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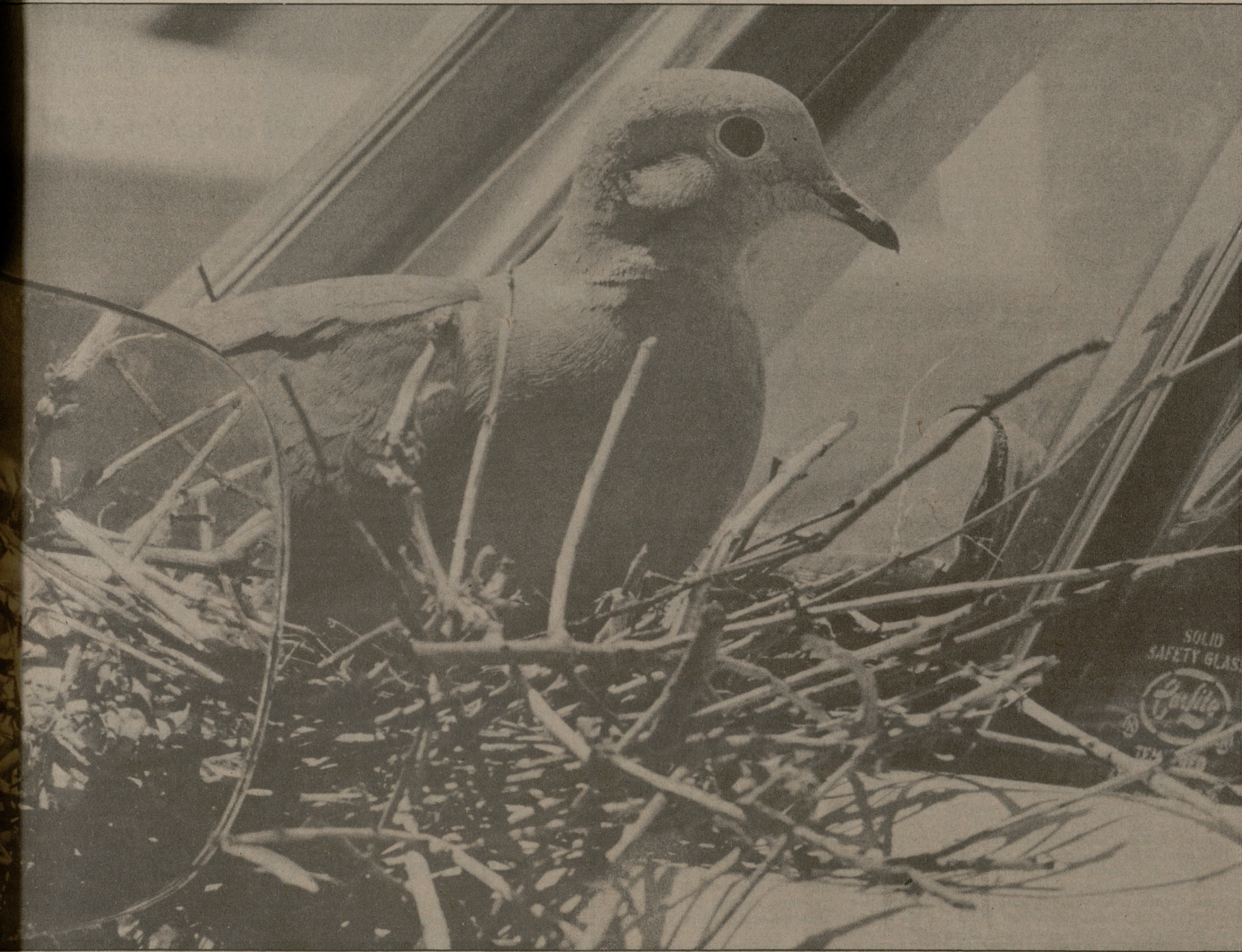
Watching where the money goes...

The budget for the the Texas A&M University System is more complicated than your average checkbook.

In fact, the computer printout version is commonly put into 14

bound volumes — with three for the College Station academic campus alone.

But how is it made, and what is the Texas Legislature doing with it right now? See pages 6 and 7.



Squatter's rights

This mourning dove apparently found the mirror of an early-model Ford Mustang a perfect nesting site. The car, parked near Puryear Hall on campus, must have remained in one place long enough for the dove to

set up housekeeping. At last investigation, the bird was incubating one tiny egg.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper

BISD board elects Bryan

By REGINA MOEHLMAN
Battalion Reporter

Travis B. Bryan Jr., who was unopposed in his re-election to school board Position was elected president of the Bryan Independent School Board of Trustees Monday night.

Bryan has served on the board for eight years. He has been chairman of the building committee and vice president of the board.

James W. Stegall, who was also re-elected Saturday, was elected as vice president and Tom Borski was chosen secretary for the next year.

Due to new HEW regulations, the board approved addition of maternity coverage to the current Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance policy covering the districts employees.

The added policy will pay all hospital charges, 80 percent of doctor bills and will not require a deductible fee, said C.B. McGown, director of personnel for BISD. "We are not the highest paying school district, but we must not forget the tremendous insurance our employees get free," McGown said.

The benefits will be in effect May 1, in accordance with federal requirements.

At the same time, board members approved an overall increase of 40 percent in school insurance costs, 13 percent of which is due to the added maternity benefits. The increase is due to greater usage and medical costs in the last year, said Dr. Wesley K. Summers, superintendent for BISD.

Presently it costs BISD \$16.51 per year to insure each employee. With the added coverage, it will cost \$22.61.

McGown said he could not find another insurance company that could offer BISD a better program at a better rate than the current Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan.

The board accepted the interest rate bid of First Bank and Trust of Bryan for school deposits and loans for the period of Sept. 1, 1979, to Aug. 31, 1981.

City National Bank of Bryan was the only other bank to offer a bid.

Finally, the board affirmed its responsibility to educate children who will live in

100 new units of low rent public housing in Bryan. The units will be located at the corner of Leonard Road and Bittle Lane in Bryan.



TRAVIS BRYAN

J-board allows Morrison to continue campaign today

By KEITH TAYLOR
Battalion Staff

J. Wayne Morrison will be able to continue his campaign for student body president today. Just after midnight today the student government judicial board overturned an earlier ruling by the election commissioner.

The judicial board met Monday night to decide on a petition filed by Morrison protesting his suspension from campaigning on Monday and Tuesday.

Bill Jentsch, the election commissioner, argued Morrison from campaigning after he learned Morrison had obtained a master copy of the election ballot Friday from the desk of the student government secretary without permission.

Jentsch contended that although there is no specific rule in the election rules dealing with the situation, Morrison's action is illegal under the Texas Open Records Act.

The open records law says that open records cannot be obtained from personal files without the permission of the custodian of the files.

The custodian of the files in this case is the secretary for the student government. Morrison said Monday night that he —

as a vice president of student government — regularly retrieves items from the secretary's desk. He was asked to get the ballot for publication in The Quadrangle, the Corps of Cadets' newsletter, he said.

In the petition, Morrison protested his suspension on grounds that the election commissioner does not have the power to prevent a candidate from campaigning. He said only the judicial board has this power.

The judicial board ruled that Morrison did not violate election rules per se, because such a rule is not written there. The board also ruled that Jentsch had acted in good faith and had made a difficult and conscientious decision in suspending Morrison. It concluded that Morrison had received enough punishment by missing campaigning time and allowed him to campaign today.

Morrison did not campaign Monday morning because of the suspension, but started campaigning again that afternoon after he filed the petition with the judicial board. He was not able to campaign Monday night because of the five-hour judicial board meeting.

Morrison, presently vice president of finance, said that he had taken the master copy of the ballot from the student gov-

ernment secretary's desk. Morrison took the copy and gave it to a student government aide to be copied so it could be reprinted in The Quadrangle, the Corps of Cadets' newsletter. He said he did it as a favor Steve Fulton, editor of the Quadrangle.

Fulton said he had sent a freshman to the student government office to obtain a copy of the ballot. The freshman was denied the ballot and went to Morrison. Morrison copied the ballot and gave it to the freshman.

Morrison said he did have a list of candidates in his room, but he felt it would be easier to copy the ballot in the desk. He said he did not think at the time he was violating election rules.

"I admit my judgement was not up to par. I made a mistake."

The master ballot that Morrison copied had the computer-coded numbers next to the names of the candidates. A person with this ballot and the answer sheets would have the means to cast false votes in the election.

Jentsch said he did not question the honor or integrity of Morrison.

Mark Watts, chairman of the judicial board, agreed. "There was no dishonesty in this case."

Some evacuees of deadly fumes allowed to return; others can't

United Press International

MILLIGAN, Fla. — Officials Monday permitted some of the 5,000 persons who fled possibly deadly fumes spewing from derailed tank cars to return to their homes as the leaking subsided.

Shortly before noon, Okaloosa County Civil Defense Director Thomas Nichols allowed families living outside a 7½-mile radius of the derailment site in a swampy pine forest in Florida's Northern Panhandle to return to their homes.

He had no firm figure on how many people returned, but estimated about 1,000.

Officials evacuated a 395-square-mile area around the wreck site Sunday after the morning derailment, which triggered a series of explosions that blanketed the area with deadly fumes.

Voting OK for all 'zips'

Some graduating seniors were not allowed to vote in campus elections due to a "misunderstanding" Monday morning.

Bill Jentsch, election commissioner, said there was no policy written on whether to allow graduating seniors to vote. He said the rule as written was not clear.

"We got it all cleared up," Jentsch said.

Melanie Zentgraf, a member of the election commission, said the commission had decided not to let graduating seniors vote this year.

But Jentsch said he changed the rule Monday morning when he found out that graduating seniors had been allowed to vote in past elections. He said he went to the polls around noon and told the poll workers of the change.

"All a senior has to do is go back to the polls and he will be allowed to vote," he said. "All you have to have is an ID and an activity card."

Jeb Hensarling, a candidate for vice president of external affairs, said he brought the matter to the attention of Jentsch after some seniors had come into the student government office complaining of the rule.

He said the present student government had not passed a resolution to prohibit graduating seniors from voting and he saw no reason to stop them.

"In my opinion he (Jentsch) overstepped his bounds," Hensarling said.

Workers at the polls said that before Jentsch told them of the rule change, they had been using the honor system by asking seniors if they were graduating or not.

Filibuster ends after 9 hours

United Press International

AUSTIN — A handful of Senate liberals ended a nine-hour filibuster Monday night against an auto fee bill they said would add \$46 million annually to the price of new cars after Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby agreed not to allow a vote on the measure until today.

Sen. A.R. Schwartz, D-Galveston, who had teamed with Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, in nonstop talking that began at 11:20 a.m., surrendered at 8:20 p.m. for a vote on the bill, which he called a disgrace to the legislative system.

Doggett said he will again speak against the measure's final passage, but will not attempt a long filibuster against it.

The legislators also failed to force concessions they sought on another bill reducing consumers' power to recover damages under the state's Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Doggett shuttled between the filibuster and closed-door negotiations with Sen. Bill Meier, D-Eules, in an effort to reach a compromise on Meier's proposed revisions to the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Meier agreed to eight changes in his bill, but refused to yield on the most controversial section of the bill — one removing provisions in the present law giving consumers automatic treble damages from

businesses which swindle them and requiring the consumers to prove they were intentionally defrauded before they can collect any damages.

"It's not the quantity of changes, it's the quality," said Doggett, who plans to talk against the bill when it comes up today.

"The changes he agreed to were mostly cosmetic. On the critical question of whether it would be possible to collect treble damages any longer, he's unyielding, I'm unyielding, and there is no compromise."

Monday's filibuster was aimed directly at a bill by Sen. Tom Creighton, D-Mineral Wells, allowing auto dealers to charge up to \$35 as a "documentary fee" for handling paper work on sales of new or used cars. But Sen. Ron Clower, D-Garland, said the filibuster also indirectly forced Meier into negotiations on his bill.

"We wouldn't be having the meeting if it hadn't been for the filibuster. It would have already gone to the House," Clower said.

"This state has been in the lobby's hip pocket ever since I came here in 1960," Schwartz said. "There ain't no excuse for a bill like this except the lobby wants it. The lobby drafted it, the lobby introduced it and the lobby's going to pass it."

Price gouging — hotline can help

United Press International

WASHINGTON — More than 100 motorists a day are calling a special federal hotline to report potential overcharges by gasoline station operators.

Personnel at the Economic Regulatory Administration of the Department of Energy have been busy taking calls since Feb. 14 when the hotline began being devoted exclusively to gasoline complaints.

Through March, officials said more than 2,500 people had complained, and spokeswoman Peggy Dalrymple said per-

sonnel taking the calls "have been swamped."

As a result of the calls, the agency has sent out more than 1,000 letters notifying gasoline stations of the complaints. About 170 stations have been targeted for special audits and 12 stations have been singled out for legal action.

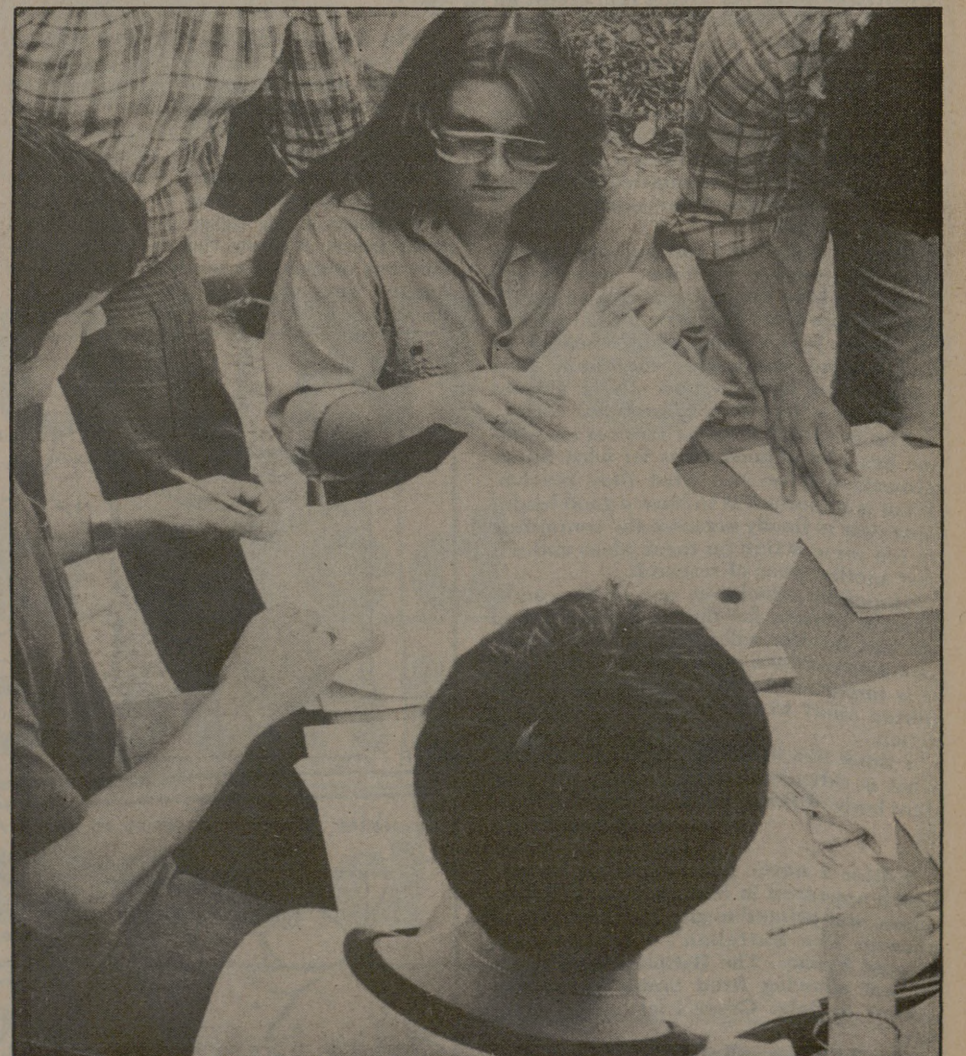
Many of the complaints have been received from callers in or near Washington, D.C., New York City, Chicago, southern Florida, Southern California, Detroit, Boston and Baton Rouge, La.

But Dalrymple said it may be that motorists in those areas are more aware of the hotline's existence, rather than it being an indication of excessive price gouging.

Personnel are available until 3:30 p.m. CST Monday through Friday to take calls on the no-toll national hotline (800) 424-9246. In the District of Columbia area the number is 254-5474.

Dalrymple said callers should provide "the dealer's name and address and some specifics about the grade of gasoline, what the sticker price on the pump said, and how much they paid for the gasoline."

Violators can be required to refund overcharges to customers and face fines of up to \$10,000 a day per violation in the case of willful gouging.



A group of Texas A&M students cast their votes for the Student Government elections at the bus stop by the Reed McDonald Building Monday. Other polling places, which will be open today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., are the Memorial Student Center, the Commons dormitories, the Corps Guard Room, Kleberg Center, Sbisla dining hall, and at the three bus stops (east of the MSC, south of the Oceanography and Meteorology Building and by the Reed McDonald Building). Students must show their ID cards and activity cards to vote.

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