



Signs of spring?

staff photo by Irene Mees

This little bird, in a tree behind Scoates hall, was assuring the Texas A&M campus that spring really is here, although some feel otherwise as they lie roasting in the

sun. The high temperatures here lately indicate we may have skipped spring entirely and gone straight into summer. April showers and August sunburns — no place but Texas.

Zindler and Faulk speak to promote library week

by Tracy Johnston
Battalion Reporter
Marvin Zindler and Texas writer John Henry Faulk will speak at Sterling C. Evans Library this week as a part of National Library Week — an annual spring event since 1958.

Libraries across the country, through the use of special programs, promote and generate interest in libraries during the week.

Michael Nyerges, committee chairman on library planning and programs at Texas A&M, says the initial intent of library week was to provide for a more literate and informed society.

"This year we made an effort to invite speakers that have some name recognition," Nyerges said. "The object behind the speakers is to promote interest and support for the libraries."

"We've had very successful programs in the past, and we are hoping for another one this year," he said.

John Henry Faulk has made numerous speaking and television appearances. CBS presented "Fear on Trial," a dramatization of Faulk's one-man battle with the blacklist. Despite his successful radio career, Faulk was dismissed from CBS in 1957 and was blacklisted, which ended his radio career.

Faulk is known for his American folk humor. He attended the University of Texas where he later taught. Most recently, Faulk ran against Rep. Phil Gramm in the February special Congressional election.

Zindler, a Houston news commentator, is best known for his controversial reports on consumer fraud. In 1971, Zindler helped create a consumer fraud division while serving as a deputy sheriff for Harris County. He headed the division for a year and gained national prominence for his controversial use of the news media in exposing consumer fraud.

His coverage of the Chicken Ranch in La Grange later appeared in a Broadway play and movie — "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

Faulk will speak at 2 p.m. Tuesday in 204C of the library, and Zindler will speak at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the same room. Receptions will follow both speeches in 204B Evans Library.

Other events scheduled for National Library Week include helium balloons to be given away today, video entertainment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and a book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. All activities will be in the library and are free to the public.

Regents approve purchase

by Angel Stokes
Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M Board of Regents approved a \$2.4 million land purchase at a special meeting Saturday.

The two tracts of land, which total approximately 47 acres, are on University Drive and are adjacent to the College of Veterinary Medicine. The land is across from the site of the University's planned industrial research park.

The two tracts are part of several pieces of land which the University has been attempting to obtain in the area. Joe C. Richardson, the board's plan-

ning and building committee chairman, said University officials are hoping to eventually own all the land surrounding that area.

There are no immediate plans for developing the land, but it will be available for future expansions of the Veterinary Medicine complex or the industrial research park, Richardson said.

The larger tract of land, a total of 40.63 acres, was purchased for \$1.98 million, and the smaller 6.164-acre tract was purchased for \$465,000. The land transaction will be completed April 30.

The purchase was the only business presented at Saturday's meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the board is May 22 through May 24.

U.S. senators debate Reaganomics tonight

by Lezlee Hinson
Battalion Reporter
Former U.S. senators Robert Taft Jr., R-Ohio, and Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., will meet in debate on Reagan economic policies at 8 tonight in Rudder Theater.

The debate is sponsored by SC Political Forum.

McCarthy served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 10 years prior to being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958. His position to the Vietnam War led him to challenge Lyndon B. Johnson for the democratic

presidential nomination in 1968. McCarthy won five primaries but failed to win the nomination.

McCarthy retired from the Senate in 1970, at the end of his second term. Since that time, he has taught university courses in politics, literature and history and has presented lectures to groups throughout the country.

Taft served in the House for six years and in the Senate for six years. Throughout his legislative career, Taft supported economic policies that encouraged fiscally sound government. He strongly supported passage

of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the War Powers Act of 1973.

The public is encouraged to attend the debate.

In conjunction with the debate, a survey on Reagan economic policies conducted by Political Forum last week showed that 15.2 percent of the 296 people who responded to the poll think President Reagan is responsible for the current recession. Also, 70.3 percent of those surveyed said the United States economy will be served best by continuing the policies of the Reagan administration.

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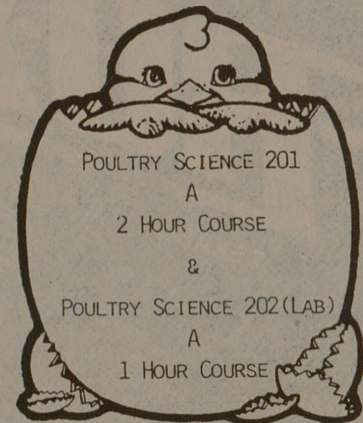
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