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One more for the trophy case

Some basket ball stars of the future admire their Basketball Shout-Out trophies won during the Bryan-College Station Evening Optimists benefit contest for Easter Seals. The youngsters sat on the Texas A&M bench

during the Aggie's game against Rice Saturday night and were presented their trophies along with an autographed basketball during halftime.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Carter wins second round

United Press International
AUGUSTA, Maine — President Carter has won round two of the 1980 Democratic presidential race, beating a strong challenge by Sen. Edward Kennedy in caucuses in Maine, a New England state that was on Kennedy's "must win" list.

Carter finished comfortably ahead of Kennedy in Sunday's caucuses, with Gov. Edmund G. Brown running an unexpectedly strong third. But Carter won less than a majority of the Maine votes, and all three candidates claimed some headway.

With 86 percent of the results in, Carter had 13,660 votes, and had elected 870, or 45.7 percent of the delegates to the state Democratic convention.

Kennedy had 12,041 votes and had elected 752, or 39.6 percent of the delegates. Brown had 4,494 votes and had elected 252, or 13.3 percent of the delegates.

Those state convention delegates will select the Maine delegation to the Democratic National Convention. Based on the caucus results there will be 10 Carter delegates, eight or nine for Kennedy, two or three for Brown, and one uncommitted.

Kennedy's final vote was only 2 or 3 percentage points better than what he polled in Iowa, but Brown, who was virtually ignored by Iowa voters, drew liberal Maine votes, and possibly deprived Kennedy of victory.

"When you win, you win and when you lose, you lose," said Carter's Press Secretary Jody Powell, who called Carter's first-

place finish in Kennedy's New England backyard a major victory.

But Kennedy said his strong second revitalized his campaign after the 2-to-1 drubbing by Carter in Iowa last month. The Kennedy camp noted polls that had shown Kennedy trailing Carter in Maine by 19 percent, and said they had come back a long way since the Massachusetts senator took off the gloves two weeks ago and began attacking Carter head on.

Kennedy and Brown claimed that the fact they combined to keep Carter from getting 50 percent of the vote in Maine showed that a majority of voters wanted someone else for president.

"I am grateful to the Democrats of Maine for this welcome vote of support," said Carter in a statement issued by the White House. "Both Senator Kennedy and Governor Brown ran strong, well-organized races, and I congratulate them on their campaigns."

Returning to Washington with his own count, Kennedy said the results of the caucuses were "good news." He told cheering welcomers, "Four days ago, we were 19 points behind President Carter and tonight we are in a dead heat."

Brown said he was satisfied that in one week he had been able to "generate tremendous support."

"A spark has been lit in Maine for peace and against nuclear madness and against reinstituting the draft," said Brown. "I see in rural areas, I took votes away from Carter and in urban areas away from Kennedy."

Modular dorms plagued with problems

By JANA SIMS
Campus Reporter

Hanging alongside flyers promoting contests, wing flings and meetings in the new dormitory is a door-sized poster reading "MOLD?? If you still have mold in your closets ..."

Residents of Haas and McFadden halls, the new twin modular dormitories, have had ringside seats in a five-month trial and error fight with humidity.

A plague of problems — the humidity, plumbing ills and mosquitoes — appeared in the new residence halls last semester. Spraying rid the dorms of the mosquitoes and the only remaining plumbing problem

exists in the showers. Residents must continually adjust the water temperature in the showers — a problem that maintenance foreman Bennie Bilbo said is caused by insufficient water volume and the problem is being worked on.

But the main concern is the humidity. Due to a construction deadline which allowed no time for a trial run of the dorms, residents moved in and immediately began suffering from dripping windows, damp carpets and moldy closets.

Bilbo said Texas A&M chose to construct the modular-type dorms because they are the cheapest and fastest to build while still retaining quality.

The dorm rooms were built in San Anto-

nio and assembled here by Construction Modules, Inc., a subsidiary of H.B. Zachry Co. Once they were assembled, another firm took over the architectural and mechanical design engineering. Texas A&M staff and representatives of both companies have discussed, examined and tested the dorms.

They unanimously agree that a lack of fresh air circulation is the source of the problem.

But a method of introducing fresh air into the dorm rooms has not been decided, according to Eugene Oates, housing operations supervisor.

The staff first attempted to "dry-out" the dorms. Doors were opened, windows were

cracked, the heater was turned up and blowers heated and pulled in outside air. Tom Murray, coordinator for the north dorm area, the dry-out was tested on a small scale over Thanksgiving break and done on a large scale during Christmas break.

Murray said he talked to about 60 residents the week after Christmas break. He said only one or two women didn't think the dry-out helped.

"But now the problems are coming back," Murray said.

Lee Harvey, head resident of the new dorms, lives in Haas and said the dry-out made a big difference. But she said it's

"awkward to tell at the moment" the extent of the improvements because the problems are beginning again.

But McFadden resident Helen Cousoulis, seated near a large puddle on her carpet, said she didn't notice the dorm had been dried out. The puddle in her room, as in many other rooms, forms from excessive condensation dripping off her windows. The dampness has caused mildew in the closet nearest the window.

The dry-out caused an additional headache. The doors in the dorms are wooden with cement cores and support full length mirrors. Murray said the dry-out cracked about 30 doors. The contractors

replaced the doors. He said the mirrors will be taken down and relocated.

Frances Kahlich, a resident advisor in McFadden, said "that's a big point of contention with the girls" because they want their mirrors in the rooms.

Kahlich said she feels lucky when comparing her living conditions with other women. Although last semester she battled mosquitoes, this semester she only has a window-side puddle and bathroom mold to contend with.

Kahlich said, "The girls are used to it by now and they don't get bent-stretch out."

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Report of man's death was greatly exaggerated

United Press International

BOISE, Idaho — It was Mark Twain who said reports of his death were greatly exaggerated. The same applies to Donald Roberts, who returned from a three-month hunting trip to find he had been declared dead.

It all started with Roberts heading into the wintry Sawtooth Wilderness Area to do some goat hunting. He disappeared and eventually was declared dead by his church and two judges.

Roberts returned, very much alive, last week, 85 days after he left on his trip.

The way Roberts tells the story, he fell and injured himself while trying to pack a mountain goat out of the Sawtooths. For nearly three months, Roberts said he lived in his sleeping bag, surviving sub-zero temperatures and subsisting on the slaughtered mountain goat and provisions he had brought with him.

Meanwhile, bill collectors were pounding on his wife's door, his relatives were fighting over his possessions, his business partner was fighting with

his family over his estate.

Upon his return, Roberts found civilization wasn't exactly waiting for him with open arms.

Law enforcement officials were skeptical of his story.

He discovered he had been declared dead by two Ada County judges at the request of his wife's attorney. His Mormon bishop had stamped "deceased" on his church records and sent them to church headquarters in Salt Lake City.

A life insurance company was in the process of paying off the mortgage on his home.

"It's given me all kinds of weird thoughts," Roberts said. "I was at the bank today and I was in the deceased file."

His local ward church leaders came up with a unique explanation for Roberts' return from the dead.

Mormon bishop Dale Hopkins said local church officials met to decide what to do now that Roberts had returned. They still had a duplicate of Roberts' church records, so with a red pen they wrote "resurrected" on them.

MSC director to start new job

By ANGELIQUE COPELAND

Battalion Staff

J. Wayne Stark is about to take over the second job at Texas A&M University that was created with him in mind.

Three years before it was built in 1950, Stark was hired to be director of the Memorial Student Center, a job that also entailed guiding its development. Next month, Stark will begin developing a committee to set policies governing gifts made to the University.

The change will be made April 12 at the MSC Council banquet. Jim Reynolds, currently associate director of the MSC, will be promoted to director.

Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, said Stark's move came after several months of discussion with University President Jarvis E. Miller, Terrance Greathouse, vice president for international affairs and Robert Walker, vice president for development.

"The idea sort of came out of the woodwork as we talked. The president realized he needed someone to study, among other things, the possibility of a museum for the University because of the many people giv-

ing and offering art objects and artifacts to A&M," Koldus said.

Koldus said that Stark's long service with A&M had given him the experience and contacts needed for the job. Stark will also continue working with the student enrichment programs he has created at the University, including the Experiment in International Living program.

"(Stark) will have a unique relationship not now provided for in the administration or the budget. The administrative change will come in conjunction with the MSC banquet since that's when the new officers will come in and Jim (Reynolds) will take over as director," Koldus said.

Koldus said the title being considering for the new position is Special Assistant to the President for Development of Cultural Programs, but that other details of the change, including salary, have not yet been worked out.

Stark was hired as director of the MSC in 1947 to help guide the direction and purpose it was to take.

Stark said the idea for the building was patterned after the student union buildings in England. In Europe, the universities supplied only academic instruction, Stark said. In an effort to fill a void, students scrounged money and bought buildings near the campus where they could meet, debate and socialize with other students.

Stark said there were already some forms of this in the United States but most of them were the "filling station" type.

"You could meet, get a drink of water and go to the bathroom and leave. There were no programs, nothing to contribute to the enrichment of the student learning experience."

But Stark wanted Texas A&M's student union to be more than that.

"I've tried to make all the programs at the MSC student experiences. A college union should be a receptacle for all the things students want to do."

One of the things Stark helped create through the MSC was a speaker sponsorship program.

"I believed that the student union should be interested in helping sponsor a speaker system. The professional staff of the MSC are 'coaches' helping the students see things like what it is to make a budget and stick to it and how to write a state senator and ask him to come and speak," Stark said.

Since the MSC first sponsored five speakers in 1953 it has developed into an

organization of 20 committees with a budget of \$1.9 million. The various committees have sponsored shows of all types, from performances by world-class pianists and opera stars to speeches by Muhammad Ali and Ralph Nader.

Stark said that he will still work with the Opera and Performing Arts Society and the Student Conference on National Affairs,

but his main concern will be with directing a committee to decide what and how gifts to the University will be made.

"The president wants to know whether we need a museum, where the money will come from to build and operate it and what the philosophy will be. I've had ideas about this sort of thing for a long time and now I'm just going to guide them along."



J. Wayne Stark will move from his job as director of the Memorial Student Center to a new position created just for him, developing a set of rules governing how gifts are made to the University.

Russians torture rebels

United Press International

Thousands of opponents to the Moscow-backed Kabul regime have been executed or tortured since Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan, a rebel leader and reports reaching the West said today.

On the battlefield, rebel resistance reportedly was crumbling, with Soviet troops gaining firm control of all parts of Afghanistan except for the mountainous northeast.

Amin Wakman, secretary general of the rebel Afghan Mellat Party, charged that at least 200 members of his party disappeared from the Pulacharki prison in Kabul since the government of Babrak Karmal was installed during the Soviet invasion.

"We have given up hope of seeing them live," Wakman said in New Delhi. "We assume they disappeared with the thousands of others the government claims released."

"We have told their families not to hope

any longer," he said.

Indian reporters today said the prison was empty following the release of 3,000 political prisoners in January.

A Western traveler to India reported that a luxurious house in Kabul, used as a "reception center" for questioning and torture under the previous regime, was still in service last month.

"I don't know what they do in there. But trucks pull up and let out five to 10 people at a time — maybe 30 or 40 a night," he said. "I'm not saying they all died, but I have not seen any walk out."

Another traveler said he saw one man whose "his fingernails had been ripped off."

Diplomatic sources said they do not know where the prisoners from Pulacharki Prison have gone.

"They may be in other prisons," said one diplomat. "But I can't think why the gov-

ernment would have gone to the trouble or expense when other solutions were easier."

In a related development, an American journalist who toured guerrilla camps in southeastern Afghanistan today characterized rebel operations as "primitive to the point of being ineffective."

"There was no military cohesion in anything I saw," said Judah Passow, a photojournalist who spent four days inside Afghanistan with three other reporters on the invitation of the Jammiat Islami (Holy Freedom Fighters).

Passow, who spoke to UPI in Quetta, Pakistan, said women and children lived in the camps using animal skin tents for shelter.

As to weapons, he said the rebels, ranging in age from 15 to 70, "were armed with a ragtag collection of arms ranging from muskets... to captured AK-47 automatic rifles."