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Reagan nominates woman for Secretary of Labor post

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan on Tuesday nominated former Interior Undersecretary Ann Dore McLaughlin to succeed William E. Brock as Secretary of Labor and bring a woman back into his Cabinet.

Reagan called McLaughlin, who also has held senior roles in the Treasury Department and the Environmental Protection Agency, a

woman of "uncommon experience and competence... who has won my full confidence and support."

With only 15 months remaining in the administration, there appeared to be little sentiment among Democrats and labor unions for opposing the nomination.

"We're going to take a pretty good look at her, but it doesn't seem like she's drawing any serious opposition," said Paul Donovan, a spokes-

man for the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee headed by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. He said the panel has not yet decided when it will hold hearings on the nomination.

But if confirmed by the Senate, she can be expected to lead the administration's fight against a broad agenda of legislation being pushed in Congress by labor unions.

Among more than a dozen bills moving through Congress are measures to raise the minimum wage, frozen at \$3.35 an hour since 1981, to require 60 days advance notice of plant closings and large layoffs and to mandate employer-provided health insurance.

Brock, 56, announced his resignation three weeks ago to become the campaign manager for Bob Dole.

Female photographers say they were harassed by bonfire crew

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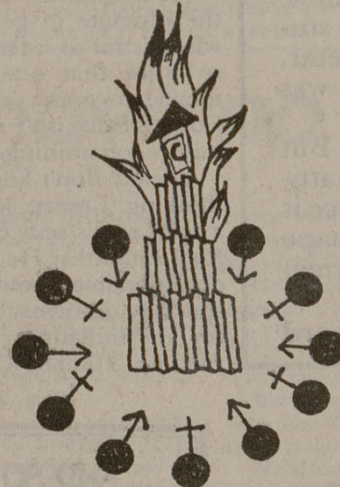
Two female photographers for *The Aggie* said they were verbally and physically harassed when the bonfire center pole was raised Friday night.

Marie McLeod and Jennifer Friend, both senior journalism majors, were among five photographers assigned to cover the event. They said the verbal abuse began when they approached the bonfire perimeter, or the imaginary circle bounded by posts that hold the guy ropes from the center pole.

"People started yelling, 'Females on the perimeter! Get the females off the perimeter,'" Friend said. "I just ignored them and went up to where they were digging the hole and starting taking pictures."

Joanie Pate, a senior accounting and political science major and editor of the yearbook, said she was upset that her employees were treated in such a manner.

"I am infuriated that anyone on my staff had to go through that in a college-age environment," Pate said. "Members of my staff couldn't do the job they were sent out to do."



Graphic by Susan C. Akin

William Kibler, the bonfire adviser, said there are only two restrictions for people entering the safety perimeter around the bonfire.

He said that a person must have a legitimate reason for being in the perimeter and that the person must have on a hard hat.

"There is no restriction on

whether a male versus a female can go in there (the safety perimeter)," Kibler said. "But I cannot tell you that you won't have a student or students out there that will tell you that."

"That is a throwback to years ago when that was more generally accepted; for whatever reason women were not allowed in the safety perimeter. That is unfortunate and that is something that I intend to investigate and see who is responsible."

Friend said that the Corp of Cadets was not primarily responsible for the disturbances.

"It wasn't just the Corps," she said. Friend noted some Corps members were helpful, but no non-reg's were.

"I heard a lot more things yelled at me from non-reg's than from the Corps," she said.

But Friend said after she was verbally harassed she stayed to take more pictures, and that a redpot told her and McLeod to leave the perimeter because they were going to raise the center pole.

Friend and McLeod left the perimeter and noticed that one of the other photographers, Eric Swell-

ander, a junior finance major, was still in the perimeter and that the center pole was not being raised. They entered the perimeter again, she said, and were escorted by a member of the Corps around the outskirts of the perimeter. But Swellander was inside the area as the pole was going up, she said.

Swellander said he talked to Friend and McLeod and found out the two wanted to get closer to the center pole, but were being kept out. "I did not have any problems coming out there," he said. Swellander also left the perimeter when he was told the center pole would be raised.

"I went out to the perimeter for a couple of minutes and saw they weren't doing anything so I just walked back in while they were raising it," he said. "They never said another word to me after that."

Scott Mallory, A&M senior redpot and agronomy major, said the redpots were clearing everyone out of the perimeter, and that Swellander must not have been noticed.

"We were kicking everybody out,"

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Photo by Sarah Cowan

Hot stuff

People participating in the Texas A&M Brayton Fire Training School will complete their training today. Most of the men are from Louisiana and have jobs that are in fields related to combustible materials and say that this training is essential to their jobs.

More fees can be paid with installments

By Janet Goode
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Texas A&M students who live on campus and buy University meal plans will be able to hold onto their money a little longer than usual next semester.

They will be able to pay more of their fees on an installment basis, Robert Smith, vice president for finance and operations at Texas A&M, said Tuesday.

House Bill 1147 allows students to make installment payments on tuition and fees. Smith said this bill has typically been interpreted as referring to required fees and not to optional fees such as room and board.

Until now, the fee for the required student identification card and all optional fees had to be paid in advance, upon enrollment.

Under the new plan, students will be able to pay their room and board on the installment plan, which will allow students who live on campus to pay about 93 percent of all fees by installment.

The typical student who lives on campus, uses a meal plan and takes fifteen hours previously paid close to \$2,000 at registration. The new plan allows such a student to pay only \$643 upon registration and defer the rest into either two or four payments.

Although the overall cost to the student will remain the same, Smith said it will be easier for these students to pay the fees if more of them can be paid in installments.

"With the increasing cost of tuition and the other costs students and their parents have to pay, we felt like we should offer some alternatives," Smith said. "We couldn't reduce the costs, especially the ones such as tuition mandated by state statute, but we could make it easier to pay."

Smith formed a task force to investigate these options after a request from A&M President Frank E. Vandiver, who was "very concerned about the costs of attending Texas A&M," Smith said.

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The force looked for ways to minimize the impact of increasing tuition costs, he said.

"Our charge to the committee was to take a look at all options which would significantly reduce the amount of money students and their parents were required to pay upon registration," he said.

The committee was made up of four officials from the finance and operations office and a student appointed by Dr. John Koldus.

The committee also was asked to research the possible use of Visa or Mastercard credit cards for fee payments.

After studying 10 major institutions, Smith said the committee found that few students and parents at other universities avail themselves of the option because the typical Mastercard limit is \$2,000.

The report said opinions from other institutions on accepting credit cards ranged from "It's an administrative headache..." to "... a great idea... can't imagine not having it."

Smith said this option hasn't been ruled out altogether but has been set aside at this time because of practical problems and the lack of demand.

The changes in fee payments don't, however, include "use" fees, Smith said.

Such fees as building use and computer access fees are established by the Texas A&M Board of Regents, Smith said.

"I don't like the word 'use' fee be-

cause all someone has to do is say 'I don't use this and therefore I shouldn't have to pay for it,'" he said.

"Well if everybody, including myself when I went here, said that, we wouldn't have any of these buildings," he said.

Everybody has to pay something for the succeeding generation to benefit, he said.

Smith also explained why the University charges a set amount for computer use rather than a "pay as you go" basis.

"The computer fee is not a use fee, it's an access fee," he said. "Every student has computers available to them. If you choose not to use them, that's your decision — the point is they are there."

"We can't provide a resource on a consistent basis without some indication of how much revenue will be there to support it."

Heart failure causes death of student

Angela Michelle McKee, an 18-year-old Texas A&M freshman from Kaufman, died Saturday afternoon of an apparent heart failure.

McKee, an elementary education major who lived at 1301 Harvey Road in College Station, died at a friend's house in Bryan, Bryan police officer Chris Farris said Tuesday.

Officials at St. Joseph hospital indicated that McKee had a history of heart problems, Farris said.

Farris also said there was no suspicion of foul play and there is no investigation by Bryan police in McKee's death.

Funeral services for McKee are scheduled at 2 p.m. today in Kaufman at the Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Home.

Pari-mutuel betting backers obtain victory in early election returns

AUSTIN (AP) — The proposal to legalize pari-mutuel gambling in Texas for the first time in a half century was winning favor from voters in early election returns Tuesday.

With 25 percent of the precincts reporting statewide, the referendum had received 213,050 favorable votes, or 55 percent, to

174,690 votes, or 45 percent, against.

Horsemen across the state were anxiously awaiting the voters' decision.

Bill Breese, track manager at Manor Downs east of Austin, said he was optimistic that pari-mutuel gambling would be legalized.

The proposal to legalize gambling on horse and dog races was pushed as a needed economic expansion in a state hard-hit by the oil price bust.

Gov. Bill Clements said earlier in the day that he voted in favor of legalizing gambling because it would keep tourism money

in Texas, as opposed to losing the funds to other states that have betting.

If the statewide referendum is approved, horse-race gambling would be legal again for the first time since 1937. Greyhound racing could begin in three Gulf Coast counties.

Under the plan, voters in a county would

have to give their approval for racing. Major tracks could be established near Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and San Antonio. Smaller tracks could be established elsewhere and would have shorter racing seasons. Greyhound tracks would be limited to Cameron, Nueces and Galveston counties, pending local approval.

Bipartisan Senate predicts confirmation for replacement of defense secretary

(AP) — Senators of both parties predicted Tuesday that Frank C. Carlucci, President Reagan's national security adviser, would be easily confirmed as secretary of defense if nominated as expected to replace Caspar Weinberger.

Weinberger's resignation and Carlucci's selection are likely to be announced later this week, according to administration and congressional sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

Officially, neither the White House nor the Pentagon con-

firmed the reports and both Weinberger and Carlucci declined comment.

Sources said Carlucci would be replaced as director of the National Security Council staff by Army Lt. Gen. Colin Powell, who is currently Carlucci's deputy.

Powell would be the first black to hold that position and would be the sixth national security adviser in Reagan's presidency.

Weinberger, 70, plans to leave because his wife Jane is in poor health, suffering from cancer and

severe arthritis, the sources said.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., predicted that Carlucci, a former deputy defense secretary under Weinberger and veteran of other top government posts, "will be well received" by the Senate.

Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "I shouldn't think Carlucci would have a problem being confirmed. He's a pretty solid person."

A&M police to start impounding bicycles in undesignated areas

Students who park their bicycles near doorways or chain them to rails can expect them to be removed by University Police starting next Wednesday, Bob Wiatt, director of the UPD, said Monday.

Police will attach warnings to bicycles that are illegally parked for the rest of this week, Wiatt said.

Students who continue to park in these areas after Tuesday could have their bicycles taken by police, he said. To get their bicycles back, students will have to go to the police sta-

tion, describe their bikes and report the time and place they were impounded. They then will have to register their bicycles with the UPD, he said, a process that costs nothing.

He also said if a chain or cable has to be cut to impound a bike, it's the student's responsibility to replace it.

Officers will concentrate their bicycle sweep at the MSC, the Zachry Engineering Center and Sterling C. Evans Library. These locations appear to be the places where most

problems arise with bicycles blocking necessary activities close to the buildings.

Wiatt said numerous complaints about illegally parked bicycles prompted this action.

"You have to be an Olympic hurdler to get over bicycles and get into buildings," he said.

But the only "fine" students will be charged is the inconvenience of having to claim and register their bicycles, he said.