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Absentee balloting open

Absentee ballots for Bryan and College Station city council and school board elections are being accepted.
Absentee ballots for the A&M Consolidated school board may be obtained at the central ad-

ministration office at 100 Anderson.
To vote by mail, you must call or write the proper office to request the ballot be sent to you. It must be mailed within Brazos County by April 3.

Brazos senator hot over blocked measure

United Press International
AUSTIN — Sen. William T. Moore, D-Bryan, threatened to hit Sen. A. R. Schwartz, D-Galveston, over the head with his gavel Monday in an angry altercation that had the two colleagues calling each other everything from dictatorial to a liar.

The near fight between the Senate dean and veteran liberal leader on the Senate floor overshadowed a Houston representative's wedding on the other side of the Capitol and a series of 13 House votes to finally approve and send to the Senate a \$450 million tax relief plan.

Schwartz and Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, blocked Moore's efforts earlier in the day to win Senate approval for a bill they said would insulate contractors from damage suits for faulty work on anything from school buildings to bridges and highways.

When Schwartz appeared at an afternoon meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee, chaired by Moore, and demanded the right to question a witness the longtime foes erupted in a vitriolic exchange of insults that ended with Moore gaveling the meeting to adjournment.

"Schwartz, the only reason you can get away with this is because you know I'm not going to hit you. You're too damn small," Moore growled.

Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texas, stood between the two when Moore marched on Schwartz after declaring, "This committee's adjourned. I'm not going to be insulted by a fool."

Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler,

walked Moore out of the Senate chamber.

Moore had threatened at one point during the argument to have Schwartz ejected from the committee meeting.

"You're not going to take over this committee," Moore told Schwartz. "Is it now your position that you can run this committee in a dictatorial fashion?" Schwartz asked. The Galveston senator refused to say how many questions he wanted to ask the executive director of the Texas Board of Pharmacy and said Moore had no right to limit any senator's interrogation of a witness at a committee hearing.

Schwartz at various points in the altercation called the Bryan senator obnoxious, and arbitrary and, when Moore said he never cast votes on a personal basis, retorted "That's a damn lie."

"I don't want to hit you over the head with this gavel, (but) you're trying to provoke it," Moore told Schwartz at the height of the argument.

"I'm neither afraid of being hit nor of Senator Moore," Schwartz told reporters after Moore stalked out of the chamber.

In Senate session earlier, Moore won a 23-7 vote to debate his bill limiting contractors' liability for construction defects but Doggett blocked action with a point of order complaining there was no fiscal note explaining probable costs of the bill.

"I want to know what happened to the fiscal note," Moore demanded hotly. "I didn't remove it. I wonder if the senator from Travis (County) did?"

Moore and Schwartz got into a shouting match about the accuracy of a bill analysis indicating the bill would exempt contractors from liability for construction defects in work "on or under public streets or roads."

"Anybody with a very minimal knowledge of the English language or any comparable language can see the bill analysis doesn't say what the bill does," Schwartz complained. "I'd like to know if the lobby wrote the bill analysis."

Doggett said Moore is pushing the legislation for Associated General Contractors.

"I don't know where I got the bill, I may have got it off the floor," Moore said.

"This is designed to protect the contractor from having to pay damages for his own negligence," Doggett said. "They just want to be immunized from any liability and let the taxpayers of the community pick up the tab."

Schwartz said the bill would protect contractors who built a Danbury, Texas, school that he said has serious structural problems that inspecting engineers and architects failed to note.

"What this bill says is that the first time a high wind comes along and the building blows over and kills some school children the contractors say to the people of Danbury, 'Tough luck,'" Doggett said.

"If the school districts and the cities and the counties knew what this bill does they'd be up here opposing it," Doggett said.

Students petition Architecture dean

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Battalion Reporter

A group of 61 graduate students in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design have signed a "letter of concern" to Dr. Raymond Reed, the dean of the school, objecting to what it calls discord between him and departments in the college.

There are 89 graduate students in the division of architecture in the college.

The students' letter said in part, "The discord that exists between the Office of the Dean and the Department of Architecture has been the cause for the resignation of key faculty members and the department head."

David Woodcock, who resigned as department head effective in December, said he did so because the position conflicted with his teaching career.

Three faculty members have resigned from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design in the past two years.

Lance Tatum, now at the University of Texas, resigned in the spring of 1977.

Robert Heatley, now at Oklahoma State University, and Bob Meeker, now at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, both resigned last year.

Woodcock said the men had left "for more than one reason."

Both Tatum and Meeker complained of a policy of the Texas A&M University College of Architecture that prohibits its faculty members from practicing architecture. Meeker said the policy was not Reed's own.

Don Sweeney, assistant dean of Urban and Regional Planning, said the policy was established to assure the school that its professors would be full-time.

"The demands of a practice do not respect the demands of teaching full-time. That's why the state can not condone two full-time jobs," Sweeney said.

Meeker said no such policy exists at the five other schools in the state that have architecture programs.

Robert Thompson, student representative of the Department of Architecture, said he wrote the letter out of a sense of exasperation.

"I just got tired of seeing all the frustration between our department and the dean. Somebody's got to stand up for what they believe in, so I authored this thing," he said.

The letter calls Reed's office "an overall 'negative' influence on the aspirations of existing faculty and an overall sense of 'futility' in areas of new research for the department."

The letter said the group believed the dissension has made it difficult to attract new faculty to the architecture college, and that the present problems stifle the department because of "personality conflicts and non-objective decision-making."

It also accuses Reed of harassing the leadership of the department of architecture. Reed denies that harassment has taken place.

Israeli parliament to vote on cabinet-approved treaty

United Press International
JERUSALEM — The cabinet Monday overwhelmingly accepted the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, giving its approval to the first pact of its kind between Arab and Jew and clearing the way for its presentation to parliament where endorsement seemed certain.

The Israeli radio said the treaty will be signed in Washington next Monday.

The cabinet vote accepting the nine-article treaty was 15-2, including that of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman who was in Washington, Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said.

Voting against the pact were Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, the hero of the 1973 October war who is responsible for Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, and Transport Minister Haim Landau, Naor said.

The cabinet voted less than 24 hours after Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan urged an early first concrete step in implementing the first Arab-Israeli peace agreement — opening the border between

Egypt and Israel a month after the treaty signing instead of nine months.

The open borders, Dayan said, would facilitate Egyptian participation in negotiations for Palestinian autonomy.

But he stressed the right of movement across the international border would have to be mutual. In essence, it meant Israelis would have the right to drive across Sinai to Cairo if they wanted.

The favorable cabinet decision did not come as a surprise and was made during a five-hour special session.

The treaty will go before the Knesset (parliament) today and its debate is scheduled to go through Wednesday following an overnight break. Nearly 90 of the 120 Knesset members are to vote for the document.

The cabinet decided in addition to establish a committee to draw up proposals for Palestinian self-government in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip prior to negotiations with Egypt on the plan, Naor said.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin will

head the committee and it will start work following the treaty signing, Naor said. He said no concrete decisions were made at the session about the autonomy plan.

Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin said several problems remained in bilateral relations, apparently between the United States and Israel, and said they will be solved.

"The road is clear provided the Knesset will approve the treaty, and I hope it will," he said.

The army will resume its withdrawal from Sinai Sunday, defense ministry sources said. The military began withdrawing non-combat equipment in the fall but halted the operation when the treaty negotiations ran into a deadlock.

With Knesset approval all but certain, the government already made final plans for the ceremony in Washington where President Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Begin are to put their signatures to the treaty.

Begin and an Israeli delegation are to leave for Washington Friday.

4 Aggies surpass world record — playing pool for 105 hours

By DOUG GRAHAM
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Texas A&M University has finally proven it: Sharks don't sleep.
Er, pool sharks, that is.
Four fraternity pool sharks broke the Guinness Book's world record of 101 hours for longest continuous pool playing.

They started Thursday noon, and battled the elements, yawns, and table scratches till 9 p.m. Monday to post a new record: 105 hours.

Kim Tijerina, Sigma Chi; Gary Barmore, Pi Kappa Phi; Joe Ping, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Robert Davis, Theta Chi, shot pool continuously, except for

hourly five-minute breaks, in the beer garden of Astraptes, a local disco.

And they looked beat when interviewed close to 5 p.m. Monday, when they would overtake the previous record.

They stolidly played pool surrounded by bags of chips and other munchies. There were empty coke bottles, a dirty crock-

pot, and coffee cups. It was the debris of a four-day, nine-hour effort to draw attention to Muscular Dystrophy.

In addition to the food fall-out, there was a small dike of mud on the brick floor. "The first night here, it rained and really flooded the place," Tijerina said. "We had to build a dam."

"The second night it got really cold. Since then it has been pretty nice."

Ping, moving and speaking slowly (he wasn't the worst — Barmore was barely intelligible) said the group got a bit cocky after the first 30 hours, because the first day was the hardest.

He and Tijerina agreed that at first all four students started as individuals and were finishing in a team effort. Their fraternity brothers helped keep them awake and various people came in to shoot pool with the "Marathon" men.

Though the effort was geared toward helping the fight against Muscular Dystrophy, the players and their promoter, Bob Roberts, manager of the disco, did not take pledges for the amount of time the four played pool.

"We had so many things to do in preparation, with that and the weather, we overlooked it," Ping said. "I think we made a mistake not doing it."

Roberts said the event took a lot of preparation. "We had to get new tables, new felt, the tables leveled, and get publicity arranged."

In addition, Tijerina said, the Inter-Fraternity Council had to get the fraternities together for the pool marathon. But at the very least, the campaign against Muscular Dystrophy received \$150 from the vending machine owner. He also staked \$50 for a tournament between the players, Roberts said.

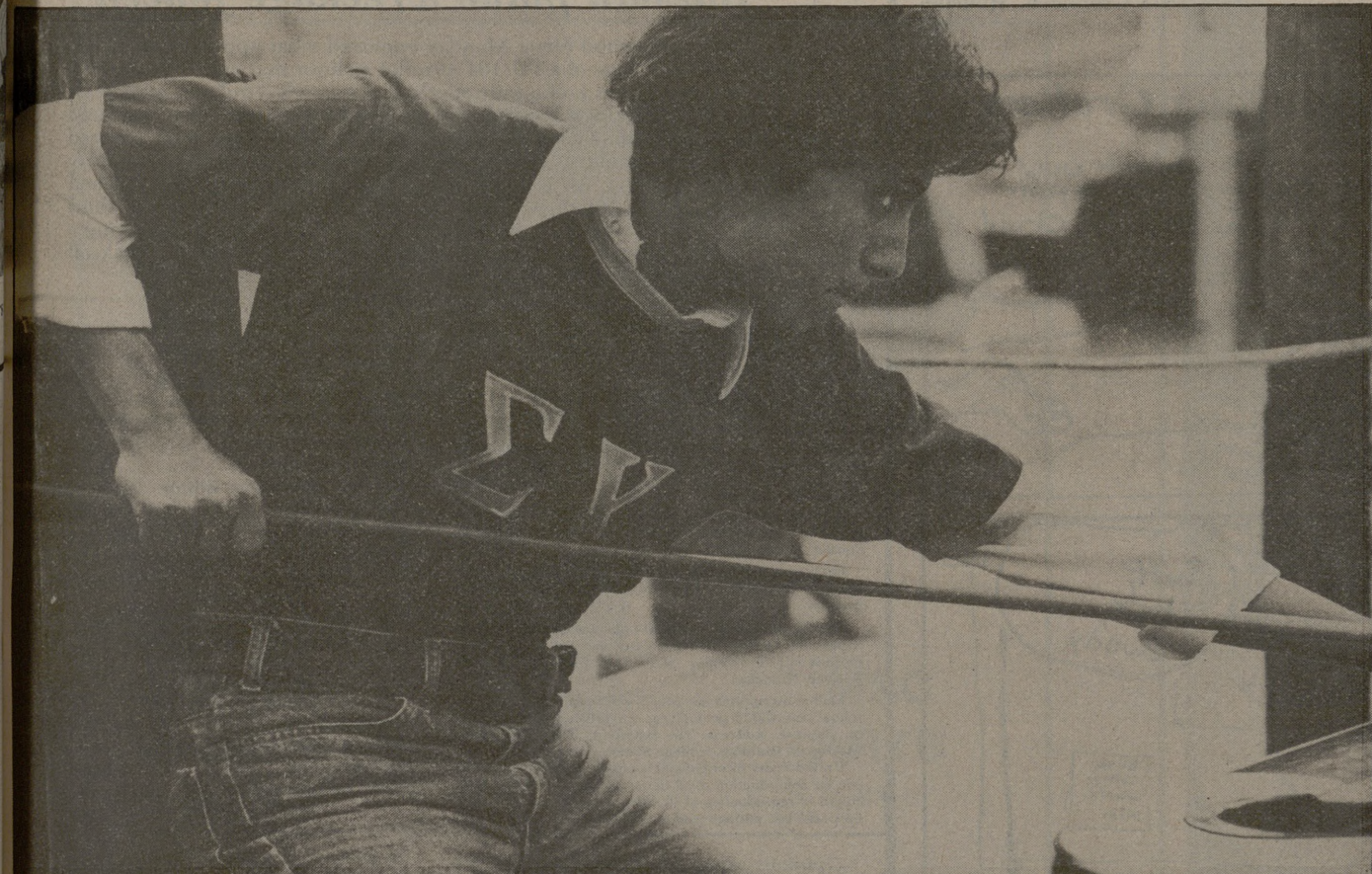
The generous gesture spurred renewed competition between the pool sharks, Roberts added.

"But the big problem is, none of them can even shoot in a simple straight shot anymore."



Robert Davis lines up with the one-handed shooting style the marathoners adopted when their hands became blistered and sore from holding and swinging a pool cue.

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Kim Tijerina rests against the pool table and against a convenient post late in the pool marathon

at Astraptes Disco and Beer Garden.

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