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A winning pair

Running for the roses on St. Valentine's Day, this pair won in a couples' race sponsored by the Texas A&M University Road-runners Club. See page 4.



Carter gets warm greeting despite Mexican oil issue

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — President Carter arrived in Mexico City Wednesday for a three-day summit conference with President Jose Lopez Portillo on such delicate issues as Mexican oil and gas supplies and the illegal emigration of Mexicans to the United States.

Carter received a warmer welcome than expected from a nation that has expressed suspicion and hostility in recent years over Administration's Latin American policies — and the obvious U.S. effort to force Mexican oil to replace that lost in

White House aides disclosed that Carter had postponed the trip at the last minute because of new crises in Tehran and Afghanistan, but decided at the last minute to continue with the visit.

More than 4,000 persons turned out at Estadio Benito Juarez International Airport, many of them children sitting in a temporary bleacher like spectators at a baseball game and waving pompons in the national colors, shaking maracas in a well-measured welcome.

Carter, the ninth U.S. President to visit

Mexico, was greeted with the traditional 21-gun salute and the national anthems. Lopez Portillo, waiting for Carter to descend the steps from Air Force One, told Carter he would like to continue the dialogue he started with the president two years ago.

"It was my pleasure to be the first foreign head of state to visit your country during your administration," Lopez Portillo said. "Now you are reciprocating this visit. Thus we continue with the possibility of the dialogue that was started at that time."

"At that time we said and we say so once again that it is good for neighbors to be friends," the Mexican president said. "It is my conviction, sir, that from my personal contact a good friendship was started. This friendship is now being renewed."

"Very objectively, Mr. President, there are few countries in the world that have so much to talk about, so many matters, as we do. In Mexico you will find there is enormous interest in this visit and results that it will bring with it. Mexico finds its relations with the United States of the utmost importance."

A White House official said Carter considered delaying his departure after learning that U.S. envoy Adolf Dubs had been kidnapped and killed by terrorists in Afghanistan and that Ambassador William Sullivan and 70 embassy personnel were taken hostage by leftist guerrillas in Iran.

When the hostages were freed this morning in Tehran, Carter decided to go ahead with the trip, official said.

Mexican officials put out advance word the president and Mrs. Carter would be accorded a "cordial" welcome — but not the tremendous outpouring recently witnessed during the visit of Pope John Paul II.

For the past several days Carter has been taking a diplomatic beating in news stories emanating from Mexico City. White House aides say the president has a "tough job ahead of him there," adding there has "been a certain amount of positioning" by Mexican leaders in advance of the visit.

"He is going there on a rather delicate mission in which he will need to walk a careful line between two conflicting at-

titudes" manifested by Mexican officials, an aide said.

One attitude, he said, "is the desire to work with us and to have a partnership. To them that inevitably means 'junior partner,' and the other attitude is for complete independence."

Carter's visit coincides with a bleak outlook for a continuing supply of Iranian oil for Americans, which has added a dramatic dimension to negotiations over the vast new resources of Mexican oil.

But White House aides are telling reporters, "Mexican oil is not an alternative to Iranian oil" and Carter is "a statesman, not a merchant."

To underscore the fact Carter will not be negotiating to buy oil, aides noted that neither Energy Secretary James Schlesinger nor any other experts in the field would accompany the president.

Carter, who has been polishing his Spanish, had a full schedule for the visit including talks with Lopez Portillo, luncheons, dinners, attendance at the Ballet Folklorico, a visit to a village near Cuernavaca, and an address to a joint session of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies.

Parking problem

Two level garage or outside lots are possible answers

By DIANE BLAKE
Battalion Staff
Last semester, construction projects enabled up parking places at the rate of about 122 spaces a month while enrollment at Texas A&M University was higher than ever.

To find solutions to the problem of parking lots and increasing enrollment, the Texas Transportation Institute will begin a study of alternatives within the next month.

Right now we're trying to figure out what needs to be studied," said Dr. Stanley Wootan, TTI director. "Hopefully we can begin the study in two or three weeks."

Wootan said the study should take about three months to complete.

There are basically two alternatives to take in solving the problem," said Dr. Charles E. McCandless, chairman of the master planning committee. "We can either build some type of raised parking facility on existing lots, or add peripheral lots and have some type of people moving system, such as the bus system, to get stu-

dents to the center of campus. Or we can have both."

McCandless said that having one raised level was preferred because of traffic congestion, security and construction time. Also, he said there would be fewer objections to walking up and down one level as opposed to three or four.

If built, the raised lot would probably be located on either lot 60, across from Rudder Tower, or on lot 7, behind the Reed McDonald Building.

McCandless said it would be at least a year before construction would be started, if a raised lot were approved. Once all the committees and boards approved the building and materials were gathered, the construction itself should take only three or four months, he said.

"If we could get it all lined up by next May (1980), we could probably have construction completed by the fall," he said.

The other alternative, that of building more lots further away from campus, would probably be accepted by students if a quick, dependable moving system were available, McCandless said.

Surface parking lots cost about \$500 per space, whereas raised lots cost about \$3,000 a space. McCandless said building a raised lot could mean higher parking sticker fees, but he did not know how much the fees might be hiked.

"We want to find out where we can best spend our money," McCandless said concerning the alternatives.

Buckley: citizens losing will to vote

By JAMES HAMILTON
Battalion Reporter
Federal authority is creating a growing sense of "political impotence" in the United States, said former New York Sen. James L. Buckley in a speech Wednesday afternoon.

Buckley spoke to about 300 people in Rudder Theater during the opening session of SCONA 24. The conference of about 180 student delegates will continue until Saturday.

He said that although the United States is a country run by a government of the people, more and more Americans are beginning to feel powerless.

"Millions of Americans feel they are being overwhelmed by events they can no longer influence and that a resort to the polls is an act of futility," he said.

A major cause of this growing discontent among Americans, Buckley said, is the

"accelerating expansion" of federal authority and, in particular, the federal bureaucracy.

"It is manned by insulated and sometimes imperious officials who wield an enormous influence over virtually every facet of American life," Buckley said.

He said that since these officials are not elected, they are not directly responsible to the people. Civil Service laws, he added, make them immune to discipline from the president or the Congress.

"Thus more and more Americans," Buckley said, "have come to feel themselves hemmed in and pushed around by tenured civil servants who seem to be responsible to no one."

Buckley said that too many federal agencies today "enjoy the widest latitude in formulating, administering and enforcing policies that can have a decisive impact on the lives and fortunes of others."

Buckley said that most federal agencies and bureaus are manned by able, hard-working and dedicated people.

"They often face an impossible task job in trying to make sense out of sweeping congressional directives," Buckley said. "They often have no choice but to draw up and enforce arbitrary rules."

"But the fact is that the net impact of the federal bureaucracy has been to move us away from a system of government by laws to which every citizen has equal access ... towards one in which some men and women are empowered by the government to exercise broad authority over other men and women."

Buckley suggested several reforms that he said would help regulate federal bureaucracies while providing citizens with protection against "bureaucratic aggression."

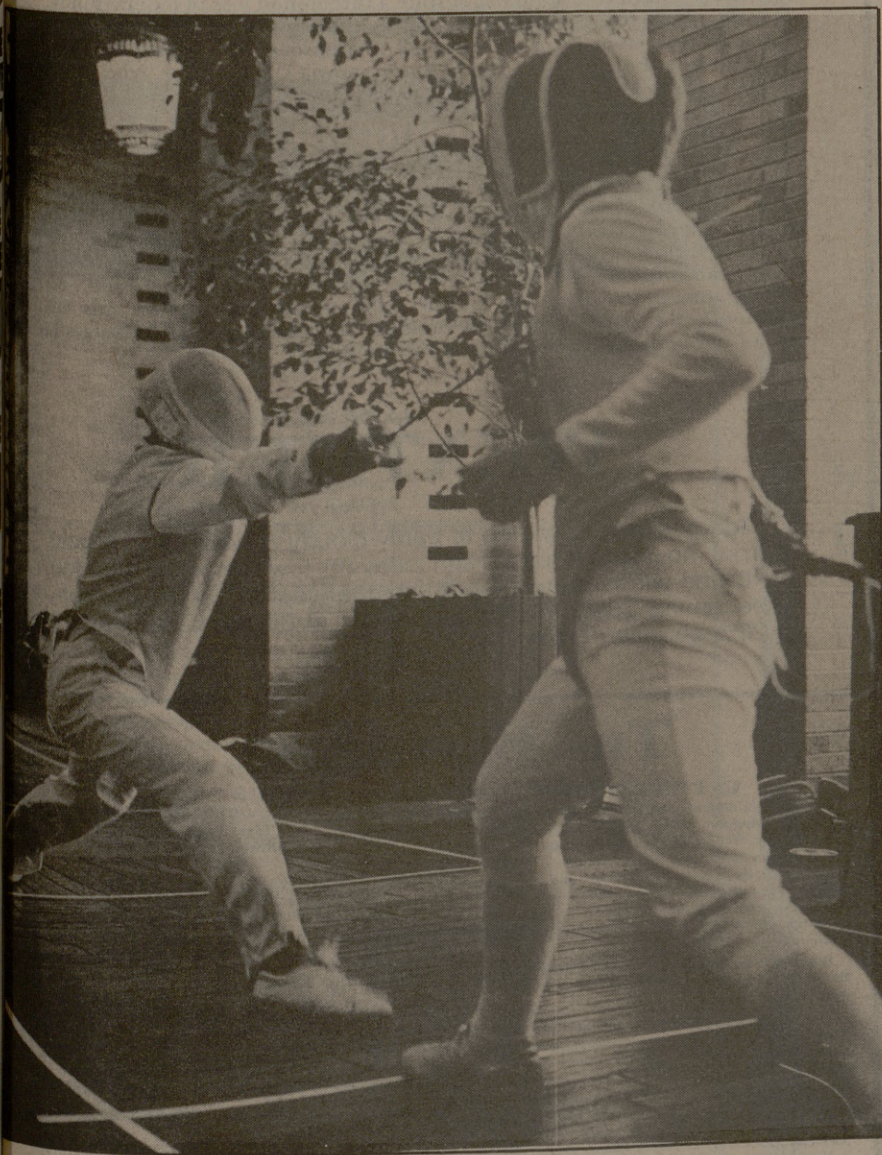
"First, we can narrow the scope of bureaucratic discretion by sharpening the focus of congressional mandates and requiring that they be strictly interpreted."

"Second, we should recognize that a civil servant is as capable of abusing authority as any other human being." Thus, Buckley said, an agency should provide more due process to the people they wish to administer to.

"Third, we should require government agencies to be as accountable for their actions as anyone else in our society," Buckley said this would enable anyone suffering a loss as a result of bureaucratic negligence or abuse to sue the federal government for damages.

Buckley's fourth reform idea called for citizens to be reimbursed for court costs in certain cases against agencies.

"Citizens are growing tired," Buckley said, "of being pushed around by so-called public servants who are hell-bent to impose policies on the public that the public doesn't want or throw needless roadblocks in the way of productive citizens who are trying to make a living."



'Take that!'

Mark Turpin, right, of the Texas A&M University Fencing Club is challenged by spectator Timothy Wagner. The Fencing Club gave demonstrations Wednesday, and they will continue through today in the MSC Lounge, offering prizes to those who dare to challenge the club members to a duel.

Battalion photo by Jeanne Graham

SCONA 24 wraps up on Saturday

The following events are scheduled for the remainder of SCONA 24.

- Thursday**
—8:30 a.m. Dr. Murray L. Weidenbaum, former assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury, "Effects of Government Regulatory Policies on the American Economy"
—1 p.m. William Cunningham, economist, research department AFL-CIO, "Labor's Concerns and Issues Within the Economy"
—3:30 p.m. Dr. Joseph E. Burns, senior vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, "The Inflation-Unemployment Problem."
- Friday**
—10 a.m. Dr. Clifton B. Cox, chairman and chief executive, Armour and Company, "The Economic Environment in Agriculture."
—2:30 p.m. Dr. Howard E. Sarrows, acting director of the National Office of Cooperative Technology, "Industrial Innovation and Productivity — A Cooperative Technology Approach"
- Saturday**
—11 a.m. William P. Hobby Jr., lieutenant governor of the state of Texas, wrap-up speech.
Hobby's speech will be given in Room 224 of the Memorial Student Center. All other speeches will be in Rudder Theater.



Takin' off

During the Sleepytime Story Hour, 2-year-old Wyatt McCormack acts like a rocket, when Bryan children's librarian Tricia Barber explains that he'll take off and grow. Bryan Library sponsors the free story hour every Thursday, 7-8 p.m. All children are welcome.
Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

Consol head quits for Leander post

Fred Hopson, superintendent of the A&M Consolidated School District, resigned early Wednesday afternoon. The resignation becomes effective March 1.

Hopson resigned to become superintendent of the Leander Independent School District, north of Austin, on March 5. He signed a contract with the Leander district Tuesday.

When contacted early Wednesday afternoon, Trustees Elliott Bray, Rodney Hill and board President Bruce Robeck said they were not aware of Hopson's resignation.

None of the board members was surprised at Hopson's decision; they said they knew he was looking for a new job.

Robeck said the board would probably appoint an acting superintendent so it would not have to hurry to hire a new one.

The superintendent selection screening committee, Robeck says, has "identified" about nine persons from 37 applicants it wants to examine further.

The Consolidated school board terminated Hopson's original three-year contract in November citing "disagreements concerning educational policy and policy implementation."

His resignation will not affect the \$54,000 he is to receive as a result of his renegotiated Consolidated contract. This contract was to expire on June 30.

Hobby decries tax relief plan

United Press International
AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Wednesday recent increases in the amount of money the state expects to have during the next two years have not changed his mind about the prospects for additional tax relief.

"There will be plenty of ways to use it," Hobby said.

Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday indicated he expects to up his estimate of the state's anticipated revenue for the coming

biennium by \$200 million, from \$2.1 billion to \$2.3 billion.

Gov. Bill Clements wants the Legislature to reduce taxes \$1 billion but Hobby and legislative budget writers say the state cannot afford such cuts in addition to the \$1 billion tax relief plan approved last year.

Hobby said one of the most critical needs is for additional money for the prison system to pay more guards. Currently there are 11 inmates for every guard.