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Lee Shaw, a freshman environmental design major from Dallas, Amanda Pike, middle, a freshman business administration major from Stavanger, Norway, and Mary Ann Rameau, a junior education major from Houston, examine the exhibit at the Academic Building.

Anonymous art exhibit gets varied reactions

By Ann Ramsbottom

Battalion Staff
An anonymous exhibition of art caused considerable conversation among returning students on campus Monday.
The brightly painted cane-like stalks were placed in bundles throughout the campus by several unidentified persons Sunday evening. The stalks were accompanied by maps of the campus which showed the locations of similar displays placed on campus. The inscription, "Homage to Stonehenge" was written on the maps.
Students who saw the art exhibits had varied reactions. Responses ranged from approval to distaste for the objects.
One student said that it didn't matter whether the objects were art

or not, because the displays cause people to think. Another student said that she thought it was another way to pull Aggies closer together. For example, she said, strangers would stop to confer over just exactly what the art was supposed to be.
Some students didn't find the bundles to be quite as meaningful. One student said that the stalks were "ugly as sin" and should be removed from campus.
Other comments were indifferent. Maybe the art was meant to catch attention, just a joke, or bizarre art. One observer thought that it was an advertisement for the local nightclub Lipstik.
Campus grounds maintenance personnel had no explanation for the objects.
"We haven't found out who is re-

sponsible but we're interested in finding out," Dr. Eugene Ray, director of grounds maintenance said. "Whoever did it failed to follow the accepted policy and procedures for displaying things on campus. Many irrigation pipes run underground for the sprinkling system and when things are stuck carelessly in the ground, the pipes can be easily broken."
Ray said that his department contacted the environmental design department in an effort to find out who is responsible for the art. Students in the department were responsible for several art exhibits during the fall semester.
Environmental design personnel said they did not know who put the art display up.

High Court delays windfall tax review

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused Tuesday to speed up review of a Wyoming judge's ruling overturning the windfall oil profits tax, which has already netted the government more than \$26 billion.

The Justice Department had urged the court to give faster-than-usual treatment to its appeal of a ruling by a Wyoming judge who struck down the tax as unconstitutional because it exempted oil produced in Alaska.

The government had asked for the expedited treatment because it stands to lose large sums without swift legal action. It argued that the lower court decision may disrupt the federal budgetary process.

The Reagan administration is planning to send to Congress on Jan. 31 its fiscal 1984 budget with possible deficits of \$200 billion.

By requesting an early hearing, the government apparently was trying to forestall any chance it would have to repay any of the windfall profit taxes collected so far.

Settling the case this court term would "greatly reduce the uncertainty that now exists with respect to the formulation of the 1983 and 1984 budgets," Acting Solicitor General Lawrence Wallace told the court.

The court's action Tuesday does not mean it will not eventually hear the case. It could still take up the case and hear arguments next term — but that would mean no final decision until at least 1984.

Two justices — Harry Blackmun and Sandra Day O'Connor — said they wanted to hear the case this term. Apparently the seven other justices felt otherwise.

The government warned that unless the case is decided this term, it

"would be forced to plan for a possible substantial reduction of future revenues and a substantial expenditure of public funds for refunds of windfall profit taxes already collected."

Enacted as part of decontrol of domestic oil prices, the windfall profits tax was keyed to preventing producers from reaping excessive profits from decontrol.

The Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act, which President Carter signed into law in April 1980, exempted oil produced in Alaska north of the Arctic Circle from taxation.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America and other oil producers sought to have the law overturned and recoup substantial refunds.

On Nov. 4, U.S. District Judge Ewing Kerr held the tax violated a clause of the Constitution that requires taxes to "be uniform throughout the United States."

Ex-leader of Solidarity plans 'trick' to get job

United Press International
WARSAW — Rebuffed last week in his first attempt to get his old job back, former Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said he hopes a "certain trick" will persuade authorities to rehire him today at the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk.

Managers at the shipyards in the northern port of Gdansk, the birthplace of Solidarity in 1980, said a final decision on whether to reinstate Walesa as an electrician would be made today.

"I am going, but I will not tell you where to," Walesa, leader of the disbanded trade union, said in a telephone interview. "I want to play a certain trick on them (the shipyard management)."

Walesa, who was interned for 11

months, has applied for reinstatement at the shipyards. He was turned away Friday after officials said his documents were not in order and administrative formalities had not been completed.

The formalities referred to documentation of payment and leave time accumulated during his Solidarity stewardship.

Since the 9-million-member union was suspended under martial law and later banned, the papers needed for Walesa to return to work must come from the military commissar of Gdansk.

Walesa attended two special church services in Gdansk Sunday, the first requested by workers at the Lenin shipyards.

The second service was to pray for the freed internees and the 1,500 activists and dissidents still in jail for martial law violations or awaiting trial.

Accompanied by his eldest son, Bogdan, 12, at the first service and his wife, Danuta, at the second, Walesa flashed the "V" for victory sign to cheering onlookers but made no speeches.

About 2,500 worshippers attended the morning mass and about 12,000 worshippers attended the evening mass.

The government newspaper Rzeczpospolita said authorities are considering granting pardons to some 700 of those in jail.

Israeli-Lebanon discussions may bring troop withdrawal

United Press International
Israel and Lebanon held substantive discussions on ending their 35-year-old state of war with the assurance that U.S. Middle East envoy Philip Habib's shuttle diplomacy may speed the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem said following the seventh round of Israeli-Lebanese negotiations Monday that the two nations were likely to produce a protocol agreement on diplomatic relations in the near future.

An Israeli official who attended the session in Khalde, 8 miles south of Beirut, said a subcommittee established to define the future Israel-Lebanon relationship made "good progress" in three hours of talks.

Monday's talks were the first round since the two sides agreed last week on

a compromise agenda to end a procedural dispute that had blocked progress since meetings began on Dec. 28.

Negotiators originally planned to simultaneously discuss — in separate committees — Israel's demand for security agreements and Lebanon's demand for the pullout of 40,000 Syrian, 10,000 Palestinian and 30,000 Israeli troops.

The two sides formed a subcommittee on future relations Monday, however, and left Lebanon's demand for the withdrawal of foreign forces to future discussion.

But Lebanese officials, watchful of relations with the rest of the Arab world, took pains to stress the initial focus on relations did not imply a lessening of their emphasis on troop withdrawal.

Salem said there would be no for-

mal peace treaty as sought by Israel. The two countries have been in a formal state of war since Israel declared its independence in 1948.

Christopher Ross, a member of the U.S. negotiating team participating in the talks, said "good progress was made" in the subcommittee meeting.

Lebanon agreed to the change in opening issues after assurances that Habib would concentrate on withdrawals during shuttle talks in Beirut, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Lebanese political sources said.

Salem told Lebanon's National News Agency that Habib had secret proposals "that might achieve unexpected results."

He said Lebanon had expected the negotiations to last a month or two, but Habib's diplomacy "makes us expect the negotiations will end earlier."

More surplus programs suggested to aid farmers

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Despite general support for President Reagan's new "crop swap" program, farm leaders are suggesting additional steps to help accomplish the same goals of reducing crop surpluses and boosting prices paid to farmers.

Reagan's program, outlined last week before the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting in Dallas, promises a share of government surplus crops to farmers who help reduce production by leaving land idle.

Members of the Farm Bureau, the largest farmers' organization in the country, promptly endorsed the plan.

But they joined other farm groups in classifying the program as a short-term measure that should be accompanied by other efforts to rebuild the struggling farm economy.

Reagan's unveiling of the new payment-kind program, which he dubbed a "crop swap,"

was coupled with the announcement of two other market-building moves that have been advocated for months by farm leaders.

First was his expansion of a 3-month-old credit program designed to generate sales of American farm goods to developing nations; second, his decision to sign "sanctity of contract" legislation softening the impact of trade embargoes on agricultural exports.

But Farm Belt lawmakers and other agricultural leaders said other action is needed to speed up reduction of the huge stockpiles of some crops and to provide relief for farmers.

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said statistics indicate the United States will not be able to achieve a significant reduction in its wheat surpluses over the next 18 months unless demand for the crop increases.

Earlier, Dole told interviewers on the Cable News Network he hoped to introduce legislation to prescribe new programs to use govern-

ment food surpluses to feed the poor and the elderly.

The idea is to supplement existing food and nutrition programs, Dole said, adding that surpluses of raw farm goods should somehow be processed and given to the poor "until we, in effect, eat up the surplus."

A similar suggestion came from a lawyer for the American School Food Service Association, which represents school cafeteria managers.

Association attorney Marshall Matz suggested that the government donate surplus wheat, rice and other commodities to the National School Lunch Program. The donations would both strengthen child nutrition programs and help use up surpluses, he said.

Two Farm State congressmen recommended another step to help farmers survive what could be a financially harsh spring and summer.

Democratic Reps. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota and Thomas Daschle of South Dakota said they plan to refile legislation to give farmers more time to repay loans from the Farmers Home Administration. Without the time extensions, the two lawmakers said, some farmers will not be able to stay in business until fall, when they will receive the bulk of their payments under the new acreage reduction program.

Other farm leaders, including Michael Hall of the National Corn Growers Association, have urged Reagan to offer to negotiate a new agreement with the Soviet Union to raise the minimum annual Soviet purchase of U.S. grain.

Hall said the United States should make the offer soon — possibly during the regular March consultations with representatives of the Soviet Union — to assure farmers he wants to expand their share of the Soviet market.

Dorms hit by power outage

Several northside residence halls, the A.P. Beutel Health Center and Milner Hall suffered a power outage Monday about 5 p.m. The outage resulted from a short in an underground cable vault, a physical plant spokesman said Monday.

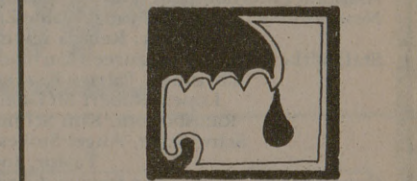
In some of the buildings, electricity was restored as early as 7 p.m., but it was about 10:30 p.m. before all electricity was restored, said the foreman of the electric shop, Norman Hayes.

The dorms affected were Clements, Haas, Hobby, Hotard, Leggett, McFadden and Neely halls.

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forecast



Cloudy today with a 70 percent chance of showers and a high of 55. Northeasterly winds at 7 to 15 mph. The clouds will persist tonight with a 60 percent chance of rain and a low of 43. Wednesday will be cloudy to partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and a high of 50.