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Beaumont makes cuts in personnel

Associated Press

BEAUMONT — Officials in this northeast Texas city, which lost millions of dollars in a failed securities program, have made deep personnel cuts and some employees faced layoffs are bitter.

About 70 workers will pick up their last paychecks Friday as a result of austerity programs begun about a year ago.

After the layoffs, 1,188 people will work for the city, representing a 19 percent loss of jobs in the five years.

Officials said reduced library services and reduced bus services have been in effect since 1981.

City Council members, in adopting a budget in September, eliminated 116 jobs, some of which had been vacant since March when the city lost \$20 million in investments in ESM Government Securities.

The city enacted a hiring freeze after the ESM loss and council members they resorted to further personnel cuts to give residents a property tax break.

As a result of layoffs, fewer city services will be available. Uniformed personnel will fill the jobs eliminated about 30 dispatchers, jailers and other civilians in the police department.

Officers have stopped helping motorists who accidentally lock their keys in their vehicles, police said. The department has also scrapped the public relations and juvenile voice programs.

Drainage crews that have kept city streets clear of debris will be eliminated.

The city's brush pick-up program will begin operating on a "call-in" basis next week.

The urban transportation department will lose drainage crews, sign writers and traffic personnel, division director Tom Horne said.



Photo by BILL HUGHES

Tough Loss

Texas A&M's Jimmie Gilbert goes up for a shot in the against Southern Methodist University Saturday Night. A&M lost 58-56 and now stands second in the conference. See story page 12.

Filipino tabulators claim results falsified

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Thirty computer operators marched out of the government's election commission Sunday, claiming the ballot-counting that showed President Ferdinand E. Marcos defeating Corason Aquino was falsified.

An international observer group, meanwhile, accused Marcos' partisans on Sunday of vote-buying, intimidation, snatching ballot boxes and tampering with election returns in Friday's special presidential election.

The computer operators wept on each other's shoulders after parading single file out of the Marcos-appointed commission's counting center.

"There was something wrong," a woman operator explained. "What's posted on the tabulation board does

not tally with the computer board, and we don't know who is doing it. We can't take it any more."

The woman, who refused to give her name, told The Associated Press that workers spotted the problem Saturday night, when Aquino was leading in the commission's count by 100,000 votes. By midday Sunday, Marcos had taken over the lead.

By Monday morning, with 28 percent of the precincts reporting, the commission's unofficial tally gave Marcos 3,056,236 votes to Aquino's 2,903,348, a split of 51.28 percent to 48.72 percent.

But an independent count by the National Movement for Free Elections, a citizens' ballot-monitoring group known as Namfrel, had Aquino in the lead by 5,576,319 votes to 4,806,166 for Marcos, or 53.7 percent to 46.3 percent.

The Namfrel tally represented 49.14 percent of the Philippines' 86,036 precincts. Final election results from this nation of 7,100 islands are not expected for days.

After the workers — 27 women and three men — marched out, tabulation was suspended. The total number of workers tabulating was not known but there were about 300 computers in the center.

Victorino Savellano, chairman of the nine-man Commission on Elections which operate the tally center, denounced the workers' charges as "a political attempt to sabotage our efforts." He said the commission's count is based on authenticated tally sheets which "are beyond doubt" and which anyone could see.

Marcos, who initially predicted an 80 percent landslide, was hard-

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29 people presumed dead in Canadian train collision

Associated Press

HINTON, Alberta — The first two bodies were recovered Sunday from the smoking rubble of a head-on train wreck in which 29 people were presumed dead.

Caterpillar tractors, earth-movers, and railroad cranes pulled apart mangled locomotives and cars from a westbound, 114-car Canadian National freight train and an eastbound, nine-car Via Rail passenger train that collided Saturday morning.

The freight train was on the wrong track.

Each train was being pulled by three engines when they smashed together on a single stretch of track about 10 miles east of Hinton. In all,

122 people were believed to have been aboard the two trains.

Deputy chief medical examiner Dr. Derick Pounder said three people were hospitalized, and "all the others who were injured are (now) well or are walking wounded."

The accident occurred near Jasper National Park, on the border between Alberta and British Columbia, about 175 miles west of Edmonton, the provincial capital.

The first two bodies, of a Canadian National engineer and a passenger, were both from the passenger train and were removed in white body bags. Cranes then hauled away one locomotive to continue the search.

Twenty-nine people were missing and presumed dead, and 93 people

were known to have survived, Pounder said. The two bodies were classified as "missing" because their identities were not confirmed.

Authorities initially feared as many as 40 people were killed. Of 98 Via Rail passengers, 22 were missing.

Canadian transport Minister Don Mazankowski said three investigators from Transport Canada, the government agency that regulates transportation, and an inspector for the transport of dangerous goods were assigned to investigate. CN officials also were investigating.

Passenger service over the section of track where the accident occurred was discontinued in 1981, but was resumed at Mazankowski's direction last June.

Budget crunch may be beneficial

Wanted: Work-study students

By CHRIS SIGURDSON
Reporter

The budget crunch at Texas A&M could be a boom for needy students who want to work, says the administrator in charge of student employment and scholarships.

Lynn Brown, scholarships administrator, says students who qualify for financial aid and are looking for work-study employment are more receptive to money-conscious departments and institutions.

The reason, she says, is they pay only 20 percent of a work-study employee's wages and the federal government picks up the rest.

The department gets a part-time employee for a fraction of the expense and the student earns money for school.

Brown says the only problem an employer might have with a work-study employee is the limit the government and the financial aid office places on the student's total wages.

A student's maximum amount of earnings from work-study is set for the year, she says, based on the amount of financial aid the student qualifies for. If the student exceeds that limit he or she must quit.

Brown says such situations do occur and the office tries to avoid them

by assigning students as much work-study allowance as possible and advising employers to keep up with work hours.

Jerri Gadberry, a financial aid assistant in charge of monitoring the earnings of the work-study employees, says the Student Financial Aid Office tries to be realistic in setting the limits.

"We don't want to give them an amount like \$2,000 that they couldn't possibly earn in a school year," Gadberry said, "or \$200 that they use up in a flash."

Gadberry says she also monitors students' paychecks to make sure

they aren't working more than 20 hours per week.

Since all work-study jobs must be affiliated with the University and some departments request work-study applicants only, Gadberry says, the office maintains a separate listing for those positions.

To find out if they qualify for work-study, students must fill out a financial aid form and send it to the College Scholarship Service. The service will send the results back to the student and copies to the college.

Financial aid forms are available from the employment office or the

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Haiti returning to normal after retaliation to regime

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — After two nights of wild rejoicing and mob retaliation against the hated secret police of the ousted Duvalier regime, life began returning to normal Sunday in this slum-ridden city of 1 million people.

Trashed, burned-out shells of businesses that were associated with the 28 years of Duvalier family rule bore silent witness to a celebration that turned violent, killing at least 100 people and causing great material damage.

Jean-Claude Duvalier became Haiti's "president-for-life" in

1971 at age 19 on the death of his father, Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier. He fled to France on Friday on a U.S. Air Force plane with about 25 family members, guards and associates after the United States and Jamaica convinced him to step down in the face of mounting violence.

A military-civilian council assumed interim control.

Duvalier's departure sparked riots and revenge killing against the Tonton Macoutes, the Duvalier dynasty's dreaded private militia.

Reporters said Macoutes were See Violence, page 11

Conference to present program on Middle East

By MARY McWHORTER
Staff Writer

Nearly 200 guests will be meeting at Texas A&M Wednesday as the 31st Student Conference on National Affairs presents this year's program, "The Myriad Challenges of The Middle East."

"The purpose of SCONA is to bring together the future leaders of America and the world," says Ken Yang, vice chairman and speaker. "SCONA is the place where students can sit down and communicate."

This year 41 universities and 25 high schools will be represented as well as delegates from Canada, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Israel, Mexico, Scotland, Switzerland and West Germany.

The program's focus is the round table discussions which involve 170 delegates. The delegates are divided into small groups of 10 to 15 members with two co-chairmen added to provide some expertise and guidance in the discussions. Interspersed throughout the 3½-day conference will be speeches by experts in Middle Eastern af-

fairs. All speeches will be in Rudder Theater.

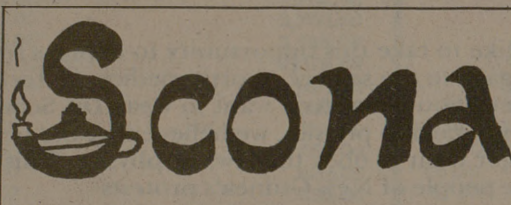
The program will begin with an opening address Wednesday at 2 p.m. by Bill Stewart, a diplomatic correspondent for Time magazine.

Dr. Odeh Aburdene will give a speech Thursday at 9 a.m. on the economics of the Middle East. Aburdene has worked in banking with a special emphasis on the Middle East. He is senior vice president and manager of the New York branch of the Arab Bank Limited.

Also on Thursday, a panel discussion entitled "Modernization and Islamic Revival" will take place at 1:30 p.m. between Dr. Elizabeth Fernea, Dr. John Williams and Dr. Andrew Hess.

Fernea will give a speech on the role of women and family in the Middle East. Fernea has lived in Iraq, Egypt, Morocco and France.

Williams is a professor of art history at the University of Texas and is a specialist on the art and religion of the Middle East.



Williams will lecture on religion in the Middle East.

Hess will lecture on modernization and industrialization in the Middle East. He is now working at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Hess speaks Arabic, Turkish, Spanish and French and can read Classical and Modern Arabic, Ottoman Turkish, Modern Turkish, Persian, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and French.

Joseph J. Sisco will give a speech Friday at 9 a.m. entitled "Security Issues and World Power Involvement." Sisco served for 25 years in the U.S. State Department. He has served under six secretaries of state

and five presidents. He is now a partner in Sisco Associates, a national and international consulting firm, and is also a radio and television foreign affairs analyst appearing regularly on ABC Good Morning America and on other national networks, public television, the British Broadcasting Corporation and Voice of America. He is also a regular foreign affairs analyst for Cable News Network.

Also on Friday, a panel discussion entitled "The Arab/Israeli Conflict" will begin at 1:30 p.m. It will feature Dr. Moshe Ma'oz and Ambassador Clovis Maksud. Gordon Brown will moderate. Ma'oz was born in Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Maksud is the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States at the United Nations and chief representative of the League in the United States. He is also a journalist and lawyer.

Dr. William Quandt will give the closing address, "Prospects for Peace," Saturday at 10 a.m. Quandt is a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute and earned his B.A. at

Stanford and his Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The public is invited to all speeches and panel discussions, but round table meetings are limited to the delegates.

SCONA is a unique organization in that it is totally student run and financed by independent corporations and private donations.

"We don't get one penny from the Memorial Student Fund," says Yang.

The Naval Academy, Air Force Academy and Harvard University also sponsor similar programs.

A&M's SCONA program was begun in 1955 by several members of the Corps of Cadets, says Linda Thomas, chairman of SCONA. The first program had a budget of \$12,000. This year's budget was \$100,000.

Yang says the money is used to pay some of the speakers' fees, transportation and hotel bills. Yang added that some speakers do not charge a fee for their participation in non-profit conferences such as SCONA.