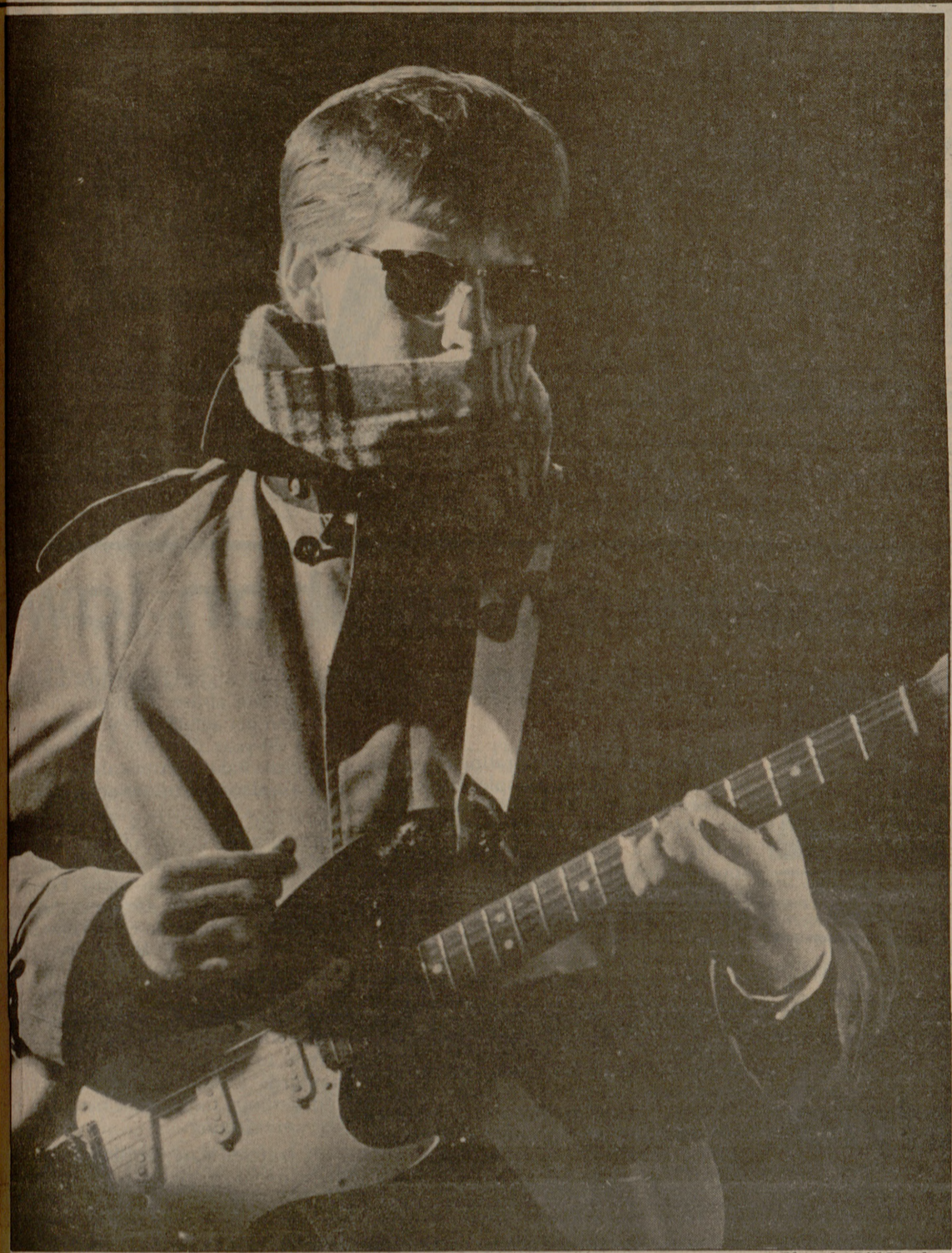


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Too Cool

Guitarist Drew Decker tries to beat the chill Thursday night as The Handouts play at the Grove. The

temperature during the concert was in the low 40s, bringing new meaning to the phrase cool blues.

Photo by Bill Hughes

Kremlin: U.S. soldier, wife granted asylum

Couple said to fear political persecution

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin announced Thursday an American soldier and his West German wife had defected to the Soviet Union and been granted asylum because they feared political persecution.

The U.S. Army in West Germany and the Pentagon in Washington could not confirm the defection, which would be the first by an American serviceman to the Soviet Union since the Vietnam War.

The Pentagon issued a statement, however, saying it was investigating an enlisted man with a name similar to that announced by the Soviets who had deserted in West Germany a month ago.

The reported defection came at a time when the U.S. Embassy in Moscow was trying to deal with a spy case in which two former Marine guards have been charged with espionage.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gerasimov announced the defection at a regular news briefing and said, "They have chosen the Turkmenian S.S.R. for their honeymoon."

He identified the soldier as William E. Roberts of the U.S. Army, whom he said he had been stationed in West Germany, and his wife as P. Neumann, a West German.

Both have been granted political asylum because "they were afraid of being victimized for their progressive views," Gerasimov said. He said Roberts "had been persecuted" while stationed with the Army in West Germany, but the Soviet spokesman provided no details.

Army Maj. Dennis Pinkham, a spokesman for the U.S. European command in Stuttgart, West Germany, said military officials were attempting to verify the report.

In Washington, Pentagon, Army and Defense Department officials declined to even predict when confirmation of the defector's identity might be available.

But the Army announced Thursday afternoon that it had declared a deserter one of its soldiers assigned to West Germany, Pvt. 2nd Class Wade Evan Roberts. It noted the name differed from that released by Moscow.

Roberts was assigned to Bravo Battery, 3-79th Field Artillery, 42nd Field Artillery Brigade, in Geissen, West Germany, and was listed as having been absent without leave since March 2.

The Army added that Roberts was 22, listed his home of record as San Bernardino, Calif., and according to military records, was single.

Gerasimov said he was not sure of the couple's present whereabouts. The official Tass news agency said it would provide on Friday a photograph showing the couple in Turk-

menia, a Central Asian Soviet republic that borders Iran and Afghanistan.

The American Embassy in Moscow is trying to assess the damage that may have been done by other U.S. servicemen linked to a sex-and-spy operation with the Soviets.

Three former Marine guards at the mission have been arrested in the United States and two of them charged with having contacts with Soviet women who allegedly lured them into furnishing embassy secrets to KGB agents.

Bradshaw, Hogan to meet in runoff slated for April 8

By Christi Daugherty
Staff Writer

Mason Hogan and Miles Bradshaw will face off in a runoff election Wednesday for the position of Texas A&M student body president.

More than 5,500 students voted in Wednesday's election, in which Hogan received 1,387 votes, or 27.1 percent, and Bradshaw garnered 894 votes, or 17.5 percent.

The seven other candidates divided the rest of the votes, with Perry Eichor earning 764 votes, or 14.9 percent, Jody Kay Manley, with 650 votes, or 12.7 percent, Jaime Galvan with 442, or 8.6 percent, José Castro with 361, or 7.1 percent, Spence McClung with 337, or 6.6 percent, Richard de Castongrene with 147, or 2.9 percent and Christopher R. Davis with 132 votes, or 2.6 percent.

The three senior yell leaders elected were Doug Beall, with 3,749 votes, or 26.1 percent, John Bean with 3,622 votes, or 25.2 percent and Matt Sellers with 2,344 votes, or 16.3 percent.

The two junior yell leaders chosen were Steve Keathley with 2,058 votes, or 20.2 percent, and David Armstrong with 2,002 votes, or 19.6 percent.

Bradshaw is a junior agricultural economics major from Nacogdoches, and Hogan is a senior animal science and agricultural education major from Clyde.

The two said they have been friends for some time, having served together as senators, then working together this year while Bradshaw was speaker of the Student Senate and Hogan was speaker pro-tempore.

Hogan was one of six presidential candidates who filed charges of overspending against Bradshaw during the campaign.

"Although Mason was one of the candidates who filed against me, I don't think that will matter, now that

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Bradshaw cleared of charges

By Christi Daugherty
Staff Writer

Student body presidential candidate Miles Bradshaw was cleared by the Election Commission Thursday of charges of campaign overspending.

Election commissioners Brit Thomas and Derek Blakeley announced that they had concluded their investigation into the complaint and had found no basis for the charges.

Six of the nine presidential candidates filed a complaint with the Election Commission Monday, charging Bradshaw with going over the \$300 campaign limit.

Bradshaw had denied the charges.

The commissioners required all nine candidates to submit preliminary spending reports to prove they were under the limit, but Blakeley said Thursday the commissioners would not investigate any candidates other than Hogan and Bradshaw. When no complaints are filed, only the election winner has to account for his spending.

The commissioners contacted the companies listed on the receipts, Thomas said, checking on almost everything Bradshaw used. After the investigation they decided that, considering the unused material he submitted, Bradshaw remained below the limit.

Thomas emphasized that if the candidate who won overspent dur-

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Senate overrides Reagan's highway bill veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected a personal, last-minute plea from President Reagan and voted Thursday to override his veto and enact into law an \$88 billion highway and mass transit bill.

The 67-33 vote, exactly the two-thirds majority necessary, capped two days of political struggle over the bill that became a high-stakes test of wills between the Republican president and leaders of the Senate's Democratic majority.

Democrats reclaimed one vote they had lost in an initial test on Wednesday, but Republicans were unable to switch any of the 13 GOP senators who voted to override the president's veto the day before.

Besides authorizing highway and mass transit projects that the president had opposed as overladen with pork, the bill permits states to boost the speed limit on rural stretches of interstate highways to 65 miles per hour from the current 55 mph.

But arguments over the substance of the legislation were overtaken by the political fight.

Afterwards, though, the winners and losers alike sought to minimize the impact on the president's influence.

Reagan issued a statement saying he was "deeply disappointed" by the outcome but vowing to continue the battle against excessive federal spending.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the defeat would help the president by demonstrating his willingness to fight in his final 21 months in office.

At issue was a measure that permits states to raise the speed limit to 65 miles per hour on rural stretches of interstate highways and earmarks more than 100 highway demonstration projects tailor-made for individual lawmakers.

Reagan vetoed the bill last week, calling it a

budget-buster that is larded with wasteful projects.

Democrats maintained that the bill is under budget, and said that sustaining the veto would cause the loss of 800,000 jobs during the warm weather construction season.

But beyond the legislation itself, the veto fight became a test of Reagan's standing and prestige after months of political damage caused by the Iran-Contra affair.

The Senate voted 65-35, with one vote the spare, to sustain the president's action on Wednesday, but a change of heart by Democrat Terry Sanford of North Carolina, a 69-year-old freshman senator, left Democratic leaders confident of overriding the veto on the second, reconsideration vote Thursday.

The House voted 350-73 on Tuesday to override the veto, but it takes a two-thirds vote of both houses to enact the bill into law over a veto.

Business college will publish results of official A&M professor evaluations

By Susan Stubing
Reporter

With summer and fall registration books newly distributed, students once again are quizzing their friends and colleagues about which basket-weaving professor is the easiest and which has used the same tests since 1953.

Until now, the only way to uncover such grade-boosting information was by word of mouth. But after spending more than a year trying to make teacher-evaluation forms public, business students can now select a professor based on official, unbiased evaluations, says Allen Arnold, co-chairman and initiator of the teacher evaluation committee in the College of Business Administration.

"Students have a lot to lose or gain, depending on what teacher they get," Arnold, a senior marketing major, says. "I feel like it would be a lot more effective to look at the results of a bunch of evaluations rather than just the biased opinions of a friend here or there."

The individual evaluations can be published only with the teacher's

consent, Arnold says, and the option to have evaluations published must be renewed each semester. More than half of the business faculty are expected to participate this semester, he says.

"The faculty voted overwhelmingly in favor of the evaluation change," says Dr. Sam Gillespie, as-

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sistant dean of the business administration college. Teacher response so far has been encouraging, he says, and there has been a real effort to promote participation.

Although records of professor's grade distributions are available on the second floor of the YMCA Building, they do not provide subjective information about the course and teacher, he says. By publishing the evaluations, rumors floating

around about certain teachers will be eliminated, he says.

"Students will have a better idea of what they're getting into before they sign up for a class," says Phil Klement, a senior marketing major in favor of the change. Although the current grade distribution reports are helpful, he says, publishing the

evaluations will be of even greater help in choosing a teacher.

Because the published evaluations will be on file at a convenient location — the Sterling C. Evans Library reserve room — students should be encouraged to take advantage of the evaluations, Arnold says.

"I don't believe by any means that everyone is going to use this," he says, "because only the really concerned students will take the time to look at them."

Although the benefits of publishing the evaluations may not be as obvious to the teachers as they are to the students, Arnold says the new format can be used to the teacher's advantage.

"Teachers will get more accurate and more thorough evaluations," he says, "so they can get a better idea of how they're really doing."

Professors are strongly encouraged to participate, Arnold says, but there are some valid reasons for not consenting to publication.

"New teachers or those teaching a new course will probably want a while to get the course organized before their evaluations are published," he says.

"Once the teachers find out that it is really no big deal to have their evaluations published," he says, "I think the teacher involvement will increase."

The only difference in the new evaluation is in the process, Arnold says.

"Instead of only having the deans see the reports, now the students get to see what they have seen all along," he says.

Lamar student dies during 'hazing ritual'

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Police at a Texas university are investigating the death of a 25-year-old student who collapsed while running laps during what his family in New Jersey called a fraternity hazing ritual.

Harold A. Thomas, a junior at Lamar University in Beaumont, died of a cardiac hemorrhage Friday evening after he jogged about four miles in 75-degree heat on the school's track, university spokesman J. Earl Brickhouse said Thursday.

His sister, Brenda Thomas, of Neptune, N.J., said Thursday her brother was forced to run as part of a hazing ritual for the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Brickhouse said the investigation of Thomas' death had not determined whether it involved hazing, which is prohibited by university policy and is a misdemeanor under Texas law.

He said toxicological studies, which would determine if Thomas had taken any drugs or consumed alcohol prior to his death, would not be complete for at least a week.

An attorney for Omega Psi Phi said Thursday that Thomas was not an official pledge of the six-member fraternity. Melvin C. Zeno, a New Orleans lawyer who is legal counsel for the fraternity, said Thomas' application to the fraternity had been rejected, but would not say when or why.

However, Brenda Thomas and her mother, Bertha, said they believe Thomas was actively pledging at the fraternity. The Thomases said he had paid \$264 in "pledge dues" and possessed a small necklace charm that identified him as a fraternity pledge.

Zeno said the money Thomas paid to the fraternity was an application fee and not membership dues or pledge dues.

"He was not an official pledge," Zeno said. "All applicants are required to pay a fee."

The charm may have been given to Thomas when he applied, but did not mean he was an official pledge, Zeno said.

"It may be he got it when he signed up, but he would not be allowed to wear it until he was inducted," Zeno said.