



Artistic assistant

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Environmental design student Kirby Rapstein, left, helps Lori Bell with a perspective drawing of the System Administration Building for her Design Media class. Kirby is a junior from Brazoria and Lori is a freshman studying environmental design from Joshua.

Group opposes measure to 'ticket' for marijuana

United Press International
AUSTIN — A proposal to use citations similar to traffic tickets for marijuana use drew strong opposition from the Texas War on Drugs Committee which argued the measure could give moral respectability to drug abuse.

After more than two hours of testimony, during which the bill's sponsor defended his proposal against the War on Drugs Committee, the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee Tuesday assigned the bill to a subcommittee for more study.

Sponsored by Rep. Bill Blanton, Farmers Branch, the measure would let police officers issue citations to people accused of marijuana possession, prostitution, gambling, homosexual activity and certain mis-

demeanor offenses.

Rick Solwan of the War on Drugs Committee said the bill would suggest that "it's OK to do drugs, it's not bad to be homosexual, and it's OK to be a prostitute."

"If you change the process of getting the criminal offender into the criminal justice system, you will have decriminalized these offenders," Solwan said. "You will not be treating them like accused criminals."

But Blanton said morals and decency are not the issue.

"We're just letting the police use their discretion," he said.

Penalties for the crimes would not be reduced under Blanton's scheme. Sondra Buckner of the War on Drugs Committee said, "Passage of this bill would give a strong 'Do

Drugs' message to our youth."

Supported by the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas County Commissioners Court, the proposal is designed to free police from time-consuming arrests and bookkeeping procedures and to allow them to spend more time searching for more serious offenders, Blanton said.

"This is an effort to keep the police on the job working and trying to stop major crimes rather than being back at the police station booking people in," he said. "This bill does not touch penalties in any way and does not decriminalize the offenses."

Blanton said the measure allowed police to arrest and book offenders at their discretion. A similar bill was approved by the House in 1981 but died in the Senate.

Thousands without power as storms thrash California

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Heavy rains, tornadoes and an earthquake pounded California, flooding waterways, wrecking homes and businesses and leaving thousands of people without power. Torrential rains today canceled even the plans of a queen.

At least nine people have died since the latest wave of bad weather poured into California Sunday, cutting power to at least 200,000 people statewide and setting loose mudslides 800 miles north as Oregon. Up to 7 feet of snow fell in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Three tornadoes ripped through the Los Angeles metropolitan area Tuesday. The worst of them cut a

3-mile swath through south Los Angeles, damaging about 100 homes and businesses, overturning cars, toppling palm trees and power poles.

A third of the Los Angeles Convention Center's roof was snatched from the building, causing an estimated \$2.5 million in damage.

A minor earthquake also rocked the city, but caused no damage.

"But my God, we've already had a tornado and floods and rains and now an earthquake. Enough already," Los Angeles police spokesman Dan Cooke said.

Queen Elizabeth II's 400-mile yacht trip up the coast to San Francisco was canceled by the fierce storm that churned up 18-foot seas off the

California coast. The queen is on her first Western U.S. tour.

Queen Elizabeth was forced to ride a Navy bus through flooded streets in Long Beach Tuesday, then switch to four-wheel drive vehicles en route to a meeting and lunch with President Reagan at his Santa Barbara ranch.

Forecasters said the storm would last another three days. Up and down the coast, the steady hammering of 15 to 20-foot waves battered beachfront houses and splintered boats against the rocks.

Traffic on U.S. 101 on the south Oregon coast was disrupted as highway crews worked to clean up three mudslides unleashed by heavy rains in the area around Gold Beach, Ore.

Two Israeli officers hand in resignations

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TEL AVIV, Israel — Director of Israeli Military Intelligence Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy resigned Tuesday in compliance with recommendations by the Beirut massacre commission, the military command said.

Chief Infantry and Paratroop Officer Brig. Gen. Amos Yaron also resigned, the command said. Yaron commanded Israeli forces in Beirut during the Sept. 16-18 massacre of civilians in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Chatila.

Both Saguy and Yaron will remain in the army, the command said, but new posts were not named.

The Israeli commission investigating the massacre recommended last month Saguy "not continue as director of military intelligence." It also said Yaron should "not serve in the

capacity of a field commander" for a period of three years.

The three-man panel's report said Saguy was guilty of "breach of duty" for "shutting his eyes and ears" to the possibility of a massacre by Lebanese Christian Phalangists allied with the Jewish state.

It said Yaron also "committed a breach of duty" over his "insensitivity to the danger of the massacre" in the west Beirut refugee camps.

The resignations were expected because the Cabinet accepted the commission's recommendations last month, rejecting former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's plea the commission was too hard on military officials.

Saguy completed his duties (as the Director of Military Intelligence) and Brig. Gen. Arye Ben-Tov, now serv-

ing as Chief Intelligence Officer will replace him until a new director is appointed," the command said.

"The commission's recommendations pertaining to Yaron have been implemented as well," the announcement said.

The massacre commission charged Sharon with "personal responsibility" for the massacre by ignoring the danger of a slaughter by the Phalangist forces. The commission recommended Sharon resign or be fired.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, however, allowed Sharon to remain in the Israeli Cabinet as a minister without portfolio.

The massacre commission — which does not have the power to enforce its recommendations — also said in its report last month the Begin government bore "indirect responsibility" for the Beirut killings.

Illegal soliciting worries dorm residents, officials

By Robert McGlohon
Battalion Staff

Despite University regulations that forbid door-to-door solicitation on campus, magazine salesmen in dormitories have been a problem recently. But the chairman of the Texas A&M Concessions Committee says they're gone now — at least for a while.

A group of independent magazine solicitors for Circulation Builders of America Inc., a magazine clearing-house based in Fort Worth, recently solicited in the dormitories on campus, said Dave Bergen, concessions committee chairman.

After several students complained, one person from the magazine solicitation group was picked up by University Police, he said. Finally, the group was asked to stay off campus.

Bergen said he first was approached by a supervisor of the group two weeks ago. The supervisor was cooperative, he said, and did not object when told of University regulations regarding solicitation.

He said he explained to the man that no solicitation — commercial or charitable — is allowed in residence halls unless sponsored and approved by the hall council.

Soon after that meeting, Bergen said, he began receiving complaints

that magazine salesmen were soliciting in the residence halls.

A week later, a student called the campus police, the salesman was picked up, his supervisor was called in and the supervisor was asked to keep his salesmen off campus, Bergen said.

Since then, the crew chief Bergen dealt with has checked out of the local motel room that he had been using as an office.

Bergen said students confronted by solicitors in the dormitories should record the name, student identification number (not all solicitors are students, however) and company identification number of the solicitor and call the University Police.

Complaints about magazine salesmen — and solicitors in general — are not new to Bergen. In the past year he's had more than 30 such complaints from students, mostly about solicitors from newspapers and pizza delivery companies. He also has heard complaints about solicitors for magazines and religious groups.

He said he is working toward a permanent solution to the problem with Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs, and Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic. The plan probably will be announced soon, possibly before spring break, Bergen said.

While solicitation is forbidden by the University, it is allowed by the city of College Station. Door-to-door solicitation in College Station is subject to licensing and is not allowed in the city after dark.

The license issued by the city is a green, three-by-five card with "city license" printed in bold letters on the front of the card. The licenses must be carried by solicitors at all times during their rounds.

Lt. Bernard Kapella, public relations and crime prevention officer of the College Station police, said residents being pestered by solicitors or confronted by a solicitor after sundown should try to get the solicitor's name and permit number and should note his or her description. They then should call the police and report the incident, he added.

If the police receive more than one complaint about a solicitor or someone wishes to file a formal complaint and prosecute a solicitor, the police can revoke the solicitor's license, Kapella said.

Solicitors found working after dark will be arrested and fined more than \$200 and their licenses probably will be revoked, he said.

Residents have a right to ask to see a solicitor's license, Kapella said, and always should do so.



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Right down the line

Lee C. Demottier, who has been working for Texas A&M for 10 years, edges the sidewalk in front of Walton Hall Tuesday afternoon. The sunny, warm weather helps make working outside more pleasant.

Brinkley to replace Koppel

ABC Nightline anchorman Ted Koppel has been replaced by David Brinkley, host of ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," as the moderator for a MSC Endowed Lectures forum, the MSC Council announced during Monday night's meeting.

The April 4 forum on "NATO and the Western Alliance" will feature former president Gerald Ford, former British prime minister Edward Heath and former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Tickets for the forum will go on sale Monday at the MSC Box Office.

Also in Monday's meeting, the council approved chairmen for MSC committees. The new chairmen are:

Aggie Cinema, Cathy Reily; Amateur Radio, Gray Schlichting; Arts, Wendi McDonough; CAMAC, Carlos Cavazos; Camera, Scott Ferguson; Cepheid Variable, Kathy Mitchell.

Free U, Jana Scott; Great Issues, Julia Sullivan; Hospitality, Cara Huegele; Outdoor Recreation, Melanie Boone; Political Forum, Cathy Hay; SCONA, Alan Hill; Town Hall, Karen Snow.

Video Tape, Mike Alderfer; All-Nite Fair, Caroline Williams; College Bowl, Patrick Choi; Discovery, Mike Gardner; Endowed Lecture, Jason Wischmeyer; Madrigal Dinners, Annette Richardson.

Spring Leadership, Julie Caruthers; MSC Variety Show, Anne Stauch; and Welcome Back Picnic, Brad Bowen.

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forecast

Partly cloudy skies for today with a high of 80. Winds from the south at 10 to 15 mph. Cloudy to partly cloudy tonight with the low near 62 and a 20 percent chance of showers. For Thursday, cloudy to partly cloudy with a high near 78 and a 50 percent chance of showers.

Battalion, Aggieland applications available

Applications opened today for the summer and fall editorships of The Battalion and for the 1983-84 editorship of the Aggieland '84.

Application forms are available in the Student Publications Office, 216 Reed McDonald, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Completed applications must be returned to Dr. Edward Smith, chairman of the Student Publications Board, in 301 Reed McDonald by 5 p.m. April 1.

The Battalion summer editor will serve from May 18 through August 29. The Battalion fall editor will serve from May 2 through May 11 and from August 30 through Dec. 9.

Qualifications for editor of The Battalion include holding a 2.0 overall and major GPR at the time of taking office and during the term of office. At least one year of experience in a responsible Battalion editorial

position, on a comparable student college newspaper or on a commercial newspaper is required.

At least 12 hours of Journalism courses including Journalism 203 and 204, Reporting and Editing I and II, or the equivalent may be substituted for this requirement. The 12 hours also must include completion of Journalism 402, Mass Media Law, or enrollment in that course during the first semester served.

Aggieland '84 editor will serve for the full academic year 1983-84 until the final pages of the book are completed.

Qualifications for Aggieland '84 editor are 2.0 overall GPR and major GPR at the time of taking office and during the term of office. At least one year in a responsible staff position on the Aggieland or equivalent yearbook experience elsewhere also is required.