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## Congress OKs Alaskan land use-conservation bill

WASHINGTON — Congress' lame-duck session promptly squelched any thoughts of a quick tax cut this year, then passed the Alaska lands bill, the largest land conservation measure since the days of Teddy Roosevelt. President Carter was delighted, indicating the bill soon will become law.

"I am pleased and gratified," said Carter. "Both houses of Congress have now endorsed the greatest land conservation legislation of the century, thus assuring the Crown Jewels" of the Alaska natural wonders are afforded protection.

The bill, passed after seven years of congressional fighting, sets aside more than 100 million acres of unspoiled Alaskan lands for national parks, wildlife refuges and wilderness. Alaska Gov. Jay Hammond said the bill "certainly" is by no means perfect and with its passage we'll no longer return to Congress in January to seek changes, but meets about 80 percent of the consensus points.

Carter said besides the conservation aspects, the bill provides for development of Alaska's oil, gas, mineral and timber resources.

But Reps. Don Young, R-Alaska, and Steve Symms, R-Idaho, attacked the measure as "locking up" vitally needed oil and mineral resources. Symms called it "a tragic waste" of resources.

The House passed a Senate version of the measure Wednesday night on a voice vote, with only two members dissenting, and sent it to the White House.

Earlier, House and Senate leaders generally agreed the two things they must do in the post-election session are approve a budget for fiscal 1981 to keep the government running and pass appropriations bills to provide funds for the various agencies.

The \$39 billion tax-cut bill was abandoned after President Carter told House Speaker Thomas O'Neill and Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd he would veto such a measure.

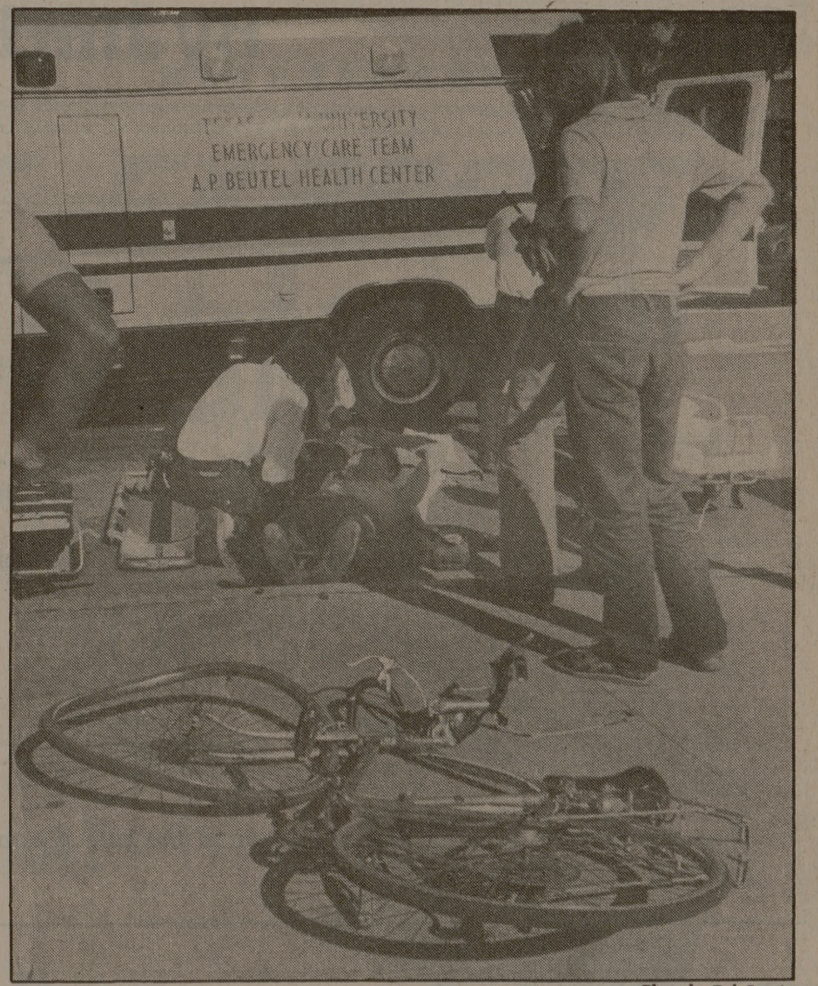
Senate Democrats then voted overwhelmingly not to consider the tax cut before they turn the reins over to President-elect Ronald Reagan and a Republican Senate.

"We felt Mr. Reagan ought to have his opportunity at bat," said Byrd after the Democrats met privately.

Byrd, who had supported the idea of acting on a tax cut, said he talked to Carter and other Senate and House Democrats and decided there was not enough time or support for the bill during the lame-duck session.

The House started work on a \$4.6 billion revenue-sharing measure while the Senate waded into a bill to fund the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce. Neither completed the measures and action was to resume today.

Many lawmakers had hoped to adjourn by Thanksgiving, but House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd and other Democratic leaders agreed Wednesday to work until Friday, Dec. 5.



Accident

Boowong Kim, a Korean graduate student in Industrial Engineering, received stitches in the back of his head as a result of a car-bicycle wreck about 2 p.m. Wednesday. He was riding next to the car when it turned right at Ireland and 700 University.

Photo by Bob Lewis

### Giggies form student lobby

## TSA drop due to conflicts

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
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Although Texas A&M University Student Government withdrew from the Texas Student Association last August, it is still involved with the group.

TSA is an Austin-based student lobby made up of representatives from 15 schools. These include North Texas State University, Lamar University, Southwest Texas State University, Stephen F. Austin University and Angelo State University.

Texas A&M had been in and out of TSA since it was established in 1949, and had been especially active in it since the early '70s, said David Collins, vice president for external affairs.

But there were several reasons the membership was dropped, he said.

First, for the money we were spending, Collins said, "it wasn't worth it." Membership fees were about \$730 and would probably have been about \$800 this year, he said.

These fees were too high for what Texas A&M was getting out of the organization, he said. "I couldn't justify it," he said. And it did not include transportation costs to the various TSA conferences, Collins said.

Second, TSA dealt with legislative issues, he said. "It's pretty naive for a group of students to get together and zero in on legislative priorities. With so many judicial and public schools and 30,000 plus enrollments and 45,000 plus and 13,000 it's well head to hard to formulate one comprehensive legislative policy."

Third, the way the TSA constitution is written, Collins said, student services were pressed only during non-legislative years. Collins considers student services the main purpose of a student organization, and there was a conflict of interest.

The constitution states: "The general activities of the association shall be based in the regular meetings of the Texas Legislature. The legislative orientation of TSA shall coincide with the meetings of the Texas legislature, during which time the Legis-

lative Information Office shall be principal instrument of the association. During non-legislative years, student service exchange will be emphasized and the Service Information Office will serve as the principle instrument of the Association."

Fourth, there was a lot of political maneuvering, he said.

"Politicking is a theme, particularly during the conventions with elections," Collins said. "The main emphasis is not to take

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information back to their students, but to get their people elected. So what you have is a lot of people running around saying vote for me."

The decision to quit TSA came to a head at the spring convention, Collins said. Texas A&M student Cheryl Swanzy unsuccessfully ran for TSA president, and Collins said this "most certainly" had something to do with the decision.

"There's potential in the organization and we wanted to go in there and grab it and do what we could," he said. "Cheryl's losing shocked us into reality and helped us to re-evaluate the situation."

So the spring convention delegates and a group who had dealt with TSA for three or four years discussed the pros and cons of dropping their membership. "This had been a recurring issue since last October," Collins said.

The group recommended to the senate that membership be dropped and the senate agreed, he said.

When Collins attended a recent TSA convention, he said it was better and improved because it put more emphasis on student services. But, he said, it's still not where it should be.

"It ought to be dealing more with student services because you can show something tangible to the students," he said.

Collins would not rule out a possible affiliation in the future. "I wish them luck," he said, "and if nothing else we're going to keep the lines of communication open and work with them if we have similar interests."

Since the withdrawal, the external affairs committee has formed its own lobby to take care of Texas A&M's interests, Collins said. Ten students are on the lobby committee, and they will be researching legislative issues, determining who will be affected by these issues and making presentations to legislators in Austin.

The committee will also seek out student feeling on legislative issues through polls, Battalion ads and public hearings.

Collins said he will be closely involved with the lobbying effort, drawing on his experience this summer working for Congressman Ken Hanck in Washington D.C.

Besides the lobby committee, external affairs is also attempting to address student service issues with a state-wide conference next February. The Conference on Student Government Affairs (COSGA) will focus on student representation, student services and student adviser communication, said Greg Hood, a conference organizer.

The purpose is to get schools who do good jobs on some things together with those that don't do good jobs, and exchange ideas to improve, Collins said.

The areas involved would include issues such as handling bicycle traffic on campus, football ticket allocations and creating and maintaining good relations with University administrators, he explained.

All Southwest Conference schools and 34 others have been invited, Hood said. Collins said he received "positive feedback" from 20 schools in two weeks.

## Lecturer found dead in home

John S. Caldwell, 60, a graduate student and lecturer, was found dead in his apartment Tuesday morning, according to College Station Police.

Caldwell is believed to have died from a heart attack. His death was ruled "natural causes" by Justice of the Peace Mike Callahan.

Caldwell was a lecturer for the industrial engineering department and was also a doctoral candidate for the bioengineering department. He had been employed by Texas A&M University since 1976.

His classes will be taken over by other faculty members for the duration of the semester, Dr. William Hyman, head of the bioengineering department said.

## Jeanne down to tropical storm

PORT O'CONNOR — Spawmed by Tropical Storm Jeanne and a large high-pressure system over the southeastern United States, high winds whipped the seas and pushed tides above normal along the Texas coast this morning.

The National Weather Service cautioned small craft to remain in port and advised campers, fishermen and residents of low elevation areas along Matagorda Island, the Port O'Connor area and inland waterways to take precautionary measures and stay off gulf beaches.

Pre-dawn tides were running 2 feet above normal along the central coast and were expected to rise an additional 1 to 2 feet this morning, the weather service said.

A tide of 4 feet above normal would put the water level just below the seawall at the Port O'Connor bay front, causing flooding of tidal land.

Shortly before 4 a.m. today, the Coast Guard at Port O'Connor reported the tide at 1.95 feet above normal. The Port Isabel tide at midnight was 3

inches above normal with an estimated swell of 12 feet. Tides were running about 2.5 feet on the ferry run between Port Aransas and Aransas pass.

As the storm centered approximately 400 miles southeast of Corpus Christi, swells of 8 to 10 feet were reported along the middle coast and 10 to 15 feet on the lower coast.

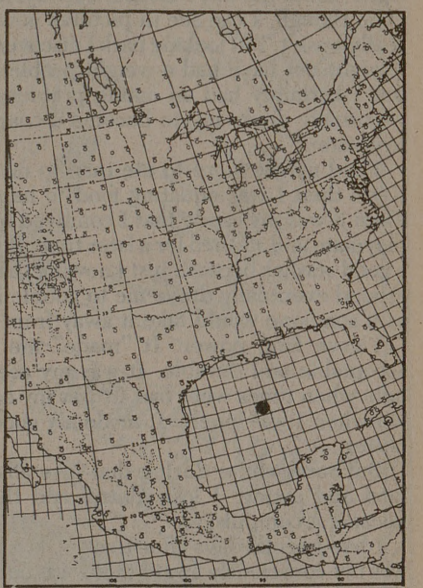
Water was up to the dunes in many sections of gulf beaches.

Heavy seas along Matagorda Island were expected to create dangerous rip tides and undertows.

Accompanied by scattered thunderstorms and squalls, swells from Port Arthur to Brownsville were forecast to reach up to 18 feet in some areas before decreasing Friday.

Satellite and aircraft information indicated Jeanne shifted toward the northwest during the night and commenced movement at 5 to 10 mph.

At 5 a.m., the weather service said, maximum storm winds were at 70 mph, just below hurricane force.



Redpot Hotel

Staff photo by Greg Gammon

A version of a log cabin stands on the bonfire site behind Duncan Dining Hall. The "hotel" is used by senior Redpots for breaks during work on the bonfire. In the past, "Redpot Hotel" has been a simple and humble tent, but

due to the early cutting dates and "a lot of slack time" this year, the seniors decided to go all out on a log cabin. The cabin is complete with beds, game table and even a refrigerator.

## K.A.O.S. resumes play

### Club has no sponsor

By JANE G. BRUST  
Battalion Staff

K.A.O.S. agents have resumed play following a two-week time out.

Mark Ollington, president of Killing As Organized Sport, said play resumed on Monday, Nov. 3, because players wanted to continue the game.

"We thought we'd get a lot of pressure from the administration after the shooting at the chapel," he said. "So, we thought we'd stop for a few weeks to let things cool down."

Each K.A.O.S. agent stalks a specific victim who is also an agent. The object of the K.A.O.S. game is to stay alive while all other agents are assassinated with plastic dart guns.

Club members began their game again two weeks after Dr. Rod O'Connor, then club sponsor, called the officers to suggest they discontinue play.

O'Connor, head of the freshman chemistry program, said he contacted club officers after Dr. Thomas Sugihara, dean of the College of Science, told him that Dr. Charles Samson and Dr. J. M. Prescott had expressed concern for the club's activities. Samson is acting president of Texas A&M University. Prescott is vice president for academic affairs.

Their concern followed an Oct. 18 shooting incident at the All Faiths Chapel which left a man dead and a Texas A&M student wounded. The student, Janie Koester, 19, is a freshman.

Prescott said the game was "in poor

taste" in light of the incident at the chapel. O'Connor told club officers that other students may be upset by the shooting game after an actual shooting had taken place.

Prescott said he and Samson were also concerned with the safety of the players, specifically the possibility of someone mistaking a toy gun for a real one.

With plans to apply for University recognition, K.A.O.S. officers had asked O'Connor to sponsor their club earlier in the year.

However, the necessary application forms had not yet been submitted when O'Connor spoke to the officers three weeks ago about discontinuing the K.A.O.S. game. As of that time, O'Connor said he is no longer the club sponsor.

"We might try to find another sponsor this semester so we can have one for next semester," Ollington said, "but we seem to have a lot of people (University officials) against us."

He said K.A.O.S. players can continue playing their game even if they do not get a sponsor.

Ollington said he would like to have a sponsor in order to apply for University recognition. That recognition would give the club more publicity, he said.

Ollington described the K.A.O.S. club as being in a state of disorganization during the two-week time out. He said that one officer had started calling members to say the club was canceled shortly after O'Connor had simply suggested that they disband.

He said only a few agents had turned in their victims' dossiers to stop playing altogether.

Since the time O'Connor made his suggestion, Ollington said he had wanted to continue the game and simply take a time out until the concern over the real shooting had quieted down, he said.

He said the officers decided that if any agent shot a victim before Nov. 3, it would not be counted as a hit.

Although play resumed a week ago, Ollington said the action has slowed down compared to play before the Oct. 18 shooting incident.

"There aren't as many hits as before," he said. "Some members just aren't as enthusiastic as before."

Ollington said some players may be thinking twice before shooting their victims after what Thomas Parsons said in an Oct. 28 article in The Battalion.

Parsons, who is director of security and traffic for the University Police, had said he would report anyone walking around campus with a gun in a sleuth-type operation to Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs. Parsons said Wednesday he still plans to make such reports to Blatchley.

Blatchley said Parsons might fill out a complaint form for anything that would interfere with the police department's normal operations.

Ollington said only one of the 100 players still "alive" as of Oct. 18 quit the club. He said that player is a friend of Koester and quit because of "moral implications."