

Local

Shooting reactions range from anger to apathy



Give the little lady a hand Staff photo by Brian Tate

Angie Leonard, a third grade student at Allen Academy in Bryan, watches as Ednan Lodki, a Texas A&M student from Pakistan, paints her initial in the palm of her hand. The paint, made from henna leaves, will

eventually leave a stain on the skin when it dries. It is used as a ceremonial paint in Pakistan. The exhibit is part of the Texas A&M International Students Association display in the MSC this week.

By TERRY DURAN
Battalion Staff
Local and state reactions to the Monday afternoon shooting of President Ronald Reagan ranged from shock to anger to apathy.

Former Texas Gov. John Connally said he was "profoundly shocked and saddened."

Texas Gov. William P. Clements told wire services, "It is a terrible thing in this country to have people this unstable who will do these things."

Roy Corcoran, a Texas A&M mechanical engineering major from Spring, said, "It makes you wonder what's happened to this country when so many strange people can do things like this."

Texas legislator Bill Blythe said, "What they should do is hang him within 30 days. The man ought to be hung immediately, after a fair trial."

Several Texas A&M students interviewed Monday night agreed with Blythe's views. Some of them refused to give their names for publication. "The man arrested as a suspect in Reagan's shooting ought to be taken out and shot," one student said.

"That's what this country needs, some firm action," another student said. "Nobody would complain. After all, they caught the guy red-handed."

"The guy probably doesn't have all his marbles," said mechanical engineering junior Dave Schrader. "Still, something has to be done."

Texas legislator Brad Wright of Houston said, "You need to take people out and beat the hell out of them when they commit a crime."

"I guarantee this won't affect Reagan's position on gun control,"

he added. Texas A&M Acting President Charles Samson expressed hope and confidence that Reagan would "pull through," as did Business Affairs Vice President Howard Vestal. "He (Reagan) is a pretty stout fellow. He'll come out of this all right."

Samson said that if the president should not survive the assassination attempt, there would "certainly be some form of recognition," although he said he didn't know what it would be.

University officials working at Texas A&M when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated said they couldn't remember any particular form of campus-wide recognition of the slain chief executive.

One student said he expected it. "It's the zero factor," he said.



"No president since 1840 elected in a year ending with zero has left office alive."

"It really doesn't bother me a lot anyway," he added. "I really don't like Reagan, but I don't like Bush, either, so I guess I hope he makes it."

Abraham Lincoln, elected in 1860, fell to an assassin's bullet early in his second term.

James A. Garfield, elected in 1880, was shot just over six

months after his inauguration. William McKinley, elected to a second term in 1900, was shot and killed half a year later.

Warren G. Harding, elected in 1920, fell ill and died in 1923.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, was re-elected to an unprecedented third term in 1940. He died of a stroke in 1945.

John F. Kennedy, elected in 1960, was killed by a sniper's bullet in Dallas in 1963.

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Forestry club takes firsts in woods tests

By KAREN KALEY
Battalion Reporter

A team effort earned Texas A&M's Forestry Club the two top honors at Conclave, a regional competition Friday and Saturday. Conclave, sponsored by the association of Southern Forestry Clubs, was held in Knoxville, Tenn., and featured physical and technical events such as the log roll, pole climb and timber estimation.

The Forestry Club captured the number one forestry club award and the sportsmanship award for the second year.

"There's only two team trophies to win and we have them both," Andy Ezell, club adviser, said.

Technique and brains won out over brawn in this competition, he said.

The competition involved eight technical and 12 physical events. The scoring weight is distributed proportionally — technical events being just as important as the physical.

"The competition is severe,"

Ezell said. "What you're looking at now are the best foresters in the South," he said.

Texas A&M University has been going to the competition for six years, he said. And this year the foresters brought home nine individual trophies.

"The individual awards are nice, but the team is the important thing," Ezell said. "No single individual can win the number one award."

Conclave winners are:

Jim Frisch, first place pole climb (new Conclave record, 2.59 seconds); second place knife throw and third place speed chop; David Dignum, first place archer; Paul Holmes first place bow saw (new Conclave record, 13.8 seconds); Dan McKenney and Mike Boriack, third place log roll; Nes Bilir and Glenda Erp, third place women's cross-cut; Liz Dockery, second place timber estimation and third place compass and pacing and Jon Morrissey, second place lumber grading (non-point event).

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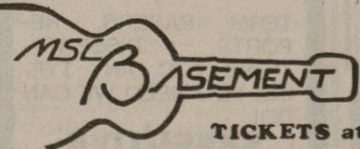
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