

— Sound Off —

New Hampshire Primary Important

By tonight, the results will be in on this election year's first presidential primary race in New Hampshire.

The state is said to be an important temperature gauge of national political opinion and the winners of the primary have almost always gone on to the party nomination.

The ticket will include Richard Nixon and Sen. Eugene McCarthy. Not officially listed but two strong write-in candidates are Nelson Rockefeller, and President Johnson.

In a pre-election poll by the American Broadcasting Corporation, voters indicated that Nixon stood to gain two votes which would have gone to George Romney for every one vote for Nelson Rockefeller.

Romney bowed out of the race two weeks ago and has refused to endorse anyone for the Republican nomination despite heavy pressure from party leaders and the press.

Rockefeller has also refused to officially announce for the presidency and may be waiting for the outcome of today's primary and a write-in campaign in his behalf before making a public statement.

Saturday, Nixon predicted that if Rockefeller received anything less than 35 per cent of the vote, his chances for nomination would not be good. Nixon of course believes that his own campaign will be enhanced by today's vote.

The Democrats are also watching the voting carefully. In recent weeks, the campaign of Sen. McCarthy has been improving and his supporters predict that he will receive at least 25 per cent of the vote.

Any strong showing would indicate a vote of non-confidence in President Johnson, according to political analysts.

Although a peace candidate, polls show that McCarthy stands to gain as much from hawks as he will from doves.

The possible outcome and implications are many. Romney's refusal to endorse anyone can only hurt Rockefeller, whose decision to run may be based on today's vote.

Nixon could be stopped altogether or he could gain substantial support if he scores well.

And the McCarthy vote could provide problems within the Johnson administration if New Hampshire voters indicate the President is no longer in popular favor.

The next primary will be in Oregon where almost anyone with presidential aspirations will appear on the ballot including Charles Percy, Ronald Reagan and George Wallace.

But it is still in New Hampshire where important early returns and data will guide the thinking of many in their choice for November election contenders.

Editor,
The Battalion:
To my fish buddies,
Fun is good to have but too much of it can be harmful. Spring is here and everyone is catching the spring fever. The time for water fights is here, but the time for using our heads is too.

Water fights are great fun and they provide us with a means of releasing our tensions, but there is one trouble with water fights—they can be destructive. This was evidenced recently when a dormitory was attacked. The results were many wet, muddy people running around, which is just fine. The bad part about the water fight was that several fish rooms were almost completely demolished. Books, notes, letters, blankets, clothes, and university property were their ruined or damaged. These men has quizzes the next day, but they could not effectively study for them because all their class notes were

destroyed. As a result, they must suffer the consequences of low grades. They spent over three hours cleaning their rooms and still mud and water was coming from under their beds, footlockers, and desks. This certainly was not fun for them. I'm sure they really appreciated the thoughtfulness of their friends. Several of the upperclassmen had the same thing happen to their rooms. I saw a pair of senior boots covered with mud, and that was not a pretty sight. Now I ask, is that what you call fun? Is hundreds of dollars damage to personal and university property fun? There is something wrong if you think it is.

In the future let's have our water fights, but let's throw water at something that can fight back. Dormitory rooms, books, clothes, senior boots—none of these can fight back. Should the situation arise again, which it probably will, as fish we should

try not to bring about any needless destruction. Let's start using our heads so we may continue to have fun.
fish Fischer '71

Editor,
The Battalion:
Does someone have to die before anything will be done about the quality of the food in Duncan Dining Hall? Poor quality is one thing but food unfit for human consumption is by far another. When a live "worm" is found in the meat, it is an obvious indication that something needs to be done. Finding hair in the food has been a common occurrence for a long time—at least since I was a fish. Nothing has ever been done about the complaints about the hair, but even Aggies can't stomach finding living organisms in their food.

I realize that there are many problems involved in running a food service this size but there is no excuse for serving food containing animal life. Don't the health laws apply to your organization, Col. Dollar? It is hard to believe that your mess is an integral part of Texas A&M—a school of so-called excellence. I am sure that a little extra time spent in inspecting and preparing the food would solve many of the problems. Also, a few more dollars spent to obtain higher quality food would be a tremendous improvement.

With the quality of the food now being served, it is obvious that you are not losing money. It seems to me that the students of Texas A&M have tolerated the food situation long enough. Now is the time for something to be done and if you won't take the responsibility upon yourself, Col. Dollar, who will?
Richard J. Hansen '69

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Food Services Director Dollar expressed regret concerning the incident and agreed to investigate the charge.)

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by Jim Earle



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Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

The Pre-Medical Society will hear Dr. E. A. Elmendorf, radiologist, speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the BSB.

WEDNESDAY
Information pertaining to law school entrance requirements will be provided by Professor Bill Fritz of the University of Texas School of Law at 3 p.m. in Room 202 of Francis Hall.

The Texas A&M Table Tennis Club will hold an open house from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

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