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Hachtman, Sims in runoff for SG president

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Voters in Wednesday's spring elections narrowed the five-man field of candidates for student body president to two: Mike Hachtman and Mike Sims. A runoff election is scheduled for April 9.

Hachtman is a senior majoring in industrial distribution. Sims is a junior agricultural education major. Both are members of the Student Senate.

According to returns submitted today by the election commission and confirmed by the judicial board, a total of 4,132 ballots were cast.

In the presidential race, Sims captured 944 votes, or 25.3 percent; Hachtman 883, or 23.7 percent; Brett Shine 731, or 19.6 percent; Marty Roos 729, or 19.6 percent; and Jim Cleary 426, or 11.4 percent. Write-in votes accounted for the remaining 0.4 percent.

Winners of Student Senate chairmanships were: Jerry Dingham, academic affairs; Douglas Baird, external affairs; Spence McClung, finance; and Jose Castro, student services.

Dingham got 58 percent of the vote in his race. His opponent, Rudy Rodriguez, got just over 41 percent.

McClung defeated Mark Brownell 56.7 percent to 43.2 percent, while Castro edged Billy McCaskill by 80 votes — 1,505 to 1,425. Baird ran unopposed.

Senior yell leaders for 1986-87 and their percentage of the vote are: Tom Kelley, 25.4 percent; Marty Holmes, 24.3 percent; and Troy Ireland, 21.9 percent.

The two junior yell leader positions will be filled by Douglas Beall, who had 26.4 percent of the vote, and John Bean, who had 22.7 percent.

In Residence Hall Association races, voters selected David McDow-

ell as president; Carla Carey, vice president; and Tara Palasota, treasurer. Harry Garwood and B.J. Reisfield, two write-in candidates, will be in a runoff for RHA secretary.

Off-Campus Aggies officers are: Scott Mendell, president; Lauri Pogreba, vice president; Karen Vest, secretary; and Allison Green, treasurer.

In contested class office races, Scott Williams and Jared Hurta will compete in a runoff for Class of '89 president; Greg Carter was elected Class of '89 vice president; and Diana Adams was chosen Class of '87 social secretary.

Voters also approved four amendments to the Student Government constitution.

One establishes a grade-point requirement for Student Government executive appointees.

Another creates a committee comprised of the student body president, speaker of the Student Senate and the Senate chairman of rules and regulations to appoint members of the judicial branch.

A third amendment requires the judicial board chairman to administer an oath of office to Student Government officers and members.

The final amendment makes several miscellaneous changes, one of which takes away the student body president's power to veto Senate resolutions, a power which had been questioned in the past.

Alan Moore, election co-commissioner, said he thought the size of the voter turnout was good, especially at the Sterling C. Evans Library, the nighttime polling site.

"The traditional polling places pulled well as usual, but the library in the future should be looked at as a (voting) site for all day," Moore said.

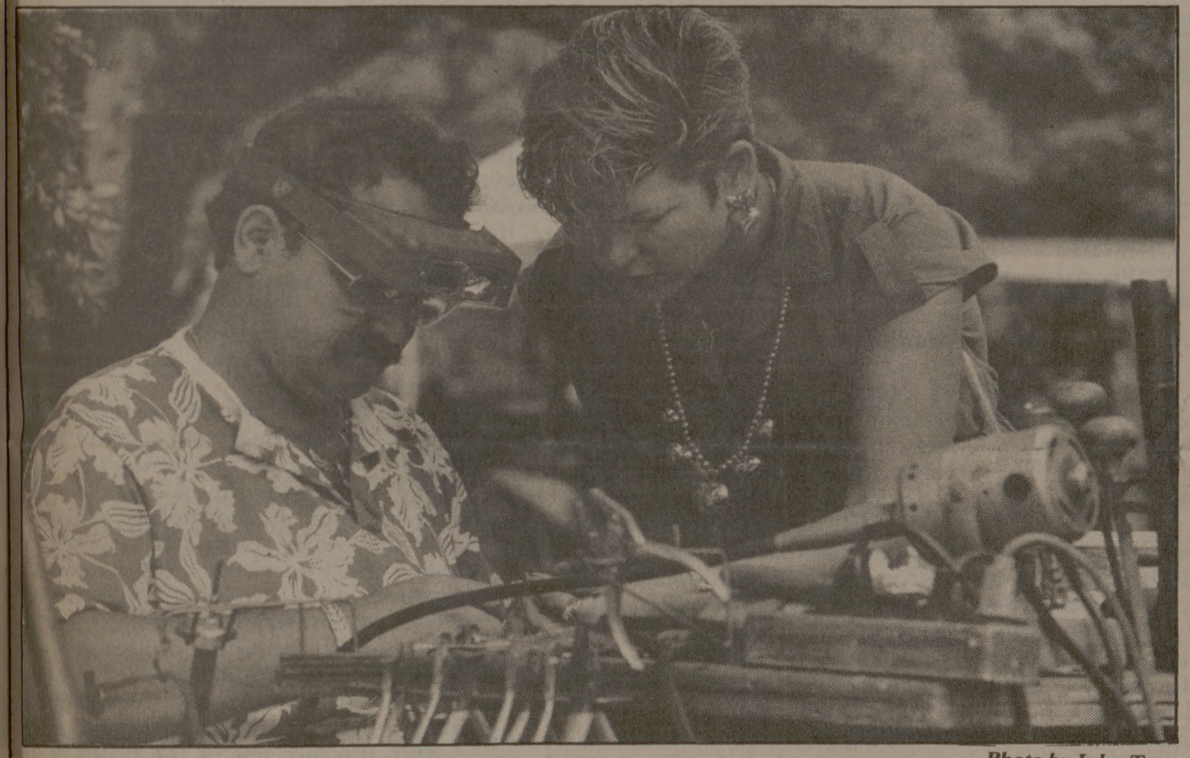


Photo by John Tate

Creative Craft

Eric and Glenda Lundgren make final adjustments on a piece of jewelry at the Spring Craft Show held Tuesday and Wednesday outside the

Memorial Student Center. More than 46 craftsmen sold their wares this year, making it the largest craft show ever at Texas A&M.

Bomb blows hole in jet; four fall to their deaths

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A bomb exploded inside a TWA jetliner bound for Athens Wednesday, hurling four passengers 15,000 feet through the Greek skies to their deaths, officials reported. At least three of the victims, including a baby, were Americans.

A little-known Palestinian group claimed responsibility for the bombing, saying it was in retaliation for "American arrogance" in last week's U.S. military clash with Libya.

Seven other people, including four Americans, were injured aboard the Boeing 727 — Flight 840 from Rome — which landed safely in Athens 10 minutes later, a gaping hole in its side, officials reported.

TWA President Richard D. Pearson in New York said the explosion occurred at floor level in rows 10 or 11 of the passenger cabin, blowing one seat out through the hole as the jet flew at 15,000 feet. A senior Athens airport security official, Panagiotis Christopoulos, had said the blast occurred in the cargo section below the seats.

The airline said 121 people were on board, including 111 passengers, seven crew members and three off-

duty crew members. Earlier accounts said 124 were on board. The flight originated in Los Angeles, stopped in New York and was scheduled to go on to Cairo, Egypt, after leaving Athens.

Ibrahim al-Nami, 29, a Saudi Arabian passenger who was among the injured, said "There was a big bang and then the man beside me was blown out along with his seat. I felt myself being pulled out too and I hung on to my wife's seat beside me."

Reports from friends, relatives, Greek officials and TWA identified the victims as: Alberto Ospina, a Colombian-born American from Stratford, Conn.; Demitra Stylian, 52; her daughter, Maria Klug, 25, and granddaughter Maria Klug, 8 or 9 months old, all from Annapolis, Md.

A Greek government statement said the younger woman and baby were American citizens. The U.S. State Department said Stylian, whose name also was spelled Styliannopoulou, apparently also was American.

A reporter in Argos, Georgios Se-

Investigation of bombing is ordered

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan ordered an investigation into the bomb blast Wednesday that killed four passengers on a TWA flight to Athens, his aides said.

"It is highly probable that the situation that occurred does involve violation of United States law and so it is appropriate that we provide investigative resources," Attorney General Edwin Meese III said in an interview on the CBS Evening News.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters in Santa Barbara, Calif., near where Reagan is vacationing, "The president directed U.S. authorities to cooperate in the investigation."

Speakes said the president was notified of the explosion at 6:35 a.m. PST (9:35 EST) by Donald Fortier, an official of the National Security Council.

The Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Aviation Administration were assigned to help Italian and Greek authorities investigate the bomb, which exploded on a Boeing 727 as it flew at 15,000 feet over southern Greece.

An obscure Palestinian group called the Arab Revolutionary Cells claimed responsibility for the explosion.

The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a prominent expert on terrorism — both speaking prior to the telephone call claiming responsibility — said they believed the bombing may have been related to Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy, but-

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Officials say Bush won't try to pressure Saudis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan administration officials on Wednesday sought to dispel the notion that Vice President George Bush's mission to the Middle East this weekend will be one of "beating up on the Saudis" to achieve oil production curbs.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in Santa Barbara, Calif., that Bush instead "will emphasize the U.S. view that market forces should establish world oil price levels."

And in Washington, a senior administration official who agreed to be interviewed on condition of anonymity said, "We believe in the free market" and had no intention of

pressuring the Saudis on oil-price policy.

Speakes said Bush also expressed this viewpoint in a news conference in Washington Tuesday, but parts of his statements "were picked out that could have led to a misunderstanding of the vice president's viewpoint and the president's viewpoint."

"When the vice president meets with King Faud in Saudi Arabia on Sunday, he will emphasize the U.S. view that market forces should establish world oil price levels," Speakes said.

Oil prices in the United States and Europe rallied after Bush said Tuesday that he will tell the Saudi government during his upcoming visit

that plunging oil prices are hurting the U.S. oil industry.

The senior official said that Bush's remarks at a news conference may have been misconstrued in energy markets — and that the vice president had just been trying to point out both good and bad sides of plunging oil prices.

"I don't think there is anything in that appearance of his that would lead one to believe he is being sent there on a mission to work with the Saudis to put a floor under oil prices or anything like that," the official said.

Bush will arrive in Saudi Arabia on Saturday.

The senior official played down suggestions that the United States

had any plans of applying pressure on Saudi Arabia.

On Monday, Energy Secretary John S. Herrington cautioned there would be "political implications" for the Saudis if they kept driving down prices by overproducing.

"The energy secretary made it very clear he was speaking only as energy secretary and for himself and not reflecting a consensus administration position," the official said.

As to Bush's comments, the official said: "I don't think there was a suggestion in his remarks that somehow we're going to be beating up on the Saudis to put a floor under oil prices or to set a floor at a particular level.

"Clearly, there are disruptions

when prices move too rapidly in either direction, and that's all he was acknowledging."

The statement was applauded by Rep. Philip Sharp, D-Ind., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce fossil and synthetic fuels subcommittee, who said: "I certainly hope that does represent the (administration's) policy."

Sharp told a news conference that the remarks by Bush and Herrington seemed to indicate a major shift in U.S. policy that has opposed any move to help the oil cartel.

Bush told reporters on Tuesday that it was "essential that we talk about stability and that we not just have a continued free fall (in oil prices)."

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Gov. Wallace says good-bye to politics

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — George C. Wallace bid a tearful farewell to politics Wednesday, announcing in a choking voice that ill health will prevent him from seeking a fifth term as governor of Alabama.

"I feel that I must say I have climbed my last political mountain," Wallace said, his voice halting as he fought back tears before 400 people jammed into the House chamber at the Capitol.

Wallace, a paraplegic who has battled ill health during the past three years, said his physical ailments would not allow him to compete again.

A recent poll had shown him trailing major contenders for the Democratic nomination.

Wallace, who made four runs for the presidency, said the assassination attempt that crippled him during his 1972 campaign had taken its toll on his health.

Wallace first won the governor's office in 1962 as a firebrand segregationist but was elected to his fourth, four-year term in 1982 as a racial moderate courting the black vote. Many of his supporters crowding into the House chamber were black.

Among those on hand was E.D. Nixon, an elderly black man considered the patriarch of the civil rights movement in Alabama.

"I wish he hadn't decided not to run," Nixon said. "Wallace has done more for black people than any other governor."

CS race for mayor heating up

By Craig Renfro
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College Station City Council elections will take place Saturday amid accusations that one of the mayoral candidates is opposed to economic development and that the other candidate violated the Texas Election Code.

Letters sent last week to several College Station businesses say mayoral candidate Lynn McIlhane is "anti-business," and opposed to industrial development.

The letters do not list the name or address of the person who arranged for the printing, although Texas law requires disclosure of those facts, said Rebecca Payne, staff attorney with the state election committee.

A violation of the state election code can be a Class A misdemeanor,

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Lynn McIlhane — candidate for mayor of College Station.

nor, punishable by a \$2,000 fine, a year in jail, or both, she said.

Payne said to determine if the letters are in violation of the code, McIlhane would have to file a civil suit with a local prosecutor.

If no suit is filed, the state will take no action, she said.

McIlhane said Wednesday she has tried to run a positive campaign, but is upset with Larry Ringer, her opponent, and is undecided if she will file suit.

McIlhane said review of the

College Station City Council minutes would reveal she's not anti-business.

"There isn't anything positive in that letter," McIlhane said. "Everything in it is a lie."

"If he's not strong enough to run his own campaign, he's certainly not strong enough to be mayor."

Payne said if a suit were filed, the courts would decide if the people responsible for the letter meet the criteria of a political committee.

Payne said a political committee

is defined as a group of persons formed to collect contributions or make expenditures for a candidate in a public election.

All political committees must assign a treasurer to keep track of all expenditures and contributions, and are subject to disclosure laws, she said.

Payne said an individual can spend up to \$100 on political contributions, however, if more is spent a report must be filed.

Ringer said he doesn't know who sent the letters, although they were produced by Absolute Advertising, the firm that handles Ringer's campaign.

Ringer said the money did not come from his campaign fund.

"The money didn't come from my fund," Ringer said. "However, they (Absolute Advertising) know I'm disappointed."