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Campus polls are open today

Students can vote in campus elections until 6 p.m. today. Polls are located in the Memorial Student Center, Sbis Dining Hall, the Commons Area, the Corps Guard Room, the Kleberg Center, the Veterinarian center and Zachry Engineering Center. Only an I.D. card is needed in order to vote.

Kapavik denies public access to senate records

By ANDY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Two Student Government executives Monday denied a request for the record of a closed session of a student senate meeting. The request was made in the form of a letter from Battalion editor Roy Bragg to Student Body President Ronnie Kapavik. Bragg cited the Texas Open Records Law asking for information concerning last Wednesday's senate meeting. During a closed session that night, several senators we said, the group voted to allocate \$100,000 to Texas A&M University's women's athletics program. "I've read through it and consulted legal opinion, and I don't feel that we are subject to the Open Records Law," Kapavik said. Kapavik said that he does not consider the senate a governmental body. Because of this, he said, it isn't required to follow the Open Records Law. One section of the law defines a governmental body as "the part, section, or

portion of every organization, corporation, commission, committee, institution, or agency which is supported in whole or in part by public funds, or which expends public funds."

Paul Bettencourt, the senate's vice president for rules and regulations, agreed with Kapavik.

Bettencourt and Kapavik both declined to answer questions about what happened during the closed session.

"Anything we did in closed session is just that—in closed session," Bettencourt said.

Other senators have said that during the closed session, the senate allocated funds to the women's athletic program.

They said the money will come from the student service account, which is usually generated by a \$33.50 fee charged of all students. Some senators said they were told in closed session that the \$100,000 will be transferred into the account from profits of the Texas A&M Bookstore.

Iran tells America to stop hostile acts

United Press International

Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said today the Revolutionary Council could take custody of the American hostages until the parliament decides their fate, if the United States agrees to refrain from aggressive statements and acts against Iran. President Carter is scheduled to reply to Iran's latest statement sometime today. Earlier, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said he hoped the hostages would be transferred, saying only the parliament can decide the Americans' fate because President Carter "is following the wrong path." But Bani-Sadr's statement appeared to be a compromise.

"The U.S. must declare publicly that they will not attack Iran, that they are not inspiring against us, and that they will not undertake any further actions against us," Bani-Sadr was quoted by Western news reports as saying. "Then," he added, "we will transfer the hostages from the U.S. Embassy to the Revolutionary Council."

Bani-Sadr, as reported by Tehran Radio, said the government would maintain custody of the hostages until the not-yet-formed parliament makes "the proper decision" about their fate. The parliament is not expected to convene for at least two months and government control of the hostages, while not guaranteeing early release, would place them in a position where their condition would be monitored.

President Carter is set to announce

tough new retaliatory measures — short of military action — against Iran unless the militants turn over the 50 American hostages to the Bani-Sadr government.

Press secretary Jody Powell told reporters Monday Carter "will make an appropriate statement to the American people" today. But he made it clear Carter was delaying his announcement in hopes President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr may announce a breakthrough in the marathon hostage crisis.

Sources indicated Carter had planned to announce his stringent new moves against Iran Monday, but decided to hold off for 24 hours after receiving reports the Iranian government may gain custody of the captives.

Powell noted reports the Revolutionary Council has been meeting for two days on the question of the transfer of the hostages. Government acquisition of the Americans would be viewed as a "positive step," an administration official said. Carter postponed a scheduled speech before the AFL-CIO construction union to meet Monday with his chief diplomatic, military and intelligence advisers to discuss steps aimed at tightening the economic and political screws on Iran, including perhaps closing the Iranian Embassy in Washington.

The president also secretly discussed with Democratic and Republican congressional leaders the punitive sanctions he is contemplating. The leaders told reporters afterwards Carter had set today as the deadline for action in the hostage drama.



His kind of place

Photo by Janice Mooney

Sketter, a french fry-eating parrot, perches on the shoulder of owner Jim Hayes, a junior marketing major from San Antonio. Tropical birds, like Sketter, are becoming popular pets for college students.

Carter praises track star

United Press International

TUCSON, Ariz. — The White House and sports figures from throughout the country paid tribute to the late Jesse Owens, the black track star whose achievements at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin humiliated Adolf Hitler.

Owens, who won four gold medals at the Berlin Games, died Monday of cancer. He was 66.

Hitler hoped the 1936 games would be a showcase for Nazism and his white-supremacy philosophy. But Owens' feats spurred the Fuhrer to stalk out of the awards ceremony in disgust.

"Perhaps no athlete better symbolized

the human struggle against tyranny, poverty and racial bigotry," President Carter said in a statement issued by the White House.

"His personal triumphs as a world-class athlete and record holder were the prelude to a career devoted to helping others. His work with young athletes, as an unofficial ambassador overseas and as a spokesman for freedom are a rich legacy to his fellow Americans."

Don Cohen, founder of the Track and Field Hall of Fame in Charleston, Va., said "America has lost a part of Americana, and I have lost a dear friend. But the legend of Jesse Owens will live forever."

Owens had called his battle with cancer "the biggest fight of my life." A pack-a-day smoker for the past 35 years, he had been hospitalized off and on for the past 3½ months for treatment of inoperable lung cancer at University of Arizona Health Sciences Center.

A funeral and burial will take place in Chicago, said hospital spokesman Hal Marshall. The time and location were not

announced. Ollan Cassell, executive director of the Athletics Congress, which operates in conjunction with the Amateur Athletic Union, lauded Owens as a "giant" whose spirit "lives on in all our hearts."

Owens, a star of the Berlin games often cited by supporters of Carter's Moscow Olympic boycott, spoke out strongly before death against such a boycott.

Though the Soviet action in Afghanistan was wrong, Owens said, "Our athletes should boycott the perpetrators of such acts. Not by staying away, but by being there with the individuals from other countries. These aren't new ideas of mine," he added. "They have been ingrained in me since 1936."

Owens, once known as "the world's fastest human," was regarded as the greatest track-and-field star of his era. At Berlin he won the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, the broad jump and ran the leadoff leg for the winning 400-meter relay team.

New budget sets 'good example'

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter's effort at producing the first balanced budget in 12 years is supposed to set a good example for Americans who have had much the same trouble as the federal government — overspending income.

Whether Carter's proposals will survive the congressional tug-of-war won't be known until next fall when the budget is scheduled for passage.

Nor is there any certainty the American public will reduce the spending presidential advisers and other economists misjudged in January, forcing the administration to revise its budget estimates in just six weeks.

The president's advisers also revised their inflation estimates upward Monday, predicting consumer prices will rise 12.8 percent this year, and 9 percent in 1981. In January, the administration forecast inflation at 10.7 percent this year and 8.7 percent next year.

"We are now forecasting a somewhat milder and somewhat later recession and somewhat slower recovery in 1981," said Charles Schultze, chairman of the government's Council of Economic Advisers.

Carter sent Congress his new balanced budget Monday. He also sent a warning he would veto any spending bills that would

throw his budget into deficit.

Carter cut \$15 billion from his January budget to give the government a \$611.5 billion spending plan and a \$500 million surplus. He eliminated revenue sharing to the states and anti-recession aid to cities, put off several social reform programs, cut funds for highways and 50,000 public service jobs and reduced the subsidy for the U.S. Postal Service, which could mean no more mail on Saturdays.

The new budget actually adds more than \$4 billion for defense, despite proposals to trim \$1.4 billion from the January budget.

Carter also added \$500 million to the budget to help cities badly hurt by the cutoff in revenue-sharing funds. But the U.S. Conference of Mayors said, "We find it hard to accept this as a fair trade-off."

Carter delivered his original budget message Jan. 28, then announced March 14 he would cut \$13 billion to \$14 billion from his first plan because inflation rates had soared higher than expected and raised the cost of the January budget by \$13 billion.

Richard Rahn, vice president and chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said a "realistic appraisal" of economic conditions would show at least \$25 billion would have to be cut to actually balance the budget.

Dynamite found in garbage

By NANCY ANDERSEN
City Staff

College Station police evacuated some Briarwood apartment residents for three hours Monday after two sticks of dynamite were found in a trash dumpster.

Joel Webster, a junior geology major, said he was emptying his trash at around 1 p.m. when he noticed two light red sticks that said explosives lying on top of the other trash. He said he immediately called the police.

The police arrived at about 1:30 and examined the dynamite that they said contained 40 percent nitroglycerin. The police then called in U.S. army bomb experts from Ft. Hood and began evacuating the area.

Residents said police officers told them something was wrong outside and asked them to leave. Officer J.A. Orozco said they evacuated buildings within an 85 foot radius.

Apartment manager Bill Sisson said the dynamite was a low grade and is usually used by oil field workers for seismic work. "We have a lot of oil field workers here and probably one dumped his pickup out and the dynamite was in it," he said. "He probably didn't know it was there."

Fire Marshall Harry Davis said "if they exploded, it probably wouldn't even hurt the dumpster since the lids were open. It would just throw trash everywhere." However, he said they weren't sure if the dumpster contained only two sticks.

The bomb squad, who drove the 100 miles from Ft. Hood, arrived at 4 p.m. One man removed the sticks while the other jumped in and looked through the trash for more dynamite. They did not find any, they placed the sticks in plastic bags and removed the labels.

Sisson said he is going to try and trace the person responsible for the incident through the labels.

Squad member Nick Jordan said there was no immediate danger because the sticks did not have fuses or blasting caps. He said he would take the dynamite back to Fort Hood where it would be disposed of.

Residents were allowed to return to their apartments at 4:30.

Infant deaths up following nuke disaster

United Press International

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The infant mortality rate near Three Mile Island rose drastically in the six months following the 1979 nuclear plant accident. Health officials are investigating to see if there is a possible connection.

Dr. Donald Reid, deputy secretary of the state Health Department, released new infant mortality statistics showing the increase Monday, but warned the preliminary data was inconclusive.

The infant mortality data, compiled by the department's Bureau of Vital Statistics, showed that within 10 miles of the nuclear plant, 31 infants died within six months of the accident.

For the same periods of 1977 and 1978, 20 and 14 infant deaths were reported respectively in the same area, Reid said.

Within a 5-mile radius of the nuclear plant, there were seven deaths in the six-month aftermath of the accident. In the same periods of 1977 and 1978, three deaths and one death, respectively, were reported.

Reid said he was not suggesting there was any connection between the deaths and the March 28, 1979, nuclear accident and could not responsibly "make a definitive statement about preliminary evidence."

He said he hoped a review of infant death statistics — part of the Health Department's federally funded investigation of possible health effects of the Three Mile Island accident on March 28, 1979 — could be completed this week.

The review will take into account the radiation emitted during the nuclear accident. Reid said it was only remotely possible stress in pregnant women contributed to the increase.

While infant deaths increased, stillborn deaths declined during the six-month period after the accident, Reid said. Three stillbirths were reported in the April-September period in 1979, compared to four in 1977 and six in 1978.

Last week, the department announced it would conduct an investigation into an increase in birth defects, specifically hypothyroidism, which occurred in some counties near the Three Mile Island plant.

Hypothyroidism, a thyroid disorder that can lead to mental retardation, can be caused by the kind of radioactive iodine that was released during the nuclear accident.

Federal and state health officials have said they believed the amount of radiation emitted during the Three Mile Island accident was so minuscule it could not lead to health disorders. Their assertions have been disputed by critics of government radiological health protection standards.

Whatever happened to Fay Wray? She's fine

United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — She forever will be remembered as the screaming blonde in the hairy clutches of an amorous 50-foot gorilla, although she starred in more than 70 other movies without so much as a monkey in the cast.

She is, of course, Fay Wray and the enormous ape was her lovelorn suitor in one of the first great monster films, "King Kong."

Fay, now on the sunset side of 70, is resigned to the fact that among her many famous leading men, none is better remembered than Kong swatting away airplanes atop the Empire State Building.

And Fay worked with some well-known leading men — Ronald Colman, Warner Baxter, William Powell, Jack Holt, Clive Brooks, Wallace Beery, Nils Asther, Spencer Tracy, Claude Rains and Gary Cooper.

Her first leading man in features was Erich Von Stroheim in "The Wedding March," a 1928 silent, which he also wrote and directed. Emil Jannings, the first winner of an Oscar for best actor, played her love interest in "The Street of Sin" not long after.

Most of Fay's leading men have long since gone to that big soundstage in the sky, including Stan Laurel with whom she costarred in silent Hal Roach two-reelers in the mid-'20s before Laurel teamed up with Oliver Hardy.

Fay's newest leading man is Henry

Fonda, with whom she will be seen April 30 in the two-hour CBS-TV movie "Gideon's Trumpet" for the Hallmark Hall of Fame. The drama marks Fay's TV movie debut and her first role in some 15 years.

"It's also the first time I've ever seen myself on screen as a tacky, dowdy old lady. It takes some getting used to."

Fay, the wife of neurosurgeon Sanford Rothenberg, is anything but dowdy. She is a bright, handsome woman with enormous zest for life, a keen sense of humor and not driven to make a career comeback.

She decided to appear in "Gideon's Trumpet" because she advocates the film's message. It is taken from a true story of a man who overturned a Supreme Court ruling involving an accused's right to legal counsel.

Her son-in-law, David Rintels, wrote and produced the film and talked her into playing the role of Fonda's landlady.

"I didn't feel a bit rusty after all these years," Fay said. "The atmosphere on the set was good and everyone made me feel at ease. The prop man gave me a fresh rose every morning and Fonda was a delight to work with."

"My only problem was having to look tacky. I'd always played beautiful women on film, mostly romantic leads. And this role is a far cry from glamor."

"I wore a hat with a broad brim so my hair wouldn't look short and chic. It's

the first time I've ever played an unattractive character."

Fay blossomed at a time of legendary leading ladies. There were scores of beautiful actresses who could act as well.

During her lengthy career Fay was under contract to Universal, Paramount, Columbia and RKO studios, in addition to Roach.

Fay abandoned her acting career for a decade after her marriage to famed screenwriter Robert Riskin, her second husband, in 1942. She was widowed in 1955 and turned to writing herself.

Today she and Dr. Rothenberg live in a fashionable Century City apartment with a sweeping view of Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean.

"I retired the second time because I didn't think TV offered much except a physical presence," Fay said. "There's no time to do anything but rush from one set to another. I always looked for some honest concept in my roles even though they mainly required me to look beautiful."

"I never saw the second 'King Kong' picture that Dino De Laurentiis made a couple of years ago. They sent me the script and were hoping I might become associated with it but I refused."

"It seemed to me it was nicer to preserve the image of 'King Kong' as it was originally presented. I guess the public feels the same way."