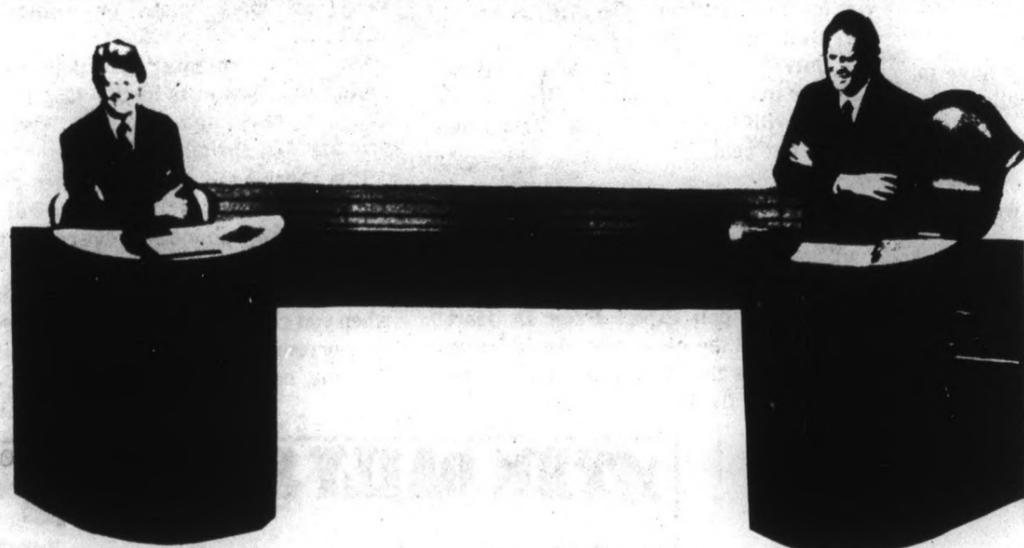




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Carter says defense weak; Ford attacks dem's proposal

By BROCK AKERS
Managing Editor

Accusing the Republican administration of being "all style and no substance," Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter said last night the United States lacks strength overseas, while President Gerald R. Ford accused his opponent of offering a proposal for national defense which would make the country weak.

The two met in the second match of a series of nationally televised debates sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Questions from the panel of journalists focused on foreign policy.

Carter answered the first question, saying "Our country is not strong anymore. We cannot be strong overseas if we cannot be strong at home." Carter then digressed to the subject of the economy, a tactic he used throughout the debate.

"We have excluded our people and our Congress from the participation in foreign policy," he said.

The President responded that the executive branch is now more open than ever before, citing the example of the signing of the Sinai II agreement in the Middle East. "I sent every shred of the documentation about the agreement to Congress,

more than any other president at any other time in history." The president also pointed out that since the signing of the agreement, no Israeli or Egyptian soldier has lost his life.

The tone of the debate was much sharper than the candidates' first encounter, with both Carter and Ford accusing the other of misrepresenting fact.

Emphasizing the secrecy in the formulation of foreign policy by the administration, Carter said "Every time we have made a serious mistake in foreign affairs, it has been when the American people have been excluded."

Taking a dig at Ford, Carter said that as far as foreign policy goes, "Mr. Kissinger has been the president of this country.

"Mr. Ford and Mr. Kissinger have continued on with the policies of Mr. Nixon when he was in the White House...Even the Republican platform criticizes that foreign policies, and it is one of the few parts of the platform that I agree with," he said.

Ford pressed the "two things that cannot be debated"—experience and results. "I made decisions in foreign policy not only as President of the United States, but as the leader of the free world.

News Digest By the Associated Press

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados—A Cuban Airlines passenger plane with 73 persons reported aboard crashed into the Caribbean Sea 10 minutes after take off from here Wednesday on a flight to Jamaica and Cuba. It was not immediately known whether there were any survivors.

A fleet of small vessels, including speedboats and pleasure launches from hotels along this tourist island's west coast, headed out to sea within minutes of the crash.

The Barbados Coast Guard said an hour after first reports of the crash that the aircraft had not been sighted.

BANGKOK, Thailand—A military man known for his tough stance against communism seized power in Thailand on

Wednesday after savage battles between leftist and rightist students that left at least 22 persons dead and about 180 wounded, by police count.

Unconfirmed reports put the death toll at 35 or more.

WASHINGTON—The State Department said Wednesday it plans to raise with China the question of its nuclear blast 10 days ago which caused radioactive fallout in several Eastern U.S. states.

"The United States has long opposed atmospheric testing of nuclear devices and we will take our position to the PRC People's Republic of China again," said State Department spokesman Frederick Brown.

WASHINGTON — Jimmy Carter may propose a cut in tax

rates from 70 to 50 per cent at the top and 14 to 10 per cent at the bottom, if he is elected, one of his top tax advisers said Wednesday.

But coupled with other provisions of his tax revision package, upper bracket taxpayers would pay more in taxes, while lower and middle bracket taxpayers likely would pay less, said Joseph A. Pechman.

QUITO/Ecuador—A series of small earthquakes in the Andean Province of Cotopaxi, 50 miles south of Quito, has killed seven persons and caused damage to the towns of Pastocalle, Toacaso and Taniguchi.

The quakes began on Monday with a tremor also felt in Quito. The observatory in Quito reported that 29 small quakes have been registered so far.

Execution favored

Judge speaks out

"A few electrocutions would have a good effect" on the rising crime rate, Federal District Judge Eldon Mahon said here Tuesday night.

Mahon's comments, addressed to the pre-law association, came after the Supreme Court refused to review its decisions upholding capital punishment in Texas, Florida and Georgia earlier this week.

The court agreed to decide whether death is constitutional for a non-fatal rape.

A jury should find the criminal could not be rehabilitated and would be likely to commit another crime before a prisoner is sentenced to death, Mahon said.

But, he said that prison sentences should punish, not rehabilitate. "I do not send anyone to the penitentiary to be rehabilitated.

"Unless the law exists in the hearts of people, it does not exist at all," he said. "People are selfish by nature and need laws to protect themselves from one another."

The judge also spoke on school prayer, a woman on the Supreme Court and Watergate.

The Supreme Court's school prayer decision said mandatory prayer could not be imposed on public school students against their wishes, he said.

"The courts have said the government must be neutral toward religion. If the school board can say that you have to pray, it can also say you can't pray."

In addition Mahon said he expected a woman to be placed on the Supreme Court in a very short time and that former president Richard Nixon didn't have "the code of ethics the average American had."

Case calls for action

By CAROL HOLOWINSKI
Assistant News Editor

"Committees need to step up their work pace," Student Body President Jay Case said at the Student House of Representatives meeting Tuesday.

For three weeks, Case said, committees "haven't done much." He "didn't believe it was intentional" but with new chairmen and new members, Case said, the committees are having a tough time "getting their feet on the ground."

Both Student Affairs and Academic Affairs committees have about five things "that need to be taken care of right away," said Case.

With student body officer elections, he said, the Elections Committee needs to come out with the revised Election Code.

At the meeting, the House passed the bill on plenary sessions in its original form. The bill called for an agenda to be distributed to the House by the Executive Board before the plenary session.

A plenary session allows the House to temporarily suspend members who are not present at special meetings so that a majority vote can be reached.

In other action, a bill on library fines was sent to Student Affairs. The bill recommended that fines

be changed from 25 cents to 10 cents a day because the "fine of 25 cents is above and beyond a necessary penalty and can be detrimental to a forgetful student," John Cowles said.

Fines were not a source of income, Cowles said, but rather a "punitive measure to keep a limited number of books available to students."

Three bills have yet to come back to the House from committee. They are a bill to study food service, a bill to extend to one semester housing contracts to juniors and a bill recommending that the Business Office cash two-party checks.

Black group holds elections

Election of officers for "Unity," formerly the Black Student Union or Black Coalition, will be held tonight, according to Johnny Anderson, special assistant to the dean of students.

To vote or run for office, students must attend the meeting at 7 p.m. in Student Center room 205. Students should look at the "rigid constitutional rules for officers" before running, Anderson said.

Predictions lead to harmful voting

More and more, politicians are becoming aware of the impact opinion polls have upon the electorate.

People, by nature, like to be on the winning side and all too often support the candidate who is leading the polls for no other reason than because he is ahead.

Political scientists and observers have noticed this "bandwagon effect" in the last several elections. The danger, they say, lies in the fact that an inferior candidate, if he is able to pick up enough support early in the polls, might gain enough momentum to win the election.

Both candidates and voters have come to look at political polls for guidance in decision making. Polls help determine campaign tactics, raise money and pin-point support.

In view of the prominent role, it is im-

portant that polls be fair, accurate and understandable.

The most recent surveys differ in their findings. A Gallup poll conducted last Friday has Carter leading Ford 50 to 42 points while a Yankelovich study for Time magazine shows the two tied 43-43.

Gallup, however, says he may have to revise his figures because a smaller than usual number were surveyed, thus the final count might change by one or two points.

But he said the change would be statistically insignificant.

Surveys conducted immediately after the first Ford-Carter debate generally favor the President. An AP survey of 1,065 registered voters showed Ford's support rose from 41 per cent to 44.9 per cent.

Carter's support only rose slightly over a point from 45.3 to 46.9 per cent.

In a Newsweek survey conducted by Gallup of nearly 500 votes after the debate, 37 per cent said they were more likely to vote for the President while 25 per cent felt they would vote against him.

A University poll conducted by Young Republicans, claims that Ford leads on campus with 56 per cent while Carter has only 26 per cent.

In order to interpret which polls are most accurate, the public needs to be aware of certain aspects of conducting surveys.

Washington poll expert Peter D. Hart points out that the electorate should know what questions are asked and how they are worded, what the margin of error is, and

should consider the complexity of opinions people hold.

Voters tend to look only at who is leading in the survey and disregard their stance on issues. Thus they are casting their vote more on image than on substantive positions.

One must remember that polls can be totally inaccurate as in the 1952 Dewey-Truman race and in the Wisconsin primary last spring.

It is shocking to think that when people go to the polls in November, they will vote on the basis of opinion surveys rather than their own intelligent convictions.

And it becomes even more frightening when you consider that those polls have an ever-present danger of being misleading, creating confusion as the latest surveys do.

—RITA MILLER

The saga of the Frog Calls: trying to find phone numbers

It is now October—time for the leaves to change, the pickles to be canned and the Frogs to start calling.

Since Sept. 7, the deadline for the notorious Frog Calls has passed. All the names are now in, the addresses listed and the telephone numbers secured. And finally, today, they have at long last appeared.

For a while, it was naturally assumed the Frog Calls were lost. The Public Relations department grew jittery at any question over the location of the directories, but they finally found a creative excuse. The books were "still in print."

I called four weeks ago. They were still in print. I called yesterday. They were still in print. In fact, the Publications office thought they were still going to be in print for another few days. It was not until 5 minutes before deadline that I learned the Frog Calls were out.

Last year, everyone had a copy a month after school started. This year, no one could find a copy because they had all gotten up and walked away.

The administration had no idea where they were. A man from the Publications department

said, "Well, we are in the process of printing them up, and that always takes some time. But a lady from the Registrar's office calmly answered, "Be patient, no one really knows where they are at this stage, but they will come soon."

So they had disappeared and everyone was upset, except of course, the phone company.

The only way one can solve this scandal was with the firm belief that the telephone company stole them. For every day the direc-

Opinion

tory was late, the operators pigeon-holed behind their switchboards would cash in on the student's money.

Suppose an undergraduate makes 3 information calls a week. That's 12 a month, with 5 subtracted as free. The resulting equation is 7 calls times 20c times 6200 students which all equals \$8,680 a month, or close to \$300 a day.

The real numbers probably come nowhere near that, but for editorial purposes it is an extremely effective argument.

Big business receives a hefty profit from the information calls, no matter what the precise

figures are. Meanwhile, the students are left out in the cold, searching frantically from dorm to dorm for telephone numbers.

It was rumored that several students religiously prayed in hopes that the Frog Calls would come out before mid-terms, so that students could be bribed and teachers threatened.

Whatever the reason, the campus needs a telephone directory. Isn't it interesting the dormitories had a list of every resident's phone number the first week of school? Does it surprise you the Skiff can get published in one day, but the Frog Calls have croaked inside a printing machine for a month?

The most read reference book at the University is weeks late, and the administration is not too concerned. Students could rise in mass revolt against the school's switchboard office, or they could start making information calls from University telephones, or they could reasonably ask the administration to get the Frog Calls out on time. But if none of that works, don't worry. The new Fort Worth phone books are expected to be out in December.

—SKIP HOLLANDSWORTH

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DR. WILLIAM WATSON

Professor fighting cancer

By ELIZABETH LIVENGOOD

A University professor has isolated two compounds that may assist in the fight against cancer.

Chemistry professor Dr. William Watson and researchers at M.D. Anderson hospital in Houston discovered a compound for the treatment of leukemia. Along with researchers at the

University of Minnesota, they found a compound that might replace estrogen, a substance thought to be carcinogenic.

Watson's research on plant materials for use as medications has been funded by the National Science Foundation.

The compound used in treating leukemia kills cancer cells faster than normal cells. The compound

originates from a plant found in Central America. The plant belongs to the compositae family, which includes daisies and sunflowers.

The compound that might replace estrogen comes from a fungus that grows on corn and grain stored in warm, damp conditions and can be found in the United States, Africa and Asia. If accepted for use, Watson said, the compound will be utilized to treat pre-menopausal and post-menopausal syndromes, such as hot-flashes.

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Corrections

Several statements in yesterday's story on record check-outs were in error.

The records will be loaned out at the Student Center Information Desk, not the Coffeehouse.

Students will not be required to leave their I.D.'s. Instead, anyone wanting to check out a record will sign a statement of responsibility. If the record is scratched while checked out, the students will be required to pay for it.

Regina Montgomery is the Chairman of the Dance Committee. Jackie Julkes is sub-committee chairman for the record loan.

The record loan will start today, not Oct. 8 as previously reported.

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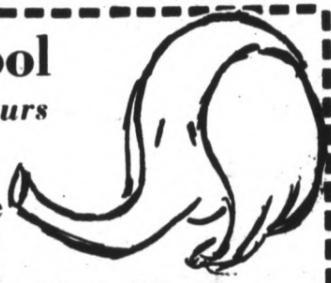
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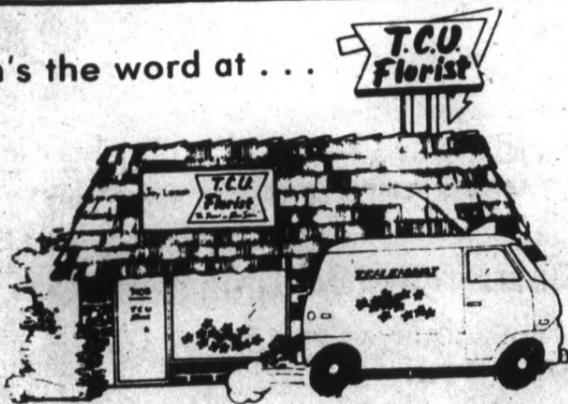
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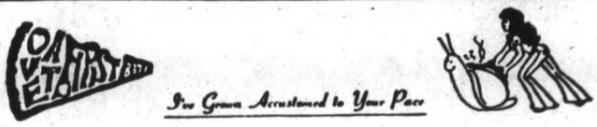
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A pep rally "for the team and for the students" will begin tonight at 8:30 in front of Colby dorm. Milton Daniel resident assistant Mark Dilley said.

About half the band has volunteered to play and march around to each of the main-campus dormitories, he said. Coach Shofner, Jimmy Dan Elzner and Marshall Harris will address the rally, he said.

"The football players need support in what they do," Dilley said. "Winning teams have spirit. One of the ways to start winning is to have spirit."

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Frog wide receiver Mike Renfro has caught 18 passes for 313 yards and two touchdowns for season, including the six he snagged against Arkansas for 102 yards and a touchdown.

His career totals are now 88 for 1,485 yards. Renfro re-sets the Frog yardage record with every reception while the number is only 12 shy of Sonny Campbell's top mark of a career 100.

★★★★★

Wogs, the junior varsity football team, followed in the footsteps of their "big brothers" Monday night, being shutout 25-0 by Oklahoma.

Sooner quarterback J.C. Watts scored two touchdowns and rushed for 93 yards. Barry Joyner of Killeen led Oklahoma with 108 yards on 17 carries.

Wog freshman quarterback Don Harris of Richardson Berkner complete nine of 20 passes for 117 yards with one interception. Martinez Smith snagged five passes for 63 yards.

The Wogs are 0-1-1. The Wogs will be back in action Monday when they take on the UTA junior varsity.

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