

What's up

Wednesday

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: applications for External Communications and Public Relations will be available through the summer months. Please come by 221 Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to pick up applications. For more information call 845-3051.

SAILING CLUB: will hold a membership drive meeting followed by a novice test required for all new members at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder. For more information call Tim, 696-8642.

Thursday

CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will hold officer elections at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder. For more information call Eric, 268-0510.

BRAZOS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB: meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the College Station Community Center. Beginners are welcome.

Friday

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION TENNIS ASSOCIATION: will sponsor a tennis tournament on June 27 and 29. Applications can be picked up in the Intramural office. Entry fee is \$10. Deadline for application is Friday. For more information call 846-4489 or 693-3969.

Saturday

SAILING CLUB: will hold an outing at Lake Somerville at Overlook Park from 9 a.m. Saturday until noon Sunday. For more information call Tim, 696-8642.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

Mexico's election of president in '82 a fraud — Helms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms charged Tuesday that Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid was elected by fraud in 1982 through an allegedly corrupt electoral system using "a double set of books — one public and one private."

Helms said "sources within the Mexican government," whom he did not further identify, had given him documents showing that de la Madrid, proclaimed the winner with 71.2 percent of the vote, actually won only 39.8 percent.

Such fraud, Helms maintained at a hearing he called to focus on the Mexican government, was intended to perpetuate the 58-year rule of the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

The Mexican Embassy in Washington issued a statement saying the Mexican president does not take any part in the Mexican electoral process.

"Consequently, Sen. Helms' assertion and the supposedly secret figures that he made public in today's hearing regarding recent electoral results are groundless and most probably are intended to confuse public opinion," the statement said.

It said votes in Mexico are counted by electoral officers with the participation of representatives from all the political parties running candidates in the election.

And William D. Rogers, a Washington attorney who served as assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs in 1974-75, said an accusation of the sort Helms made is counter-productive and "drives all Mexican officials into intoxicating nationalistic resentment."

Rogers noted protests last month which followed an accusation of drug-related corruption in the Mexican government made by William von Raab, head of the U.S. Customs Service.

In making his accusation, Helms said, "I'm well aware the Mexican government is going to deny it engages in double bookkeeping." The senator challenged Mexican officials to respond by opening up the elec-

tion process to international review and inspection.

The documents, typed compilations of the purported election results, not government documents, "show a double set of election results . . ." he said. "What we have is a double set of books — one public, one private."

One column was labeled "public results provided by the Federal Election Commission;" the other, "secret results from the presidential chief of staff of the military."

Charges of fraud in the 1982 and 1985 elections are not new.

The strongest of six candidates defeated by de la Madrid for the presidency, Pablo Emilio Madero, representing the National Action Party (PAN), charged after that election that the results "were not clean" and that opposition observers had not been allowed inside polling places.

The PAN party spokesman charged three years later that the parliamentary elections "were illegal . . . a monstrous fraud."

The United States has recently been instrumental in helping assemble an economic aid package designed to help Mexico weather the problems caused by precipitously falling oil prices.

But Helms said Mexico deserves no monetary help from the United States until it reforms its political system.

"If the situation in Mexico continues to be one of corruption, fraud and the strangling of democracy, then vast infusions of U.S. taxpayer's cash will only up more opportunities for corruption and fraud," he said.

Rogers said it has suddenly become fashionable to pronounce Mexico a menace to U.S. national interests.

"There is . . . an element of self righteousness to the recent attacks on Mexico," Rogers said, referring to the corruption accusations.

"The United States is the most insatiable market for drugs in all of recorded history," he said. "It comes close to hypocrisy for this nation to condemn Mexico."

White: Clements tells 'fairy tales' on tax cut

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Gov. Bill Clements has been telling a "fairy tale" about the \$1 billion tax cut he says his administration gave Texans, Gov. Mark White's campaign charged Tuesday.

"Since that is what he once promised voters he would do, it is easy to understand why he would want to try and convince voters that he actually made good on his pledge. He didn't," White's campaign said in a news release.

White's statement was authored by campaign press secretary Mark McKinnon and headlined, "The \$1 billion tax cut fairy tale." It accused Clements of offering several versions of the tax cut story over the years, beginning when he was the GOP candidate in 1978. The Democratic governor

charged, "At one time, Clements claimed he would return \$3 billion to the Texas taxpayers."

When Clements as governor submitted his first budget to the Legislature, however, the proposed tax cut was down to \$1 billion and never addressed by lawmakers, the White campaign said.

"By 1981, Clements had given up on the \$1 billion tax cut and turned to the water trust fund, attempting to pass off the plan as a form of tax relief," the statement said.

Today, White's campaign charged, Clements says the \$1 billion tax cut came through abolition of the state property tax. However that plan was one "which he testified against during a special session of the Legislature in 1978."

State hospital employees convicted in assault case

TYLER (AP) — Six-month prison terms have been ordered for four former employees of Rusk State Hospital convicted of conspiracy charges in a 1983 assault on a patient.

William A. Tyer, Robert Anderson Davis Jr., Harold E. Hicks and Leo Glen Nash must serve three years' probation after completing their prison terms, U.S. District Judge William Steger ruled Monday.

The five were convicted April 11 of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of a hospital patient.

The five defendants were psychiatric security technicians at the hospital's Skyview I Ward when a patient was assaulted in a television lounge, according to testimony.

Prosecutors contended the beating was planned as retaliation for the patient's testimony against Davis, Baker, Nash and Hicks during a hospital investigation of an alleged assault of another patient earlier that week.

Texas Supreme Court judges say false testimony given under oath

AUSTIN (AP) — All nine Texas Supreme Court justices have signed an affidavit stating that false testimony under oath was given to a House committee investigating alleged improprieties by the court.

Two justices whose names came up at an April 11 meeting of the Judicial Affairs Committee also said they were "astounded" to learn that committee chairman Frank Tejeda had claimed "some sort of" legislative privilege to prevent committee employee Jeff Archer from responding to questions during the taking of a deposition.

The nine justices said testimony by San Antonio lawyer Kathryn Strolle attributing a statement to Justice William Kilgarlin was not made by Kilgarlin.

The justices said they had been advised that Strolle told Tejeda's committee, "Judge Kilgarlin said, I talked to Tom Davis and he doesn't want another six- to eight-week trial . . ."

The justices said they had been advised that Strolle had testified the statement was made during a private court conference on the case Yowell vs. Piper Aircraft Co.

The affidavit said, "I was present during conferences at which the Yowell case was discussed. Judge Kilgarlin never made the above

statement alleged by Kathryn Strolle or any other statement to the effect that he had talked with Tom Davis."

Strolle said Tuesday, "Everything I said under oath was true. My testimony in April was absolutely under oath and absolutely true."

Stapled to the affidavit was a letter from Kilgarlin to Tejeda, D-San Antonio, and committee members. The letter said the "harm to me has al-

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ready been done" but could have been prevented if committee counsel or investigators had asked justices in advance whether such an event had taken place.

Kilgarlin and Justice C.L. Ray also wrote Tejeda saying that at the same time he was claiming legislative privilege for Archer he had refused "to recognize the privilege that has been invoked by the employees of this court and threaten contempt pro-

Kilgarlin and Ray said Archer had, however, disclosed that the planning session for the committee hearing on alleged judicial improprieties had taken place at the home of George Shipley, campaign manager for Tejeda's state Senate race.

"It is hard to imagine what legislative purpose was being served by your campaign manager directing the committee investigation from his home," the letter said.

Kilgarlin and Ray said Shipley represents the Supreme Court Justice Committee, "which has targeted both of us for removal from the court."

In a statement issued by his Austin office, Shipley said, "Judge Ray's latest comments are complete malarkey. There was an informal meeting in my home for the purpose of introducing an outstanding reporter to possible sources."

Kilgarlin and Ray also said Tejeda had written Chief Justice John Hill a "rude and threatening" letter rejecting "any reasonable proposal whereby the court and the committee could resolve these unfounded allegations."

A note from Randall "Buck" Wood, an Austin lawyer representing Kilgarlin and Ray, said, "It would appear that somebody is afraid of the sunlight."

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