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Glasgow, D-Stephenville, said he supported the amendment's concept, but told Brooks, "You're shooting at me in the dark." He said Brooks had not spoken to him before about the amendment, and added, "Let's not put something on there that we know nothing about."

Brooks maintained the amendment was "not a dirty trick." That amendment also failed, 18-12, and the Senate sent the bill to the House on a 30-1 vote.

Later, Brooks told reporters his disclosure amendment was aimed at opening up to public scrutiny "bidding wars" between colleges for high school students.

Glasgow said his bill was a response to the various sanctions by the NCAA, which regulates college sports, against Southwest Conference schools, including the pay-for-play scandal at Southern Methodist University.

"What's happened to us in Texas has been something of a national crisis. We've got to put a stop to it," he said.

Gov. Bill Clements, who was at the center of the SMU scandal that led the NCAA to impose its "death penalty" on the school's football program, supports the measure. All SWC schools favored the bill.

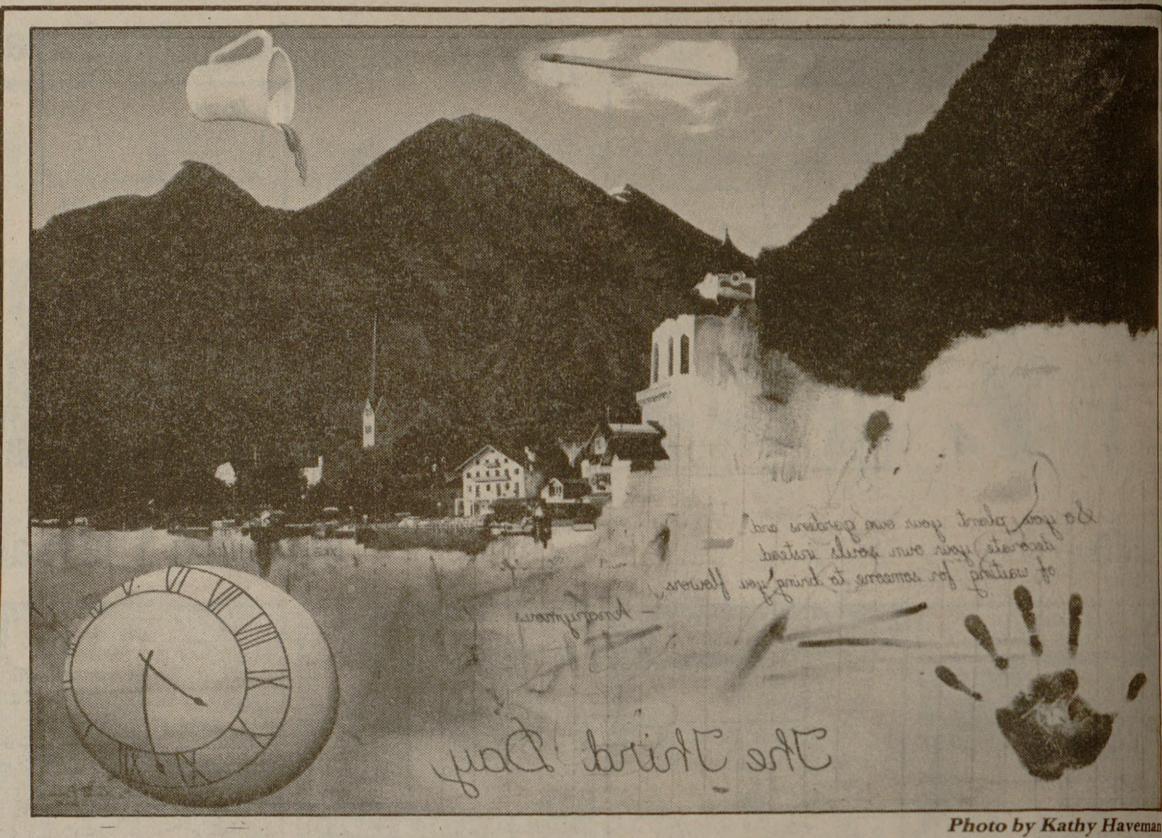


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No, it's not backward

"The Third Day," an oil painting on canvas by Kumar Perera, was named Best of Show and given first place in the painting category Monday at Artfest, an annual juried student competition sponsored by the MSC's Visual Arts Committee.

Other winners were: Photography — Nicholas Wickens, "Salamanca Espana"; Drawing — Mike Roch, untitled; Sculpture — Isabella Basonbri, "Jesus Got Dicked Around"; Mixed Media — Ronnie Cheek, "Dingo"; Crafts — Sean Herring, "Vase #2."

Eastern closes most operations after pilots stay on strike

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strike-crippled Eastern Airlines shut down nearly all operations Monday and idled 5,000 workers, saying it could not afford to maintain its business because pilots were honoring a 3-day-old Machinists walkout.

"We can not run an airline with unpredictability," Eastern spokesman Robin Matell said in Miami. "We cannot continue to incon-

venience passengers. We cannot afford the steady financial drain."

He said its shuttle service in the Northeast would continue on a limited basis.

Earlier Monday, Eastern asked a federal judge in Miami to order pilots to return to work.

Eastern had canceled almost all flights Monday but had supervisors haul baggage and de-ice planes to keep its profitable Northeast shuttle flying some of its scheduled trips between New York, Boston and Wash-

ington despite a snowstorm.

Pilots nationwide planned a job action starting Tuesday morning that threatened to delay every flight on every airline.

Eastern pilots have honored a strike by 8,500 mechanics and ramp service workers that began Saturday after a 17-month labor dispute. The strike has grounded most flights, stranded thousands of passengers and pushed the nation's seventh-largest airline to the brink of collapse.

Matell said Eastern would continue three flights per week to Santiago, Chile, and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He said the 5,000 idled employees were being notified immediately and the airline would pay them "a certain amount" according to their pay scale.

Matell said Eastern would file for bankruptcy only as a last resort but indicated the pilots' walkout may force the airline to consider the option.

"The pilots are conducting their own economic strike against the company," Matell said. "We believe that it is an illegal weapon to gain ALPA's economic objectives."

Earlier, Matell said about 200 pilots out of 3,600 were flying, but the pilots union put the number at 88. Eastern had 85 flights Saturday and 93 Sunday, the company said, including three shuttle flights with 14 or fewer passengers. Eastern averaged 1,040 flights carrying 100,000 people daily before the strike.

The pilots union advised members Monday to ignore a personal plea from Eastern President Phil Bakes on Sunday to return to work. The company said the pilots would be classified as being on strike if they did not return by noon Tuesday and implied they could lose seniority, face reduced pensions or be fired.

Eastern asked the federal judge for a preliminary injunction against the Air Line Pilots Association both at Eastern and nationally, ordering them back to work and requesting damages. No hearing was immediately scheduled.

"I think it's time to face this for

what it is — a pilots strike," another Eastern spokesman, James Ashford said. "We wanted to see whether it was an initial demonstration and whether they would come on board but now it's time."

Eastern's 5,900 flight attendants also have honored the Machinists strike. Eastern is seeking \$150 million in contract concessions while the Machinists want \$50 million raises.

"We cannot continue to inconvenience passengers. We cannot afford the steady financial drain."

— Robin Matell Eastern spokesman

Federal Aviation Administration Associate Director Anthony Brooks said inspectors are monitoring Eastern closely and there had been no safety lapses. He said the FAA "prepared to deal with" the planned pilots action.

The national pilots union planned a teleconference for all members to explain the action set to begin at 6 a.m. Tuesday. Pilots would strictly follow aviation safety rules, which could dramatically slow air traffic.

"It's an individual thing, obviously," said Jim Gray, a Delta Airlines pilots' union spokesman. "The captain of the plane decides what he wants to do. But we are encouraging our pilots to observe the fly-safe."

The international Machinists union planned to appeal a federal judge's order barring sympathy strikes on three New York-area railroads that threatened to disrupt the morning commute for more than 300,000 people. No strike-related transit problems were reported in other cities.

U.S. District Judge Robert Patterson on Tuesday also temporarily barred unionized Amtrak workers from honoring any picket lines by Eastern Machinists.

Geoscience students share research data

By Susan B. Erb

CORRESPONDENT

Stressing an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the Earth, Texas A&M geosciences graduate students shared research results and proposals with faculty and colleagues Wednesday and Thursday at the Texas A&M University Student Geosciences Symposium.

Philip D. Rabinowitz, director of the Ocean Drilling Program, which sponsored the symposium, said cooperative research in geoscience fields ranging from geology to oceanography is essential to understanding the complex environment of the earth.

"We live on a very dynamic and mobile earth," Rabinowitz said. "Knowledge gained over the past years, primarily through programs such as ODP, has made us aware that most of the processes shaping Earth today are taking place beneath the deep ocean floor."

"Results of many of the studies that students present here are changing the very way we think about our earth and our environment."

Frank Rack, a member of the symposium organizing committee and a graduate student in oceanography, said the symposium was conceived as a way to encourage interdisciplinary communication between students and faculty in the earth-science departments at Texas A&M.

"One of our goals in having student researchers present their talks

during this symposium is to learn from each other and to develop an understanding of the many challenges and opportunities inherent in interdisciplinary research," Rack said.

Fifty-nine graduate students in the fields of marine biology, continental geology, geophysics, geochemistry, oceanography, meteorology and geography presented results of research or proposed research topics.

Dean Merrill, a member of the organizing committee for the symposium and a graduate student in oceanography, said the symposium gave students an opportunity to present research to a group similar to that at a national meeting.

Khalid Mahmood, a graduate student in geological oceanography, practiced his thesis presentation at the symposium.

"Without question, the symposium was very helpful," Mahmood said. "It increased my confidence and gave me the opportunity to gather and shape my results so they could be understandable to somebody in a different field."

Dr. William H. Mobley, president of Texas A&M University, welcomed faculty and students and commended those involved in the Ocean Drilling Program.

"Without question, you are participating in one of the most exciting research programs in the nation, and we are delighted it is here in the Research Park," Mobley said.

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passengers and shipping since the strike began.

And, despite increased security and fears that striking Eastern workers may target Continental because of its relationship to Lorenzo's Texas Air, there have been no reported attempts to block Continental's Houston operations, union and airline officials said.

Many of the pilots, flight attendants and other workers at Houston's Intercontinental Airport, the airline's main hub, said they considered the labor strife unrelated to their operations, and uncalled for when compared to salaries at Continental or in other industries.

Nearly all of them, however,

said they hoped to see an end to the strike and the ultimate survival of Eastern.

"What Lorenzo did is look at their salaries and then compare them to salaries in the marketplace — what those people would make working somewhere else," another Continental pilot, who asked not to be named, said.

"Let's face it — throwing a bag is throwing a bag no matter where you do it," he said. "This is a supply and demand business and they're in business to make a profit. They have to answer to their shareholders."

The sentiments apparently spread through the ranks at Continental on Monday, although many employees refused to be interviewed.

Senate

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Council and the Faculty Senate will work together with a common concern for student-athletes and their academic performance. With this in mind it was established the Faculty Senate be a primary source of nominations to the University Athletic Council. The Senate also will determine the time period members of the Athletic Council will serve. Furthermore, the number of consecutive appointments an individual faculty member may have on the council will be limited.

The resolution also stated that the Faculty Senate liaison should become a full voting member of the Athletic Council and report each semester to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on the academic performance and progress of student athletes and on any other matters that relate to the students' academic experience at A&M.

Another stipulation of the resolution is that the academic advisers

employed by the Athletic Department work with college deans and departmental academic advisers to ensure that scholarship athletes are progressing satisfactorily toward their degrees.

In other action, the Senate passed a resolution in which summer school would consist of one session and span ten weeks, nine of which would be regular classes and the tenth would be designated for final exams and graduation.

The resolution, which had been returned to Academic Affairs Committee for revision in a past meeting, drew criticism from senators who said faculty who have nine and 10-and-a-half month contracts would be "held hostage with the resolution."

Dr. Peter Huggill, who favors the resolution, said the summer program is now in shambles. The summer program is handled unprofessionally, Huggill said, and the bill would allow administrators and deans to properly employ the faculty.