

Clogged filter grounds Columbia

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 CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A clogged filter, never refurbished after Columbia's maiden mission last spring, shattered a near-flawless countdown for Launch II yesterday, grounding the shuttle for about a week.

The decision to scrub came with liftoff 31 seconds away.

The astronauts' coordinator said the delay may be long enough that Joe Engle and Richard Truly would return to their home base in Houston.

L. Michael Weeks, a shuttle program officer, said it may be a few days before NASA experts can even examine the problem adequately to set a new launch date.

Primed and eager to make their first tour of space, Engle and Truly spent nearly five hours in the shuttle's cockpit, strapped knees-up in their flight couches. Upon leaving the ship, they managed a wry smile.

"Pooped" from the long wait, the astronauts went to bed early — hoping to learn today whether the repairs to Columbia will take so long that they will return to Houston for more training, and waiting.

Bill Jones, the astronauts' trainer, said the decision on when to make the next launch attempt will be made by top space managers today. The meeting will decide "whether we head home to get in a little additional training or stick it out till launch," he said.

Meanwhile, Engle and Truly will practice landings here.

The technical problem was with two Auxiliary Power Units — devices that are crucial to Columbia's guidance. Clogged APU filters had been untouched since the shuttle landed after its debut flight in April. NASA's experts thought they didn't need maintenance.

The scrub sequence was almost the same as April's first shuttle launch attempt. There the countdown clock stood at 9 minutes when a computer anomaly caused a scrub. The shuttle

lifted off perfectly two days later, and made the first flight of the world's only reusable spaceship a triumphant success.

Yesterday's problem was with two of Columbia's three Auxiliary Power Units — APUs. Experts said hydrazine fuel leaked into the APU gear boxes and mixed with oil lubricant. This created extra-high pressure and forced the scrub.

At mission control in Houston, flight director Neil Hutchinson said: "It's going to take time to get the filters out of the APUs and purge them and clean them and bring them back on line."

A NASA spokesman said the space agency was considering two routes — repair of the APUs on board, and replacement of the faulty units with back ups.

Columbia isn't going anywhere without operating APUs. The units provide the muscle to swivel the main engines on liftoff and move the wing surfaces for landing. Yet Hutchinson said he guessed all would have gone OK if technicians hadn't noticed the pressure problem and had launched anyway.

Ironically, the major worry for yesterday's launch had been the weather which had been marginal all week. But at the scheduled 7:30 a.m. liftoff time there was no rain, there was little wind, and — though heavy clouds blanketed the sky — there was sufficient visibility.

Forlorn on its pad, heavy rain pelted the shuttle in early afternoon. By then, of course, it didn't count.

The scrub was all the more disappointing because few countdowns had gone as smoothly as the one for Flight II. Work never fell behind, there were no emergencies, and pad crews were able to maintain an almost leisurely pace with no-work holds of eight hours twice and one for 12 hours.

But when the clock hit the nine-minute to launch mark, control consoles showed low pressure in three oxygen tanks that feed the ship's electrical plant.



Disappointed astronauts Joe Engle (left, inside van) and Richard Truly (right) returned from the Space Shuttle yesterday, after the launch was postponed because of a clogged filter.

Mix defeats Goodall Republican will be new county district attorney

By MARGARET ANN WALSH
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 Republican Robert Mix was elected to the position of Centre County district attorney on Tuesday by a margin of 468 votes over Democrat Amos Goodall.

Mix received 11,425 votes county-wide while Goodall received 10,957 votes.

Daniel Chaffee, Centre County Democratic Party chairman, said he was not prepared for the results. "I expected a much larger margin of victory for Mr. Mix," Chaffee said. "Amos was very much an underdog."

However, Centre County Republican Party chairman Floyd Fischer said he was not surprised by the results.

"I expected it to be this close," Fischer said. "Both men were good candidates and both ran good campaigns."

Goodall had professional help in his campaign and it showed in his media advertising, Fischer said. Also, being associated with the Miller, Kistler and Campbell law firm helped Goodall.

"John Miller is a big man in this county," he said.

However, Mix's experience was one of the deciding factors, Fischer said.

"It definitely helped some," he said.

Goodall said he had not made any predictions about the final margin so the numbers did not surprise him.

"I'm not sure what I expected the margin to be, but I had hoped for a different winner after it was over," he said.

Fischer, Chaffee and Goodall agreed that the low student turnout had some effect on the results.

Turnout in the 11 student-dominated precincts was 11 percent

with Goodall winning by a margin of 589-532.

Fischer said if more students had voted it would have helped Goodall, but not enough for him to have won the election.

"Students tend to vote Democrat even though they don't know either candidate," he said.

However, Fischer said, "It's always tough to see a good man lose and Amos Goodall is a good man."

Chaffee agreed that students tend to vote Democrat, however he said a larger student turnout could have been the key to Goodall's success.

"If there had been a large student turnout, at least as large as the turnout in town, it could have changed the results of the race," he said.

"If students voted they could be enough to swing congressional seats . . . all seats."

Goodall agreed: "Students can make a difference — if they vote."

He said a larger all-around turnout could have made the difference.

"I hope that if more people had voted and more students that I would have won," Goodall said.

"I campaigned on campus and I brought a message I thought students were concerned with," he said.

Goodall said he was not sure if he would consider running again.

"I'm not a politician," he said. "I did not run for political reasons. I ran for professional reasons. I can't say whether those reasons will be the same in four years."

"I really enjoyed the campaign, meeting people in Centre County and meeting students and discussing their concerns," Goodall said. "I learned a lot."

Mix was unavailable for comment.

ARHS seeks new channels for input

By SHARON TAYLOR
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 New channels for student input must be implemented to reverse the breakdown in communication between the administration and student groups at the University, the Association of Residence Hall Students said at a news conference yesterday.

In a statement by ARHS President Chris Calkins, ARHS questioned why administrators received their information on issues through The Daily Collegian rather than through their own communication system.

The statement also said "bridging this student-administration gap will require a mutual effort on both sides to restore the effectiveness of the one communication channel offered to students for the expression of serious and intelligent concerns."

Karen Gravin, ARHS vice president, said, "Basically, what we see is the new president and vice president of ARHS and USG trying to work through the system, through the proper channels."

"We're not saying this never works — sometimes it does," Gravin said.

However, Gravin said University President John W. Oswald's decision to close University buildings during the Notre Dame game without asking ARHS for input on this issue made ARHS members realize that they could either "swallow" the administration's decision not to communicate with students about student concerns, or make a stand and attempt to improve communication.

She said ARHS members decided to make a stand, even if the group's effectiveness might be hindered by doing so.

Calkins said the communication system that ARHS uses — taking its concerns to the administration through the

Office of Student Affairs — would become more effective if ARHS members could meet with the vice president for student affairs more than once a month at the Student Advisory Board meeting.

He said he had met with the vice president for Student Affairs earlier yesterday, and that Murphy "has committed himself to work with us and with our problems."

"We need to work with him on a regular basis," he said.

Although Calkins did not know when he would hold his first meeting with Murphy, he said he hopes to meet with him more than once a month.

Because Murphy is the link between Residential Life officials and the University president, ARHS members focused their concern at that level, he said.

"If the issue needs to go up to the president's level it will go through the vice president for student affairs," Calkins said. "There is a need to strengthen the vice president's internal and external effect."

Even though Calkins said ARHS would continue to work through Murphy's office, he said the group would also meet with Oswald "when they feel it is appropriate to open up communication with him."

When asked how he would communicate with Oswald, Calkins said, "I represent my special interest. Student concerns are important . . . I do expect to hold as much weight as a dean."

Calkins said he expects communication between students and administrators to improve.

"They know our concerns. I expect they will act on that," he said. "I think they have already started. Now they realize they have to work with their own system."

Council becomes conservative

By GENE GRAYO
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 Two newly elected Republicans and a Democratic incumbent will be seated on the State College Municipal Council giving the Republicans a 5-2 majority and the opportunity to move the council's decisions in a more conservative direction.

analysis

Republican John Dombroski led the seven active council candidates with 2,205 votes; and another Republican Gary Wiser placed second with 1,995 votes. Democratic incumbent Felicia Lewis held onto her seat with 1,965 votes.

Ralph Way finished fourth with 1,718 votes, placing ahead of Democratic incumbent James Deeslie who had 1,571 votes.

Democrat Grove Spearly Jr. took sixth place with 1,056 votes, and Consumer Party candidates Ray Boyle and Chris Hall took seventh and eighth places respectively with 1,027 and 798 votes.

Lewis, who was appointed to the council last January to replace resigning council member Dorothy Lenning, campaigned for the retention of many of the local human services and the restoration of housing downtown.

Dombroski, Wiser and Way ran their campaigns as a team effort. By joining forces the three candidates presented a solid front against their Democratic and Consumer Party opponents.

Seated council members watched the race with great interest for a number of reasons.

The new council members, along with seated members, will determine whether to accept and how to spend \$780,000 in federal funds State College is entitled to as newly designated Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

And a Republican-dominated council is more likely to favor business interest while cutting social programs that are not cost-efficient.

Republican council member Fred J. Honsberger said he agrees with fellow Republicans Wiser and Dombroski on many issues especially fiscal issues.

"I have been very disappointed with

the government as we've had it for the last two years," Honsberger said. "I have been very disappointed that the input of two members of council have been totally ignored. I have not said anything before because it doesn't do any good to bring these things out."

Honsberger complained that council President Mary Ann Haas, a Republican, has always voted with the Democrats which will reduce the Republican majority to a 4-3 margin.

"A very small group of people has controlled council for the last six or seven years. A very small group. And what they have wanted, they've gotten. That group will not have that input anymore," he said.

He predicted that State College would benefit from the changes on the council because the character of the council will be more open to community opinion.

"This is going to be a listening council, it's going to have to be," he said.

Haas said partisanship has seeped into the council elections, but may disappear once the elections are over.

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weather

Increasing cloudiness today with showers developing towards evening and high temperatures around 58 degrees. Mostly cloudy with showers tonight. Low temperatures around 46 degrees. Mostly cloudy and breezy tomorrow with periods of rain ending during the afternoon. High temperatures will be in the low 50s. It should turn colder tomorrow night.

Students fail to use their right to vote

By PHILIP GUTIS
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 University students failed to take advantage of their ability to influence municipal and county government by once again not voting in the off-year elections on Tuesday.

Student turnout was 11 percent with only 1,276 of the 11,127 registered voters voting in the 11 student-dominated districts.

Overall voter turnout in State College was 25 percent. However, if the 11 student-dominated districts are not included, 49 percent of all registered State College voters voted.

That is five percentage points higher than the county overall of 44 percent.

Student-dominated districts had voter turnout percentages ranging from 3 to 20 percent.

State College East 4 had the lowest voter turnout in the municipality. Of the 1,384 students listed on registration rolls, only 154 or 3 percent voted. The highest turnout in a student-dominated district was in West Central 2. This district, in addition to having many

student voters, includes a large percentage of non-student voters. The district, with 864 registered voters, polled 181 people, or 20 percent.

Turnout figures may be somewhat misleading, said Jeffrey M. Bower, chairman of the Centre County Board of Elections. State law forbids county boards of elections to remove any voters' name from registration rolls until two years or four elections have passed without the individual voting.

It is likely that at least one-quarter of the students who registered for last fall's presidential election have moved or graduated, Bower said.

"The low turnout is 'a combination of apathy and students graduating and moving elsewhere,'" he said.

"However, even with (removing one-quarter of the total number of registered people), it is not going to increase your 3 percent to a much higher figure."

Tuesday's student turnout was nothing unusual for a municipal or off-year election and no one expressed

surprise at the number of students who voted.

Bower, also chairman of Centre County Commissioners, said students register and vote with much more frequency during presidential or gubernatorial elections.

One unusual aspect of yesterday's election, however, was that student turnout was one percentage point less than that of the spring primary.

Election officials Tuesday night said turnout is usually higher during general elections than during the primary.

Bill Cluck, Undergraduate Student Government president, said he was not surprised about Tuesday's turnout.

To overcome student apathy in the future, student government must "do a lot better job of communicating the importance of local elections to students," he said.

Cluck characterized efforts to inform students of elections and issues as "last minute."

"Maybe student government should

be more pro-active — from the beginning of the term or maybe back to the spring primaries," he said.

Suzanne Harbols, USG local liaison

in the Department of Political Affairs, said political affairs will now concentrate on making students aware of area issues and government.

VOTER TURNOUT FIGURES

North	477 of 775 voters	61%
Northeast	331 of 692	47%
Northwest	263 of 1104	23%
South 1	208 of 1486	13%
South 2	342 of 1486	45%
Southeast	528 of 877	60%
South Central 1	141 of 860	16%
South Central 2	410 of 899	45%
East 1	58 of 1174	4%
East 2	145 of 939	15%
East 3	154 of 1027	14%
East 4	53 of 1384	3%
East Central 1	86 of 984	8%
East Central 2	76 of 786	9%
East Central 3	114 of 765	14%
West 1	408 of 687	59%
West 2	362 of 570	63%
West Central 1	60 of 859	6%
West Central 2	181 of 864	20%