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Spring Campus Election Declared Invalid By Student Judicial Board

Nomination Books May Reopen

by Thomas J. Canning III
Guest Writer

State's Student Judicial Board invalidated the Spring Student Government elections in an unexpected decision late Monday evening.

In the adjudgement which suspends today's runoff elections, the Board voided all races in the general election, left to the Elections Board the decision as to whether the election books would be reopened, and ruled that the Student Senate must decide the validity of a controversial election statute which it supposedly deleted earlier in the fall.

The action came as the result of two independent appeals filed by Cathy Sterling, defeated Student Body

Presidential candidate, and Rob Campbell who had vied unsuccessfully for a sophomore Judicial Board seat.

Rob Campbell brought the most effective appeal, and it was the one on which the Board voided the elections. In it, he alleged that the Student Supply Store poll was without Sophomore Judicial Board ballots for fifteen minutes during which time the instructions of the Elections Board were improperly followed. A sister of Alpha Tau, the sorority manning the polls, supposedly gave an incomplete set of ballots to a voter instead of waiting until more ballots arrived as directed by Charles Guignard, Elections Board Chairman.

Miss Sterling's complaint dealt with a controversial election statute which apparently was left out of the second and final reading of the bill and was passed unnoticed by the Senate. The statute states that each candidate must sign a statement that his campaign material will not reflect unfavorably on either the office he seeks, Student Government, or the University.

The omission of this statute may have opened the way for Eric Plow's unconventional but very successful campaign. Although action in favor of Miss Sterling's suit did not invalidate the election by itself, it will delay final plans for a new election until Wednesday's Student Senate meeting and further rulings by the Election Board.

"My complaint was issued before the votes were counted attempting to bring about reform," stated Campbell.



ELECTIONS BOARD CHAIRMAN Charles Guignard wrote up the Student Body President results last Wednesday not knowing that they would be declared invalid later on.

Judicial Board Ruling

The Judicial Appeals Board finds that the election is declared invalid based on the fact that the Election's Board was in error by not enforcing the election rules as stated in the instructions to the poll attendants; the board also finds that new elections may not be held until Part 2, Section 1, letter c is either passed or deleted from the election rules by the Student Senate by due process.

Date: 13 April 1970
James W. Pearce, Clerk
Robert C. Bain, Chairman

Night Burn Places Ship On Earth Course

Apollo Moon Landing Aborted

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI) A successful life-or-death rocket blast put the three-man Apollo 13 crew on the path home Tuesday after a power failure—perhaps due to a meteor strike—crippled their spaceship 205,000 miles from earth.

"It was a good burn," a spokesman at the Houston Space Center declared after talking to mission control.

The announcement put an end to what seemed to be the longest minutes in the history of U.S. manned space flight. Clearly riding on the maneuver were the lives of astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert and Fred W. Haise.

What the pilots did was to fire a blast on the descent engine of their lunar lander Aquarius, setting themselves back on a "free return trajectory" that will allow them to loop around the moon and head back home.

The burn was triggered at 3:43 a.m. EST, but word of the success did not come until 4 a.m.

On the voyage back, the astronauts will be using the Aquarius as a "lifeboat" to

supply them with electrical power and oxygen.

Prior to the burn, Christopher C. Kraft, the deputy director of the Manned Spaceflight Center confirmed: "This is as serious a situation as we have ever had in manned spaceflight."

But Kraft said chances were excellent for their safe return if nothing else happens.

At 2:35 a.m. EST, ground controllers decided the astronauts should make a critical maneuver to get Apollo back on an earthbound path.

The problem struck like lightning and turned what had been almost a flawless flight into a nightmare for the spacepilots. Hopes for a third moon landing were forgotten in the drama of getting the men back.

Space officials had no hint of what caused the power failure, but Dr. Harvey Ninger of Sedona, Ariz., one of the foremost meteoricists in the world, said the spacecraft may have been hit by a meteorite.

James McDivitt, Apollo spacecraft program manager and former Apollo astronaut, added weight to Ninger's

theory. "It was something that appeared to be quite violent that occurred in bay four. And if it were struck by a meteorite, that would be quite

violent. I wouldn't say that's what happened, but won't rule it out."

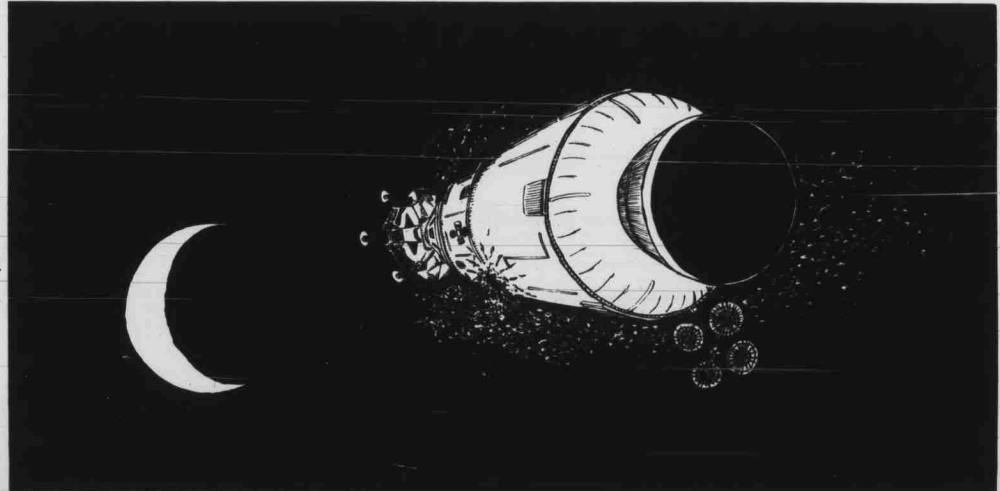
Four hours after the "bang" which knocked out the spaceship's power, Kraft

reported: "It appears that everything is under control and we have a safe situation at the moment."

Many aspects of the emergency were still unsettled

Tuesday morning, however. Ground controllers said the astronauts would splash down about 12:13 p.m. EST Friday.

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POSSIBLE METEOR collision with service module of Apollo 13 causes moon landing abort. drawing by G.A. Dees

OUR SAY

Elections should not have been voided

Because the time, money and effort student politicians expend when they run for office are great, the results of an entire campus election should not be put aside for light or questionable reasons. Thus the Judicial Board's decision to scrap the 1970 spring election and begin anew is rightly viewed with some dismay.

At best the Board's ruling is open to serious debate. While it may be true that certain irregularities took place at the Student Supply Store ballot box, one wonders if the magnitude of the errors committed there justifies invalidation of the results of so many races and issues that could not possibly have been altered by even deliberate hanky panky during a one hour period at one voting spot.

Certainly one would think it necessary to produce unshakable evidence that the alleged events could have influenced major portions of the ballot casting before deciding on such a drastic

plan as throwing out the entire election. If such were the case, there could be little room for complaint. But unfortunately the Judicial Board did not even hear testimony from the person supposedly in charge when the irregularities were believed to have occurred.

But since the Board's ruling is the supreme judgment in such matters, we will likely reopen nomination books and begin the search for next year's student government officers again. It does seem unfortunate, however, that some sort of postponement could not have been arranged until such time as a more thorough investigation could determine the extent of the damage to last week's results at the Student Supply Store poll.

At any rate, the whole business should be a good lesson for the future. For example, there is some question as to whether candidates for office must sign pledges to conduct campaigns which do not reflect unfavorably upon the office sought, on

student government or on the University. This matter should not be minimized in its potential for causing trouble. Level-headed senators will shun any such provision, for it is probably unconstitutional, in that it contradicts the preamble's pledge to "atmosphere of free inquiry." Let there be no rush to judgment this time and perhaps round two of campus elections will at least produce some winners. Unfortunately, however, it is doubtful that any lessons learned from the recent debacle will offset its undermining of student respect for SG that has been building for some time. Eric Plow's mockery of the whole system has an even more incisive impact now than ever. And although his support will likely diminish in the upcoming race, there are many who will often wonder which is worse: to laugh and deride Student Government in all its frailty, or be a party to its constant ineffectiveness and failure.

S.G. Review: A Close Look At The Nullification

by G. A. Dees

The academy award production *Death of an Election* or *Student Government made SIMPLE* played last night to a sell-out crowd on the campus at the Union.

The principle characters were Miss Sterling, a humble young lass with gleam in her eye; Charles Guignard, the lovable fellow that meant well; and, the Judicial Board, portrayed by a tribe of legal-eagles with wings outspread.

A whole host of characters whose voices were heard but not seen, included Eric Plow, a real nice farm-boy that had it all figured out ahead of time; William Benny Teal (the guy

with the ear-to-ear grin); David Brown, a tired, but not upset candidate; and a whole passel of supporters in various campus around campus.

The suspense was present just as it was after Pearl Harbor when the entire populace stood in the clearing smoke and stuttered "Whawazat!?"

Candidates were caught with drawers dropped and unprepared.

It was a scream to see a candidate without a statement for a change. In fact, several hours after the "bomb" dropped, no one had yet made any concrete statements with the exception of Eric Plow's voiced disgust and "I-told-you-

so's" in reference to the ram-paging nonsense prevailing in all branches of the student government.

The point has been reached in the plot where finger-pointing is popular and a lot of guys are hunting for a scape-goat. Several people are squirming and trying to justify actions while the students, as a whole, are disgusted to the point of sickness.

The state of Student Government is indeed in an all-time low as confidence (already low) hit rock-bottom.

After this disaster, the voting students will seek officers that must carry their vote of confidence if S.G. is to succeed

and survive.

Accusations are flying and S.G. Review is doing it's share.

Charles Guignard: Why were there not enough ballots?

Kathy Tiska: Who is responsible for recording what the Senate does? Also, where are your records concerning action on Chapter VII, Part 2, SECTION ONE, Paragraph c of the Student Body Documents, Volume II: The Student Body Statutes, 1969?

Student Senate: How come none of you can remember for sure what happened and when concerning the action on Chapter VII, Part 2, SECTION ONE, Paragraph c?

Alpha Tau: Where were you

at the ballot box?

The candidates are having to reconsider decisions made weeks ago and also where does the money come from for another campaign? Some candidates are grateful for another chance at the big-time.

O.K., gang! Now what? It seems that we won't know until the Senate meets tomorrow night.

It might be a good idea to drop by the Senate meeting for a good belly laugh. This meeting ought to be a real winner!

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Meteor Stricken Apollo Returns To Earth Friday

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but did not know whether it would be in the Pacific or Atlantic.

Depending upon last minute details, a "foreign ship of convenience" may be called upon to pick up the astronauts.

The power failure—apparently an explosion in one of the Apollo 13's three electricity-producing fuel cells—hit the command ship Odyssey shortly after 10 p.m. EST.

In a matter of minutes, the 48-ton spacecraft exhausted its electrical supply and Haise and Lovell—who had been scheduled to make the moon landing—crawled into the lunar lander upon instructions from ground control.

Swigert remained in the command ship, since the lander, Aquarius, is designed but for two persons.

The command ship will continue to feed off the Aquarius for supplies—mainly

oxygen and limited power—during the long flight home.

"The lunar module would serve as a sort of lifeboat for the crew of Apollo 13," mission control spokesman Terry White explained.

Prior to re-entry, however, all three pilots will have to climb back into the command ship, since the Aquarius has no heat shield and would be burned to a crisp if it attempted to re-enter earth's atmosphere.

The command ship "Odyssey" and the landing craft "Aquarius" are now flying locked together and the astronauts used their landing craft's descent engine to change their course and aim them back toward earth.

Just before re-entry Friday the astronauts, riding in the command ship, will cut loose from the landing craft. They will use batteries for electricity in their command ship and will breathe oxygen stored in a

special tank at the last minute early Tuesday before their command ship went powerless.

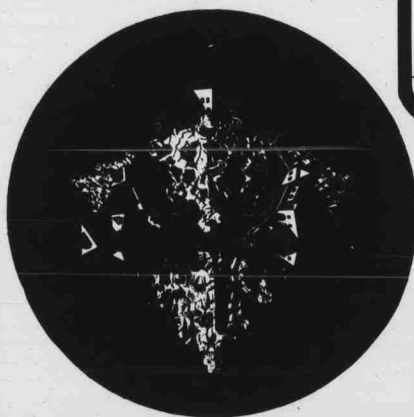
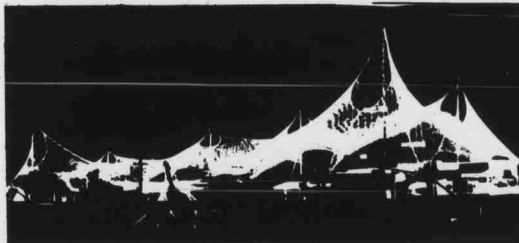
In true test-pilot fashion, Swigert—who was assigned to the mission at the last minute because it appeared one of the prime crewmen was coming down with measles—matter of factly disclosed the electrical failure.

"Okay Houston, we've had a problem here."

"This is Houston," said ground controller Jack Lousma. "Say it again please."

"Houston, we've had a problem. We've had a main B-bus undervolt."

It was the first major trouble in space aboard an American spaceship since Gemini 8, which was cut short after just 10 hours in space in March, 1966, and made a safe emergency splashdown in the Pacific Ocean after performing the first rendezvous and docking between two space crafts.



friday APRIL 17

- 7:00 HOOTENANNY UNDER THE BALLOON
- 7:30 TEN NIGHTS IN A BARROOM THOMPSON THEATRE
- 9:30 MORNING UNDER THE BALLOON
- 10:15 CELESTIAL EXPLOSIONS

ENGINEERS' FAIR FRI. & SAT.

Technician Staff Spends All-nighter On Today's Extra

by George Evans

—Carlyle was "sitting in class, waiting for it to begin"

—Hilton was trying to use the Xerox machines in the library but didn't have any change

—Evans was re-reading *The World of Null-A* in the bathroom

—G.A. Dees was having an off-campus beer can fight and had just ducked a can that had his name written on it

—"The Big Pooh" was upstairs at home having fallen asleep while watching "Sesame Street"

—Jack was just returning from supper when his hall phone rang and "BINGO—there was Charles" with the news that campus elections had been declared invalid.

At 9:30, all of the above (except Carlyle who was still in class), were gathered together in the Technician offices and decided that in order to put out a proper "Special Election Extra" refreshments would be needed.

Accordingly, Jack and Gene went over the hill to fetch provisions to last till morning. GA's fabled front tires got them and the goodies back by some miracle but, once Osborne appeared, nothing could save the liquid refreshments.

"Georgie Pooh," Carlyle and Jack were huddled over the layout tables like a team of crack (cracked?) surgeons while "Oz" ran from the refri-

gerator to the bathroom. Hilton ran in circles and Evans looked on from deep within a Purple Haze.

"That may be the call from Washington!" screamed Pantone as a stray Frisbee came over the wall and a phone rang simultaneously causing gales of laughter and Evans to fall over backwards, unnoticed.

Someone broke out the cigars about 11:30 and the whole office lit up as another stray Frisbee came over the wall.

Anguished cries like "We're out of milk," began about 11:35, so Jack and Hilton ventured out into the dark of night and return saying: "Boy

this is some town—everybody quits selling refreshments when the Sun goes down."

Hayne's face wasn't seen all night as it was buried deep within the Vari-typer which established a new world's record for breakdowns.

Epps—noted Spiro Agnew critic—arrived just in time to miss out on the 'Cokes' and Whigham explained that a dashiki is NOT a shirt!

(Did I mention that everyone was lit up?) GA was hunched over his desk doing secret and furtive things with his pens and emitting foul "HEH, HEH" from time to time as Carlyle looked up and gasped "We've lost the editor."

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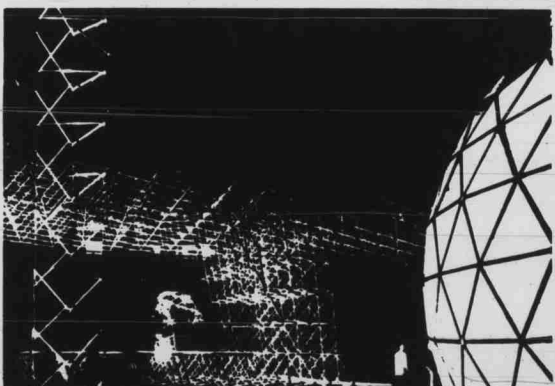
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BLACK GHETTO

Disgusted with the ho-hum activities scheduled for Friday night's All Campus '70? The Ghetto, State's black student organization, is housed in what was formerly the Bar Jonah, and offers you an evening in black culture. The Black Experience of Shaw University will present poetry, music, and African dance on Friday, April 17, at 8:30. For the price of \$1.00, the patron will experience all this plus a dance and refreshments to follow. The proceeds will go in part to the Breakfast Program for Southside children. The Ghetto urges NCSU to spend "An Evening in the Ghetto." Tickets may be purchased at door or from any member of State's Black Student Organization.

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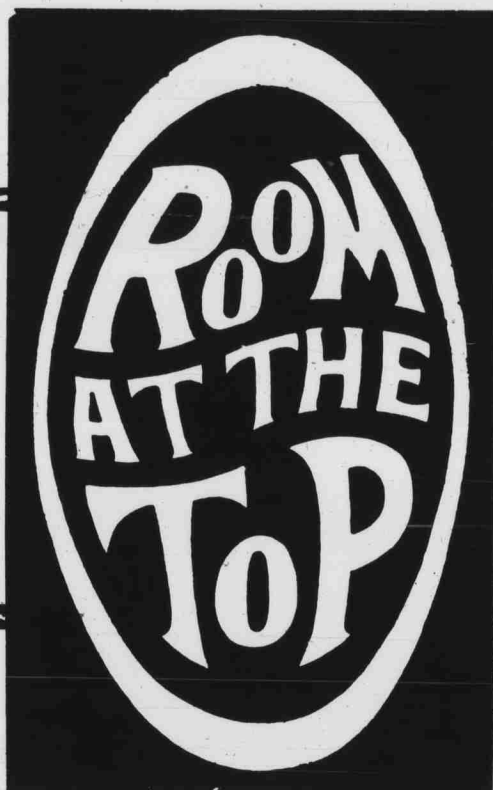
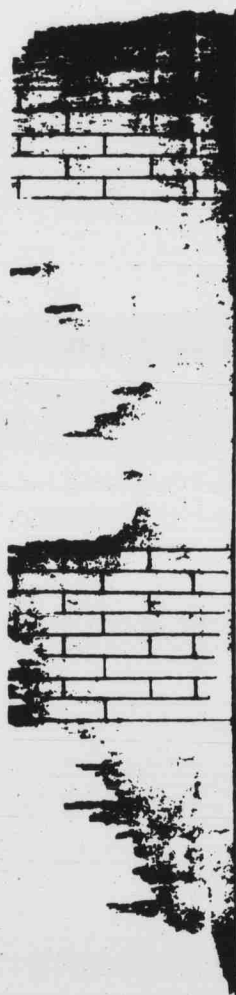
saturday APRIL 18

- UNDER THE BALLOON
- 2:30 PENTANGLE
- 4:00 ROTARY CONNECTION
- 7:30 ENVIRONMENTAL FEST
- 7:30 TEN NIGHTS IN A BARROOM THOMPSON THEATRE
- 8:00 MORNING
- 9:00 BALL

sunday APRIL 19

- UNDER THE BALLOON
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