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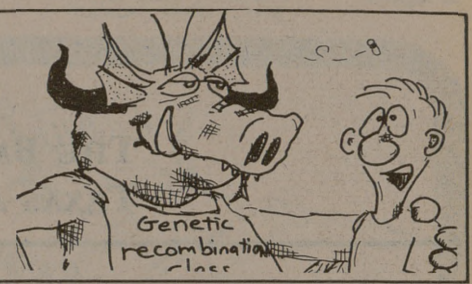
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Grade expectations

There may be help in '82 for students who have a Dickens of a time making the grade the first time around. A new policy will allow students to use the best grade — if they retake a course — in figuring their GPRs. See page 5.



Kapavik, Smith win runoff election

By DILLARD STONE
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Ronald J. Kapavik is Texas A&M University's newly elected student body president.

Kapavik won Monday's runoff with J. Wayne Morrison to determine who will lead Texas A&M's student government in 1979-80.

He won with 936 votes, 53 percent of the total, compared with Morrison's 829 votes, 47 percent of the total.

Only 1,765 students, less than 7 percent of Texas A&M's student body, voted in the runoff election.

"Oh my goodness, this is for real, isn't it?" Kapavik said when contacted early this morning.

"Seriously, the students had an adequate choice — either candidate could've done a good job," he said.

Kapavik said he would try to carry through with his philosophy of student government, a philosophy he tried to get across in his campaign:

"To accomplish things that students need and to communicate for the students."

Kapavik revelled in optimism and confidence when asked about his plans for next year.

"It's a challenge — a challenge I'm ready for."

Kapavik will preside over the first meet-

ing of the new student senate on Wednesday night. At the meeting, the new senate will elect a speaker to preside over its affairs in the coming year.

Kapavik assumes office as soon as the election results are validated.

Paul Bettencourt, vice president for rules and regulations, said it is unlikely the election results will be contested.

Other student government and class officer seats were up for election in Monday's runoff.

Brad Smith defeated John Groce in the race for vice president of student services.

Smith accumulated 854 votes to Groce's 798; 1,652 votes were cast in the only vice president's race up for election.

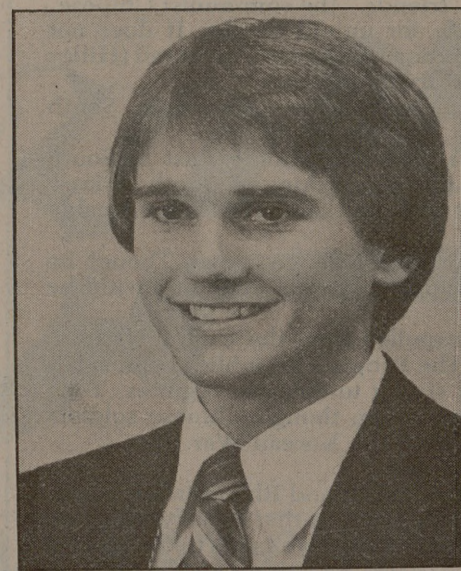
Three seats on the Class of '82 council were elected. Mike McCarley was elected president of the class, defeating Rick Kumpf. Richard Seger beat out Tracy Hammer for the vice presidential spot. Susan Pavlovsky defeated Sheryl Trask for the class social secretary seat.

The only other class officer elected Monday was Kathy Rivera to the vice presidency of the Class of '81.

Off campus senators elected in runoffs are Julie Smiley, Greg Marks, Debbie May, Mary Herring and Roger Messersmith.

Vicki Benton was elected veterinary school senator.

Student government officers had the votes tabulated by 9 p.m., relatively early. However, the results were not announced until after several recounts were made to ensure the validity of the results.



RONALD J. KAPAVIK

River crests in Mississippi

United Press International

JACKSON, Miss. — The raging Pearl River, which forced more than 15,000 Jackson area residents from their homes Easter Sunday, moved toward a record crest of near 43 feet early Monday — the worst flood in the city's history.

The river, which rose only two-tenths of a foot in the past 12 hours, stood at 42.6 feet early Monday — more than 24 feet above the flood stage of 18 feet and well above the old mark of 37.5 feet set in 1902.

It was expected to crest late Monday at between 42.6 and 42.8 feet.

Four people drowned in a boating accident on the rain-bloated Tennessee River in northeast Mississippi Sunday afternoon, making a total of at least eight people who have drowned in state waters since the flooding was set off by torrential rains last week.

Weather forecasters warned residents along the Pearl River south of Jackson to take precautions from the bloated stream, which meanders the length of the state before emptying into the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Weather Service, noting the river was falling in its upper regions, said the inflow of water into the giant Barnett Reservoir northeast of the city should

have peaked. Officials of the reservoir reduced the outflow of water during the night to reduce pressure on Jackson levees.

Although the conditions appeared to have stabilized, residents were warned the river would remain critically high for several days.

Downriver, forecasters predicted record flooding at Georgetown, Monticello and Columbia. Forecasters predicted a crest of 35 feet at Monticello Thursday or Friday. This would exceed the flood record of 32.55 in April 1974.

Columbia Mayor Robert Bourn placed the city in a state of emergency and ordered all residents to be prepared for one of the greatest floods in modern times.

Floodwaters seeping under a railroad embankment inundated Jackson's \$48 million water sewage plant Monday, but officials said all workers in the 18-month-old structure were rescued.

Civil Defense workers and National Guardsmen had erected barricades to protect the plant from the floodwaters, but water burst through a track embankment of the Illinois Central Railroad and flooded the plant around 1 a.m.

Spokesman Carroll Fulgham said the city's water would not be affected because a backup lagoon system for water treatment would be used. He said the sewage plant can be made operative again when the water recedes.

Aftershocks hinder search for earthquake survivors

United Press International

HERCEG NOVI, Yugoslavia — A series of strong aftershocks Monday rumbled through the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia and Albania, devastated by an earthquake that killed at least 235, injured nearly 1,000 and left thousands others homeless.

The aftershocks, measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale, hampered efforts by rescue workers searching for survivors from the worst quake to hit Yugoslavia in 75 years.

The Easter Sunday quake over a 100-mile swath of Yugoslavia and Albania killed 235 — 200 in Yugoslavia and 35 in Albania, and injured 930 others — 600 in Yugoslavia and 330 in Albania, according to official figures in both nations. Authorities said the toll was expected to rise.

Yugoslav President Tito was in the area of the quake when it hit. Initial reports from officials said no foreign tourists were among the dead. Rescue workers in Bar, where 50 were killed and 200 injured, pulled away steel and bricks in searching through the debris of the collapsed five-story Agava Hotel.

But attempts to take the injured to hospitals and efforts to provide the 183,000 people affected by the quake with food, water and blankets were hampered by the series of aftershocks.

In Herceg Novi, a resort village 30 miles south of Dubrovnik, 21,000 people spent the night wrapped in blankets out in the open while others were in cars. Volunteer teams began building tent cities and prefabricated houses to shelter the homeless.

"The material damage here is enormous," Mayor Djordje Radulovic told UPI. "I can't begin to estimate the cost."

The quake crumbled most older buildings along the seashore into dust. Four sections of the town's shipyard collapsed into the sea.



Consumer advocate Ralph Nader challenged about 800 in Rudder Auditorium Monday night to be responsible for their government.

Battalion photo by Larry Parker

Uncle Sam's pound of flesh

Large numbers of local residents made the annual last-minute pilgrimage to the Post Office with the year's income tax return Monday. Returns had to be

mailed by midnight Monday to avoid a late filing penalty.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Dayan says giving up land may be needed for peace

United Press International

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan today said Israel may have to give up occupied Golan Heights and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, a senior minister called for Dayan's resignation. In Cairo, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat denounced his Arab opponents as "backward and backward" and said they were doing Israel a great service by refusing to negotiate with it and thus prolonging Israeli occupation of Arab land. Dayan was called in for consultations by Prime Minister Menachem Begin possibly to clarify the statement about the Golan Heights, which Israel captured in Syria in the 1967 Middle East war and has occupied since.

Dayan told an Israeli radio reporter the Golan Heights was sovereign territory like the Sinai peninsula, which Israel will return to Egypt as part of the treaty with Arab.

The radio quoted a senior minister as saying Dayan should be told to resign.

His comments to an Israeli radio reporter came after similar statements to Arab Bank settlers Sunday aroused controversy in the government.

In a meeting with settlers at Tomer, Dayan said if Syria proposes return of the Golan Heights in exchange for peace that Israel should be faced with choosing to keep the land without peace or surrendering it as part of a treaty.

"There was never any sort of comparison between the Golan Heights and the Sinai which were part of Syrian and Egyptian sovereignty and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip," Dayan said.

Dayan said earlier this month he sees peace with Syria as the next step in achieving an overall Middle East peace agreement.

Sadat, speaking at Cairo's Ein Shams

University, warned the Arabs against any attempt to harm Egypt, declaring this will not be tolerated.

Sadat said Israel was founded on part of the British-mandate territory of Palestine in 1948 "but 30 years afterwards, and thanks to the Arab mentality which was generally ignorant and backward, Israel had occupied the whole of Palestine plus the Golan Heights and Sinai."

Clements planning to hold line on mortgage interest ceiling

United Press International

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements said Monday he would veto any legislation increasing the state's interest ceiling on home mortgage loans, apparently killing attempts by savings and loan institutions in Texas to boost the maximum interest rate to 12 percent.

Clements also announced he has vetoed another bill that would have given rating bureaus of bus companies, railroads and truckers protections against antitrust suits.

"After waiting several weeks to make my decision and after meeting with both sides, I still have heard no convincing arguments for raising the mortgage interest rate ceiling, especially at a time when such

a move would just continue to fuel inflation," the governor said.

"This issue is a direct result of the national money crunch which is generally referred to as double-digit inflation and I would hope that the Carter administration will take drastic steps to halt the inflationary spiral that we are in."

Clements said if Texas's middle income housing requirement reaches a crisis situation in the future because of the state's 10 percent interest ceiling on home mortgage loans, he would consider calling a special session of the Legislature to deal with the problem.

"Certainly I have heard no cry from the people of Texas for higher interest rates," he said.

Consumer inactivity, ignorance allows corporation control — Ralph Nader

By ANDY WILLIAMS
Battalion Staff

U.S. schools must develop people who think intelligently as consumers, taxpayers and citizens, Ralph Nader told a group of about 700 at Texas A&M University Monday night.

Nader said that students have learned to "get by" on multiple choice tests, and consequently, the United States has become a society satisfied with political and social inactivity.

Students have the best chance to reverse the trend to work for improvement, he said, because it is more difficult for people to stand up against people with power.

"Corporations control the power in the United States, and people must learn how to deal with them intelligently, Nader said. But mass apathy is preventing that. Have yourself make a list of 10 major problems in this country," Nader chal-

lenged his audience. "How are you affecting them?"

Corporations in particular need workers to speak out on the dangerous practices they see, Nader said.

He said, for instance, information that caused recalls of cars was known to thousands of people, but only a handful — or one — would "stand tall" and report the defects.

He envisioned a scene with a prospective employee and a corporation recruiting officer.

"Try this," he advised student prospects. "Say to him, 'I insist on bringing my conscience to work with me every day. Do you have any problems with that?'"

The problem of inactivity, Nader said, is also one of ignorance.

"How many of you know who Morris the Cat was?" he asked at one point. Virtually everyone in the auditorium had.

"Now, how many of you have heard of Dr. Herbert York?" No hands went up.

"Dr. Herbert York is the United States' leading analyst of the arms race," Nader said, going on to say that York is a university professor who worked on the Manhattan Project, the World War II effort that developed nuclear weaponry.

"But he can't stand a shake against Morris the Cat."

"This, of course, demonstrates something about our communications system." The cures that people do advocate for problems are often worse than the disease, he suggested.

He cited the increased use of nuclear power as one example, though he said in that case, the existence of a disease is questionable.

"There is no energy crisis. I've been looking for the energy crisis for years. There is no energy supply crisis so long as the sun exists."

But he said the country has been slow to act to develop solar power. A committee

advising President Harry Truman in 1952 recommended its use be expanded.

He said there are sufficient fossil fuels to allow development of solar power without using nuclear energy, which will leave the problem of storing radioactive waste products for 250,000 years.

More than 50 percent of the United States' energy is wasted, he said. He said inefficient systems result in "heating the heavens" rather than houses.

He said people must learn to view products through the eyes of a consumer, not of the producer. An example of a great lack of this attitude is found in people's views of their doctors and dentists, he said.

Nader said many dentists are negligent in protecting the uninvolved parts of their patients' bodies from potentially dangerous and unnecessary X-rays.

"Next time your dentist says to you, 'X-ray time,' make sure you say to him, 'Lead apron time.'"