



## WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:  
Partly sunny and hot.

HIGH: 96 LOW: 74

## Anti-apartheid party gains seats in S. African Parliament elections

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The governing party headed toward its worst election setback in 41 years of power Wednesday, losing many seats to a surprisingly strong anti-apartheid party and others to the far right.

Police with whips, tear gas and shotguns dispersed blacks protesting their exclusion from the balloting. They broke up stone-throwing crowds in more than 20 black, Indian and mixed-race townships.

Anti-apartheid leaders, who called a general strike, said 3 million people stayed away from jobs and classes, shutting many factories and schools in "the biggest-ever mass action" against the government.

Police said more than 50 people were arrested, and there were unofficial reports of numerous injuries.

With results in from 85 of 166 white districts, the Conservative Party picked up 11 seats and the anti-apartheid Democratic Party ten seats from the governing National Party.

Television projections predicted the National Party would lose 30 of its 123 seats, with the Conservatives strengthening from 22 to 40 seats and Democrats going from 22 to 33 seats.

If the projections hold, the National Party would retain a majority in Parliament but suffer its worst defeat since coming to power in 1948. Independent commentators said it would be the first time since then that the National Party would fail to get a majority of the popular vote.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Defense Minister Magnus Malan were re-elected by margins sharply lower than in the white election of 1987.

The Conservatives, who favor stricter racial segregation, won their first-ever seats in Pretoria, the capital, and in Cape Province and the Orange Free State.

The election was widely viewed as among the most important in history for the whites who control South Africa. It gave white voters the choice of stating that they want to strengthen apartheid, eliminate it or take a middle course.

The amount of support for the other parties was expected to influence the National Party in deciding whether to speed up or slow down its program of limited political reform.

Voting stations around the country were heavily guarded.

## Victim of robbery dies; crime changed to murder

Dorothy McNew, the victim in Tuesday's armed robbery of Texas Coin Exchange, was pronounced dead Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Humana Hospital.

McNew was in surgery for 3 hours on Tuesday, hospital officials said, but doctors were unable to remove the bullet from her head. She was listed in "extremely critical" condition throughout the night and died from the wound the next morning.

According to a news release from the College Station Police Department, McNew's death upgrades the offense to capital murder.

Police conducted an extensive search of the area surrounding

Texas Coin Exchange Tuesday and continued Wednesday searching for the two suspects. A large number of phone calls were received from people who thought they recognized the men from police composite sketches, but as of Wednesday night the suspects were still at large.

The two men entered Texas Coin Exchange at 404 University Drive Tuesday shortly after 10 a.m. One of them fired a single shot with an automatic weapon and hit the 42-year-old McNew, a store employee, in the back of the head. The men stole an undetermined amount of jewelry and fled around the east corner of the store on foot.

## Exiled Chinese student continues reform movement

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Wu'er Kaixi was among China's best, a promising student at Beijing Normal University when the June events at Tiananmen Square thrust him into the forefront and then into a flight for his life.

Wu'er, 21, is now at Harvard University, where he will try to keep the reform movement alive. He knows he may have started a life of permanent exile, but he told the Associated Press on Wednesday that the horror of watching his friends massacred will keep him going.

Any question about his future was washed away when he arrived at the South China Sea as his escape with his girlfriend drew to an end in June.

"The first step I took was into the sea, and I knew that I wouldn't go back," he said. "I didn't feel anything because it was just after the massacre and my feelings were already frozen."

The China Information Center here has become his home. It is through this hub's telephones, fax machines and computers that he works to effect change in his native land.

It's a lot harder mission than in springtime, when events in Beijing riveted the world, and millions saw Wu'er's drawn face as he stood up to Premier Li Peng and demanded a dialogue.

Then came the quiet morning after troops stormed the square on June 3, killing hundreds, maybe thousands, of dissidents. Wu'er found himself in an ambulance, bleeding internally as a result of his hunger strike. He was flanked by two dead friends and a wounded soldier.

"If you experience that kind of massacre, it changes your life," Wu'er said. "Whenever I think of my friends who were murdered in Tiananmen Square, I feel the obligation."

So did others, as he discovered during the next 10 days, when he fled the hospital with the help of friends and searched for a safe route out of China.

"In the city and in the country, the people protected me," he said. "Even people who I didn't know kept quiet and showed support."



Playing dirty

Emily Smith, a junior community health major from Marshall, prepares to hike the football Wednesday during a muddy match between residents of Moses, Moore and Davis Gary Halls. Jeff Folkert and Nick Taylor guard the line.

Photo by Jay Janner

## LULAC official starts to dissolve civic foundation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After ten former national presidents refused to quit the LULAC Foundation board, the current president of the Hispanic rights group took steps toward dissolving the foundation.

The president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, Jose Garcia de Lara, Tuesday told the Internal Revenue Service the foundation was no longer a LULAC agency and not entitled to non-profit status.

LULAC Foundation board members said they will not resign and urged members of LULAC to rescind de Lara's actions.

"We will not resign and we shall not retreat," the board's statement said. "Our many years of devoted service to LULAC are being besmirched by these outrageous, reprehensible and unscrupulous actions by capricious and malicious individuals who have taken over the highest offices of LULAC."

De Lara called for the resignations after an investigation reportedly discovered foundation funds had been misspent.

Made up of ten former LULAC national presidents, the foundation board raises money from corporations to fund health and educational programs in Hispanic communities in the United States.

De Lara already has started establishing a new foundation to accept corporate contributions for education, job and civil rights programs for the 140,000-member group.

Chairman Eduardo Morga, chairman of the foundation board, said he would like to see a U.S. Department of Justice mediator oversee the controversy.

"We would hope the people who have been libeled and charged will be given an impartial setting to answer the charges," Morga said.

De Lara dismissed the suggestion. "There is nothing to mediate," de Lara said. "They don't have a case."

The former LULAC presidents said in their statement they will give de Lara ten days to:

- Apologize for the charges he made.
- Set an emergency meeting of the LULAC National Assembly to address the issue.

## Parking violators can't hide from computer tickets

By Cindy McMillian

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New computerized ticket writing machines are a big hit with Texas A&M's Department of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services, but probably won't be as well received by students who fail to pay parking tickets.

Officers will issue tickets with the new machines by entering permit and license information, the type of offense and the make and color of the vehicle on a touch-sensitive

screen. The machine will print a ticket that looks like a cash register receipt, and officers will place the tickets in weather-proof envelopes and leave them on car windshields.

Pamela Horner, Administrative Assistant at Parking, Transit and Traffic, said the machines will make ticket-writing more effective. The bad news for delinquent ticket-holders, however, is that the machines have immediate access to a 37-page "tow list."

Officers can find out if a car is on the department's "tow list" in a matter of seconds by

entering license or permit numbers on the ticket-writer's screen. The list includes all vehicles and permits with three or more overdue parking tickets.

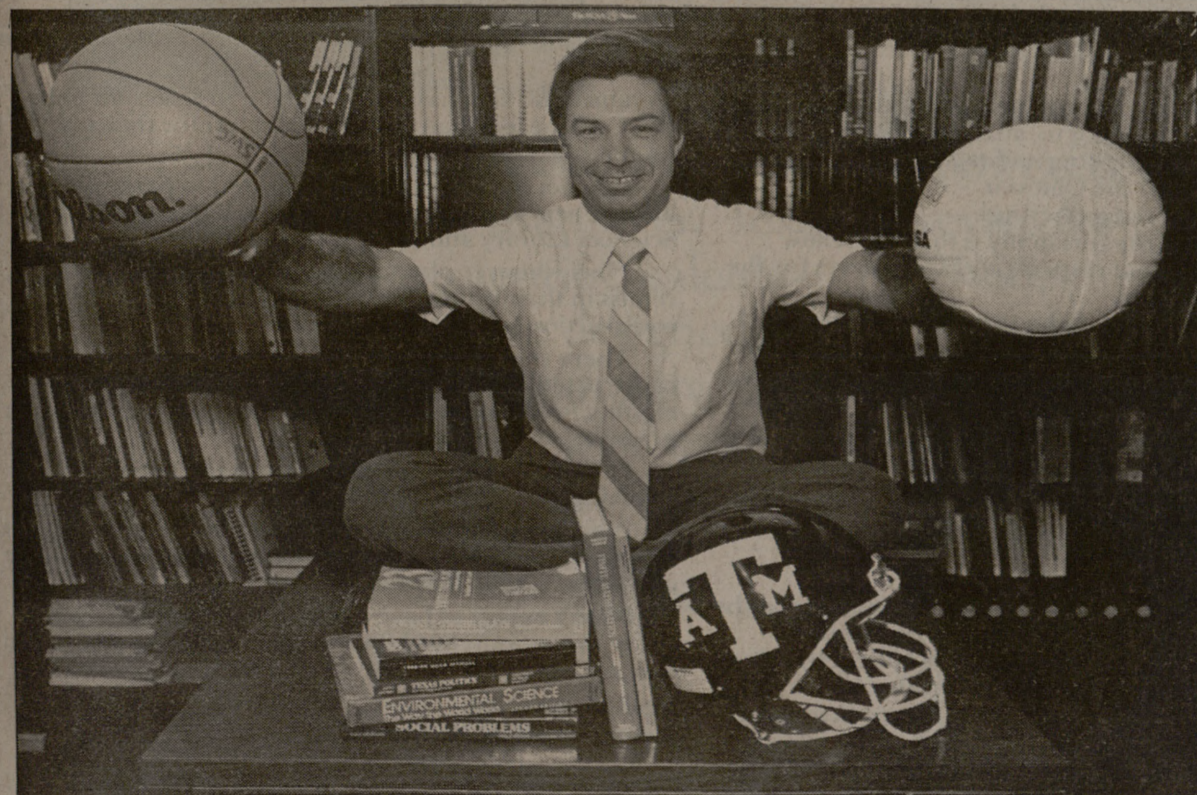
All vehicles on this list may be towed from campus at any time whether or not they are parked illegally, Horner said. After officers patrol an area and ticket illegally parked vehicles, she said, they may also check to see if legally parked vehicles are on the tow list.

The machines also allow officers to keep

track of vehicles parked in 30-minute zones. Officers can enter vehicle information into a list and check the list later to see which ones have been parked more than 30 minutes.

Entry of ticket data into the department's computers will be much easier with the new system, Horner said. Instead of having a worker type in handwritten ticket data at the

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Dr. Karl P. Mooney

Photo by Kathy Haveman

## New A&M athletic academic director plans to make education top priority

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The Texas A&M Athletic Department has a new athletic academic director — and his methods are not going to be as mild as athletes may remember from past years.

Dr. Karl P. Mooney will oversee the academic needs of all A&M student athletes and ensure that academics are a top priority for athletes.

"We all recognize that A&M has a good athletic program, but we need to be able to speak proudly of what the athletes accomplish academically as well," Mooney said.

Mooney came to A&M from a six-year tenure at Arizona State University, where he was an academic coordinator. He holds a doctorate in reading education for adults from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn.

Mooney will monitor the academics of the approximately 550 athletes, both male and female. In the past, there were separate advisers for men and women athletes.

To help athletes achieve off the field as well as on, Mooney is taking what he calls a pro-active stance. He said he will work closely with their professors, parents and coaching staffs to make sure they know the progress of their athletes.

"At past schools, the head coaches never called me," he said. "But Coach Slocum wants to know what's going

on (with the football team) and he understands where we need to be (academically)."

Mooney said he wants the athletes to be more involved in their academic decisions and to pursue a field interesting to them. The freshmen athletes were required to see an adviser this year before registering and had to stand in lines with the rest of the freshmen, something unheard of last year.

"We want them to pursue a degree and not just eligibility," Mooney said.

Class attendance also will be closely monitored this year. Mooney said that on his way to appointments he periodically goes to classrooms to make sure athletes are in class.

"And on my way back, I check again to make sure they stayed there," he said.

Mooney said he also tries to convince athletes not to believe the "all brawn, no brains" stereotype.

"Some of them use the stereotype to fall back on," he said. "But I've seen the playbooks — they're baffling. And I've seen them in situations where they had to think and react quickly. If they can do that, they can succeed in the classroom."

Mooney said he wants athletes to recognize the long-term value of education.

"Consider the average life of a professional athlete — it's so short," Mooney said. "There's more to life than a fleeting moment in the light as an athlete."