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Election debate tonight

All five candidates for student body president will participate in a debate tonight in Rudder Tower.

The debate, called by its organizer, "more of a forum," is at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder. It will begin with each candidate presenting his views in four minutes or less, followed by an hour of questions from a moderator, and winding up with 10 to 15 minutes of questions from the audience. Student Body President Joe Jordan is the scheduled moderator.

The debate is sponsored jointly by Tau Kappa, the Junior honor society, and the Student Government Election Commission.

David Glimp, a member of the Election Commission and liaison from Tau Kappa, is in charge of the debate. The groups will supply Jordan questions to ask the candidates, drawn from issues which Glimp said include:

- the faculty senate and Student Government's involvement with it.
- curriculum changes and the proposed core curriculum.
- parking.
- business affairs, specifically the planned special events center, and operational funding of the Memorial Student Center.
- the state legislature, including the Permanent University Fund, and tuition.
- the candidates' planned administration, its structure, direction, and goals.
- minority students, specifically blacks, at Texas A&M.

Glimp said "When I planned this, my purpose was to provide students with the opportunity to hear the candidates and their positions on issues, and to help students make an informed decision."

"We tried to steer away from an opportunity for personal attack, but I think all the candidates are mature enough to be above that anyway."

He said that all five candidates expressed a desire to participate in the debate, but said that their attendance isn't mandatory.

The candidates for student body president are David Alders, Diane Baumbach, Keith Carmichael, Jay Holland, and Grant Swartzwelder.

Admission is free, and, Glimp added, encouraged.



Tiny bubbles

Photo by RONNIE CROCKER

Who doesn't remember the joy of blowing bubbles? Bryan Bearden, a sophomore in Squadron 8, does as he joins in the fun. Squadron 8 sponsored a day of fun, games and picnicking with local foster children Sunday at Hensel Park.

Traffic accidents claim lives of 2 A&M students

By TRICIA PARKER
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Two unrelated traffic accidents claimed the lives of Glenn C. House and Elizabeth A. Reeves, both Texas A&M students, this weekend.

House, 20, and his date, Sheila Marie Melody, were returning from a sorority dance in Austin early Saturday morning when House's Audi 4000 flipped over and slid into Town Lake, officials said. Both deaths were ruled drownings by Travis county medical examiner Dr. Robert Bayardo.

Elizabeth A. Reeves, 20, suffered severe internal injuries when the

1982 Buick Regal she was driving was struck by a tractor trailer at the intersection of Highway 30 and the East Bypass Friday afternoon.

Reeves, a freshman biomedical science major from Denison, was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan but later was flown by helicopter to Methodist Central Hospital in Dallas where she died early Saturday.

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Hart wins Montana; turns to New York

United Press International

Colorado Sen. Gary Hart captured Montana's Democratic county caucuses Sunday, taking most of the state's rural areas and splitting the vote with Walter Mondale in several labor strongholds.

Officials said Hart would receive 11 of the 19 delegates at stake and Mondale will receive 8 delegates. It would bring the former vice president's overall delegate total to 673 and Hart's to 393.

With all 53 caucuses reporting, Hart received 6,810 votes for 49 percent, Mondale had 4,942 votes for 35 percent, Jesse Jackson received 714 votes for 5 percent, and 9 percent of the caucus participants, or 1330, had no preference.

Although Mondale's organization had started campaigning early in the state, Hart recently added money and manpower to his effort. Both candidates campaigned in New York Sunday.

Montana Democratic Party officials said at least 7,000 people were expected to participate in the caucuses, which were held in sites ranging from schools and hospitals to hotels and civic organization.

Mondale and Hart both devoted Sunday to courting New York Democrats for that state's primary, with the two rivals engaging in such traditional campaign tactics as going on walking tours of New York City.

"I think discrimination and despair is a sin," Mondale told about 350 members of the Metropolitan Community Methodist Church in Harlem, in an attack on President Reagan.

"We need to have a president who knows that the deadliest of all possible sins is the mutilation of a child's spirit," he said, before going to a Manhattan delicatessen to woo voters as he strolled under rows of salamis and cheeses suspended from the ceiling.

Hart took his campaign to a working-class neighborhood in Queens, telling patrons of an Irish tavern he favors a "united Ireland."

Later, he used a Young Israel dinner in Manhattan, also attended by Mondale, to blast the former vice president for his readiness to commit

troops to the Persian Gulf to keep oil supplies flowing.

"This apparently means he is prepared to continue the United States' reliance on oil supplies from the unstable Persian Gulf and be subject to foreign policy blackmail that entails," Hart said.

Jackson began a three-day campaign swing through Connecticut Sunday, telling a university audience in Bridgeport he would put pressure on South Africa to end its policy of racial segregation if he is elected president.

He hopes to generate a record number of minority voters in Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven, the state's three largest cities. "Our campaign has been from the people up, not the endorers down," he said.

Hart — who lost to Mondale in the Kansas caucuses Saturday and was trailing both Mondale and Jackson in the race for Virginia delegates which will be completed Monday — got some good news from Connecticut on Sunday.

A poll of 521 registered Democrats who said they plan to vote in Tuesday's Connecticut primary showed he holds a substantial lead over Mondale.

The poll, conducted between Tuesday and Friday by the University of Connecticut's School of Social Studies for the Hartford Courant, found Hart favored by 48 percent, with Mondale supported by 28 percent. Jackson trailed with 5 percent. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percent.

A win in Connecticut would represent a sweep of the New England states for Hart, and would restore some resurgence to his campaign before the pivotal New York primary April 3.

Hart, Mondale and Jackson all planned to visit Connecticut Monday to woo voters before the primary.

The Connecticut poll also found a high number of undecided voters in the state — 19 percent — reflecting the volatile nature of the 1984 Democratic presidential race.

Leftist rebels hamper Salvadoran election

United Press International

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Leftist rebels Sunday raided towns, burned ballots and forced suspensions in voting, complicating a presidential election hampered by a confusion-wracked electoral system and a nationwide blackout.

In the country's first free presidential election in 50 years, Salvadorans were choosing among eight candidates. Each promised different solutions to end the nation's civil war, launched by rebels in 1979 to topple the U.S.-backed government.

Turnout in the election, which the

Reagan administration has helped fund and considers a crucial test of its Central American policy, was reported lighter than in 1982, when about 1.5 million Salvadorans voted for a constituent assembly.

The leading candidates were Jose Napoleon Duarte, a former president and candidate of the moderate Christian Democratic Party; Roberto d'Abuissou, of the extreme-right Nationalist Republican Alliance and Francisco Jose Guerrero of the conservative National Conciliation Party.

If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, as expected, a

runoff among the top two finishers will be held, probably in May. Sunday's results were not expected for three days.

Despite pledges of non-interference by some rebel leaders, military officials said at least six soldiers and two rebels died Sunday when guerrillas attacked towns in eastern El Salvador in an effort to disrupt voting.

Officials said polling was suspended in at least 45 villages and hamlets in five provinces where the insurgents are most active.

Many voters in those areas went to the polls under heavy army protection,

some given rides in government trucks, others watched over by soldiers as they hiked long hours from villages.

"We are here because we believe that through voting, peace can be found in El Salvador," said Cleofas Granadas, 38, who walked to Sociedad, a town in the rebel stronghold of Morazan province, 79 miles east of San Salvador.

Voting was hampered early in many areas by delays in ballot box deliveries and other logistical problems.

Salvador Hidalgo, an executive at

Empresas Modulares, the company that computerized the country's voting list, said rebel disruption of roads were responsible for delivery delays outside San Salvador.

He said chaos at polling stations in the capital was caused by confusion among election officials.

There were scattered charges of election improprieties.

A spokesman for Rene Fortin Magana, presidential candidate of the Democratic Action Party, charged that members of a "unidentified party" stole ballots from "some

15 ballot boxes, affecting some 7,500 voters in San Salvador."

Further problems were caused by a blackout that engulfed 80 percent of the country after rebels bombed nine high voltage power transmission towers Saturday, officials said.

Despite the manifest problems, conservative Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., one of 30 U.S. observers sent by President Reagan to monitor the election, said, "It looks to me like the people of San Salvador and El Salvador are repudiating the efforts by the guerrillas to disrupt the elections."

Regents to decide on fee hikes

By ED ALANIS
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M Board of Regents began its three-day meeting Sunday, and before the board adjourns on Tuesday it will have considered proposed increases for 17 fees students now pay.

During Sunday's session the board heard proposals to create a department of speech communication and theater arts, and to establish a bachelor's degree in speech communication. The proposal would involve separating these programs from the English department and expanding them.

"It's a degree program we should have had 15 years ago," Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver told the board.

Texas A&M is currently the only major institution of higher learning in the state that does not offer a degree in speech communication. Backers of the project say it will not present competition for other schools in the state, but rather that it will stimulate increased cooperation between Texas colleges and universities.

The board also reviewed plans for the proposed new Systems Administration Building. A detailed scale model of the building was presented, showing how the building would be situated on its proposed location at the northeast corner of the main campus.

With the support of the rest of the board, Regent Planning and Building Committee Chairman Joe C. Richardson suggested the site for the new building be moved to an avail-

able site near Easterwood Airport.

Since the building will serve the entire Texas A&M University System, the regents decided it did not belong on the Texas A&M main campus. The northeast corner of campus is the only large open area left for development on the main campus, and it was decided it could be utilized for something more pertinent to this particular campus.

The site near the airport will enhance the planned research park and help in the further development of the west campus. The 52,800 square foot building has been designed in such a manner as to reflect the rich past of Texas A&M as well as the future course the University System is taking.

The Planning and Building Committee also discussed some immediate plans for the west campus. These include more spaces in parking annex 71 and landscaping to tie the existing buildings together for easier pedestrian access.

A main entrance to the west campus is also planned. It will be a mirror image of, and directly across from, the west entrance to the main campus.

In sessions today and Tuesday the board will consider several fee increases, including those for residence halls, married student apartments, board plans, parking permits, shuttle bus passes and student service fees.

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- The president of Rice will retire in 1985 after 14 years with the university. See story page 6.
- Is "Marrrrrrvin Zindler — Eyewitness News" worth \$1 million? See story page 7.
- A neighbor of death row inmate "Candyman" Ronald Clark O'Bryan says there is no question in his mind that O'Bryan is guilty. See story page 12.