

East, West Germany reunite

BERLIN (AP) — The two Germans ended 45 years of division with a blaze of fireworks and the pealing of church bells Wednesday, declaring the creation of a new German nation in the heart of Europe.

Near the ruins of Hitler's citadel in the city that symbolized the Cold War division of Europe, the German flag was hoisted to crown the dramatic rush to unify a Germany divided by World War II and the Communist Berlin Wall.

Rockets burst in the sky over Berlin, illuminating the war-scarred Reichstag building and the Brandenburg Gate. The shower of fireworks also, lighted the up-

turned faces of thousands of Germans, united in peace but troubled by the political and economic problems facing a united Germany.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, President Richard von Weizsaecker and former leader Willy Brandt stood in the glare of floodlights at the Reichstag and joined in singing the national anthem as a vast party occurred across the land of 78 million residents. Millions of Germans and a watching world joined the ceremony by television.

Wednesday was declared a national holiday, but late Tuesday police in Goettingen, 66 miles south of Hanover, reported 1,000

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leftist protesters opposed to unification rampaged through the city. Authorities said the radicals broke store windows and chanted "Never Again Germany!" and "Nazis out!"

In Berlin, police detained seven people who were caught with paint and gas pistols. Another man was arrested in the Kreuzberg district after a policeman was stabbed in the arm during a scuffle between police and about 500 youthful demonstrators.

In the northern port of Rostock, authorities evacuated 23 Soviet Jews from a refugee center because of fears the center could become a target of rightist radicals. No incidents were reported.

At least four people were injured and more than 10 arrested in scuffles between police and demonstrators in Schwerin, where some celebrated unification with the Nazi "Sieg-Heil" salute, witnesses said. Police also reported clashes with youths in Leipzig and Hamburg.

The ceremony marked return of a united Germany built on the ruins of Adolf Hitler's defeat in World War II and the end

of Cold War antagonism that split Europe into competing blocs led by the United States and the Soviet Union.

It came less than 11 months after the Berlin Wall was opened Nov. 9, 1989, by a tide of democracy that swept away Communist regimes across Eastern Europe.

Fourteen schoolchildren from the former East and West Germans carried the huge, 72-square-yard German flag and hoisted it up the 132-foot-tall mast in front of the Reichstag.

Then, Kurt Masur directed Beethoven's Ninth Symphony as East Germany ceased to exist to the deep chords of the "Ode to Joy."

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Student Senate votes to extend elections

By BRIDGET HARROW
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The Student Senate passed a bill Tuesday night to extend the voting period for student elections to two days.

The extended voting period, which will take effect during spring elections, hopefully will increase voter turnout, Election Commissioner Sarah Davis said.

The Senate also passed a bill to use classrooms unoccupied during the day as study space for students. A notice of the locations and times these study rooms can be used will be posted in each of the buildings.

In other business, Student Body President Ty Clevenger said he may have to testify in a lawsuit the Young Conservatives of Texas has filed against the Texas Student Coalition.

Clevenger said the Texas Student Coalition claims to be a bi-partisan

student lobbying organization, but in actuality it only represented the views of students at the University of Texas at Austin. Texas A&M Student Government had already withdrawn from the coalition, but A&M was still being used as a supporter in position papers put out by the coalition, Clevenger said.

Under old business, the Senate passed the bill to provide an electronic student information board on the first floor of the Pavilion. The board, which would be similar to the one in the Commons, would be maintained by Student Government.

The Senate also passed a bill to encourage the Japanese students of Koriyama to develop and institute a Student Government of their own. The bill will be given to students of Koriyama, who are currently visiting the A&M campus.

Senator Adam Vanek said the bill is a token from Student Senate to the Japanese students saying "Gig'em."

Education reform Candidates agree on funding increase for public schools

By MIKE LUMAN
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Obtaining funds for education reform and translating the money into visible school system improvement were issues discussed in turn by state representative hopefuls Tuesday.

Democrat Jim James and Republican Steve Ogden, speaking to the A&M chapter of the Texas Student Education Association, both emphasized higher teacher pay and freedom of educators to design their own curricula.

James criticized Gov. Clements veto of a compromise bill, which would have provided \$2.5 million to Bryan-College Station over the next two years.

"Quality education costs money," James said. "We have not made a commitment to education."

Ogden said the state needs clearly defined education goals and a close bond between government funding and school spending.

"You can't just throw money and not see results," Ogden said. "If we

are going to ask the taxpayer to dig a little deeper, we need to have results."

James agreed money alone does not guarantee a quality education, and trial reform programs must be observed and evaluated before being put into large-scale use.

Ogden said schools are inefficient, and more of a school's operating budget should go for teacher salaries.

"Centralize the goal and decentralize control," Ogden said. "Then free the teacher to accomplish the goal."

James said the state Legislature is important in solving the education crisis.

"We have got to take some real fundamental looks at the education system," James said.

Representatives for Clayton Williams and Ann Richards also spoke.

Don Sweeney, an A&M professor of architecture, said Richards planned to establish a "Texas school assembly."

The groups would consist of school board members, parents, teachers and trade associations and would attempt to "put their heads together" on the education needs of a community.

Richards is interested in cutting red tape, providing adequate funding, letting local districts handle decisions and freeing schools from drugs.

Mark Saum, an A&M student representing Aggies for Clayton Williams, said Williams favored a "voucher program" that would offer students a choice of which school they attend.

Competing for public or private schools would give students a choice and raise the quality of students, Saum said.

Painting a fine line



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Jerry Evans, a painter with the A&M Physical Plant, applies a new coat of grey paint on the outside of the scoreboard of Kyle Field.

The paint is part of the new look for the scoreboard, which includes a new electronic screen.

Wayne Showers Regent's work, experience rooted in agriculture

Editor's note: The Battalion will focus on members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents during the upcoming week to better acquaint students and faculty members with the System's leaders.

By BILL HETHCOCK
Of The Battalion Staff

Regent Wayne Showers is president of Griffin and Brand of McAllen Inc., one of the world's largest fresh and frozen vegetable and fruit producers.

Showers, Class of '53, graduated with a degree in horticulture.

He served two years in Alaska in the Medical Service Corps, then returned to A&M and received bachelor's and master's degrees in entomology.

Gov. Bill Clements appointed Showers to the Board in 1987. He is vice president of the Board, chairman of the Committee for Service Units and a member of the Committee for Academic Campuses.

Showers is a past vice president of the Texas A&M Association of For-

mer Students, and vice chairman for agriculture of the Target 2000 Project.

He now is a member of the Development Council of the College of Business Administration, the Board of Directors of the Aggie Club, the Advisory Council of the Texas A&M Development Foundation and the Hidalgo-Starr County A&M Club.

Active in the agriculture field, Showers is a former director of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association and has been a president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers and Shippers Association.

He also has been chairman of the Produce Recovery Fund Board, a member of the Texas Department of Agriculture Food and Fiber Council, and a member of several industry committees.

Showers is on the board of directors of the Valley National Bank of McAllen and of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.

He is a member of the board of directors of the McAllen Country Club, a Shriner, a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the American Legion.

He also is a past member of the

Advisory Committee of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Weslaco.

He has been president of the board of the Rio Grande Valley Children's Home in Mission and president of the board of the Boy's Club of McAllen.



Wayne Showers

Freshmen can vote Thursday

By BRIDGET HARROW
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Texas A&M freshmen can vote to fill 15 positions, including nine undergraduate-at-large Student Senate seats and various officer seats, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Freshmen will vote to fill the officer positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, social secretary and historian.

"The main function of the Class of '94 is to put on the Fish Ball in the spring," Sarah Davis, election commissioner, says.

The nine candidates elected to Student Senate will serve as representatives for the more than 7,715 freshmen enrolled at A&M. Student Government representatives say turnout for freshman elections usually is low.

Of the 8,439 freshmen enrolled last year, only 973 voted.

Voting sites for Thursday's election will be the Academic Building, Blocker Building, Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center and the MSC.

Only freshmen are eligible to vote in this election, and a valid A&M I.D. card is required.

Run-off elections, if necessary, will be Tuesday.

Candidates must be enrolled as freshmen maintaining at least a 2.25 grade point ratio and not on scholastic probation.

Fifty candidates are running for officer positions — 13 for president, 14 for vice president, five for secretary, six for treasurer, seven for social secretary and five for historian.

Fifty-five freshmen are competing for the nine freshman Senate seats.

Election results will be announced election day at 8:30 p.m. in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross Statue.

Hutchison: innovation can solve problems

By JOE FERGUSON
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Republican candidate for state treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison said her opposition to a state income tax is the major platform difference with Democratic candidate Nikki Van Hightower.

Speaking during a Texas A&M College Republicans meeting Tuesday, Hutchison said the next five weeks will determine how Texas enters the 21st century.

She said Texas can follow innovative leadership out of economically troubled times or continue to throw money at its problems.

Hutchison said she is against a state income tax because it would hurt economic development when the state most needs it.

Instead, she favors fiscal policies allowing Texas to regain its "triple A" bond rating.

A "triple A" rating would classify Texas' bonds as low risk and reduce the interest on the state's debts by millions of dollars.

One of Hutchison's policies designed to achieve the rating is to coordinate the general obligation debt to pay off debts in order of importance.

She also plans to call for cash flow predictions from state agencies, so the state can invest for longer terms and earn more interest.

Former U.S. Sen. John Tower, who also

was at the meeting, said Hutchison is qualified to hold any office in Texas.

He said the office of state treasurer requires someone who understands the business climate of Texas, and Hutchison is that person.

Hutchison has a background in business as a former owner of a manufacturing company and a partner in a furniture sales showroom.

She has served on the board of directors of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of visitors of A&M's College of Business and Southern Methodist University's College of Business.

Her government experience includes becoming the first Republican woman to be

elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1972. She also served on the state treasurer's asset management committee.

Hutchison was a director of Fidelity National Bank of Dallas and is now on the board of directors of Capstead Mortgage Corporation. She has a law practice that specializes in municipal finance.

Hutchison said the Republican ticket is looking good, especially with U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm at the top. She expects about an even party split throughout the state, which is good for Republicans in Texas, she said.

State elections will be Tuesday, Nov. 6. A&M College Republicans meet every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower or the MSC.