

Voters favor bond issue, transit system proposal

Poet stresses individualism

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All five of the \$14.7 million bond issue propositions were approved by Bryan voters in Saturday's election, while College Station residents elected a new mayor.

There was a low voter turnout in both cities — 18 percent (3,555 voters) in Bryan and 14.5 percent (1,135 voters) in College Station.

In a non-binding referendum, Bryan residents voted favorably for "the establishment, operation and financing of a public transportation system in cooperation with the City of College Station." The estimated costs are \$165,000 to establish a system and \$227,000 to operate it the first year.

Bryan voters also re-elected three city council members — John Mobley, Henry Seale and Ples Turner.

Mobley defeated former council member Anastacio "Andy" Herrera. Seale and Turner were unopposed.

Gary Halter was elected mayor by College Station voters, who also elected two new members to the city council — Roy W. Kelly, who will fill Halter's unexpired

term and serve only one year, and Robert Runnels. James Dozier was re-elected for another term; he was unopposed.

Councilwoman Pat Boughton was re-elected to a second term, defeating Texas A&M University student Mary Elizabeth Herring. Herring currently serves as liaison between the University and the city council.

The first three Bryan bond issue propositions each received more than 70 percent approval. The fourth and fifth received 62.5 and 55.9 percent approval.

Proposition 1 requested \$2.5 million for water works system improvements; Proposition 2, \$9.9 million for street improvements; Proposition 3, \$400,000 for fire stations and firefighter training; Proposition 4, \$1.5 million for a municipal service center and Proposition 5, \$350,000 for park and recreation facilities.

Mayor Richard Smith said the council will hold off selling the bonds until the economic picture improves, but added that there is a trade-off point where building costs inflated by waiting are greater than savings from an improved job market.

Three incumbents were re-elected to the Bryan school board — Woody Humphries, Tom Borski and B.F. Vance.

Newcomer Stan Sultemeier was elected to the A&M Consolidated school board. Incumbents John Reager and Bill Fitch were re-elected.

Bryan results:
Proposition 1 — 2,388 for; 857 against.
Proposition 2 — 2,333 for; 917 against.

Proposition 3 — 2,341 for; 905 against.
Proposition 4 — 2,017 for; 1,209 against.
Proposition 5 — 1,815 for; 1,142 against.

College Station results:
City council — Pat Boughton, 793; Mary Elizabeth Herring, 307.
Roy W. Kelly, 580; Stephen Biles, 555.
Robert Runnels, 506; J.P. Watson, 588

By PETE HALE
Campus Reporter

Speaking Friday morning at the inaugural John Miles Rowlett lecture series, Dr. Amy Freeman Lee told students to "develop yourselves fully and fulfill your lives."

Speaking on "The State of the Individual," the poet-philosopher spiced her talk with numerous quotes and analogies to explain her points. The author of over 200 printed works, Lee spoke to about 250 people.

"What is the reality of the individual?" she asked. Lee explained that people are in a constant state of development, from birth to death, and that this is what living is all about.

She challenged her listeners to grow and experience life to its fullest. "Learn about yourself," she said, "We are all responsible for our lives."

"Our purpose is to discover, recognize and develop oneself. Not the fingerprints of our finger, but the fingerprints of our soul," she said.

The poet urged students to learn to become revolutionaries.

"Not violent revolutionaries," she clarified, "but never be afraid to stand up and be counted for what you think is right."

"One may not be able to change the world, but we all have an obligation to try."

Lee told students to shrug conformity and the "fruitless rise in mediocrity," and educate themselves instead with thought and the arts.

"The state of the individual determines the state of the individuals' state. Everything depends upon us," she said.

Lee was the first of three speakers at the lecture series, sponsored by the Texas A&M University Department of Architecture and Environmental Design. The lectures were held in honor of John Miles Rowlett, a former faculty member and prominent Houston architect.

Dallas reports rare VD strain

United Press International
DALLAS — Health officials have confirmed that five cases of penicillin-resistant gonorrhea — the first to appear since 1976 — were reported in Dallas during the first three months of this year.

Two other cases are suspected, and Dallas-area health authorities are tracking down at least 15 sexual contacts by the patients, according to Harold Van Patten of the city health department.

The strain is known as PPNG, short for penicillinase producing Neisseria gonorrhoea. Health authorities are concerned because penicillin is one of only two drugs effective against venereal disease, Van Patten said.

He said spectinomycin is also used to fight gonorrhea, but it is 10 times more expensive than penicillin and has poor results in treating some of the effects of PPNG.

To date, the Atlanta-based Center for Disease Control has reported just under 600 cases of PPNG. CDC officials believe the disease originated in West Africa and East Asia, where penicillin is sold over the counter, and repeated small doses enable the strain to develop resistance to the drug.

"Most cases in the United States have been traced to military personnel and travelers returning from Southeast Asia and the Philippines," Van Patten said.

He said one of the Dallas cases occurred in a refugee family and was traced to the West Coast. A second was found in a businessman who had just returned from a trip to East Asia.

The remaining three cases and two suspected cases occurred in a chain of infections that has been linked to cases in Louisiana and Arkansas," Van Patten said. "Investigations of contacts around this chain are continuing."

Farming dampened by economy, uncertainty

United Press International
HAVEN, Kan. — Kansas farmer Thaine Hunt questions the wisdom of encouraging his 21-year-old son, Kevin, to go into the business he has loved for almost a half century.

"There is much to discourage a person from becoming a farmer these days. Hunt knows first hand.

Taxes are on the rise and interest on bank loans are higher than Hunt can ever remember. Farm machinery prices are caught up in the inflationary spiral which makes bank loans almost mandatory.

Even if his crop survives drought, grasshoppers and disease, the threat of a railroad strike and the fate of the bankrupt Rock Island Line makes the farmer wonder if he can get his crop to market.

With fluctuating prices, he wonders if it's even worth it to try.

So why is Hunt losing his arguments with Kevin to leave the land for a good-paying job in the city?

Because, he says, his son "loves the life."

"It's been his life goal to be a farmer, and he's never deviated," said Hunt, 49, who raises wheat and cattle on his 1,000-acre farm about 40 miles south of Wichita.

"If you didn't like the way of life you sure wouldn't stay." The Hunts, including his wife and two daughters, are proud of their independent life, of being able to take care of themselves and live off the land.

They are hooked on driving tractors. Happiness is getting up at the crack of dawn to work in rain, dust, heat and cold to farm their land

seven days a week every year.

But they are like most Americans today, even those living in the city. They want to be freed of today's inflated prices and the pressure of wondering if their lifestyle may be cut short sometime in the future. They just want to enjoy simple, country-living again.

Harvest time arrives at mid-June. The tall, lanky farmer wonders whether "those people who have so little consideration for anyone else" will call a railroad strike at harvest time.

"Unless we can sell it, it does no good to produce it," he said.

Then there is President Carter's decision to embargo grain shipments to Russia in retaliation to the invasion of Afghanistan. The government recently announced plans to purchase up to 13 million tons of wheat and corn to boost grain prices above levels farmers were getting before the embargo. Hunt still is irked by the move, however.

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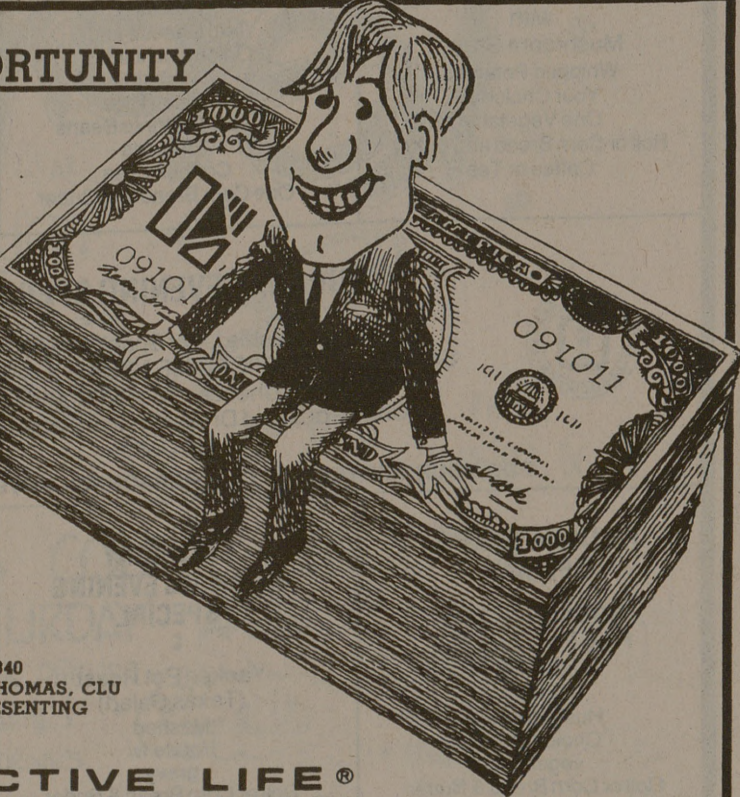
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