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Young Democrats voice preferences

United Press International
AUSTIN — State Sen. Lloyd Doggett of Austin is the overwhelming choice of Texas Young Democrats to replace Republican U.S. Sen. John Tower in the 1984 elections.

71 percent of the Young Democrats said they supported Doggett for the nomination. Democrat Bob Krueger, who lost to Tower in 1978, was second with 18 percent. Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe received 4 percent, and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby got 3 percent.

MSC Council sets public relation goals

by Patti Schwierzke
Battalion Reporter
MSC Council Vice President for Public Relations Patrick Wood said Monday night at the MSC Council meeting that the public relations program for the MSC had three goals.

The first goal of the program is to recruit members for the MSC programs. The second goal is to insure that all advertising for MSC programs is top quality. And, the third goal is to

enhance the role of the student union at Texas A&M.

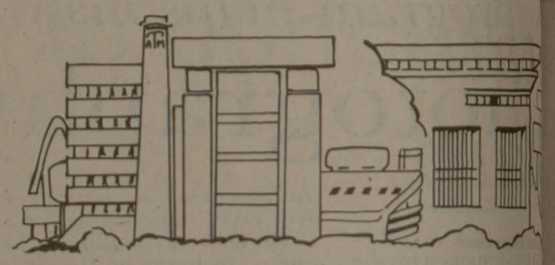
Wood also said that easles announcing MSC events would be put in Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center and in Zachary Engineering Center to inform people who don't get over to the Memorial Student Center very often of meetings and events.

In other business, the chairman of Outdoor Horizons gave a report on its conference, speakers were approved for Cepheid Variable's AggieCon XIV and it was announced that Award Banquet tickets would go on sale today.

Victoria Albaugh, chairman

of the Outdoor Horizons Conference Committee, said that the purpose of the conference was to promote awareness of outdoor recreation and current environmental issues. The conference was sponsored by MSC Outdoor Recreation.

Speakers approved for Cepheid Variable's AggieCon XIV include Teny Zuber, a Columbia Pictures representative, and Roger Elwood, a Disney Studios representative. Other approved speakers are John Steakly, Joe Lansdale, George Alec Effinger and Robert S. Ficks. All four men are science fiction and fantasy authors.



Around town

Entries now open for softball classic

Entries are open for the Champs Sporting Goods/Central Station Softball Classic.

Teams may sign-up in the MSC Box Office, and the fee for the double elimination tournament is \$50 per team. The tournament is open to all men's teams — not just intramural teams.

Trophies will be awarded for first through sixth teams, and individual trophies will be awarded to members of the top four teams.

The tournament is scheduled for April 8 and 9 at the Intramural complex. For more information call Chappell or Jeff Cantrell at 696-6618.

CPR classes to be offered by group

Classes in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation are offered by members of the Woman's Club. The classes consist of two, three-hour sessions.

Upon completion of the course, each participant is certified by the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. Certification is good for one year.

The only charge is 50 cents for the instruction. Pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the American Heart Association at 693-0427, or James Holster at 693-0427.

Classes are held at the Woman's Club Building, 2801 Carter Creek Parkway. Groups are welcome. The next scheduled is March 28 and 30 from 9 a.m. to noon on 29 and 31 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mercedes owners to organize club

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America is being organized in the Central Texas area. The organizational dinner is scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Pacific Highway Restaurant in Bryan.

Central Texas Mercedes-Benz owners are urged to become part of the national club.

To make reservations for the dinner meeting, call George and Sherrill Bull at (713) 825-2506 in N. M.F. "Tex" and Marjorie Wright at (409) 775-4324. Reservations should be made today.

Admiral Turner to speak tonight

How to identify and interpret unrest in the world arena will be the topic of a speech given by Adm. Stanley Turner tonight in Rudder Theater.

The speech, sponsored by MSC Political Forum, titled "International Political Hot Spots," and will be presented at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

If you have an announcement or item to submit to this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed Hall or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2665.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department for the period of March 17 to the 20.

THEFTS:

- A wallet, from outside a racquetball court in Deware Field House, on March 15.
- A gold Hamilton watch, during the Texas A&M Beauty Pageant, on March 18.
- The front left tire, from a vehicle in parking lot 61, on March 19.
- Concrete forming supplies valued at \$476, from parking lot 7, on March 20.

BURGLARY:

- An AM/FM cassette, from a pickup truck, parking lot 30, on March 17.
- A coin jar — value undetermined — from room 219 of the Biological Sciences Building, on March 18.
- The air filter and fan, from a 1978 Pontiac, in parking lot 61, on March 19.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Criminal mischief — glass doors on room 219 of the Academic Center, which were broken, on March 19.
- An attempted burglary, on the northside of the Education Center on March 19.

Tourists drink with billy goat

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LAJITAS — Clay Henry is no ordinary goat. In fact, after a few beers, he feels his oats.

The billy goat, who lives at the Lajitas Trading Post just west of the Big Bend National Park, likes beer.

Clay Henry's owners say he watches anyone carrying a can or a bottle, and when it's offered, he takes it in his mouth, tips up his head and chugs.

As the summer tourist season approaches, store owner Bill Ivey says the black and white

goat will average about 100

beers a day. Ivey said one visitor

once saw Clay Henry's fenced-in

and shared it with him. Maurice Shelton, 49, in sheep and goats

at Texas A&M University search Extension Center

Angelo, said he knew the search on the effects of beverages on goats

doubted if a beer would hurt Clay Henry to 9 years old.

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A&M students sail for credit

by Stephanie M. Ross

Battalion Reporter
Some Texas A&M students will be sailing on a clipper ship this summer and earning college credit at the same time.

The Training Ship Texas Clipper, a clipper ship owned by Texas A&M, will set sail this summer carrying members of the Corps of Cadets who are in the merchant marine program at Texas A&M University at Galveston. The students will be earning credit by taking courses aboard the ship and running the ship as part of the crew.

On June 4, the clipper will sail from Texas A&M-Galveston carrying approximately 185 students, said Stewart Walker, master of the vessel. The ship will travel to Boston; St. Martin in the Caribbean; Venezuela; and Vera Cruz, Mexico, before returning home Aug. 7.

Students who sail on the ship will take a course in one of four programs — marine transportation, engineering, science or biology.

Students working toward their merchant marine license will gain 10 of the 60 hours of

sea time needed to take the merchant marine examination.

About 35 high school graduates who are interested in entering the merchant marine program will be among the students on the trip, Walker said.

"This will be their baptism into seamanship," he said.

The freshman preparatory cadets can also take six hours of beginning courses in English, math, or history.

Faculty members from Texas A&M-Galveston will be teaching the shipboard courses.

Other than taking classroom courses, the students will help operate the ship and become part of the crew, said John Merritt, public information officer at Texas A&M-Galveston.

The ship is kept in Galveston most of the year and is used as a laboratory facility for students taking marine engineering courses.

Walker said Texas A&M-Galveston has had the ship since 1965, and until this academic year, the clipper was used to house students. Now the school has built a dormitory for the students.

Castro to free Texans

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HOUSTON — A Texas Congressman plans to fly to Cuba this week to accept custody of a Brownsville couple held there since their plane made an emergency landing on the island last November.

U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, said officials with the Cuban Interest Section of the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Washington, D.C., told him Cuban President Fidel Castro would release the couple Friday if Leland personally receives them in Cuba.

Gina Strickland, 23, and Bernice Hofstadter, 28, both of Brownsville, have been held in separate prisons near Havana since Nov. 12, when their small plane was forced to make an emergency landing in Cuba.

Leland said the Czech officials had heard "from the top that Castro knew of my interest in the thing, and that he was going to release them into my custody."

Mark Holcomb, Leland's aide, said, "The Cubans indicated in no uncertain terms they will be released. They made the decision based on Leland's request that they review the situation. But they will be released only to his custody on Friday."

Holcomb said Leland had made arrangements with a private pilot to provide transportation to Cuba from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Meanwhile, officials at the West German consulate in Houston said they, too, awaited the release of the couple. The consulate is involved because Hofstadter is a West German citizen.

Hofstadter and Strickland took off in a light plane last Nov. 12 from Grand Cayman Island, where Hofstadter, a mechanic, had gone to work on another plane. They failed to arrive at their destination in south Florida.

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