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## Frosh Vote For Officers

### Speeches Termed 'Success'

Campaign speeches last night before a "fairly light turnout" set the stage for today's voting to name the four officers to head this year's freshman class.

Voting is being conducted today to decide the issue between eight run-off candidates. Freshmen are voting in the MSC corridor between the bowling alley and fountain room until 5:30 p.m.

Election Commission President John Authis last night called the campaign speeches a definite success, even though the audience was not large.

"The speakers were really good and there's no doubt but that we're going to try to make such campaigns a permanent fixture," Authis added.

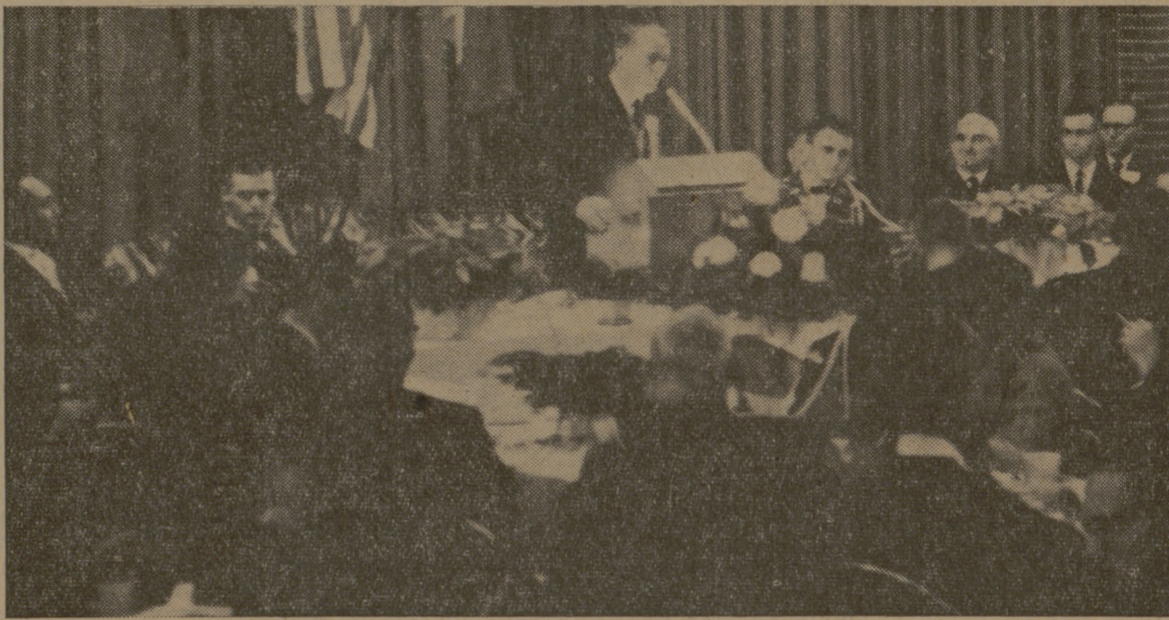
Speaking last night and on ballots today were Joe J. Allen and William P. Matthews, president; Bill K. Altman and James Love, vice president; Tucker Fuchs and Thomas W. Wright, secretary; and Dennis B. Barr and Louis F. Anderson, social secretary.

These eight, plus nine position winners, were chosen Nov. 30 in a primary election between 80 candidates. Positions won were four Student Senate posts and five positions on the Election Commission.

These winners were Larry Phillips, B. D. Echols, Donn Germann and Albert Tijerina, Student Senate; and Gordon G. Broussard, James W. Blankenship, Martell Battle, Roland Skaggs and Joseph K. Armitator, Election Commission.

These victors have already assumed their respective offices, while the class officer winners will take charge of their positions immediately after results of today's voting are made public.

Today's results will be posted on the door of The Battalion Office after 8 p.m. tonight.



SCONA VII Final Address

Noted Washington political columnist William S. White presents the closing talk to a SCONA banquet audience numbering well over 200 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. His speech closed the conference Saturday afternoon, and its content generally summarized the issues and ideas presented during the three days of the meet.

### White Praises SCONA For 'Giving Chance To Disagree'

By TOMMY HOLBEIN  
Battalion Managing Editor

After almost four controversy-packed days, the seventh annual Student Conference On National Affairs ended Saturday afternoon following the final address by William S. White, noted Washington political columnist.

White said, "The opportunity for opposing ideas to collide in a civilized atmosphere is invaluable to students of politics and government, and the significance of this conference is that the chance to disagree was presented."

"But it is the genius of the Anglo-American system of government to be 'not quite right' and 'not quite wrong' and the willingness of our politicians never to press the opposition too far that enables us to build lasting political institutions that do work," White said.

The political writer described the practice of politics as an art,

comparing it to an author's style of writing.

"The purpose of an author isn't just to exercise his style, but to use it as a means of communication. The same is true of politics. It, as a practice, is honorable. But when it becomes an end in itself, instead of a means to the end, its purpose becomes distorted," he added.

White started as a full-time reporter for the Austin American Statesman while still a sophomore at the University of Texas, where he received a degree in English in 1927.

Since that time, he has devoted the past 35 years covering politics, although he became a noted war correspondent during World War II. He rose to become Washington columnist for United Features Syndicate and the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, "The Taft Story."

Friday night, a panel of four

congressmen including Olin E. Teague of Texas, Thomas B. Curtis of Missouri, William Jennings Bryan Dorn of South Carolina and B. F. Sisk of California conducted a discussion based around questions from the audience.

The panel vividly illustrated the overlapping of liberal and conservative views in the two major political parties. Of the four congressmen, three were Democrats and one had been elected on the Republican ticket.

However, each presented diversified view, some liberal and some conservative, fluctuating with the issue at hand.

Speaking against the press, Curtis continued by saying, "If the press would report what goes on in the hearings room and on the floor of the House, congressmen wouldn't have the hard time of going back to their people and explaining why they voted as they did."

### Connally Quits, Plans To Run For Governor

FORT WORTH — (AP) — Navy Secretary John B. Connally, Jr., resigned Monday and announced he will run for governor of Texas. President Kennedy accepted the resignation with regret. The President immediately appointed another Fort Worth man, Fred Korth, 52, as Navy secretary to succeed Connally.

Connally said he made the decision to run for governor only a few days ago, although political observers predicted months ago that he would seek the Democratic nomination.

The Fort Worth oilman, lawyer and businessman said "effective political leadership of the separate states is an essential foundation" for national strength.

Connally became Navy secretary Jan. 25 shortly after President Kennedy took office. His resignation is effective Dec. 20.

The 44-year-old attorney is a close friend and adviser of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. He also was a close friend of the late Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House, also a Texan.

"I return to Texas confident in the knowledge that our great Navy-Marine Corps team is ready and capable of carrying out any mission which the President may call upon them to perform," Connally declared at a news conference at which he made his announcement.

"In announcing for governor, I do so with the conviction that military strength alone cannot guarantee our security and our way of life. If I were otherwise convinced, I would not be here today.

"The long and continuing world struggle which we face as a nation involves and tests all our resources. The Communists, knowing well the power and readiness of our military forces, have not chosen an outright test on that front and I believe they will not do so as long as we maintain a modern military establishment."



Ailing Chimp ... Spud and owner, Dwight Hodges

### Chimpanzee Seeks Medical Aid Here

"Spud," an 8-year-old, 120-pound chimpanzee, was admitted to the A&M Veterinary Hospital 10:30 a.m. yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hodges, 2134 W. Belmont, Phoenix, Ariz., had him all day Sunday and the following night to get their pet to College Station.

Mrs. Hodges said Spud has been sick off and on for nearly two years, suffering from paralysis of his legs. She said that veteri-

narians in the Phoenix area did their best to treat the ailing chimp but finally had to recommend the hospital here because of its facilities.

The chimp, clad in a pink sweat-shirt and pink shorts, was carried in by Hodges and placed on special heating pads provided for him. Dr. C. K. Jones, who is treating the animal, explained that chimpanzees are used to tropical climates and must be kept warm at all times.

Radiographs show an old injury to Spud's right shoulder but Jones said they will not know exactly what is wrong with the chimp until X-rays are taken and a complete diagnosis made. He said that chimpanzees are subject to about the same diseases as human beings.

Spud is originally from Connecticut, where the Hodges' bought him from an animal importer at the age of six months. The family has lived in Phoenix for five years.

The chimp, according to Mrs. Hodges, "is like a member of the family." He sits in a chair and eats at the table with the Hodges'. He eats the same food with added amounts of fruit.

Spud is especially fond of coffee. When the Hodges' stopped for refreshments at a Bryan drive-in, he refused the hot chocolate that Mrs. Hodges thought would be more nourishing and demanded coffee.

### Talent Show Date Changed, Cast Set

Previously scheduled for Friday, the Aggie Talent Show will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in Guion Hall, according to Robert L. Boone, program advisor.

Boone said that final auditions were held last night, and the acts that will appear on the show were named. They will be announced Saturday.

Students have shown a lot of interest in the show, Boone said, and tryouts have been numerous. Of these tryouts 10 acts were selected for the show.

Three judges will choose the top three acts, he said, and the first-place winner will represent A&M at the Intercollegiate Talent Show next spring.

An admission charge of 25 cents will be made at the door. The clinic here about six months

## 'Liberal' And 'Conservative' View The Rival Camp

### Vidal: 'Reactionary' Dreads Majority Rule

By GORE VIDAL

(Written for the Associated Press)

The terms "liberal" and "conservative" have no real meaning in current American politics. Originally, a Liberal was one who favored changes and reforms tending toward greater democracy while a Conservative was one who resisted change in order to maintain things the way they are. In that sense, at least, Barry Goldwater is

Liberal (he does not want greater democracy but he certainly wants to change the status quo: "Stop all this welfarism, etc.") While John Kennedy would be a Conservative for he would retain and not greatly extend the present welfare programs of the Federal government.

#### Free Socialism Possible

Despite the cries of the Radical Right, there is no important liberal movement in the United States and by liberal I mean socialist in the sense that most of Western Europe is socialist and at the same time democratic. It has been one of the tragedies of our recent politics that the Radical Right has managed to convince the majority of our people that socialism is the same thing as Communism which is our enemy. The Soviet is our enemy but socialism is not communism, nor Russian dominated. More important, and a fact which would come as a great surprise to most of our people, it is possible to have a socialist country (Denmark, for instance) which is also a free society with a representative government just like our

million unemployed; save as much money as possible by cutting out all human services so that the income tax can be gradually eliminated.

#### Freedom to Exploit

Now the sophisticated reactionary knows exactly what he is doing. He wants complete freedom to get as much money as possible with no interference from the government. The freedom to exploit others is the cornerstone of his philosophy. Goldwater's book "Conscience of a Conservative" is a hymn to self-interest. The simpler more instinctive reactionary tends to be puzzled and annoyed by the state of affairs in this country (and no one argues that we have created another Eden). He sees a vast impersonal and not very competent government involved in more and more areas of his life. Each year he pays more money to support this government and with some justice he is resentful. He reacts: just get rid of those taxes, stop giving money to foreigners, don't help out those deadbeats who aren't smart enough to get a job or take care of themselves, then everything will be all right. But the matter is not that simple. Large countries have large governments and they do cost too much and this is a real problem for "liberal" as well as "conservative." Humanizing government is going to be the principle task of the next century. The reactionary would prefer to eliminate most government but that will not happen, and

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Just what is a conservative in American politics today? What is a liberal. Where do both stand, and who do they differ?

A&M students and delegates from over 60 college from Canada to Mexico who attended the seventh annual Student Conference on National Affairs here last week heard both labels tossed around in attempts at definition. SCONA delegates generally agreed there was no one pat definition for either term.

Today conservatives say they're enjoying a resurgence on the college campus which the liberals once claimed as their own.

One factor in the revival of interest seems to be Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz). New alignments may be in the making. If Goldwater is the voice of conservatism today, where does that leave Richard Nixon? And if Nelson Rockefeller is the voice of liberalism among Republicans, where does that leave the liberal Democrats?

Obviously, neither conservative nor liberal is what either was regarded just a few years ago. Then what do they represent?

In this spirit of inquiry, the Associated Press sought the views of two of the most articulate thinkers on opposite sides of the political fence today—Gore Vidal, playwright, politician and liberal, and William F. Buckley Jr., author, editor and conservative. Each was asked to view the enemy camp.

### Buckley: 'Liberal' Idea Produces Uncertainty

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

(Written for the Associated Press)

Most students who enter college are not interested in politics, and nothing much is likely to change this, short possibly of a good whiff of radioactive dust, or news that Senator McCarthy has risen from the dead. There are lots of reasons for staying away from politics, including Greek

plays, trombone playing, football practice, and the undistracted pursuit of the opposite sex. But the best reason is that politics tend nowadays to be so consumingly dull. That is what Liberalism has done for us.

Even so, there is lately a modest revival of political interest in American colleges, and this seems to be in considerable part the doing of conservatives. The phenomenon of 21-year-old conservatives is causing considerable dismay among the faculty, who were about ready to believe that intelligent young conservatives were as unlikely to reappear on the modern scene as, say, Pithecanthropus Erectus. A generation' indoctrination in the light and the truth should have succeeded in making the species extinct. But there they are—coast to coast. It is as though the student body of Moscow's Lenin Institute were suddenly to play hookey to celebrate the Czar's birthday.

#### Nothing of Liberalism

How can it be that so many students are turning Right? The answer is: Because so many students have awakened to the great Nothingness of Liberalism, and are looking for something to believe in, and act upon. The happy few have

build, as tirelessly, and as futilely as Sisyphus, but which ends us up—"Whereupon Mr. Krushchev took off his left shoe, and pounded the desk, interrupting the proceedings, and reiterating his threats against the West"—helpless, before the barbarians.

Other students will come intuitively to the knowledge of Liberalism's emptiness—the cold shudder of loneliness that every sentient man will feel on contemplating our disintegrating world, and knowing that only Washington, and London, and Paris; only Harvard, Oxford and the Sorbonne (those centers of homeopathy!)—"The foreign offices of the United States and Great Britain and France, protested today the Soviet Union's unlawful closing of the East Berlin frontier . . ."—stand between us and disaster.

#### A World Far Worse

During this century we have fought two great wars, and a few dozen smaller ones. For our pains, we have a world far worse off than ever it was before. Why?

During this century, the science of revolution has advanced every bit as fast as the technological advances we read so much about. It is a great feat to put a man in space. It was an even greater feat to bamboozle the ruling class of the West into believing that the Chinese Communists were merely agrarian reformers. We do not yet know how many, if any, victims will fall to Communism because of the Soviet Union's temporary superiority in outer space. We do know that the analysis of the West during the period when China might have been saved, yielded

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