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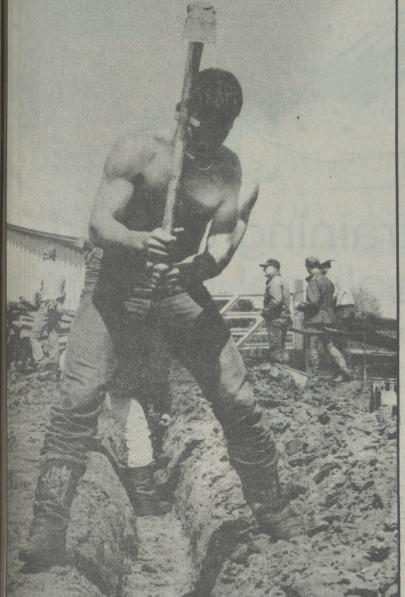
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Working in the mud

Sophomore Mark MacFeron, an electrical engineering major from San Antonio, spends a sunny Sunday afternoon doing detail work at Parson's Mounted Cavalry's stable.

U.S.-supported Salvadoran party claims election win

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Leftist guerrillas attacked the main military barracks in San Salvador today as the U.S.-backed moderate Christian Democrats claimed victory in crucial elections to determine El Salvador's future.

The attack began at 5 a.m. and gunfire crackled for more than two hours around the San Carlos garrison, the principal armed forces barracks in the capital. Military sources said government forces called in helicopters and armored personel car-

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

Vote counting continued, but the Christian Democrats led by ruling junta of president Jose Napoleon Duarte, appeared to be ahead in heavy voting Sunday. An alliance of the right raised the possibility of a government that would dash Reagan administration hopes for modera-

Between 1.2 million and 1.5 million

riers to reinforce the troops who came under attack. thousands of them, ignoring rebel violence that killed 74 people, cast ballots for a 60-member constituent assembly that hopefully can end a vicious civil war in which 30,000 people have been killed in three years.

The heavy turnout in many regions of the country kept voting stations open several hours past the official 6

p.m. closing time.
With 83 of 4,559 voting stations counted, the Christian Democrats staunchly supported by the United States — won 9,339 votes or 36.4 percent of the total.

Nationalist Alliance (ARENA), led by cashiered Maj. Roberto D'aubuisson and linked to rightist death squads, had 6,274 votes or 24.5 percent; the far-right National Conciliation Party held 5,473 votes or 21.4 percent; and the moderate right Democratic Action won 1,836 or seven percent.

Two other rightist groups, the Popular Orientation Party and Salvadoran Popular Party, shared the rest of the votes. Ten percent of the votes

Target 2000 groups to meet, hold panel talks on lectures

by Daniel Puckett

Battalion Staff
The committee studying the Texas

A&M University System's next 20 years is meeting on campus today and Tuesday.

The Target 2000 Project, established by the Board of Regents last year, begins registration at 12:30 p.m.

on the second floor of Rudder Tower. All three project task forces - academic, agricultural and engineering are meeting simultaneously.
At 1 p.m., all task forces will meet

in 601 Rudder to hear Victor Arnold, former director of the Texas 2000 Committee, discuss the implications of that committee's report for Texas

Texas 2000 was established by Gov. William Clements to study the problems Texas can expect in the Institute.

next two decades.

A four-man panel discussion will follow Arnold's speech.

The panel comprises George P. Mitchell, Target 2000 chairman, and the chairmen of the three task forces: Jack M. Rains, academic task force; Jay Pumphrey, agriculture task force; and Kenneth Montague, engineering task force.

The academic task force focuses on problems at the System's academic campuses. Agriculture task force members concentrate on the agricultural extension service, the agricultural experiment station and the College of Agriculture. The engineering task force discusses the College of Engineering, the engineering extension service, the engineering experiment station and the Texas Transportation

Each task force is further subdi- chancellors from around the country vided into work groups, each of which is limited to discussion of a specific area, such as clientele or resources, or a specific institution, such as one ex-

tension service or experiment station. At 3:30 p.m., the committee will break up into work groups and dis-

cuss their proposals.

"They've all made some progress,"
Target 2000 Director Robert E.
Shutes said. "Now they're into the hard work, the nitty-gritty. They have to see what they've done, what they've discussed, and decide whether they

really meant it." Dr. D.B. Varner, former president of the University of Nebraska System, will speak on "Critical Dimensions of Great Universities" at 8:15 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. A panel composed of university presidents, deans and

will discuss Varner's ideas immediately after his speech.

Target 2000 resumes its meetings at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Task force

work groups will spend the morning discussing their areas' problems; in the afternoon, work groups that cross task force lines will meet for the first

Task force responsibilities overlap, Shutes said, and Tuesday's meetings are designed to mesh reports coming out of the various work groups.

Each task force will hold a final

wrap-up session at 3 p.m. Work groups will forward their reports to the project's executive committee. That committee will consider the reports and then submit their final recommendations to the Board of Regents by December.

Controversy surrounds proposed campus hotel

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on the proposed University Hilton: its effects and community reactions to it.

by Daniel Puckett

Battalion Staff
Motorists who catch their first dimpse of the Texas A&M campus from the intersection of Texas Avenue and University Drive eventually may have their view interrupted if a Houston-based hotel chain gets its

Sunbelt Hotels, which operates four hotels in Houston, wants to build a 10-story hotel, under franchise from the Hilton Hotels Corp., at the southwest corner of the intersection. The site is on the north side of the

Sunbelt asked the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents at its March 22 meeting for a lease on ix acres of land on the corner.

The request already has generated some controversy — the Student Senate passed a resolution against the proposal Wednesday night. But local notel operators have reacted more cautiously, and none have said publicthat they entirely oppose the idea.

Regents Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright of Dallas appointed a 10-man committee to study the request; the committee comprises four regents and six University officials. Many residents have said they prefer to wait to discuss the hotel until the committee reports its findings.

Eric Hilton Jr., senior vice president of Hilton Hotels, presented the idea to the regents. He said the new hotel, to be called the University Hilton, would include a 10-story main building with 20 rooms per floor and a cabana with an additional 75 rooms.

Also in the plans are a faculty club, 4,000-square-foot ballroom and 2,000 square feet of meeting space. The six acres he is requesting would allow ample room for parking and hotel expansion, Hilton said.

However, the Hilton chain would not own the hotel.

Instead, Sunbelt Hotels would negotiate the lease with the University, would own the buildings and would be responsible for the operation of the hotel. The chain would have to meet Hilton standards to keep the Hilton name on the hotel.

Bright said the University should

have some say in running the hotel, so that "no activities detrimental to the University's image" take place in the hotel. He also said the design of the structure should be compatible with University architecture.

But the hotel controversy centers around two questions: Does Bryan-College Station need another hotel? And if it does, should it be built on University land? Local hotel operators contacted be-

lieve the area could support at least one more hotel. Many also feel the addition could help their own hotels in the long run.
Some, however, refused to com-

Joe A. Ferreri, owner of the Ramada Inn, which is directly across the street from the proposed hotel's site, has issued a written statement on the subject. However, he refuses to allow it to be excerpted or paraphrased in any way. He also refuses to allow any reference to its substance.

And Charles Shaddox, manager of La Quinta Motor Inn, said any statement will have to come from La Quinta's marketing department in Dallas.

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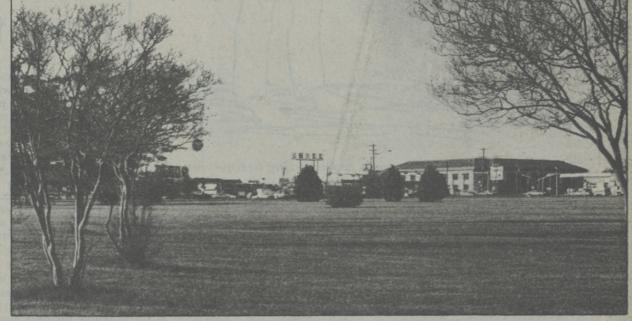


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Site of the proposed Hilton Hotel, on the campus corner of University Drive and

Texas Avenue under consideration by the Board of Regents.

Campus to elect new student leaders

by Cyndy Davis

Battalion Staff
Voting begins Tuesday in the elecion of student leaders to serve during he 1982-83 school year.

Texas A&M students can vote beinning at 9 a.m. Tuesday for some of nore than 175 student candidates. Polls will open both days at the Academic and Agency Building, Jachry Engineering Center, the Memorial Student Center, Heldenels Hall, Harrington Classroom Cener, Sterling C. Evans Library and Sbia Dining Hall. In addition, polling

will be done at the Veterinary Medi-

cine Complex Tuesday only, and at the Kleberg Animal Center Wednesday only.

All polls will open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days, except the library site, which opens Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., and then 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

All University students, including graduating seniors, are eligible vo-

A student must show his identification card to an election commission member, who explains the voting process, Election Commissioner George Crowson said.

Then the student consults a ballot listing all candidates, and he votes by coloring in numbered spaces on a computer form similar to those some-

times used in exams, he said.

A student doesn't have to vote in every race for his ballot to be counted,

After voting, the ballot is returned to an election commission member who punches the student's identification card to show he has voted.

If a student wishes to vote for candidates not listed, he should write the candidate's name and position on the back of the ballot. If elected, write-in

requirements for their office, according to election regulations.

Votes will be collected twice daily and counted using student govern-ment's new computer system, Crow-son said. Senator Bill Price will be in charge of tabulation.

Senators and yell leaders are elected by plurality vote. That is, the designated number with the most votes win. For example, seven candidates are seeking three sophomore engineering senate seats. The three

getting the most votes will be elected. All other positions are decided by

Results will be posted outside the Student Programs Office, 216 MSC Wednesday night, Crowson said. Results also will be published in The Battalion Thursday.

In each race between more than two candidates, the two with the most votes will participate in a run-off election, unless one candidate has more than 50 percent of the votes cast. If two candidates tie for second place in any race, they would both be in the run-off with the top candidate, Crow-

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forecast

Today's forecast: Partly cloudy and warm with a 20 percent chance of rain today and a 30 percent chance tonight; high today near 70, low near 60. Tuesday's forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of rain with a high in the mid-70s.