

THE BATTALION

Vol. 72 No. 16
10 Pages

Friday, September 22, 1978
College Station, Texas

News Dept. 845-2611
Business Dept. 845-2611

Lotsa letters

America is wonderful, teachers aren't all researchers and tenure is valuable for those professors. The Battalion's letter-writers are at it again. See page 2.

Crushed cogs

A philosopher says modern man tends to perform actions for others instead of himself. So he loses the feeling of accomplishment for himself — and becomes mangled by society. See page 7.

Williams may move into 'new' house

By MARK PERRIN
Battalion Reporter

Dr. Jack K. Williams, chancellor of the Texas A&M University system, is expected to move temporarily into the old board of directors' building on Houston Street as renovations on the structure are completed. The A&M Board of Regents is scheduled to make the final decision on the proposal at its meeting Tuesday. Williams now lives in the president's home at 102 Throckmorton. He was University president from 1970 until 1977, when he became chancellor. Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, current president, will move into the house Williams and his wife now occupy if the board approves. Miller now lives in a house off the campus. He receives a \$500-a-month housing allowance, said Howard Vestal, vice presi-

dent for business affairs of the University. These payments will stop if Miller moves, he said.

"We expect to move over there for an interim time period," Williams said. No decision has been made on where he will move after that.

The board of directors' building will continue to house offices of the Texas A&M Press upstairs. The building is currently undergoing work on its foundation and walls. Williams said the cost is expected to be \$68,000 at the most.

He said he and his wife expect to occupy a two-bedroom apartment on the first floor of the building.

Frank Wardlaw, director of the University Press, has been living in the Houston Street house. He is retiring and will move out of the residence, which Williams says is the oldest on campus.



Flying saucers of the other kind

Karen Heisler shows steady balance and a lot of concentration as she tosses a frisbee to her husband, a senior at Texas A&M University. Heisler, who is not a student, works at the City National Bank in Bryan.

The couple was throwing in front of the Academic Building earlier this week.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Reporter ordered back to N.J. jail

United Press International

TRENTON, N.J. — The New Jersey Supreme Court Thursday ordered New York Times reporter Myron Farber back to jail for refusing to turn over his notes in the Mario Jascavevich's murder trial.

In a 5-2 decision, the court upheld Farber's contempt of court conviction and imposed a \$5,000-a-day fine.

Writing for the court, Associate Justice William F. Mountrif ordered Farber to surrender at the Bergen County jail Thursday at 4 p.m.

Farber and Times attorneys were expected to appeal the order to the federal courts. Farber spent 27 days in jail after he was

convicted of civil and criminal contempt charges for refusing to turn over files on Jascavevich, an Argentine-born surgeon on trial for murdering three patients with overdoses of curare. The state's highest court freed Farber in August.

The reporter wrote a series of articles in 1976 which led Bergen County authorities to reopen a 10-year-old investigation into the mysterious deaths of patients at Riverdell Hospital in Oradell.

Defense attorney Raymond A. Brown maintains Farber's notes and files are essential to Jascavevich's defense. He also claims Farber was acting as an investigator for the prosecutor's office and is not entitled to invoke the New Jersey Shield Law.

7 million barrels underground

Fire threatens oil reserve

United Press International

HACKBERRY, La. — An explosion ripped through a rig atop the government's strategic 7-million barrel crude oil reserve cavern Thursday, touching off a roaring fire and arching flames 300 feet into the air.

Firefighters furiously doused the blaze with water to contain it at the small, work-over rig perched atop the underground supply of oil. Heavy bulldozers and drag lines moved in to begin dirt moving operations to help contain the blaze.

Officials feared a larger, "cactus" rig located about 150 feet from the blaze might also catch fire.

"It's burning all over the place," said William A. Parker, a deputy director of the federal project for strategic petroleum reserve. "The winds are blowing the smoke away (from the cactus rig). Those men are in there close."

Parker said the explosion, in which two workers sustained extensive burns, happened as the rig was extracting small casing from the underground cavern.

"We just had a routine workover operation," Parker said. "They were just pulling up casing and they were rigged properly with a blowout preventer. Everything was standard oil field practice."

"The flames and smoke are rising to the stratosphere," said state police Sgt. Brooks

Arrant. "It's unbelievable."

"We will probably burn off about 25,000 to 30,000 barrels of oil until the pressure neutralizes," Parker said. "We have to get the fire out first."

A team of firefighters headed by Asgar Boots Hansen flew into the isolated, alligator-infested area of southwestern Louisiana to begin salvage operations.

But Parker said there was little danger the entire 7 million barrel supply would explode.

Smoke from the blaze was visible 30 miles away. Cameron Parish sheriff's deputy Patrick Lowery said 10 to 15 families in the area were placed on alert to evacuate if conditions worsened.

The underground tanks can hold 60 million barrels of oil — more than 2 billion gallons. Federal officials last year considered increasing the capacity to 210 million barrels, or 8.8 billion gallons.

Firefighters were unable to reach the scene of the blaze until 6:10 p.m., nearly two hours after it started, because of the intense heat. They were called from as far away as Lake Charles, La., 20 miles to the north.

Hackberry is located in the alligator-rich marshy flatlands of extreme southwestern Louisiana, adjacent to the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge.

The injured victims were taken to Lake

Charles Memorial Hospital with burns and later airlifted to the burn unit at Baton Rouge General Hospital. Their conditions were not immediately determined.

The fire started about 4:20 p.m. and was burning heavily more than five hours later.

An official with Amoco Pipeline Co., about a mile from the fire, said two injured men were on a workover rig near where the fire began.

White House energy adviser James Schlesinger and Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards turned a huge white valve on July 21, 1977, to let oil flow from a barge

into a huge storage bin.

From there, it was pumped into the West Hackberry Salt Dome, an underground storage cavity. Federal officials said the West Hackberry Salt Dome and others eventually would hold a 42 billion gallon petroleum reserve to be used by the United States in the event of another Arab oil embargo. They said the system was extremely safe and virtually foolproof.

"If they do it right, you're not going to have any problems," Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., said. "All you're doing is putting the oil back in the ground."

Attorney believes Torres case could go to Supreme Court

By LYLE LOVETT
Battalion Reporter

The attorney for one of three former Houston police officers charged in the death of Joe Campos Torres said Thursday public criticism against the federal prosecution of the case is one reason the issue could eventually reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The government will never be satisfied until these guys go to the penitentiary for a very long time," he said.

Bob Bennett defended Terry Wayne Denson in two trials, one on the state level and one on the federal level. Both times the defendants were convicted of negligent homicide and received 10-year probation sentences.

Bennett said the public was not happy with the state prosecution. Also because federal prosecution produced almost identical results, he said, the federal government has been criticized as severely as the

state.

He said the federal government is trying to show it is doing everything it can to prosecute the case again on the grounds that the sentences were illegal. The Justice Department has taken the case to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. A trial date has not been set.

Justice Department officials say that it is illegal for an offense carrying a possible life sentence to be probated. The U.S. attorney's office asked the federal judge in the case to change the sentence, but he refused.

"I think the government has made up its mind to go all the way," Bennett said. "So, if it loses in New Orleans, it'll take the case to Washington."

He said that only offenses carrying a mandatory life imprisonment of death sentence exclude suspension or probation.

See related story on page 8.



Antoinette Attell falls into the hands of Jay Vickers at the Toad the Mime's master class Thursday night in Rudder Tower. Attell was teaching the pantomime class.

Mime teaches story telling

By SALLYANNE CORNELIUS
Battalion Reporter

Ever had your body read? Some 20 students did during Toad the Mime's master's class Thursday night in Rudder Tower.

Toad the Mime is Antoinette Attell from San Francisco. A performer and teacher of the pantomime, she was trained by Jean-Louis Barrault and Mamako Yoenyama, French mime experts.

The students, clad in tights and loose clothing, learned to communicate with their bodies — to pantomime.

Attell explained that a pantomime is the actual story being told, and the mime is the story-teller.

Most of mime communication is through the eyes and the heart, Attell said.

She began teaching the students muscle and sound exercises.

"Texans pick this up fast," Attell said. "Some people think Texans are kind of slow, but they're not. Texans are great."

The students also participated in a story-telling event, which amused participants and the few observers.

One student began the story, and when Attell touched someone, he had to take up the story-telling.

Tales beginning with "Three boys walking down the street" ended with "Martians from Venus investigating the remnants of a cave."

The actual performance of Toad the Mime is at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.

Toad is known to break the traditional routine of mime by encouraging audience participation. She said she plans to involve audience members tonight in her improvisations.

Attell mingles with her audience, and through an "energy thing" she selects participants. "I can feel who to pick," she

Blinn student shot in class

United Press International

Authorities said Thursday a man armed with a .22-caliber pistol walked into a crowded classroom at Blinn College at 307 S. Main in Bryan and shot his wife to death, then fled to an apartment building and shot himself as police closed in.

Police said Elbert Blue, 27, of Bryan was charged in the death of his wife, Holly, 32. Blue was listed in fair condition at a local hospital.

Officials said Blue went to the college Wednesday evening where his wife was

taking night classes and walked unchallenged into the crowded classroom with the pistol in hand.

Police say he shot his wife twice in the chest and then walked out again with no one attempting to pursue him.

Authorities said they learned Blue was in a nearby apartment complex and as they attempted to make an arrest heard a shot. Blue was lying on the floor with a gunshot wound to the chest, they said.

They said the shooting apparently stemmed from a family dispute.

Candidate to file suit if energy bill adopted

United Press International

AUSTIN — Jim Baker, GOP candidate for attorney general, Thursday unveiled a lawsuit he said he would file against the

federal government if the present compromise energy bill is adopted by Congress.

If elected, Baker said, he would challenge the federal government's intent to regulate intrastate gas prices because "it could severely damage the Texas economy and jeopardize our educational funds."

Baker said the lawsuit would be difficult to win, but "it should be filed." He said, however, that the lawsuit could be won because federal controls cannot be placed on intrastate gas produced from state-owned land.

"If my suit is successful, Texas consumers will be protected from federal regulations which could endanger our state's energy supply, and even order our fuel out of state—regardless of our own needs," he said.

The Republican candidate, who is challenging Democrat Mark White in the Nov. 7 election, said the energy bill — which is likely to be passed by Congress — is too complicated and would be difficult to enforce.

"The bill is a bad bill. It's complex and it would be a bureaucratic nightmare," Baker said.

The Houston attorney said the mock lawsuit he displayed for Capitol reporters was not a campaign gimmick.

"It's not a gimmick. This lawsuit has some very valid arguments," he said.



Caught ya!

Cindy Pate, a junior animal science major at Texas A&M University, wasn't expecting a lurking photographer as she takes a king-size bite of a snowcone.

Battalion photo by Karen Cornelison