

New councilmen take positions

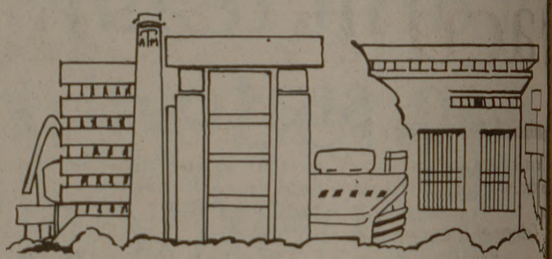
by Dena L. Brown
Battalion Reporter
Mayor Richard Smith swore in new Council members at the Bryan City Council meeting Monday night.
Mayor-elect Ron Blatchley was not sworn in because he was out of town, but will be sworn in later.
B.B. Scasta, a local business

owner; Peyton Waller, another business owner who was re-elected for his fourth term; and Marvin Tate, former athletic director at Texas A&M; took their places in the meeting.
Former councilman Henry Seale said, "We need to keep Bryan moving, and I think these new gentlemen will do the job."
After the installation of the

new councilmen, the Council approved a runoff election between Hugh Barnett and Helen Chavarria for the remaining position on the Council. The runoff will be April 26.
In other business, the Council voted to help finance the Brazos County History Project—a project of the Family History Foundation. The foundation is

preparing a comprehensive history of Brazos County to be published in a book.
The Council also considered hiring Entek Associates, Inc., to work on the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system in the Bryan Utilities Building, where the Council meets. City Manager Ernest Clark said that although the modifications are

estimated at \$9,250, the present utility bill for the building is \$72,000, and he said he believes the new system will save money.
The Council also agreed to grant a franchise to Vanguard Pipeline Corporation that will allow the company to put pipes through city property in order to transport gas.



Around town

Israel's birthday festivities planned

The Texas A&M Israel Club and the Hillel Jewish Student Foundation, along with the Aggie Cinema are sponsoring "My Michael," an Israeli film, at 7:30 tonight in 601 Rudder. This is the first in a week-long series of events celebrating Israel's 35th birthday.
Dr. Raphael Dangler will address the topic "The United States and Israel — the End of a Special Relationship?" This speech is co-sponsored by the Political Science Society and will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in 601 Rudder.
The week will conclude with a birthday party at 601 Rudder Friday, complete with balloons, cake and Israeli folk dancing by the Texas A&M International Folk Dancers. Everyone invited.

Radiological defense course held

Brazos County Civil Defense Office is hosting a Radiological Defense Instructor's Course through Friday at the Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr., Bryan.
The course is designed to train local, state and federal personnel in Radiological Defense Procedures.
Thirty-five officials from Texas city, county and state governments as well as federal officials will attend.
For more information, contact Jake Canglose at 846-7121 or 846-9049.

Political Forum to hold last meeting

The Political Forum will hold its final meeting of the year 7:30 tonight in Room 501 Rudder. All members are encouraged to attend.

SG committee positions open

Applications will be accepted through Friday for Student Government University committee positions for 1983-84. Committees with open positions include Who's Who Selection Committee, Head Yell Leader Selection Committee, menu boards, the Athletic Council and the Concession Committee.
Interested students may pick up applications in the Student Programs Office in 216 MSC or the Student Government Office in the Pavilion. For more information call Student Government Office at 845-3051.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for the column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McCall or contact Tracey Taylor at 845-2665.

Two injured in gasoline fire

United Press International
LEWISVILLE — A boy, 7, and his aunt were seriously burned in a flash fire, but were saved by the boy's quick-thinking grandfather who beat at their flaming clothes with his bare hands, fire officials said.
Listed in serious condition Monday at Parkland Memorial Hospital in nearby Dallas was Ann McLaughlin, 20. Her nephew, Shawn Davis, was in fair condition. Both had third-degree burns over 40 percent of their bodies.
Lewisville fire Capt. James Flanagan said the woman had been cleaning paint stains out of

a garment with gasoline in the yard of her home, and took the garment into a bathroom to rinse the gasoline out.
Fumes from the garment filled the room, and a water heater pilot light touched them off, setting fire to her clothing and that of the boy, who was standing outside in a hallway, Flanagan said.
The woman's father and boy's grandfather, James McLaughlin, beat at the flames with his bare hands, then smothered the clothing with a blanket. He was treated for first-degree burns on his hands.

Bank officers file pleas after failure

United Press International
TYLER — A Lake Palestine man was convicted last weekend of bank fraud stemming from the bankruptcy of a West Texas bank.
Orrin Shaid Jr., 38, was convicted Saturday on 19 counts of mail fraud and making false statements. His sentencing date has not been set.
The Ranchlander bank, located in Melvin, 50 miles southwest of San Angelo, was forced into bankruptcy Nov. 19 because of a series of bad loans.
Former Ranchlander Bank President Jean Moon, now a waitress at a truckstop, said in testimony she feared defendant Shaid would kill her before she could tell authorities about the

bank's troubles.
Plea bargain agreements from Moon and another former Ranchlander bank president were admitted into evidence Friday.
Under her agreement, Moon pleaded guilty to making false statements to a bank. Former bank president Roger Pipkin of Houston pleaded guilty in his agreement to one count of misprision of a felony, defined as "the offense of concealing knowledge of a felony by one who has not participated or assisted in it."
Moon testified that Shaid asked her in November to destroy Ranchlander Bank records which would implicate him in a number of bad loans.

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Police beat

The following incidents appear in the University Police Department records for April 8 to 11.

THEFTS:

- An off-white hip length lambswool jacket from Underwood Hall on April 8.
- A General Electric cassette player, head phones and power converter, from the Langford Architecture Center on April 8.
- Three color lens from the runway lights at Easterwood Airport on April 8.
- A red Motorbecane 10-speed bicycle from the Grove on April 9.
- A red J.C. Penneys 10-speed bicycle from Davis-Gary Hall on April 10.

BURGLARY:

- A coin operated video in the Commons on April 8.
- A car in parking lot on April 10. The tires had been deflated, the left side of the car was scratched, and the trunk and windshield wipers broken.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A snuff bomb was set off in Dorm 11 in the second showers on April 9. No damage was done.
- A male student was arrested for driving while intoxicated on April 10.

Democrats rally for '84 elections

United Press International
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — It was time for birthday cake, political speculation and traditional Democratic Party principles at the 60th anniversary of the Greene County Jackson Day banquet.

In an address to about 500 Democratic faithfuls, U.S. House Majority Floor Leader Jim Wright of Texas invoked the names of past Democratic presidents and heralded his party's dedication to concepts like free public education.

The Saturday evening event culminated a weekend of speech-making, partying and political speculation as Democrats rallied in preparation for the 1984 election season.

Conversation about the governor's race centered on state Treasurer Mel Carnahan, who is thinking about running; Lt. Gov. Kenneth Rothman, who is almost certain to run; and state Sen. Norman Merrell, who already is running.

A number of potential candidates emerged for attorney general and secretary of state. And one prominent politician, state Rep. Betty Hearnese of Charleston, S.C., took herself out of the race for secretary of state.

Also, real estate agent L.K. Wood of High Ridge again made public his intention to run against state Sen. Harriett Woods for lieutenant governor. Charles Curry, a former busi-

nessman from Kansas City, continued his quest to be a presidential candidate.

The economy is not moving in the substantive direction being claimed by the Democrats, Wright said.

"I would like to believe the process of doing so (improving), he said. "I see a slight, very tentative sign that there has been no significant change in the things that matter."

"While interest rates come down, they have not come down in a way that stimulate the type of investments and long-term job creating enterprise necessary for sustained economic recovery."

If the administration were to take credit for reduced inflation, it must also take responsibility for high unemployment, he said. The administration has nothing to do with declining prices, which have helped reduce the cost of living, he added.

One way the Democrats improve the economy is to implement a comprehensive training and retraining program, he said, adding that favors a nationwide, computerized job bank to help find jobs.

Sen. Thomas Eagleton kept state party's informal side and roasted some dignitaries at the head