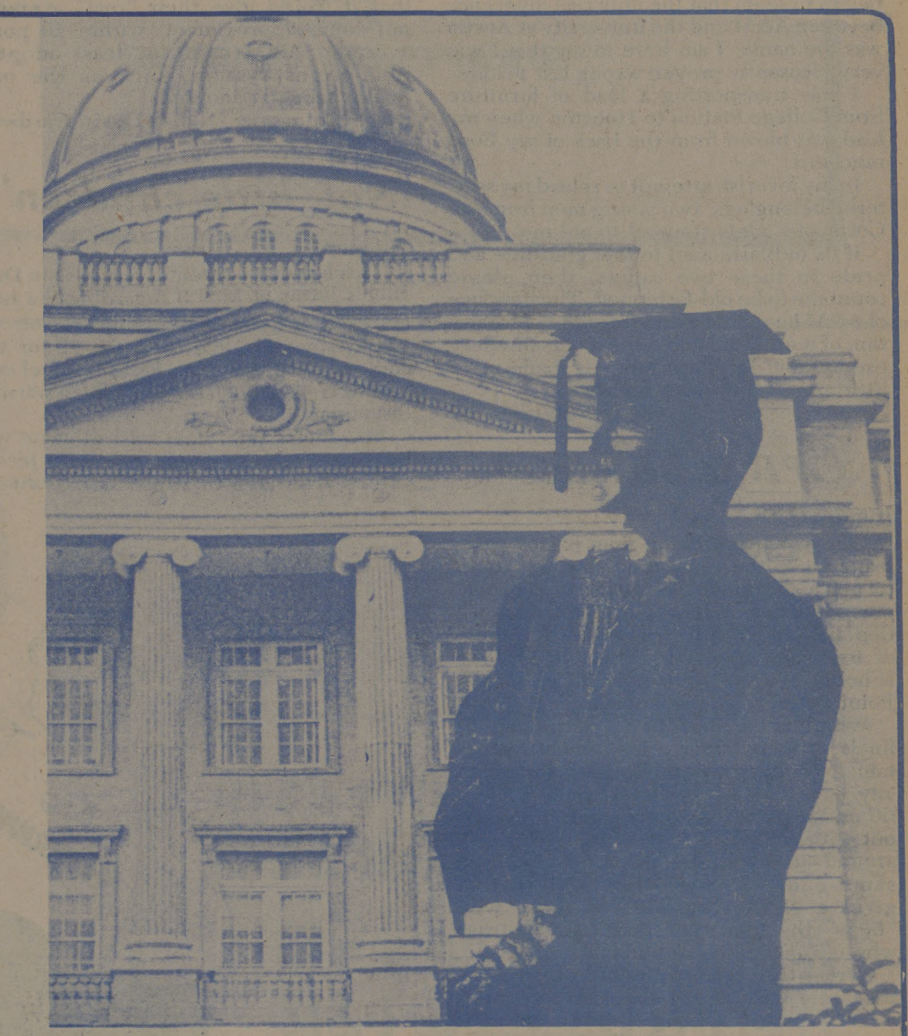
The graduation is like a funeral. You need to see the body. The ritual marks the end of an important part of life. College is not just attended — it's lived, breathed, eaten, drunk, laughed and cried.

The walk across the stage was important to me.

But it's hard for me to realize right now what I've accomplished, if anything.

All the hours of studying, football games, yell practices, parties — what I thought college would be — seems vague to me now, though I did those things.

What I remember: late nights at The Battalion, walking on campus at midnight, pancakes at Sambos, days at Somerville doing nothing, tutoring a student from Taiwan, riding my bicycle



everywhere, wondering how to pay next month's rent, laughing at the people that got mad at Paul Arnett, falling in love with journalism.

So, in about six months when I'm not in a state of shock, I'll go back through my head and come up with what college and graduating from it means to me.

Until then, the memory I'll have of graduation will be tripping across the stage and shaking hands with Bob Rogers, the head of the journalism department and hearing him say:

"Go get 'em doll."