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Officer posts filled after run-off contest

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One Student Senate seat and five officer positions of the Class of '94 were filled in Tuesday's freshman run-off elections. Jennifer Newberry was elected to the one remaining Student Senate seat. Seven of the eight freshman Student Senate seats were filled last Thursday in the initial elections. Mark Rollins was elected president of the Class of '94, receiving 86 percent of the votes. The races for the other officer

positions were much closer. The positions of vice-president, secretary, treasurer and social secretary were decided by a margin of 10 votes or less. The other positions filled were:

- Vice President — Shannon Allen
- Secretary — Julie Hodges
- Treasurer — David Carey
- Social Secretary — Richard Barrus
- Historian — Ross McGlothlin

Of the 7,715 freshmen enrolled at A&M, 127 turned out to vote in the run-off elections, while 562 voted in the preliminary election.

Resolution criticizes recent violence in Jerusalem Israel condemned in U.N. decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, after daylong negotiations at the United Nations, has decided to cast its vote against Israel in criticism of the slaying of at least 19 Palestinian Arabs in a Jerusalem melee, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The resolution, drafted by American diplomats, was adopted by the four other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and is thus veto-proof, the officials told the Associated Press.

It condemns the violence that broke out Monday "and particularly the excessive Israeli response," the officials said.

The resolution also welcomes the decision by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to send a delegation to Jerusalem to investigate the incident.

The officials said the resolution calls on all parties to refrain from violence. In a gesture to Israel, it expresses regret that worshipers also were attacked.

The U.N. resolution condemns the violence that broke out Monday "and particularly the excessive Israeli response." It also welcomes the decision by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to send a delegation to Jerusalem to investigate the incident.

The United States rarely votes against Israel in the Security Council. Far more frequently, it uses its veto power to shield Israel against what is judged to be unfair criticism.

But, in this instance, the officials said, the Bush administration concluded Israeli policemen used excessive force against Palestinian Arabs who hurled rocks and bottles at Jews praying at the Western Wall.

President Bush said Israeli security forces should have acted "with more restraint" in battling Palestinian demonstrators outside the holy Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

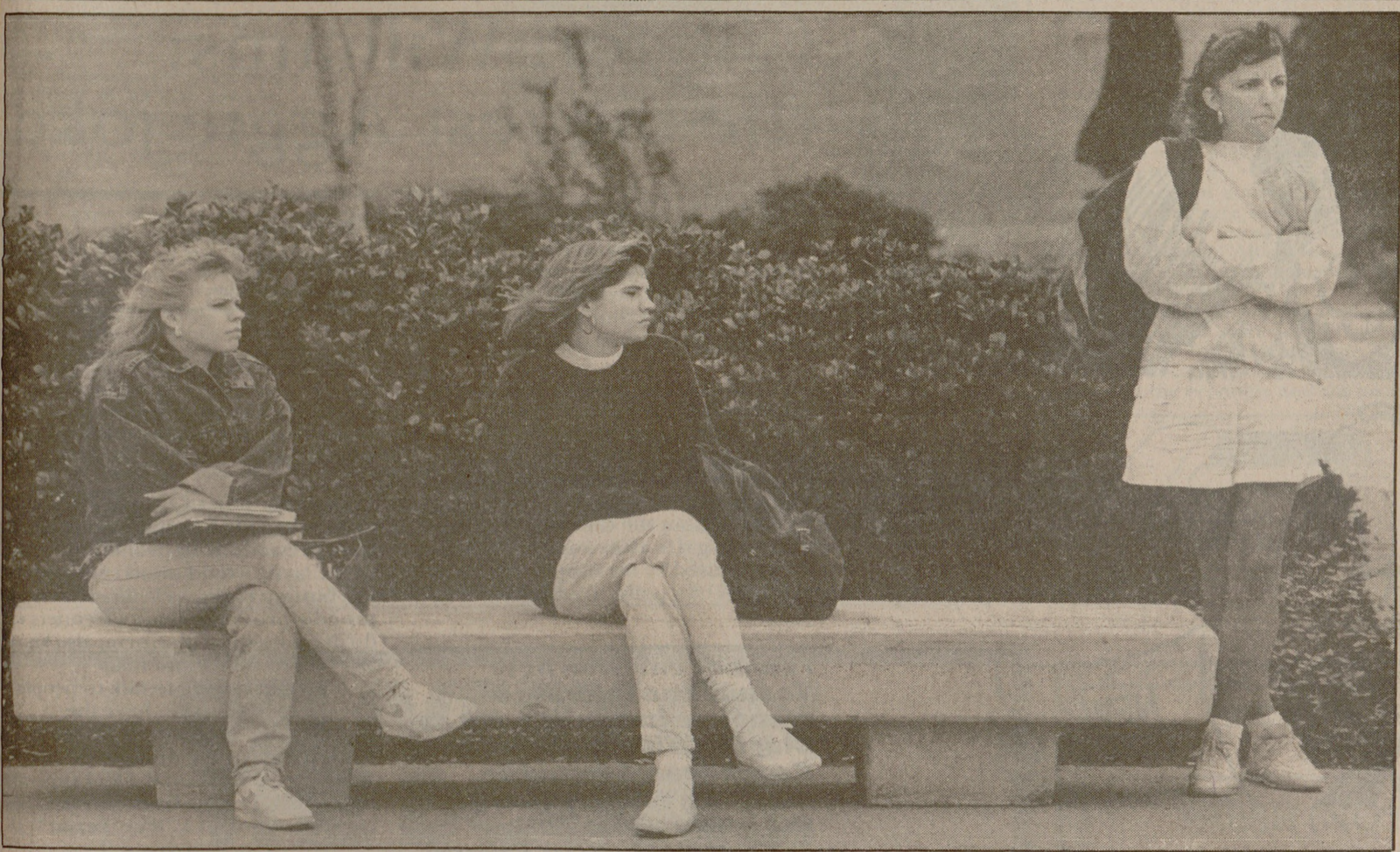
"I am very, very saddened by this needless loss of life," he said at a news conference.

At least 19 Arabs were killed and more than 100 wounded Sunday during an hour-long battle outside Al Aksa mosque as thousands of Arabs threw rocks and bottles at Jews praying at the Western Wall below. Eleven Jews observing the festival of Succot were hurt in the barrage.

Meanwhile, in a parallel move, the State Department in a travel advisory suggested Americans avoid the West Bank and Gaza because of recurrent disturbances in the territories.

At the United Nations, a representative from occupied Kuwait joined his rival from Iraq and more than 30 speakers in condemning Israel's treatment of Palestinians and demanding that Israeli withdraw from territories captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

Caught in a blue funk



Senior Lisa Mumford, freshman Dawn Bradley and senior Sheri Jalufka (left to right) try to keep warm while waiting for the Reveille Bus. A cold front passed through the area on Tuesday and temperatures dropped to the upper 50s.

Survey results show trust in night security

By JOE FERGUSON
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More than half of the Texas A&M students responding to the Batt Poll expressed confidence in the safety of the campus at night while more than two-thirds still indicated a need for better lighting.

When asked if they feel safe walking alone at night on campus, 63 percent said yes, 34 percent said no and 3 percent had no opinion.

When asked if they thought lighting on campus is adequate, 26 percent said yes, 68 percent said no and 6 percent had no opinion.

"Determining if any areas are poorly lit is in the eyes of the beholder," says Bob Wiatt, director of security for University Police.

Wiatt says on-campus lighting is a top priority of the Security Awareness Committee. He says the committee, which is composed of students, faculty, staff and police is the only University authorized committee to work on such problems and that anyone wanting to report problem areas should call committee representative, Dana Graeser, at 845-3051. The committee then reports to Robert Smith, vice-president of finance and administration, for further action.

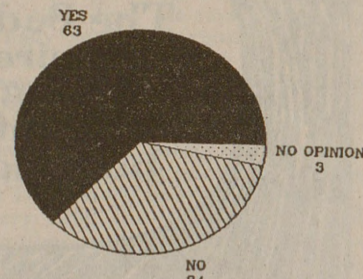
He says the committee periodically conducts "walk-throughs" of the campus to determine any possibly dangerous areas due to poor lighting, high shrubs or other reasons.

Wiatt says officers on patrol are instructed to report any poorly lit areas or burned-out lights as soon as possible.

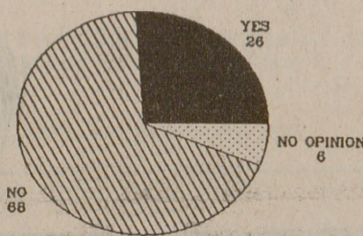
In the past year, Wiatt says, thousands of dollars have been spent on new light standards.

"But you can't illuminate the whole world," Wiatt says.

The Batt Poll is a survey of Texas A&M students intended to measure opinions about campus-related issues.



Do you feel safe walking alone at night on the Texas A&M campus?



Do you think the lighting on campus at night is adequate?

The poll, which will be conducted periodically, is taken from a random sample of students. A sample of 400 students was obtained from telephone interviews.

A random sample of 400 responders yields a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

The poll was conducted exclusively for The Battalion by Research Associates, a firm operated by A&M graduate students Alister Miller and Mitch Peck, both of the sociology department.

Cindy McMillian, editor of The Battalion and senior economics major, asks students to call the newsroom at 845-2647 if students who participate in the poll encounter any problems.

Richards asserts need to debate conflicts for voters' sake during appearance at A&M

By JULIE MYERS
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Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Ann Richards said she accepted an invitation by the Bryan-College Station Eagle to debate Republican Clayton Williams, on his home turf of Texas A&M, but Williams refused to participate.

Richards told about 400 people Tuesday night that the people of Texas and A&M students deserve the right to hear them discuss the issues because they are on opposite poles on most of them.

The appearance was sponsored by the non-partisan MSC Political Forum.

The League of Women Voters on Monday formally canceled plans for an Oct. 30 debate between Williams

and Richards because Williams wouldn't commit to it. Williams has said he won't debate Richards unless she signs a pledge to stop all negative television advertising.

Richards said Texas needs a governor who will make education the number one priority. There are areas of Texas where half of the students drop out before they graduate, she said.

"It is no coincidence that these are the areas with the highest unemployment and the highest crime rate," Richards said. "We are building prisons for kids who are in the second and third grade. We have public schools where the kids have never seen a microscope or a computer, and my opponent wants to divert \$500 million to private schools from public school funds using vouchers."

Bill Kenyon, deputy chairman of the Williams campaign in Austin, said a statement made by Williams was twisted by the Richards campaign.

"Vouchers or parental choice of schools will empower parents and spur schools to improve," Kenyon said. "They would benefit the poor because parents would not be forced to send their children to a poor school that has a monopoly on the children it educates. They can take their children to another school."

Richards said education would also improve if students had a representative on the Boards of Regents of every public institution.

Kenyon said Williams also vowed in January to support legislation al-

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Ann Richards

State representative hopefuls stress education in debate

By SEAN FRERKING
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Republican Steve Ogden and Democrat Jim James, candidates for District 14 state representative, placed education at the top of their priority lists for improving Texas, while differing on several other issues during a televised debate Tuesday night.

Channel 15, KAMU-TV, broadcast the political discussion as part of its "Candidates '90" political forum meant to inform the public about the upcoming Nov. 6 elections.

James and Ogden are running for District 14, which is Brazos County. The debate was moderated by Dr. Don Tomlinson, an associate professor of journalism and a practicing lawyer. Tomlinson asked questions the League of Women Voters se-

lected for the debate. Ogden, a 1973 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who earned his M.B.A. at Texas A&M, said the state needs to improve the educational system first and not have taxpayers shoulder the burden of costly projects like the proposed Texas Triangle, a high-speed rail line.

"We need to set our priorities," Ogden said. "We shouldn't have people pay for things that right now are luxuries."

James, Class of '76, agreed with his opponent, saying the situation in Texas will not allow the government to waste funds.

"We can't educate our children properly," James said. "We need to take care of the basics and provide a good education for our kids before we should try for pie-in-the-sky projects."

Both candidates said they believed



Jim James (left) and Steve Ogden

Photo by Sondra Robbins

more money should be spent on education. The manner each would solve the problem, however, differed slightly.

Ogden said almost one billion dol-

lars is being squandered by a growing state bureaucracy. He said the money could be used to correct the

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