



The Battalion

Weather
 Friday — Clear to partly cloudy, Easterly winds, 5-10 m.p.h. High 51, low 26.
 Saturday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, Southerly winds, 10-15 m.p.h. High 66, low 34.

Romney Abandons Campaign, Sets Up Rocky-Nixon Race

By JACK BELL
AP Political Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)—Michigan Gov. George Romney, whose candidacy never caught fire, pulled out of the Republican presidential nomination contest Wednesday to clear the way for another moderate to oppose Richard M. Nixon.

Romney told a crowded gathering of newsmen that "a critical moment" had arrived at which the dominantly progressive GOP governors should select a candidate to support their viewpoint.

Romney walked away from a question as to which man he would support. But Republican leaders agreed that his action had projected Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York toward a contest with Nixon, former vice president and the 1960 nominee.

FROM 16 to 18 of the Republican state executives, assembling here for a National Governors Conference meeting beginning Thursday, have said that if Romney faltered as the banner-carrying leader of the moderates they could support Rockefeller.

Arriving for the governors' conference, Rockefeller insisted in an interview his position as a non-candidate had not been changed by Romney's decision. But he said he plans conferences

with Republican governors. He noted that the governors "have stuck together."

WHILE HE said he is not a candidate, the New York governor said again, as he had Saturday in Detroit, that he would accept a draft. He said he had tried to talk Romney out of withdrawing.

Romney has criticized President Johnson's Vietnam war policies, calling for neutralization of Southeast Asia. Nixon has supported Johnson's basic objective of fighting Communist aggression there. Rockefeller has given past support to the President's course but has been silent about Vietnam for months.

AT THE end of a disappointing campaign trail that began long before his formal announcement last Nov. 18, Romney said it was clear his candidacy "has not won the wide acceptance with rank-and-file Republicans that I had hoped to achieve."

Polls indicated he was the underdog in the March 12 New Hampshire primary where his name was on the ballot with Nixon's. A write-in drive for Rockefeller is under way there.

In the April 2 Wisconsin primary, however, Nixon seems to have a clear field, since Rockefeller already has withdrawn his name.

ROMNEY TOLD fellow GOP governors in a letter that they ought to work for a candidate and a platform that would offer "effective alternatives to foreign and domestic programs dealing with such major issues as Vietnam, inflation, crime, indolence, delinquency, race and power group politics."

The Michigan governor indicated he expects a quick decision

by the GOP state executives. He scheduled a news conference in Manchester, N. H. Friday morning to announce his support for a candidate they may pick.

IN HIS letter to his colleagues, Romney pledged "I will support wholeheartedly the candidate for president to whom the Republican governors give their support."

Rockefeller's continued public reluctance to become a candidate did not keep party leaders from predicting he will get into the race.

Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., a Romney supporter, said the Michigan governor's decision releases Rockefeller from this pledge to support Romney.

"We who admire Gov. Rockefeller look forward to his starting an active campaign for president in the near future," said Scott, a former GOP national chairman.

\$7 Million Set For High-Rise Class Building

A new high-rise oceanography and meteorology complex and general academic building are among several Texas A&M construction projects approved by the university's board of directors.

University officials said the new oceanography-meteorology facilities will probably be 11 stories high and cost approximately \$7 million, including special equipment and furnishings.

A program of requirements for the new academic building will be prepared by the university for later presentation to the board.

Other new facilities approved by the board include a services building for the 12-dormitory Duncan area and a golf course clubhouse. The new services building is expected to cost approximately \$975,000 and the clubhouse \$117,400.

The construction agenda also includes several expansion, remodeling and renovation projects.

A major addition is planned for the Chemistry Building. Scheduled for remodeling and renovation are the YMCA Building, Agricultural Engineering Building and Agricultural Information Building.

The Civil Engineering Building will be expanded and remodeled to provide facilities for a proposed hydromechanics laboratory.

The board continued discussions for a previously announced major addition to the Memorial Student Center and a new auditorium.

Construction also was approved for new parking areas near the Cyclotron Institute and east of Kyle Field.

Finalists Announced For 'Combat Cutie'



COUNTDOWN FIVE
The Countdown Five, a Galveston-based combo, will play for the Junior Ball March 16 in Sbis Hall. The group is probably best known to A&M students as the band at the 1966 SMU Corps Trip Party in Dallas.

Selection Set For Friday At Combat Ball

Finalists for Combat Cutie have been selected, with the winner to be named at the Combat Ball Friday night in Sbis Hall, Robert Gonzales, Combat Cutie chairman, announced Wednesday.

The Combat Ball will be one of several activities of the Military Weekend, including the Military Ball, Military Day Review, A&M-SMU basketball game and a baseball game with Texas.

The Combat and Military Ball, top student social events, start at 9 p.m. in Sbis Hall.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, Air Force Academy superintendent, and Army Maj. Gen. Francis J. Murdoch, Jr., will review troops. They will also be guests of the Saturday night Military Ball, president's dinner and Corps Commander's luncheon. General Murdoch is deputy commanding general for reserve forces at Fort Sam Houston.

THE CORPS will be on line for the Saturday review at 2 p.m. President Earl Rudder, Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, and Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies, will be on the reviewing stand with the guests.

A&M's Fish Drill Team, which has been invited to the national ROTC drill championships in Washington, D. C., April 5, will perform on the main parade ground immediately after the review.

The 15 finalists include Irene Armour, a Baylor freshman biology major from Libertyville, Ill.; Sue Roberts, University of Texas junior government major of Austin; Pamela Pogue of San Antonio, freshman education major at Sam Houston State; Candy Wells of Fort Worth, Arlington Heights High senior; Betty Jane Smith of Tyler, senior education major at Baylor; Bonnie Browne of Fort Worth, elementary education sophomore at TCU.

ALSO, Martha Jones of Hamilton, freshman elementary education major at Baylor; Sherri Tyler of Killeen, freshman speech therapy major at Central Texas College; Wynne Elizabeth Jones of Priceville, Ala., junior art major at Birmingham Southern College; Harriet Young, Decatur High senior; Nancy James of Weslaco, UT freshman elementary education major; Susan McClurg of Orange, Pan American stewardess; Rhonda Mattox, Sam Rayburn High senior who is a Pasadena fashion model; Judy Alex, Providence High senior of San Antonio, and Kaye Ward, sophomore marketing major at Texas.

Graduate Council Filing Continues Through March 13

Deadline for filing for offices in the 1968-69 Graduate Student Council is March 13, according to George W. Kunze, council adviser.

Graduate students who are seeking a degree, registered for eight or more hours and have a satisfactory academic record, may file for candidacy at the Graduate College office in the Coke Building.

Nomination forms are available at all departmental offices, Kunze said.

Positions open include representatives to the council from the colleges of agriculture, engineering, geosciences, liberal arts, sciences, and veterinary medicine.

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Junior Class Sweetheart Nominations Due March 7

Deadline for turning in nominations for Junior Sweetheart is noon March 7, in the Student Program Office of the Memorial Student Center, Junior Class President Danny Ruiz announced.

That evening at 7:30, the Junior Council will pick the finalists for the title in the Social Room of the MSC.

Ruiz stressed the importance of civilian representatives coming to the meeting.

The Ball, planned for March 16 in Sbis Dining Hall, will run from 8 to 12 p.m.

Dress for the evening will be midnights and ascots for Corps members, coat and tie for civilians and semiformal for dates.

Originally, the Council had voted to allow dates to wear "mod" clothing following the theme of "San Franciscan Night," as well as the semi-formal, to the dance.

"The Junior Council changed it to completely semi-formal after discovering this was what most of the dates wanted," Ruiz said.

Tickets, on sale in the Program Office, cost \$3 a couple and may

also be bought at the door the evening of the Ball.

The Count Down 5, composed of University of Houston students, will provide the music for the Ball. The group, formed four years ago by five Galveston residents, has become popular on college campuses around the Southwest.

The group has played at Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist, Arkansas and Baylor and at the A&M dance in Dallas

after the 1966 SMU football game. The five have won numerous awards at contests and contribute regularly to Galveston charities.

Another feature of the week-end will be the Town Hall presentation of the Association Friday night. The show will be a Town Hall "regular presentation" with Aggies admitted on their activity cards. Date tickets are on sale in the Student Program Office.

TU Juniors Charged In LBJ Scuffle

AUSTIN (AP)—Two University of Texas juniors were released on bonds Wednesday after being charged with taking part in a scuffle between state police and anti-war pickets around President Johnson's car.

Department of Public Safety spokesmen said the incident occurred Tuesday night as the President was leaving Gregory Gymnasium at the university after speaking at a formal party given in honor of Gov. John Connally.

Officers and newsmen said a

soft drink bottle was thrown in the direction of the presidential car but did not hit the car or any of the presidential party.

State highway patrolmen filed charges of aggravated assault on an officer and use of abusive language against Randall Rupert Boykin, 20, of Corpus Christi, before Justice of Peace Frank McBe.

Boykin told newsmen he "inadvertently yelled an obscenity" when an officer shoved his companion.



UNDAUNTED GOLFER
Although warm and sunny weather disappeared after the first of the week, several students took to the golf course Wednesday to practice for brighter days. Above, Richard Doucet braves dark skies and damp weather to sink a putt. Those bright spots in the background, by the way, are water hazards—the temporary kind. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Of Compulsory Board Ruling Area Restauranters Note Effects

By DAVE MAYES
Battalion Staff Writer
Four campus-area restaurant owners are feeling the effects of the Board of Directors' decision last April requiring all A&M dormitory students to pay board.

Since it went into effect in September, the board ruling has hurt all the restaurant businesses in the Bryan-College Station area, according to Lew Fair, owner of Lew-Ann's, 317 University Dr., one of the oldest eating places in College Station.

"When an industry suddenly loses 2,000 customers who spend two to three dollars a day on meals, it's got to hurt," he explained.

Fair said that he used to average 250 to 300 customers for both lunch and supper.

"NOW I do my business when

the mess halls close," he said, "and stay open 24 hours a day."

Because he had to cut his labor force, Fair said his customers now give their orders at the counter instead of being waited on.

"The change in board policy has forced more students to move off campus, hurting business even more," Fair said.

"STUDENTS are going home on the weekends and bringing back food to cook all week in their apartments," he explained.

Fair said he never would have had the interior of his restaurant remodeled if he had known present conditions were going to exist.

He doubted whether any other eating places that have been established since 1960 really would have opened, had they foreseen the change.

"My main objection is that the university led the restaurant owners into making investments by not enforcing compulsory on-campus dining from the start," Fair concluded.

NEWEST of the North Gate restaurants is Carroll's Corner opened by Carroll Enloe in 1965.

Enloe said when he decided to locate in the North Gate area, he had counted on a 20 per cent increase in business per year to make a reasonable profit while paying off his investment loan.

"The board's change in policy has taken away that 20 per cent so now I'm depending on my other eating place in Bryan to make most of my profit," Enloe said.

"I've had to cut my staff from five to two, stay open a half hour later and throw much of my advertising in the direction of the A&M faculty and staff," he explained.

"I USED to serve meals to 100 to 150 people a day; now I serve coffee to about half that many."

"If the university continues to grow at its present rate, I may

be able to realize my expansion in three years," Enloe said.

According to Enloe, before the board decision was made public, many of the restaurant owners believed that the A&M students would not allow such a ruling to be enforced.

"Even so, charges that the restaurant owners were behind the student demonstrations that occurred after the board decision was announced are not true," he said.

"I THINK the A&M students are old enough and intelligent enough to decide where to eat and how much to pay," Enloe declared.

"The College Station community is now large enough to offer students a choice in products and services."

"As it is now, however, the state is competing with private enterprise on too great a scale. I feel like I'm fighting a losing battle," Enloe said.

L.B. Moon, owner of the Handy-Burger, 203 University Dr., had finished completely rebuilding his restaurant four months before the change in board policy was announced.

"Sure, it hurt me," he said, "but not as much as it probably hurt the other restaurants."

"WE OPERATE on a short-order basis, so we don't offer complete meals. We sell less food now, but we've made up for it by offering more variety in drinks, sandwiches and novelty items," Moon said.

"North Gate, as far as the restaurant business is concerned, will be a ghost town in a year or two," predicted C. H. (Bob) Godfrey, 18-year owner of Godfrey's Restaurant, 319 University Ave.

"The administration seems to

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