

## In Advance

### Runoff election to be held for student body president

The spring election season will include **Wednesday** with student voters returning to the polls for a runoff election to pick the 1986-87 Texas A&M student president. Candidates Mike Hachtman and Mike Sims emerged from a field of five candidates in the April 2 general elections to qualify for the runoff. Voters also will choose the class of '89 president, Residence Association secretary and six student senators. Finalists for Class of '89 president are Jared Hurta and Scott Williams. In the race for RHA secretary, voters will choose between Harry Garwood and B.J. Sheffield. Most of the Senate seat runoffs

are between write-in candidates. Although 35 Senate seats had not been filed for prior to the April 2 elections, most were filled by write-in candidates.

Polling sites for the runoff elections will be the same as those for the general elections with one exception.

The Pavilion will be replaced as a polling site by the Sterling C. Evans Library. Balloting at the Evans Library, along with the Memorial Student Center and the Blocker Building, will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voting will continue at the library from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Results will be announced at noon Thursday at the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue in front of the Academic Building.

### Deputy director of prisons to speak on TDC problems

Problems with the Texas Department of Corrections will be discussed at 8 p.m. **Wednesday** in Rudder. Admission is free and the event is sponsored by Political Forum.

James E. Riley, deputy director of TDC, will speak on several issues facing the TDC, including security problems.

Before joining TDC in July 1984, Riley was police chief at Hood, where his law-en-

forcement program was cited as the best in the nation by the National Crime Prevention Coalition, a presidential organization. Violent crimes were reduced 60 percent under his administration.

Riley, a 22-year veteran of military security and law enforcement, also has worked as the director of disciplinary administration at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and as International Chief of Police for NATO. He has earned degrees from Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

## Faculty Senate votes to add class to curriculum plan

By Sondra Pickard  
Staff Writer

After a lengthy discussion the Faculty Senate voted Monday to add an eighth item to the proposed core curriculum, which will require all entering Texas A&M students to complete a course in technology and renewable resources before graduation.

Originally proposed by senators Tom Kozik and Don Russell of the College of Engineering, the new section is titled "Technology, Renewable Resources and Society," and will require all students to take a three-hour course.

The course would "present a fundamental understanding of technology and renewable resources and how they affect our society."

This course will be selected from a list of courses to be developed by the colleges of Agriculture and Engineering and later approved by the senate.

The initial proposal required six hours of the subject, one course to be selected from the engineering college and one from the agriculture college and also stated that any 200 level course or higher in engineering or agriculture could be used to satisfy the requirement.

But several senators were opposed, saying that many of the 200 level or higher courses wouldn't fulfill the item's intended purpose.

Russell said agriculture and engineering students already receive an adequate appreciation of technology in their required classes, and the intent was to introduce non-majors to

an area they may not be familiar with.

An amendment proposed by Sen. John McDermott changed the original wording, ultimately leaving the choice of specific courses up to the entire senate, instead of a specific college.

In other action, the senate voted to endorse the University's physical education requirement by including a ninth item to the core curriculum, which reinforces that all students must take four credits of P.E. 199, Required Physical Education.

The addition was proposed by the College of Education caucus, along with three other items that would incorporate state requirements directly into the foreign language, cultural heritage and social science sections.

The state and University requirements are already stated in a preamble at the beginning of the core curriculum document, but if the education caucus's amendment passes, such a preamble no longer will be necessary.

Also, the senate approved adoption of a motion that would bring all undergraduate degree programs into conformity with the proposed University-required core for implementation for students entering A&M in Fall 1988.

Another part of the motion charged a special subcommittee of the senate executive committee to guide enforcement of the core curriculum to insure that University requirements are being met and to recommend alterations or alternatives to it if necessary.

## Motions heated at debate on gun control

By Jeanne Isenberg  
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A debate on gun control became a test of who was quicker to the floor as two experts duelled for control of the floor in Rudder Theater Monday night.

David Berg, a Houston lawyer who has published several essays on gun control, argued against the proliferation of handguns while Herb Chambers, a field director for the National Rifle Association and an expert in law enforcement, defended the right to bear arms.

But the speakers were frequently interrupted — if not by the moderator, Jim Stachura of the Texas A&M political science department, or the audience, then by one another.

At one point, an audience member became so disgusted with Berg's constant interruptions of Chambers' rebuttal that he yelled, "Shut up, and let him answer!"

But despite the emotional arguments, Berg and Chambers made their points clear.

Berg said the mainstream of American thinking supports the regulation of handguns through either stricter registration standards or a

"cooling-off period" between the time a person tries to purchase a handgun and the actual purchase.

He defined handguns as small-caliber weapons, such as the .22-, .38- or the .45-caliber and added

that they have no other purpose except to kill human beings.

He also said while the United States is one of the most technologically advanced nations, and one of the most thoughtful and civilized, it is also one of the most violent, and a substantial number of its murders are caused by handguns.

He compared the United States to Great Britain and Canada, saying their stricter handgun regulations and enforcement makes them a role model for the United States.

But Chambers disagreed with this. As an example, he said, if you get caught in Mexico with a gun, you'll go to jail, and they'll throw the key away. But their crime problem persists.

Chambers said Berg was unfairly making crime the gun owner's responsibility.

He said his experience as a homicide officer showed him the criminal mind — if someone wants a gun to commit a crime, he could get it regardless of rules and regulations.

Berg said he wasn't suggesting the banning or confiscation of handguns already owned but rather a chance to try a different approach now.

Instead of letting easy access continue, Berg said, it's time to adopt a policy of rigorous blocking of the proliferation of handguns.

However, Chambers said that the problem is where to start restricting the individual. And once the restriction starts, he said, "Where does it end?"

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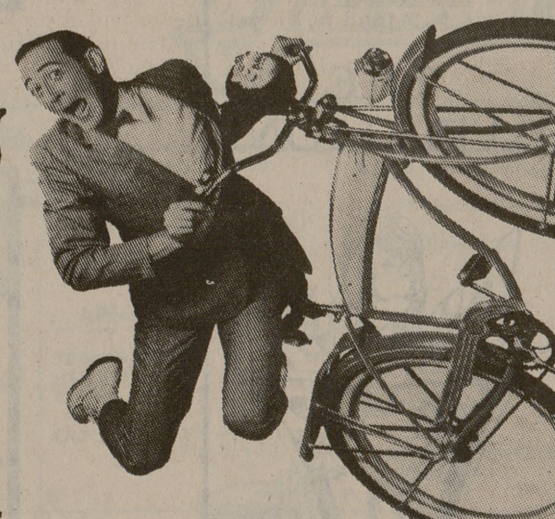
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