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Board nominates Walker again for Battalion editor

Of The Battalion Staff

Junior journalism major Scot Walker was nominated Tuesday by the Student Publications Board for a second consecutive semester as The Battalion editor.

Walker's nomination awaits approval from Provost Donald McDonald before he can take office for the second time as editor on Dec. 3. He will serve as editor during the Spring 1990 semester.

Walker, a 21-year-old from Longview, was unanimously nominated for the position.

Randy Hines, student publications adviser, said he is

happy with the choice.
"The board recognized *The Battalion* has made a lot of progress this semester and they feel like Scot can continue improving it and making it well respected

within the campus community," he said. Walker said he believes the newspaper has a higher

regard this semester, and he is looking forward to kee

ing up the good rapport with the campus.
"The Battalion is better received by all the members of the second of the community - students, faculty, administration staff - than it has been in quite a while," he said think there used to be the impression that we used careless, sensationalistic and that we were really wing. They thought we had no concern for the restriction of the community. People respect The Battalion of now, and the different groups on campus are of eager to work with us now. They give us story ideas and some of them are easier to talk to for sources.

Dean Sueltenfuss, lifestyles editor, said he's glads

"I think Scot has done a good job as editor this senter," he said. "I'm sure he'll continue to do so in

Applications for managing editor are due by a Nov. 20. Editorial board applications are due by 5 Nov. 21 and staff applications are due by 5 p.m. N

State lawmakers battle Hobby over reform of workers' comp

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers Tuesday battled over workers' compensation reform with Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby placing his business-backed proposal on the legislative fast track after a confrontation with Senate op-

Gov. Bill Clements, encouraged by the developments on the first day of the special session, said, "I do believe that there's a good chance that it will be a short session."

Hobby, presiding officer of the Senate, assigned his comp measure to the Economic Development Committee.

The bill is expected to waltz through committee and then be rushed to the full Senate for consideration, probably Friday.

Sens. Kent Caperton and Carl Parker, authors of an alternate re-form plan which is supported by la-bor and trial lawyers who represent injured workers in court, said Hobby was ramrodding his bill through.
"The fix is in," Caperton, D-

TYLER (AP) — An innovative

communications system has a grow-

ing number of East Texas counties

cashing in on automated collect-call-

only telephones designed specifically

Depending upon inmate popula-

tions, some counties are receiving as

much as 20 percent in commissions

from local and long distance calls,

but jail administrators are praising

the system because it shifts monitor-

ing responsibilities from a jailer to a

Of the two counties without the service, Henderson and Wood coun-

ties, the latter is negotiating a contract and expects telephones to be

"We found this niche in telephone

service about a year ago," Maurice Mascorro, sales director for TE-

LINK, said. "No other company of-

fers the same type service and it's a good business for us because initially it pays for itself."

The company installs, operates and maintains the system without

Profits from collect call charges are divided by varied percentages between a county, TELINK and the

telephone company that serves a

given area and collects the fees.

Wall unit telephones are installed inside the cells and allow inmates to

make collect calls only, which range from about \$1.35 for local calls to

about 30 cents a minute for long dis-

Counties with the TELINK serv-

Before we install the system we

ice receive between 5 percent and 20 percent commission on each call as

analyze each county jail for popula-tion and type of inmate," Mascorro said. "Generally we like to have our

system in county jails where inmates

are more likely to need the service. They are usually the ones who need immediate contact with lawyers, for

example, as opposed to inmates in state prisons, who have already been

tance calls, Mascorro said.

contracted, he said.

installed by December.

In the past four months, six East Texas counties have contracted with

Jail administrators

praise use of phones

installed inside cells

overhaul the insurance system designed to compensate workers in-

On Tuesday, Parker, D-Port Arthur, dueled with Hobby on parlia-mentary rules, trying to delay the bill's arrival in committee. Hobby, presiding officer of the Senate, over-

ruled Parker. "He can run over me," Parker, D-Port Arthur said. "He can't run over a majority of the Senate."

What is in doubt is whether Hobby will try to circumvent the traditional two-thirds vote needed to consider a bill in the Senate. Hobby fanned the fires by saying

an actuarial analysis of the Caperton-Parker plan shows it will increase comp costs from 120 percent to 205 percent.

Caperton and Parker said the analysis didn't take into account the majority of the bill, such as cost-savings through insurance reform and job-safety.

Major differences between the ryan, said. Hobby plan and the Caperton-Par-Lawmakers have failed all year to ker proposal are over how benefits

So far this year Smith County has received \$23,352 (from Southwes-

tern Bell), according to county trea-

surer's office records, making it a

clear leader in commission receipts among those East Texas counties

"Of course we don't have as many

inmates as Smith County, but if the

first month of operating here is any

first year, we'll have a good revenue source," Van Zandt County Sheriff

Pat Iordan said.

are calculated and how disp claims are resolved.

Hobby's proposal would set a cific award for certain injuris, gardless of how that injury would fect different workers, and it w limit jury trials in disputed claim

The Caperton-Parker me would tie benefits to lost wageals to the extent that Hobbys would. The Caperton-Parker pm sal also calls for a 15 percent roll in workers' comp insurance pm ums and stiffer penalties agains safe employers.

Death of friend will send Busht Houston for Mas

HOUSTON (AP) - C. Fred Chambers, longtime friend and fundraiser for President George Bush, died here Monday. He wa

James A. Baker III will be honor ary pallbearers at Chambers to neral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursdaya St. Michael's Catholic Church Burial will be in Rosario Cem tery in Santa Fe, N.M.

Chambers, who was in the exploration business, started he career in Dallas and Midland and became an early supporter Bush's political career.

Chambers and his family ha visited the Bushes at the White House in June. First Lady Barbara Bush had named her late dog, C. Fred, after Chambers.

Co-founder of C&K Petrolet in 1953, Chambers left the fin in 1981, but he remained active his political fundraising efforts. Chambers is survived by by wife, Marion, eight children and indication of what it will be like the 18 grandchildren.

the same Bryan company to install the telephones inside jail cells. Smith County has operated under a different system through Southwestern Bell since 1986. Galveston officials devise plan to spen \$8 million slush fund

GALVESTON (AP) — An \$8 million slush fund designed to attract the U.S. Navy Homeport project the New Bay Crossing project, and the New Bay Crossing project projec the U.S. Navy Homeport project could bring new roads and engineering studies for the area that lost the bid.

Galveston area officials Monday came up with \$18 million worth of ways to spend the excess money -

ways to spend the excess money—including reducing the county's bonded indebtedness.

"I think we're going to have to leave a large part of it for debt reduction," Galveston County Judge Ray Holbrook said. "Whether it's a existing causeway and hit the second of the said Ray Holbrook said. "Whether it's a quarter or a half or all of it, I'm not sure."

"I think that's the fairest thing to million in federal funds, \$30 ml."

do because at least half of it goes back to benefit all the taxpayers," Commissioner Eddie Barr said. County Auditor Phil Lohec said if

the money is used to repay bonds, it could save taxpayers \$13.8 million and ease pressures for ad valorem tax increases.

But mayors and other officials from Galveston, Hitchcock, Texas City, La Marque, Santa Fe, Kemah, Dickinson, League City and Friendswood came up with a variety of other wish-list items.

County commissioners made no commitments to the city's proposals, and it was not immediately known when a decision would be made on fund dispersal.

The higher the daily average population in the county jail, the higher tract the Navy's surface action group

seway that would link west Galvest Island to the mainland.

Galveston officials said a sen bay crossing has been needed more than 20 years, arguing it wo enhance tourism on the island's end and provide safer evacual

in state highway funds with the posed \$2.5 million from the Ho ort monies to represent the city? local share.

Holbrook said the projects be a priority, but road projects already have won approval for county and state highway office

also should remain high on the Texas City Mayor D.D. Haproposed a 10-item, \$10 misshopping list of road projects for

Another project would include major improvements on FM from Texas 6 to Interstate through Santa Fe and La Marq Holbrook said the road will serve

greyhound racetrack planned for Marque.