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No verdict yet in Greenwood trial

By JASON COX

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Jurors failed to deliver a verdict Wednesday in the trial of the 16-year-old Bryan youth accused of murdering his classmate, Billy C. Williams, last March.

After five hours of deliberation, Judge John Delaney allowed jurors to break for the evening around 11 p.m. They reconvened this morning and will possibly render a decision sometime today.

Jurors heard arguments from the State claiming that Greenwood habitually looked for and participated in fights.

Prosecutors said Greenwood had alternatives other than murder in dealing with the alleged threats and abuse of Williams and the Squab Mob.

Prosecutors reject claims of self defense

District Attorney Bill Turner and an assistant attorney went over the legal definitions of murder and voluntary manslaughter, a lesser charge that Greenwood must still overcome in order to be acquitted.

Turner said the claims that Greenwood was acting in self defense became invalid when he started the fight and provoked the use of force that resulted in Williams' death.

"This case is about accountability and responsibility," the prosecutors said. "What are going to be the standards for this community?"

Prosecutors went over the testimony of previous witnesses and stressed that the "Squab Mob" often retreated when threatened

with weapons. They said friends of Greenwood who were also taunted by the gang never felt the need to arm themselves.

"Dante Greenwood went armed, looking for a fight," they said. "His predictions became a reality that morning. He said he'd kill somebody, and Billy just happened to be that somebody he came in contact with."

Michelle Esparza, Greenwood's lawyer, said jurors shouldn't convict someone based on community standards, but on law. She said the government chose to bring a 16-year-old boy to court and try him as a man.

Esparza said by noon on the day of the murder, the hysteria of the government and media hype had already convicted Green-

wood. Dante Greenwood was guilty of poor judgment, she said, not murder.

Other witnesses "lied and lied and lied for a day and a half," Esparza said. One spectator left in disgust after hearing the defense refer to members of the "Squab Mob" as thugs.

Esparza said the prosecution based its case solely on the testimony of the Squab Mob, and begged jurors to keep the promise they'd made to during the voir dire examinations to exactly adhere to the law.

The defense outlined the rules regarding the law of self defense and criticized the prosecution for not summoning any adults. They said Greenwood was targeted by the Squab Mob because he wouldn't be intimidated by them and stood his ground.

Rebels attack Nicaragua city

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — About 200 rebels attacked the northern city of Esteli on Wednesday and engaged government troops in fierce fighting, in the worst outbreak of violence since the country's civil war ended in 1990.

One attacker was killed and one soldier wounded in the assault, about 60 miles north of Managua, the Interior Ministry said.

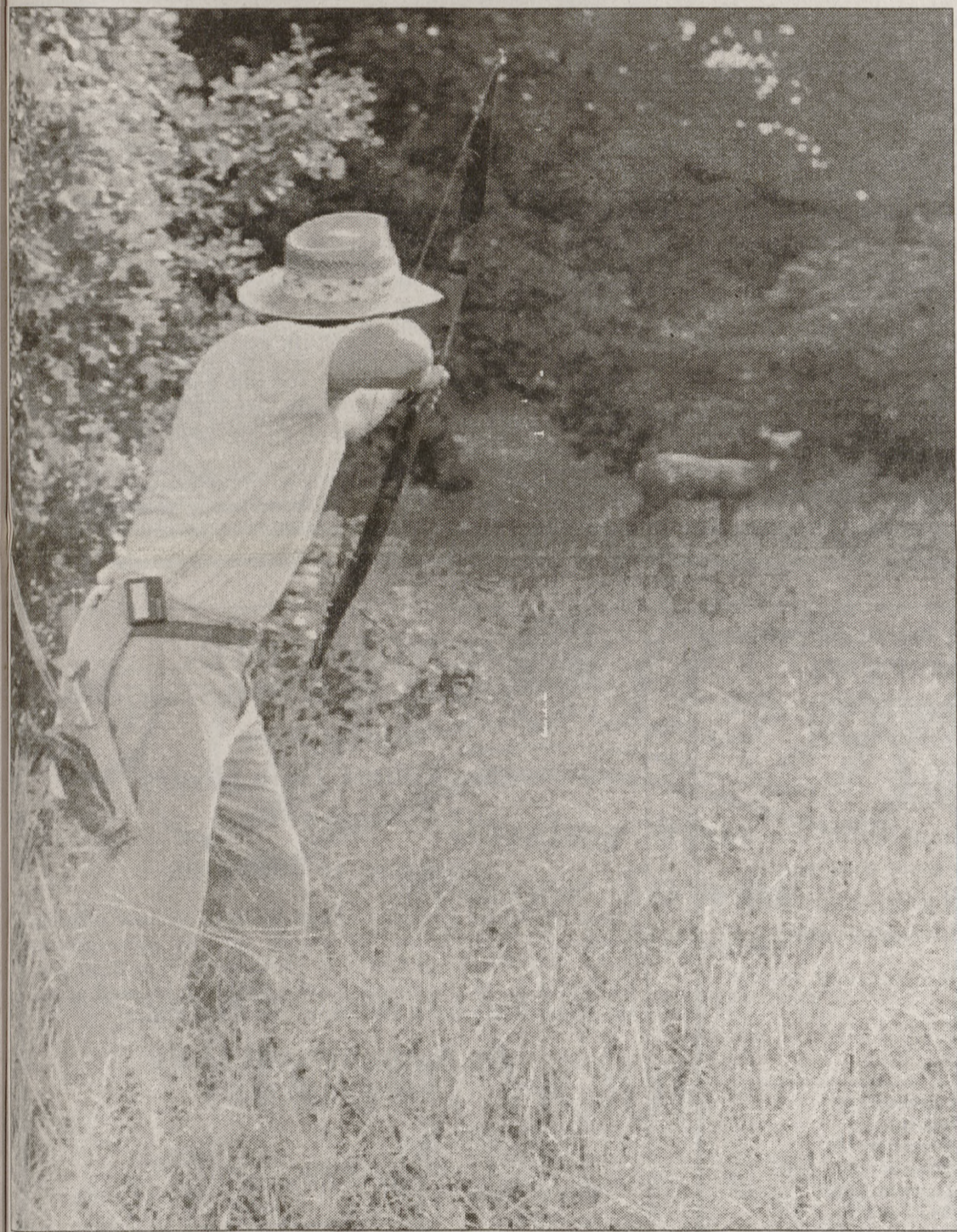
The army sent tanks, attack helicopters and troop reinforcements to put down the attack, which reportedly cut power in some parts of the city.

"There is fighting inside the city. They have taken over some installations of the National Police, and have others under siege, but army installations have not been affected," army spokesman Lt. Col. Ricardo Wheelock told the leftist Sandinista movement's Radio Sandino.

"Right now (the rebels) are machine-gunning the residences of the police chief and the military district chief," he said.

The attackers also kidnapped Nicaragua's ambassador to Honduras, Noel Rivas Gasteazoro, who was on the Panamerican Highway near the town on his way back to Honduras, Foreign Minister Ernesto Leal said. Leal said the rebels were also holding Rivas Gasteazoro's wife Olga and their driver, David Delgado.

Firefighters compete in annual 'Olympics'



STACY RYAN/The Battalion

College Station firefighter Larry Wentreck shoots an arrow at a deer-shaped target during a simulated hunting event at the 11th Annual Texas

Firefighter Olympics. More than 1,500 firefighters and their families are in town this week to participate in the activities.

Early hours upset custodial workers

By LISA ELLIOTT

The Battalion

Texas A&M custodial workers were apparently upset last week about new work hours imposed by the University, but Physical Plant Director Joe Sugg said the new hours were being tested on a voluntary basis only.

The new hours required custodial workers to work from 4 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. four days a week rather than 6 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. five days a week.

Chemistry Professor Abraham Clearfield said he has heard the custodial workers talking about the inconvenience of the new hours, but no one was willing to make a formal complaint.

Clearfield began a petition to send to The Battalion concerning the new hours. He said the letter expresses the feelings of the custodial workers, but it is signed by 17 members of the chemistry department because none of the custodial workers want to step forward and be singled out.

"They congregate in hallways and talk about it rather than talk to their supervisor," he said. "They haven't complained to management. Management is

surprised because no one said anything. Custodial workers are afraid."

Sugg said since the letter ran in The Battalion, the Physical Plant canceled the program and this is unfortunate for those who wanted to participate in it.

"People that wanted to do it won't be able to do it," he said. "The letter was totally misrepresentative, and it wasn't even written by the people that it directly involves."

Clearfield said the new policy was extremely hard on the workers with families because they had to get up at 2 a.m. The hard part is finding a babysitter that will work at that hour, he said.

Clearfield said it is also hard on those workers who depend on car pooling because they find it very difficult to find rides at that hour of the day.

Sugg said the policy was just being tested and was totally voluntary.

"Workers agreed before the decision was made," he said.

Sugg said he was disappointed to have to read about the workers' unhappiness in the newspaper.

"I encourage anyone who is unhappy with a policy to call me up personally to respond," he said.

"They haven't complained to management. Management is surprised because no one said anything. Custodial workers are afraid."

—Abraham Clearfield, chemistry professor

Bush looks forward to library

Former president to invite world leaders to Texas A&M

By REAGON CLAMON

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Former President George Bush said in a newly completed video interview presented Wednesday to the Republican Women of Brazos Valley that he is looking forward to visiting and working at his presidential library center and hoping to bring other world leaders to Texas A&M University.

The video interview, produced by A&M's University Relations and KAMU-TV from interviews at Bush's office in Houston, was introduced to the public by Dr. Don W. Wilson, the executive director of the George Bush Presidential Library Center.

In the video, Bush said he would like to use the library for his own research. He said when he gets a little older he plans to do some writing at the library and possibly teach.

Bush said he would also like to see some other present and former world leaders come to A&M. Bush said he has mentioned the idea to some of the leaders he forged relationships with while he was president.

"I have talked to them about coming to A&M and meeting the students and maybe having seminars and discussing events past and future in that very friendly A&M environment," he said. "I am prepared to do what I can to encourage that kind of par-



Bush

icipation of world leaders."

In addition to presenting the video, Wilson discussed a meeting he attended last Thursday with the president at Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine. The meeting was the first of the George Bush Presidential Library foundation board of trustees.

Wilson said Bush indicated in the interview in Houston that he had a difficult time choosing Texas A&M as the site for his library. Wilson said that in the end, Bush felt A&M proposal was the best.

"Well, it wasn't a clear and easy call," Bush said. "Some of my friends at Rice and the University of Houston made a good proposition, but I have an affinity for Texas A&M."

Bush said in the video interview he wanted to be sure the library did not stand out too much on the University campus.

"I'm more interested in the scholastics than the bricks and mortar," Bush said. "I don't want some glass palace."

Overall, Bush said he saw the library as a lasting monument.

"When today's A&M student is in their 70s and looks over their shoulder, they'll be able to say this library stood the test of time," he said.

On May 3, 1991, Bush announced his presidential library would be located at Texas A&M.

The library and museum will include items from Bush's White House years, as well as from his public service career in Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency, China and the United States. The library opening is scheduled for 1997.

Athletic director search continues

By JAMES BERNSEN

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Texas A&M officials released 15 more names of applicants for the position of athletic director Wednesday, increasing the total number of applicants to 31.

Two of the candidates have extensive experience with the position.

Bryan Mayor Marvin Tate was athletic director at A&M from 1978 until 1981, and served as associate athletic director before that.

Wally Groff has been working at A&M for 28 years, and has been working in the athletic department since 1966.

He became associate athletic director in 1988 and is currently serving as interim athletic director.

Groff said his career at A&M makes him well-qualified for the position.

"A working knowledge of A&M and its programs, I think, would be critical for the job," Groff said.

Tate also said A&M experience could be crucial for a new athletic director.

"As an Aggie, I think A&M is a unique place with unique traditions," he said. "I think it's important to have someone with a knowledge of that."

Groff said a new athletic director should stress graduation rates, gender equity issues and financial stability.

"Some improvement is needed, but I think we're heading in the proper direction," Groff said. "Financially, we're in the best shape we've ever been."

Tate says that as director he stressed academics and compliance and would do the same were he to be hired again.

"I'm a believer that you can have a good athletic program and good academics and do it within the rules of the Southwest Conference and the NCAA," Tate said.

Tate and Groff both said gender equity issues will be some of the more important things facing a new athletic director.

"I was in the athletic depart-

ment when Title IX came into existence," Tate said, "everybody is going to try to continue equity."

Title IX is a federal statute that prohibits gender discrimination in federally funded universities.

Groff said although the department has a long way to go on gender equity, A&M is doing relatively well when compared to other schools.

Tate said he decided to pursue the position because he missed being involved in college athletics.

"I feel that since I've been out and had experience in the private sector, I've learned some things that would help me in the position," Tate said.

According to athletic department criteria for the position, a successful candidate must have a good background in fiscal management, a strong commitment to athletic achievement, a record of supporting ethnic, cultural, race and gender diversity programs and an unblemished background in complying with the rules and regulations of the NCAA and all prior conferences and universities where employed.

Dr. Thomas Adair III, chairman of the search committee, said all

applicants are being contacted, and all are being looked at equally.

"We're looking for a person of high integrity who has goals of having an athletic department that is one of the best in the nation, including academics," Adair said.

The search committee will continue to narrow the list down until a short list is drawn up, which will be submitted to A&M President William H. Mobley.

Mobley, who has been working with the committee, will make the final decision.

Mobley said he expects the short list to be given to him by the end of August, but said there is no rush to make a decision before the end of the fall semester.

"I think we need to find the best candidate that meets the criteria, internal and external," he said. "I think the process is working well."

Adair said the list may even be decided on in the next two weeks.

The candidates have various amounts of experience in athletic department positions, he said.

One candidate, Brad Hovious, has withdrawn his application for the position, Adair said.

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- Forecast for Friday: partly to mostly cloudy, highs in the 90s

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- Wednesday's winning Texas Lottery numbers: 2, 4, 7, 23, 34, 40