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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-

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.

ministration office at 100 Ander-

Brazos senator hot over blocked measure

USTIN - Sen. William T. Moore, ryan, threatened to hit Sen. A. R. wartz, D-Galveston, over the head his gavel Monday in an angry alation that had the two colleagues ng each other everything from dic-

e near fight between the Senate n and veteran liberal leader on the ate floor overshadowed a Houston resentative's wedding on the other e of the Capitol and a series of 13 use votes to finally approve and d to the Senate a \$450 million tax

ef plan. chwartz and Sen. Lloyd Doggett, Austin, blocked Moore's efforts earr in the day to win Senate approval a bill they said would insulate conctors from damage suits for faulty rk on anything from school buildings

bridges and highways. When Schwartz appeared at an af-moon meeting of the Senate State Af-Committee, chaired by Moore, demanded the right to question a ess the longtime foes erupted in a rolic exchange of insults that ended th Moore gaveling the meeting to ad-

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

Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texarkana,

ood between the two when Moore rched on Schwartz after declaring, This committee's adjourned. I'm not ping to be insulted by a fool." Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler,

RUSALEM — The cabinet Monday

nelmingly accepted the Egyptian-

i peace treaty, giving its approval to

and clearing the way for its presenta-to parliament where endorsement

e Israeli radio said the treaty will be

e cabinet vote accepting the nine

ense Minister Ezer Weizman who was

Washington, Cabinet Secretary Arye

ting against the pact were Agriculture

ster Ariel Sharon, the hero of the

October war who is responsible for

h settlements in the occupied ter-

es, and Transport Minister Haim

cabinet voted less than 24 hours

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan

ed an early first concrete step in im-

nenting the first Arab-Israeli peace

treaty was 15-2, including that of

med in Washington next Monday.

ed certain.

dau, Naor said.

st pact of its kind between Arab and

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 you're 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

'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 heighth of the argument.

"I'm neither afraid of being hit nor of Senator Moore," Schwartz told re-porters after Moore stalked out of the

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?"

Israeli parliament to vote

on cabinet-approved treaty

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

facilitate Egyptian participation in negotia-

tions 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

The favorable cabinet decision did not

The treaty will go before the Knesset

come as a surprise and was made during a

(parliament) today and its debate is scheduled to go through Wednesday fol-

lowing an overnight break. Nearly 90 of the 120 Knesset members are to vote for

The cabinet decided in addition to es-

tablish a committee to draw up proposals

for Palestinian self-government in the oc-

cupied West Bank and Gaza Strip prior to

negotiations with Egypt on the plan, Naor

to Cairo if they wanted.

five-hour special session.

the document.

The open borders, Dayan said, would

ing 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

Doggett said Moore is pushing the legislation for Associated General Con-

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

"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 en-gineers 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,"

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

head the committee and it will start work

following the treaty signing, Naor said. He

said no concrete decisions were made at

said several problems remained in bilat-

eral relations, apparently between the United States and Israel, and said they will

will approve the treaty, and I hope it will,"

The army will resume its withdrawal from Sinai Sunday, defense ministry

sources said. The military began with-

drawing non-combat equipment in the fall

but halted the operation when the treaty

the government already made final plans

for the ceremony in Washington where

President Carter, Egyptian President

Anwar Sadat and Begin are to put their

Begin and an Israeli delegation are to

With Knesset approval all but certain,

negotiations ran into a deadlock.

Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin

The road is clear provided the Knesset

the session about the autonomy plan.

Students petition Architecture dean

By ANDY WILLIAMS Battalion Staff and PEGGY C. McCULLEN

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 resigna-tion 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

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 Re-

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 representa-tive of the Department of Architecture, said he wrote the letter out of a sense of

exasperation. I just got tired of seeing all the frustra-

tion between our department and the dean. Somebody's got to stand up for what they believe in, so I authored this thing,'

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

The letter calls for an internal audit by a "non-partisan mediation group" to review progress to remedy the problems.

Reed's written answer to the students' letter suggested that they had overreacted to instability stemming from the lack of a head of the department of architecture. No replacement for Woodcock has been

"Sustained discussion of deartmental problems in the presence of students at a time when the department is without permanent leadership has so fanned the insecurities of the students that they have chosen this approach to accelerate the resolution of perceived problems," Reed's

Reed said he planned to have meetings with students and faculty members to resolve some of the problems.

Thompson said he was unsure he had accomplished anything at a meeting the students had with Reed the week before spring break.

I don't know," he said. "It's one of those things where you like to think you

did, but I left with the impression that I'd

gotten the old runaround."

Asked specifically if there had been harassment from the dean's office, Wood-cock replied, "Harassment is certainly a harsh word.

"This is a student petition. They obviously feel very badly about the issues or they would not have written the letter and signed their names to it, and such a large majority at that.

"The problems are as real as the students see them to be." The letter continued by saying meetings

are being held with faculty and students 'to identify, illuminate, and resolve real and-or imagined issues.

The search committee appointed to find a new department head has interviewed three candidates, but has yet to offer anyone the job.

The committee asked that each of the candidates write a letter of response, outlining his requirements for taking the position and offering constructive criticism of the department

Two letters have been received.

Bryan decides to use private ambulances

By JUDIE PORTER

The Bryan City Council has done it again but not unanimously — in a four to three vote, the council defeated a motion to provide ambulance service through the Bryan Fire Department. As a result, a public hearing on March 26 will decide which one of three private companies will establish a service within the city.

The council spent two hours in a special meeting comparing costs between having a city-owned service and a privatelyowned service.

City Manager Ernest Clark said the only decision to be made during Monday's meeting was whether the city should enter into the ambulance business or permit a private company.

The three private companies who have filed for a permit are Texas Ambulance Company operated by Gary Williams, Medical Transport Service owned by Bill Thornal, and Bryan EMS Inc. operated jointly by Dale Owens and Ken Whitlow.

A detailed report showed the fire de-partment could provide service to the city at a cost of \$48,000 a year. The three private companies vary in their costs: Williams wants \$24,000, Thornal is asking for \$60,000 and Owens & Whitlow want a modular ambulance provided by the city.

The manning of an ambulance service by the city would require six extra men who would work in two-men shifts of eight hours. Thornal has 11 people manning his service, Williams would start with two and

work up to four, while Owens and Whitlow would use three people plus two additional ones on the weekends.

Williams has had six months experience in the ambulance business, while Thornal has had 18 years and Owens & Whitlow have had 15 years experience.
Councilman John Mobley said, "We as a

city should not be into ambulance serv-Mobley was one of the four who voted against the motion for city-owned service. The other three members were Joe Hanover, Henry Seale, and Peyton Hanover said he felt that Bryan should

give private business a chance to provide

Both Hanover and Waller agreed that the responsibility of the city providing an ambulance service would cause added headaches with the collecting, taxing, buying of equipment and other things it would require.

Mayor Richard Smith said there had

been no history of a successful private ownership of ambulances in Bryan and he thought they should work it through the fire department.

Providing an ambulance service for Bryan has been a recurring problem for the council. In 1973, the city lost the services of the three local funeral homes who were providing ambulances for the county. In 1974 Ed Sherill started operation but ceased in 1977 when Bill Thornal was granted a permit. Now, in 1979, the council is still struggling over funding an efficient ambulance service for the city

Prime Minister Menachem Begin will leave for Washington Friday. ment — opening the border between Aggies surpass world record — playing pool for 105 hours

signatures to the treaty.

exas A&M University has finally ven it: Sharks don't sleep. r, pool sharks, that is.

our fraternity pool sharks broke the ness Book's world record of 101 hours ongest continuous pool playing.

scratches till 9 p.m. Monday to post a new

record: 105 hours. Kim Tijerina, Sigma Chi; Gary Bar-

They started Thursday noon, and bat- hourly five-minute breaks, in the beer tled the elements, yawns, and table scratches till 9 p.m. Monday to post a new 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 more, Pi Kappa Phi; Joe Ping, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Robert Davis, Theta Chi, shot pool continuously, except for were empty coke bottles, a dirty crock-



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

at Astraptes Disco and Beer Garden. Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Ir

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.

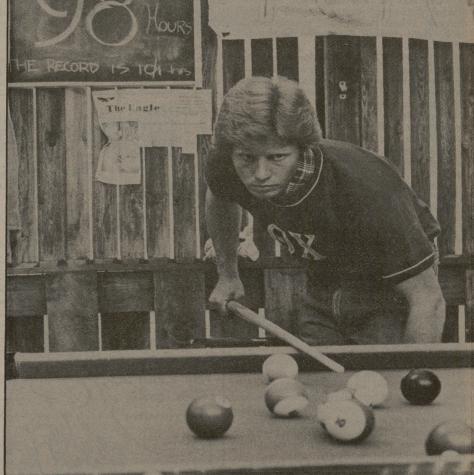
Roberts said the event took a lot of preparation. "We had to get new tables, new felt, the tables leveled, and get publicity arranged.

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

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

competition between the pool sharks,



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. Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.