



# The Battalion



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## Racing Comes To College Station When Speedway Opens November 9



This is an artist's conception of the completed \$8 million Texas International Speedway, tabbed to open with the November 9 running of the Texas International Canadian-American Challenge Cup Series sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America. (SCCA). The speedway utilizes 800 acres of a 2600 acre site and will provide four tracks in one.

Leo Margolian, general manager of Texas International Speedway, has announced that ticket reservations are now being accepted for the November 9 Can-Am and the December 7 NASCAR Grand National auto races.

Ticket reservations may be made through the Speedway offices, College Station.

"Texas International Speedway was most fortunate in being selected as the site for both NASCAR's and the SCCA's final championship events of the 1969 racing season. In a span of less than four weeks, Texas racing fans will have the opportunity to enjoy a full season of racing. We are accepting reservations in response to an unprecedented advance demand," Margolian said.

Now under construction, the \$8 million Texas International Speedway will include 26,000 contour grandstand seats with backrests which have been specially designed to give the spectator the finest viewing of any speedway in the world. One hundred percent visibility of the two-mile super speedway and pit area, and 95 percent visibility of the entire three-mile road course combine to

make Texas International unique among motor racing facilities.

Grandstand seats for the Nov. 9 Texas International Can-Am are priced at \$20, \$15, \$12 and \$10. Grandstand seats for the Dec. 7 Texas 500 NASCAR Grand National cost \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10. Infield admission for spectators and their vehicles is \$8 for the Can-Am and \$6 for the NASCAR Grand National.

Professional auto racing has been a long time coming to Texas, but when the green flag is dropped November 9, more than 200 acres of parking area, 26,000 comfortable grandstand seats, and infield facilities for an additional 25,000 fans and their vehicles will be in readiness to provide true Texas hospitality to guests from all over the Southwest.

More than 100,000 are expected in the Bryan-College Station area.

### United Chest Raises Budget

College Station United Chest officials announced today a record \$28,050 budget goal for the 1969 fund-raising drive.

The board of directors approved the budget at its Monday meeting. United Chest Fund Inc. president Wesley E. Donaldson said the 1969 campaign will be conducted Oct. 1-18.

"Considering the budget's emphasis of College Station activities, we feel residents will be willing to discharge United Fund contribution responsibilities within this period," he added.

Donaldson said this year's budget will support 20 charitable and civic agencies, one more than last year, with only a two per cent increase over the 1968 goal.

"More requests than ever before were submitted for board consideration," the Texas A&M purchasing director noted. "The board naturally had to limit these some in putting the budget together."

Donaldson said the 1969 budget emphasizes College Station projects, with primary support earmarked for underprivileged, youth and charitable organizations.

### Hanna Appointed Aerospace Head

Air Force Col. K. C. Hanna has been appointed professor of aerospace studies and commanding officer of the Air Force ROTC detachment at Texas A&M, President Earl Rudder announced.

The 26-year military veteran veteran succeeds Col. Vernon L. Head as the ranking Air Force officer at A&M.

Colonel Hanna, 44, previously was assigned to Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon as operations staff officer and division chief.

He graduated last June from the National War College, senior Department of Defense school for military officers.

The Indiana native whose home of record is Greenville, Tex., holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska. He completed requirements for a master's degree to be awarded in September by George Washington University.



COL. K. C. HANNA

### Policemen Find Words Strong

What happens when you call a policeman a "pig" the first time to his face?

Officer James L. Hazlitt of the Mesquite Police Department found out Tuesday during a seminar at the 12th annual Police Community Relations Institute.

Patrolman Roosevelt Ford of the Dallas Police Department was playing the role of a militant Negro stopped by Hazlitt on a traffic violation. Ford called Hazlitt a "pig" and "honkie."

Even though it was just a play role, Hazlitt admitted the word "pig" affected his performance.

"I wasn't expecting it. It was the first time I had actually been called a pig," he admitted.

Patrolman Ford said verbal abuse is nothing new to him. He is considered an "Uncle Tom" by militant Negroes and many call him a traitor for being a cop.

"I have had other personal abuses," Ford told 35 police officers in the group seminar. "I don't like it, but it's part of the job, so I accept it."

The increasing trouble with militants—most of them paid to break down the police systems—was discussed by the officers.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jacque Woods of Brazoria County summed up the feelings of the group when he said, "both blacks and police are in the minority. It's the one per cent of each of us that hurt the rest."

Latin American policemen said there is increasing militancy in their race and they often are accused of being a pawn for the white man's "establishment."

Officers from Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and smaller areas described problems they had in dealing with minority groups.

Dr. Matthew N. Cooper, head of the Psychology and Guidance Department at Texas Southern University, led the group discussion and role playing. He told the officers militants represent a small minority in the Negro population, but they were well organized and had made progress with the young.

He noted that fear of becoming involved and fear of police creates the majority of the community relation problems.

"The minority has to be assured that police don't think all of his race are thieves and crooks," one patrolman said. "And the policeman has to be assured that the minority doesn't think all cops are pigs."

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## Perry Named Civilian Student Director

Howard S. Perry will become civilian student activities director Sept. 1 at Texas A&M, heading a series of personnel changes

due to the resignation of Edwin H. Cooper.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan announced Perry will succeed Cooper and Eugene C. Oates, student affairs counselor, will become residence halls program advisor. Perry is the current advisor.

Cooper has been civilian student activities director since the post was created in 1967. He was assistant to President Earl Rudder four years and earlier was wildlife conservation specialist of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

His resignation is effective Aug. 31. The 1963 A&M graduate said he is resigning to enter a local business enterprise with Kelly Broach. Cooper indicated his family will remain here and he hopes to maintain a close relationship with the university.

"Ed has accomplished wonders through the civilian student activities programs," Hannigan said. "We are very appreciative of his work and accomplishments and wish him the best."

The dean noted personnel changes will not affect civilian student programs including the residence halls program. It will expand to include seven halls during 1969-70.

Four other appointments are involved in the realignment, not including recent appointment of Don Stafford as associate dean, replacing the retiring Bennie A. Zinn. Residence halls counselors Robert Chapman and Kirby Blevins will be joined by Jack Thomas, Don Williams and Larry Rice. Rice previously was civilian counselor to the Corps of Cadets.

Corps counselors J. Malon Southerland and Mike Bozardt University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

will be joined by Larry Pollock. Hannigan noted both Perry and Oates were in on the student-staff conference at Lake Buchanan where the residence halls program was born.

"They played significant roles in its development, to the point we feel we're on the right track," the dean said. "We expect to see within a year 100 per cent participation in the program."

A 1944 A&M graduate who has been on the university staff nine years, Perry will have responsibility for overall activities of more than 9,000 civilian students. He noted halls other than the three in the pilot program last year have already begun adopting some of its elements.

The former school teacher and coach said about 1,500 civilian students will be directly involved this year. He praised the concept as the main factor behind "a terrific change among A&M civilian students during the last two years. It is building cohesiveness within all civilian student elements. The change is apparent in attitudes and interest in student government, activities and traditions."

Hannigan said Oates, through his closeness to the program as Davis-Gary Hall counselor, has developed "rapport with students that tremendously benefits the program. Students have a great deal of respect for him."

The Trinity native who came to A&M in 1964 following 23 years Army service indicated that the residence halls program strives for balanced student development through academic achievement and extra-curricular activities involvement.

"Scholastically, all 17 halls were above average last year," the 53-year-old 1941 A&M grad-

uate observed. "Halls in the program were even higher scholastically and, from this, some good competition developed."

He noted two innovations are due this year. On the Friday before the Sept. 15 start of fall semester classes, residence hall councils will conduct freshman

"ice breakers" at which new civilian students will have opportunity to get acquainted.

Distinctive wearing apparel denoting hall membership also is in the mill, Oates added.

Perry and Oates will have offices on the first floor of the renovated YMCA.

## 400 Will Attend Freshman Camp

Texas A&M officials estimate 400 freshmen, one-fifth of the 1969 crop, will attend a special three-day YMCA Freshman Camp at Methodist Lakeview Assembly Grounds near Palestine Sept. 6-9.

"We are still getting requests from new freshmen," reports Logan Weston, YMCA coordinator.

Ninety-seven of the top undergraduates have been selected as counselors for the camp, Weston said, and 23 university and civic leaders will meet with the new "fish" to explain the importance of a good education.

Weston said the camp's purpose is to orient students on college life, A&M customs and traditions and leadership.

The 16th annual camp starts early Saturday, Sept. 6, when University President Earl Rudder will welcome the select group to A&M. The campers will travel to Palestine aboard school buses and return early Tuesday morning.

YMCA Cabinet President Ed Donnell of Jones Creek said the camp "gives new students a chance to meet their fellow freshmen, make friends and

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