



The Battalion

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 Saturday & Sunday—Cloudy to partly cloudy, few afternoon rain showers, winds Southerly 10-20 m.p.h. High 82, low 71.

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Parimutuel Betting Backers Predict Victory Saturday

By JACK KEEVER
 AUSTIN (AP) — Texans vote Saturday in what amounts to a public opinion poll on the controversial pari-mutuel betting issue, with backers of the proposal predicting victory.

Arthur Seeligson Jr. of San Antonio told a news conference Thursday that more than a million Texans would ignore claims that race track gambling would make the state a nesting place for criminals and would approve pari-mutuel betting.

"We are offended by the opposition's deceitful behavior connecting modern-day, major league horse racing with organized crime," said Seeligson, chairman of the Board of the Texas Horse Racing Association.

"THIS IS ABSURD," he said. "We have racing in Texas now — third class racing — but give us a board to regulate it, and the

Texas Racing Association (TRA) will give the state a billion dollar industry and a great new sport."

He labeled the opponents "zealots, bigots — the same group who is against drinking and dancing."

An hour later, one of the leaders of the Anti Crime Council of Texas said, "When the TRA claims that horseracing would be good for Texas, what they really mean is gambling."

WILL WILSON, former attorney general and council co-chairman, said, "to try to equate race track gambling with traditional sports is typical of TRA tactics. But if the TRA asked us to go to the polls and vote for legalized betting on football or baseball, they'd be laughed out of the state."

The council and racing association are aligned against each

other on Saturday's statewide opinion poll on horse race betting, an issue on the primary election ballots of the Democrat and Republican parties.

THE NON-BINDING poll calls for pari-mutuel wagering on a local option basis and creation of a racing board. Two per cent of the pari-mutuel pool would go to each county with racing and one half of the total state revenue from racing would be distributed among the other counties.

"First class horse racing is the best policed, self-policed sport in this country," Seeligson said. He distributed a prepared statement that showed more than 68 million persons turned out for pari-mutuel horse racing in 1966, almost twice the combined attendance for college and professional football or major and minor league baseball.

"CONSERVATIVE estimates show that Texas would receive \$25 million annually directly from pari-mutuel wagering on horse races," the statement said.

Wilson claimed, however, "It has been reliably estimated that for every dollar that accrues to the state from gambling, 5 more are spent in higher police costs, higher court costs, higher penitentiary costs, and higher relief costs."

Seeligson predicted 2 million voters would vote Saturday, with horse race gambling winning a 200,000-vote majority.

In 1962, two racing propositions were defeated by more than 100,000 votes out of 1.1 million cast on each proposal.

"It's been six long years," said Seeligson. "We can't believe we haven't gotten through that this is a great sport."

Commanders Named In Battalions, Groups

By TOM CURL

Commanders of Corps battalions and groups and the Combined Band were announced Thursday by Hector Gutierrez, Corps Commander for 1968-69.

Army cadets named are Michael P. Becket, First Battalion; Stephen A. Holditch, Second Battalion; Arthur Lane, Third Battalion; William E. Heitkamp, Fourth Battalion, and Bill Howell, Combined Band.

Air Force cadets named to the cadet lieutenant colonel positions included Thomas K. Hamilton, First Group; Lane Cavin, Second Group; James R. Horner, Third Group, and Gary L. Hanes, Fourth Group.

Head of the First Group will be Hamilton, a civil engineering major from Tyler. An amateur golfer in his spare time. Hamilton was this year's sergeant major of the First Group.

Houston Lane Cavin, civil engineering major from Odessa, will command the Second Group. The Distinguished Student from Squadron 4 is sergeant major of the Second Group. Cavin is also a member of next year's Ross Volunteers Company and the RV Firing Squad.

COMMANDER OF THE Third Group will be James Richard Horner, a marketing major from Longview. He is sergeant major of the Third Group and a member of Town Hall staff. Horner was also named to next year's RV Firing Squad.

Gary Lenoir Hanes, a mechanical engineering student from Linden, will head the Fourth Group. A member of the Sky Diving Club and an RV, Hanes is currently supply sergeant of the Second Wing.

Commander of the Army's First Battalion will be Michael P. Becket, a wildlife science major from Orlando, Fla. Becket is an RV and sergeant major of the First Battalion.

STEPHEN A. HOLDITCH will head the Second Battalion. Holditch is a petroleum engineering student from Tyler and will serve on the RV Firing Squad next year. He was sergeant major of the battalion this year.

The Third Battalion will be commanded by Arthur Bolton Lane, an electrical engineering major from Houston. Named Outstanding Army ROTC Sophomore last year, Lane is scholastic sergeant of Company C-2 and a member of the Ross Volunteers.

William E. Heitkamp, first sergeant of Company G-2, will head the Fourth Battalion. He is an accounting major from New Braunfels and a member of next year's RV Firing Squad.

William R. Howell, a chemistry major from Brenham, was named combined band commander. A Ross Volunteer and vice-chairman of the Thirteenth Student Conference on National Affairs, Howell was named Outstanding Corps Freshman in 1966. He is currently sergeant major of the combined bands.



THE GAVEL IS PASSED

Student Senate President Jerry Campbell, left, hands over the Senate gavel to President-Elect Bill Carter during ceremonies Thursday. The Senate's 1968-68 members were installed during the banquet meeting. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Campbell Receives Watch, New Members At SS Awards

Outgoing Student Senate President Jerry Campbell received a gold watch with the Aggie emblem engraved on its face Thursday night at the Student Senate Awards Banquet.

The meeting, in the Memorial

Student Center, was originally scheduled to have presentations of keys to each of the student senators. However, due to a delay in shipping, the keys were not available.

Reagan V. Brown, extension sociologist at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, spoke.

"COMMUNISM wants America to have a nervous breakdown," he said. "And it looks like we're going to help them."

Brown referred to current lawlessness and rioting in the streets and to the attitudes of many people regarding these events.

A fiery speaker, Brown brought four topics which formed his "basis for getting along in life."

"Think clearly," he said. "Love your fellowmen, and do so with honest motives."

The sociologist said there were three things people look for in a young college graduate today: A striving for recognition, response, and emotional security.

STUDENT Senate President Jerry Campbell was surprised at the point-blank, honest approach of Brown.

Afterwards, however, he said: "Mr. Brown was tremendous. He's the type speaker I wish we could get to address the whole student body."

Asked what he thought concerning the future of the student senate, its new members and its new president, Bill Carter, Campbell said: "I'm convinced, with the type of qualified and hard-working individuals we have elected this year, that the students of A&M are in for a tremendous new year of service from their Student Senate."

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Columbia U. Offers Concessions To End Battle, Start Classes

By ARTHUR EVERETT
 Associate Press Writer
 NEW YORK (AP) — Columbia University offered new concessions to its campus rebels Thursday, in an effort to end the 10-day battle of Morningside Heights and reopen classrooms for its 25,381 students.

Classes at Columbia have been suspended for a week, with no indication they can be resumed before next week at the earliest.

Nearly all city police were withdrawn during the day from the Ivy League campus in uptown Manhattan's Morningside Heights. They were summoned in force earlier in the week to clear five buildings occupied by student demonstrators. There were 720 arrests in the ensuing melee.

In addition, Columbia's Board of Trustees agreed to consult with community leaders on the fate of a controversial \$11.5-million gymnasium being constructed in Morningside Park, which separates the university from Harlem.

The trustees also offered to consider demands for a greater student-faculty voice in the policies of the 214-year-old school, one of the nation's oldest and most esteemed.

The trustees action came amid plans for a student strike when classrooms reopen. A strike committee claimed the support of more than 4,000 Columbia students. Among other things, they are demanding the ouster of President Grayson Kirk, who brought the police onto the campus.

The Columbia demonstration began April 23 in protest over the use of 2.1 acres of the 30-acre Morningside Park for the gymnasium. Negro activists long had opposed the gym, charging racism on the part of Columbia in encroaching on Harlem recreational property.

At the request of Mayor John V. Lindsay, the university last week announced it was halting gym construction for the time being. The trustees agreed Thursday that "consultations and negotiations with community leaders shall be held before a decision is reached as to whether or not construction of the gymnasium would be resumed."

The board also named a special committee to consult with faculty, student, alumni and administrative officers and to recommend "changes in the basic structure of the university."

A student strike committee demanded a student-faculty senate with power to make major policy decisions, without their being subject to veto by the trustees.

"Events have indicated that the trustees cannot be trusted," John Rousmaniere, a strike leader, told a news conference.

Senior Banquet Set For Monday

Seniors who receive their degrees May 25 will be inducted into the Association of Former Students here Monday.

Association President Jeff Montgomery of Dallas will welcome graduates to the organization at a 6:30 p.m. banquet in Sbis Hall. Seniors will be guests and should pick up free banquet tickets at the association office before 5 p.m. Friday.

Fort Worth businessman John W. Caple, 1952 graduate in industrial engineering, will be the featured speaker.

The graduating class will elect its representative to the association at the banquet. The '68 class agent will serve a 10-year term and plans the first reunion in 1978.

Students To Try Charlie Brown Bit

Architecture Professor John Exley is going to satisfy an inner desire today no doubt much to the envy of fellow professors.

He's going to tell his students to go fly a kite.

Ten students in Exley's fourth year landscape design class are hopeful they can follow his orders. For two days they have been busy making sure the kites are well designed and have the proper overall form.

"Truth will out" this afternoon on the civil engineering field north of the School of Architecture.

No New Reports On Lost Student

Texas A&M campus security officers report no new developments in their search for Niley J. Smith Jr., 21-year-old student missing more than a month.

Security Chief Ed Powell said Smith, junior marketing major from Cameron, was last seen on campus March 20 and has not since contacted his parents.

Smith, a civilian student, is 6'2", weighs 180 pounds, has brown crewcut hair, blue eyes.

Senate Urges Quick Action On Censure

The Executive Committee of the Student Senate Thursday unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Texas A&M University on March 15, 1968, approved a motion directing the administration to implement immediately the standards set up in the Statement on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Responsibility of the Texas Coordinating Board; and

WHEREAS, the administration of Texas A&M University failed to acknowledge two letters from the American Association of University Professors and failed to meet with an official investigating committee of that organization, concerning the case of Dr. Leon Gibbs; and

WHEREAS, subsequently the American Association of University Professors unanimously censured Texas A&M University for "violation of academic freedom and tenure" on April 26, 1968; and

WHEREAS, said censure will serve as an incumbrance on the recruitment of qualified professors, and as a discouragement to the enrollment of future students;

The Executive Committee of the Texas A&M University Student Senate is unanimously resolved that the administration of the University should immediately do everything within its power to comply with the Statement on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Responsibility of the Texas Coordinating Board, and with the American Association of University Professors' 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

Copies were to be forwarded to President Earl Rudder and to the general secretary of the AAUP in Washington, D. C.

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 "On the side of Texas A&M."
 —Adv.



CIVILIANS RESERVE ROOMS

Mrs. E. J. Novosad, housing office clerk, checks registration cards for civilians who are registering this week for next semester's room assignments. Registrants are, from left, Eugene O'Gorman, William Escalante, Billy Wiethorn and Charles Salomon. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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