

Weekend rap-up

Coast Guard nabs cocaine freighter

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The U.S. Coast Guard announced Saturday that it had seized a Haiti-bound freighter carrying hundreds of pounds of cocaine. The vessel's 15 crewmen were arrested.

Coast Guard and U.S. Customs Service agents were planning a more thorough search of the 237-foot Honduran freighter *Sucre* when it arrives at Port Everglades, Fla., on Sunday.

The freighter had been intercepted by a U.S. Navy ship 100 miles north of Barranquilla, Colombia, on Feb. 23, en route to the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. A Coast Guard detachment aboard the Navy vessel boarded the freighter and ordered it to the U.S. Navy Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Clinton to allow chief lawyer resign

WASHINGTON — Stung by a series of missteps that heightened questions about the Whitewater land deal, President Clinton is letting the chief White House lawyer be nudged toward the door.

Counsel Bernard Nussbaum was poised to resign — perhaps as early as Sunday — after watching his prospects for remaining in the job dwindle Friday as Clinton made no effort to come to his defense. Twice, he refused to state his preference when reporters asked if he thought Nussbaum should resign.

After the two met privately late in the day, aides said an exchange of letters making the counsel's departure official was just "a matter of timing."

Student treated for deadly hantavirus

ABILENE — A Tarleton State University graduate student is being treated for hantavirus, although it is more likely he is suffering from pneumonia, his father says.

Charles Kelly Kirk, 24, was in critical condition Sunday at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

His father, James Kirk, said he believes his son has pneumonia, not the deadly rodent-borne disease.

However, James Kirk said his son was being treated for hantavirus as a precaution while they await results of a tissue culture that was sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta for testing.

Candy dead at 43 from heart attack

LOS ANGELES — John Candy, 43, died of a heart attack in his sleep just hours after completing what colleagues called a classic comedy scene for his new film "Wagons East."

Candy's body was found early Friday morning in his residence on the Durango, Mexico, set for the film in which he played a drunken stagecoach driver.

The veteran of some 40 movies, including "Uncle Buck" and "Stripes," was dead before paramedics arrived, said Hector Partida, a spokesman for the government of Durango state.

"John Candy was a gentleman and a great comic talent," said comedian Steve Martin, who starred with Candy in "Planes, Trains & Automobiles."

—The Associated Press

Regents debate fate of tenure plan

By Kim McGuire

THE BATTALION

Several members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents met in Austin Friday to air opinions about tenure before their March meeting during which 73 tenure candidates will come up for approval.

Regents expressed concern about A&M's tenure policies at their December meeting when they were considering 12 tenure recommendations.

Several regents originally voted against granting tenure, but Chairman Ross Margraves pleaded with the regents

Board preparing for March meeting; 73 tenure candidates up for approval

to change their vote until a forum could be put together to discuss the issue.

Friday's forum was headed by Regent William Clayton, who has consistently opposed granting tenure.

"I will not vote for giving someone a permanent job," Clayton said.

At the December meeting, many of the regents objected to tenure policies and feared tenure prohibited unproductive professors from being dismissed.

Regent Mary Nan West, who changed her original vote against tenure to swing the vote in favor during the December meeting, said she had some problems with the concept.

"I'm not against tenure," West said. "But we have no mechanism of getting rid of someone who doesn't 'cut the mustard,' so to speak."

In a Houston Chronicle article, Clayton said he plans to vote against the tenure

candidates at the March meeting.

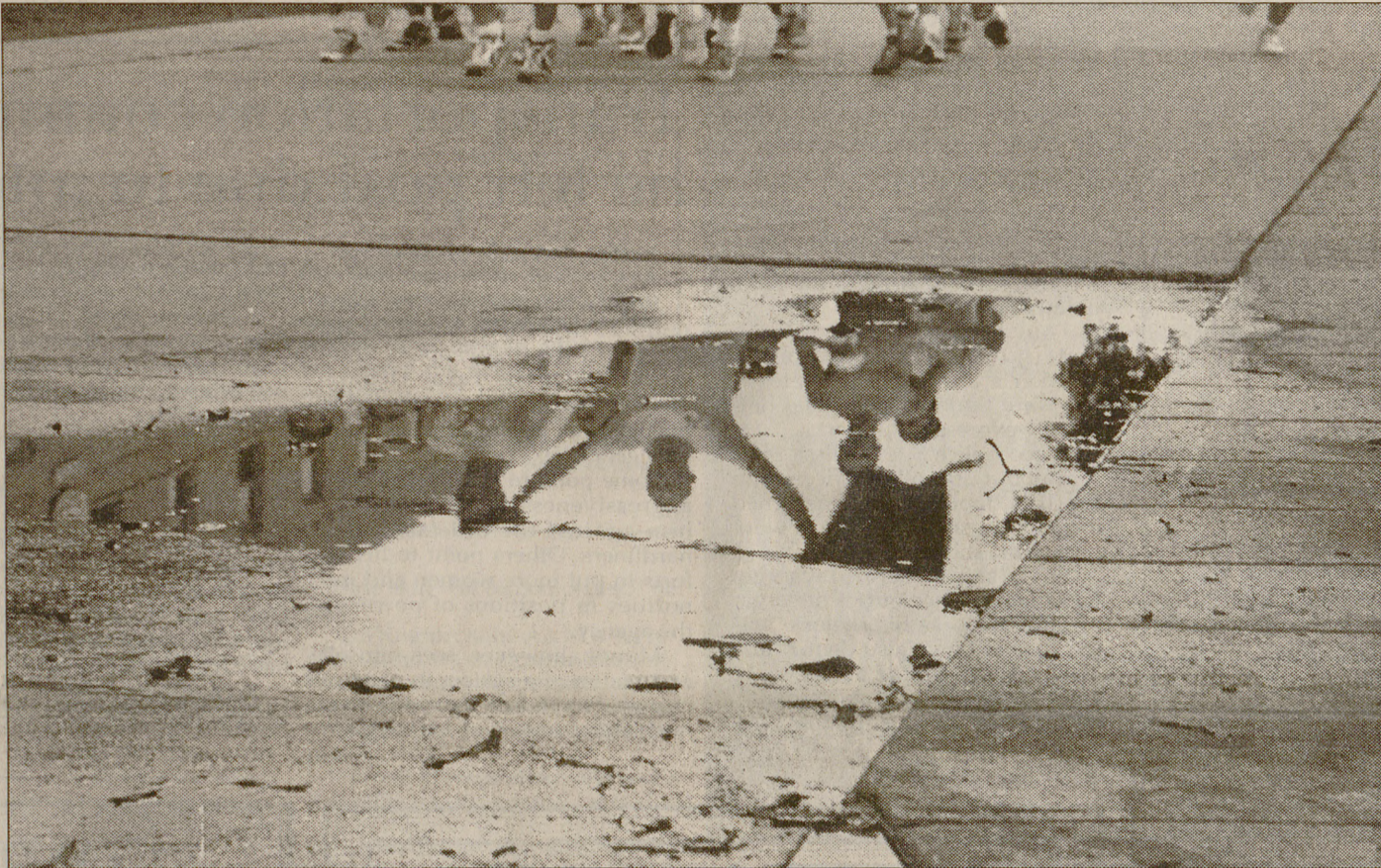
"It will take a while to fix what's wrong with tenure," he said. "It's something the universities nationwide should look at, if they aren't afraid to."

Several faculty members were expected to attend the meeting Friday after initial concern rose from the December meeting.

Dr. Manuel Davenport, chairman of the committee on academic freedom, resignation and tenure, said in a previous interview with The Battalion that granting tenure is not guaranteeing a professor a permanent job.

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Reflections of the Bloody Cross



Steve Milne/THE BATTALION

Company L-1 guidon **Chris Chick** leads his outfit on a three-mile run during the Bloody Cross run on Sunday. The Bloody Cross is a competition among all the outfits in the Corps to see who is the best and fastest.

Deadline today for prospective student election candidates

By Kim McGuire

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Today is the last day to file for candidacy for student body elections, which will be held March 30 and 31.

Students wishing to run for the positions of student body president, class council officers, student senators, residence hall advisory officers, off campus association officers and yell leaders should fill out a form in Rooms 139 and 140 of the Koldus Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election Commissioner Michael Crain said 5,000 students typically vote in the elections, and he hopes more students turn out this year.

"Hopefully more people will vote this year because everyone should have a say in the decisions that affect A&M," Crain said. "The student body should realize this process is legitimate. It's not the election commission that decides the outcome, it's the student body. They're the ones who control who sits in these positions."

Crain said the only requirement for candidacy is a grade point average of 2.25 and constituency signatures.

He said candidates for student body president, class president, RHA and OCA president must garner 100 signatures, while all other positions require 60 to 80 signatures.

A mandatory candidate meeting will be held Monday at 8:30 p.m. in Room 601 of Rudder Tower. All rules of campaigning will be discussed at this meeting.

A student body president and yell leader forum will be held March 28 at 8:30 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom.

Crain said yell leader candidates will be given the opportunity to lead yells in front of an audience, and student body president candidates will debate.

"It will be a good opportunity for students to come out and decide which candidate they want to vote for if they haven't decided," Crain said. "And if they have, they should come anyway to give support to their candidate."

He added students can expect to see some changes in election policies.

"The biggest difference is going to be in the ballots," Crain said. "It's going to be changed so it will be easier to understand and easier to fill out."

Crain said seniors can vote for class gift ideas on the ballot.

The Student Senate passed a resolution in February enabling class gift ideas to be submitted on the ballot.

"In the past, class councils have over-ridden the senior class' gift decision to go along with what they wanted personally," Crain said. "This way, whatever the senior class decides will go."

Polling booths will be run by service organization volunteers and will be set up at the MSC Flagroom, Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center, Zachry Engineering Center, Blocker Building and the Sterling C. Evans Library from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the elections.

If necessary, a run-off election will be April 7.

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Senate candidates prepare for close finish

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — U.S. Senate candidates Mike Andrews, Jim Mattox and Richard Fisher, sticking with a longtime Democratic tradition in the South, spent the last Sunday before the primary campaigning at small Baptist churches.

Mattox and Andrews took separate paths to several Houston churches during the morning, while Fisher attended a Baptist church in the Dallas suburb of

Richardson.

But with a recent poll showing 30 percent of likely Democratic voters still undecided, no candidate was claiming an outright victory in the Tuesday primary.

"The polls indicate we're going to come close to winning without a runoff, but we just don't know how close," said Mattox, a former Texas attorney general.

"I think there will be a runoff," Andrews said. "And I think I'll be in it."

Fisher said he expects a runoff be-

tween himself and Mattox.

"I'm convinced if he (Mattox) wins the nomination — and I don't think he will — he'll lose worse than (Bob) Krueger," Fisher said.

Gov. Ann Richards appointed Krueger last year to fill U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen's unexpired Senate term. Krueger lost the position in June to Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who faces only token competition in the Republican primary.

Sports center opening set for spring '95

By James Bernsen

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University's \$29 million recreational sports center is 40 percent complete and scheduled to open early next year.

Dennis Corrington, director of recreational sports, said the facility will be one of the largest in the country and will alleviate problems of overcrowding in G. Rollie White Coliseum and the Read Building.

"We've been out of space for a long time, and this will help," he said. "It's going to provide for drop-in recreation anytime a student wants it."

Corrington said recreational sports programs have been a big part of A&M for a long time and will continue to be important in the future.

He said he also hopes students will spend time in the new facility to practice good exercise habits.

The new facility will have eight gymnasiums for basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and badminton.

It will also have 12 racquetball courts, a 14,000 square foot weight and fitness room, a 36 to 42-foot indoor rock climbing wall, locker rooms and showers, a quarter-mile indoor track and two permanent squash courts.

The facility will also feature a natatorium with a 50-meter

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Memories of Texan history return with state independence celebration

By James Bernsen

THE BATTALION

Thousands of visitors flooded the normally quiet town of Washington-on-the-Brazos this weekend to celebrate Texas' Independence Day.

Visitors toured the state historical park where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed 158 years ago.

Visitors had the opportunity to listen to the sounds of frontier music and hear "firsthand" accounts of the Texas Revolution from actors playing Davy Crockett, Sam Houston and William Barret Travis.

Pam Edwards, an employee at the park, said the largest draw of the celebration was the

Texas army and the other re-enactment groups.

"People enjoy listening about history and their pioneering skills," she said.

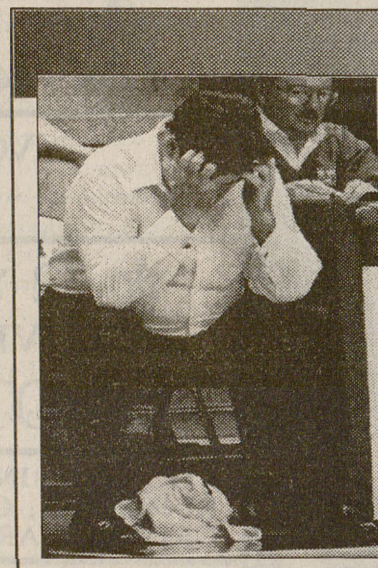
Gen. Carrol Lewis, a retired subdivision developer from Houston, said the Texas army re-enactment group was re-established by Gov. Preston Smith in 1969 to perpetuate the memory of early Texas heroes and the original army.

All the officers are appointed by the governor, and the 100 members are approved by the governor and Lewis.

All members must be male, wear the clothing and weapons of the 1800s and pass a proficiency test with a muzzle-loaded rifle.

"I'm interested in Texas history the way it really was," Lewis said. "There are too many

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