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New president elected to MSC Council position at meeting Monday night

Ermen Haby, a junior finance major at Texas A&M University, was elected president of the 31st Memorial Student Center Council and Director Monday night. Haby will officially take over the presidency from Brooks Herring at the April 12 MSC awards banquet. Haby currently serves as the council's vice president of finance. Three other persons applied and were considered for the position:

Brian Gross, MSC vice president of administration; Dan Ayre, chairman of MSC Great Issues; and Keith Shurtleff, MSC coordinator of funds. All four applicants filled out an application for the position and went through a series of three, 20-minute interviews conducted by a nominating committee consisting of 10 current council members. The nominating committee recommended Haby without a dissent-

ing vote, and its recommendation was accepted unanimously at Monday's meeting. As president, Haby will be responsible for the activities of the 20 MSC directorate committees — which provide the student programming for Texas A&M — and other various MSC Council and Directorate projects. Next year's MSC budget will total more than \$1.9 million.

Interviews for Fish Camp counselors begin this week

By MELISSA MARTIN
Campus Reporter

Interviews for the 700 applicants for Fish Camp counselors began Monday, camp director Dianne Klapp said. About 400 counselors will be selected for the three sessions of Texas A&M's Fish Camp. During August incoming freshmen are given the chance to learn about A&M life and meet other members of their class at Fish Camp, Klapp said. They learn A&M traditions and the reasons behind them, and attend talks by faculty members

on topics ranging from study habits to individuality, she said. "Fish Camp helps freshmen with the transition from high school to college by giving them an extra boost of knowledge about college life," Klapp said. Counselors are chosen mainly on their sincerity in wanting to help freshmen, Klapp said. "Our motto is 'Fish Camp is for freshmen,'" she said. Counselors are also chosen for general enthusiasm and positive attitude. Fish Camp started in 1953 when Gordon Gay, then Texas A&M

YMCA director, took a few cadets camping on the Brazos River, she said. "Fish Camp has changed since then but it still is fun for both freshmen and counselors," Klapp said. This year 1,600 freshmen will attend Fish Camp, sponsored by the Student Y Association. The three-session format being initiated this year will enable about 400 more freshmen to attend the camp than last year. Applications can be picked up in 216 MSC, and they must be turned in by Wednesday.

'Easy money' ad ran as term paper experiment

By MERIL EDWARDS
Campus Staff

"Easy Money. Send one dollar cash and we will advise you on how you can make one hundred dollars instantly." This advertisement ran in The Battalion Jan. 15-18 and Jan. 21. It was placed in the newspaper by Charles Burr, a Texas A&M University graduate student in education. "I ran the ad for a paper I was doing in Sociology of Education 613," Burr said. "I wanted to see how many people with a college level education would answer it." Burr said he received \$6 in response to the ad — which wasn't enough to continue the paper. Burr sent a mimeographed form letter to the six students who


answered his ad. This letter told students all they had to do to make \$100 instantly was to run an ad in any newspaper similar to the ad he ran and watch the \$1 bills roll in. "I sent all the money back Friday though," Burr said. "I felt the ad was a little misleading and wasn't fair to the public to do it. I felt guilty getting the money, but I did have a motive — the paper." Burr said he got the idea from ads he had seen in Dallas, Austin and New York newspapers. Burr said the ad was legal and that he checked it out before it ran in the paper. District Attorney Travis Bryan said, "I couldn't find any place in the penal code that showed the ad was in violation. So as far as I know, it's

legal." Even though the ad was legal, the Better Business Bureau of Brazos Valley received several complaints about it. "Students came to me," BBB manager Leroy Balmain said, "so I had to check it out. When I saw the ad I knew somebody was going to lose some money so I did some investigating. I talked with the young man who placed the ad, because it was misleading. He said he would take it out of the paper and refund the money." When Burr refunded the money, he enclosed notes to students that said, "We apologize for this mistake and misrepresentation."

31 delegates picked for SCONA

Thirty-one Texas A&M University students will join delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico for the MSC Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) to be held at Texas A&M Feb. 13-16. The delegates are Eugene Alford, Daniel Ayre, Paul Barton, Stephen Dale Cagle, Wybert Laverne Caruth, Reiyadh Chakmakchi, Stacey Chapman, Bill Dugat, Michael Formby, Philip Frink, Brian Gantt, William Goers, John Halter, Matthew Hammer, Brooks Herring and Chris Hinds. Other delegates are John Kane, Ronnie Kapavik, James Martin III, Debbie May, Kathleen Miller, Felix Sepulveda, Kevin Shandera, Leroy Startz, Dillard Stone, John Phillip Suits, Barbara Thompson, Robert Van Winkle, John Arthur Wensinger, Dennis Wiesenborn and Carlos Zuniga.

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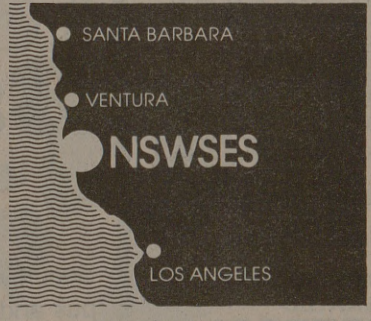
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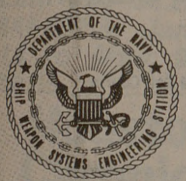
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