



Dedicated safety worker

staff photo by Eric Evan Lee

Elizabeth Barrychuck, 7, places reflective tape on bikes Monday afternoon at the Memorial Student Center. Barrychuck, dressed as the "Safety Bug" for a Lite-a-Bike

safety campaign, was helping volunteers from Alpha Phi Omega and the Ladies Auxiliary for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4692 of Bryan, with the project.

Faculty senate voting begins for first election

by Kim Schmidt
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Nominations are in and absentee voting has begun in elections for the newly established faculty senate. Absentee voting began Monday and ballots being accepted in Room 101 of the Sterling C. Evans Library. Voting will conclude at 5 p.m. Friday. Regular elections will be April 19. Nominations for the 85-member senate began March 23 and closed Friday at 5 p.m. By the deadline, at least one candidate had filed for every seat

available. Candidates are listed on page 5. Faculty senate steering committee members say they are pleased with the number and quality of faculty members nominated. "The number of nominees is encouraging," said Dr. Walter Buenger, assistant professor of history. "I am also very pleased that we have a lot of talented and committed people running." Turnout has been especially good

in the College of Education where at least five candidates are running for each of the six seats available. In the College of Business Administration, however, candidates are running unopposed in all but one of the seven places. Buenger said he also is pleased that no one department or group of faculty members dominate the candidates. "Every group seems to be well represented," he said. See **FACULTY SENATE**, page 5

Chagras 'too poor' to pay

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — A judge has ordered Charles and Jo Ann Harrelson and Jimmy and Elizabeth Chagra are too poor to pay for their high court costs, but he warned them not to make money on their notoriety.

U.S. District Judge William Sessions — noting that Chagra and the Harrelsons were declared indigents and that Mrs. Chagra had "minimal available assets" — denied a motion by U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn that the four pay all court costs resulting from their prosecution. The government allegedly spent millions of dollars in the massive investigation and prosecution of the case.

But Sessions said the government could move again to seek payment of

court costs if the Harrelsons and Chagras eventually made profits on such ventures. Sessions said Monday the court did not construe the government's motion as a "vindictive prosecutorial tactic," as claimed by defense attorneys, but that he did not see how court costs could be fairly assessed. Oscar Goodman, who represented Jimmy Chagra, said earlier that the government motion "represents a vindictive reprisal for his (Chagra's) exercise of the right of trial by jury."

Defense plan may work, official says

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President Ronald Reagan, in calling for new nuclear technology to build an anti-ballistic missile system, may shift the entire emphasis of the nuclear arms race from offensive build-up to defensive build-up, says the director of Texas A&M's Center for Strategic Technology. Consequently, Dr. Richard Thomas said, the shift could quell further development of nuclear missiles. The shift, Thomas said, could satisfy Reagan administration goals of decreasing nuclear weaponry — a goal that the administration has attempted to reach in the past through direct negotiations with the Soviet Union. Thomas said that if the United States develops an effective defense system against missile attack, other countries no longer would have a reason to develop attack missiles.

"It's possible it could have that effect," Thomas said. "If defensive technology can overtake offensive technology, then people may ask what good is ICBM (intercontinental ballistic missile) technology." And Thomas said he thinks the United States has "an 85 to 90 percent certainty" of being able to develop an effective anti-ballistic missile system. "It is not 100 percent certain," Thomas said. "But based on what has been done to date, I would bet with the president." Thomas said he favors Reagan's plans to develop an effective anti-ballistic missile system for reasons other than its potential to quell nuclear missile development in other countries. "I think that we have to do it to catch up with and keep up with what the Soviet Union already is doing in ABM (anti-ballistic missile) research," he said. "There have been

reports that the Soviets are actively working in the laser and particle beam area." Laser beams and particle beams are two means that could be used to destroy ballistic missiles after they are launched and before they re-enter the Earth's atmosphere. The Soviet Union also is in the beginning stages of testing an anti-satellite system that would be able to destroy other military-related satellites and that eventually might have the capability of destroying passing missiles in space with the use of laser and particle beams, Thomas said. Although the Soviets' anti-satellite system is still a crude mechanism, he said, it could be the beginning stages of what might become an era in which "star wars" would be possible. The possibility of entering that type of era has led many people to criticize Reagan's call for anti-

Advisers recommend limited use of MX

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The plan developed by a top-level advisory commission for strengthening the backbone of America's nuclear deterrent could spell trouble for the MX missile and create new political problems for President Reagan.

The blueprint presented to Reagan Monday by his Commission on Strategic Forces assigns the MX a "limited but very important" purpose, while placing longer-term emphasis on smaller, less destructive weapons.

After three months of study that included discussions with more than 200 technical experts, the commission recommended what Chairman Brent Scowcroft called "a major new departure" in strategic thinking.

It concluded the path to stability in the nuclear age lies in moving toward smaller weapons of war, a marked change in course from more than two decades of building bigger intercon-

tinental ballistic missiles with multiple warheads.

Scowcroft called it "a closely reasoned report" that put the MX in perspective. He also acknowledged the commission was in a no-win position in attempting to resolve the furor surrounding the MX.

"Few, if any, will consider our recommendations an optimal solution," he said. "If such were available, this commission probably would not have been convened."

In a report that will serve as the basis of Reagan's recommendations to Congress, the commission outlined a strategic modernization program that, unlike Reagan's, does not hinge on the MX alone.

The commission urged prompt deployment of 100 MX missiles in existing silos to reduce a "serious imbalance" created by the Soviets' capability to destroy U.S. land-based missiles.

The panel discarded the more than two-dozen basing options considered

over the last several years as two presidents have tried to move forward with production and deployment of the 195,000-pound, 10-warhead MX.

While the use of existing silos is the most immediate and least costly alternative, it also was rejected by Congress as an interim solution and does nothing to reduce the vulnerability of the land-based leg of the U.S. nuclear "triad."

With the MX a key element of the commission plan, though in a form different from that proposed by Reagan, opposition emerged quickly in Capitol Hill.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said: "Previous MX deployment schemes ranged from absurd to insane. This proposal is nothing less than mad."

Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., a presidential contender who opposed the earlier basing mode, said the new plan "makes no more sense today than it did when the administration proposed it as a temporary solution 16 months ago."

Officials want 'watchdog'

Ethics panel considered

United Press International
AUSTIN — House Speaker Gib Lewis says the heat he took when he forgot to list some business dealings on his financial disclosure forms convinced him of the need of an independent state ethics commission.

"Some of the issues that happened to me this year solidified my thinking in this behalf," Lewis told the House State Affairs Committee Monday, which held public hearings on a package of election and campaign reform bills.

The measures were assigned to a subcommittee.

The establishment of a panel to act as a watchdog over the ethics of Texas legislators and state officials also was endorsed enthusiastically by former House Speaker Bill Clayton.

"It's quite evident Texas is way behind step," said Clayton, who noted 37 other states already had such commissions.

Support for an ethics commission has increased since Lewis' admitted he forgot to disclose some of his business relationships with liquor distributors and horse racing lobbyists.

Lewis told the committee it was important to set up an ethics commission that would be viewed by the public as unbiased.

Clayton, now a lobbyist in Austin, said there is a clear "need for a body to sit and give opinions."

"I assure you an ethics commission made up of members that are non-biased and non-political would be a great benefit in restoring the public's confidence in the elected system and state government," he said.

Rep. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, who is sponsoring one of three ethics commission bills in the House, said, "There is a growing cynicism about the standards we possess as public officeholders."

Turner's bill would create a nine-

member board that would serve staggered six-year terms.

The commission would have no power to punish or censure legislators, commission or board members and state employees, but it could investigate complaints and recommend criminal prosecution of alleged offenders.

It would also issue advisory opinions in areas of state law relating to campaign finance and disclosure, lobbyist registration and reporting, conflict of interest, nepotism and penal code provisions on bribery and corruption.

Other bills considered by the committee would:

- limit campaign contributions, expenditures and loans.
- ban the personal use of campaign funds.
- more closely regulate the formation and fundraising conducted by political action committees.

'Gandhi' wins eight awards at Oscars, beating 'E.T.'

United Press International
HOLLYWOOD — "Gandhi," the epic biography of the apostle of non-violence and father of modern India, overwhelmed the touching fairy tale "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" to win the most and biggest Oscars.

"Gandhi" collected eight awards at Monday night's 55th annual Academy Awards presentation, including best actor for its star Ben Kingsley and best director for Richard Attenborough, who labored 20 years to put the story on the screen.

Meryl Streep was named best actress for her portrayal of a tormented victim of Nazi terror in "Sophie's Choice."

Louis Gossett Jr., who played the tough-talking, but softhearted Marine drill sergeant in "An Officer and a Gentleman," was named best supporting actor and became the third black ever to win an acting

Oscar. The previous two were Hattie McDaniel and Sidney Poitier.

Jessica Lange won as best supporting actress for her role as a winsome soap opera star in "Tootsie." The third actress ever nominated twice in the same year, she lost the best actress award, as had her two predecessors.

"Gandhi" and "E.T.," the biggest movie moneymaker in history with a worldwide gross of more than \$400 million, competed against each other in seven categories and "Gandhi" won five of them — best picture, director, original screenplay, film editing and cinematography.

"Gandhi" also won Oscars for costume design and art direction and became only the third British film, following "Hamlet" in 1948 and "Chariots of Fire" last year, to win Hollywood's top honor.

"E.T.," a modern fairy tale about a boy who befriends a gentle creature

from outer space, beat out "Gandhi" for best original score and best sound. It also won for visual effects and sound effects editing.

"I am totally bowled over by this," Attenborough said when picking up his best director Oscar.

"The person you really honor was Gandhi himself," he said a few minutes later in accepting the movie of the year award. "He was an inspiration to millions and millions of people. The extraordinary thing is that he is currently still an inspiration."

Kingsley, a half-Indian British stage actor making his movie debut, said he was "overwhelmed to be mentioned in the same breath as the other four gentlemen who were nominated with me." The losers included Paul Newman and Peter O'Toole, now winless in 13 tries, as well as Dustin Hoffman and Jack Lemmon.

Runoff elections today

Runoff elections for 15 student body offices, including student body president, are being held until 5 p.m. today.

Polling places are at Zachry Engineering Center, the Memorial Student Center, the bus stop by Rudder Tower, Sterling C. Evans Library, Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center, Heldenfels Hall, Academic Building, Academic and Agency Building and Sbsa Dining Hall.

Results are scheduled to be posted at 1 a.m. Wednesday outside the Pavilion.

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forecast

Partly cloudy skies today with a high of 84. Southerly winds of around 20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 58. For Wednesday, a 20 percent chance of morning showers, otherwise partly cloudy with a high near 79.