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Cool,  
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Thursday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Winds southerly 10-15 mph. Low 42 degrees, high 68 degrees.

Friday — Cloudy. Winds southerly 10-20 mph. Low 48 degrees, high 68 degrees.

Saturday — Cotton Bowl, Dallas. Clear to partly cloudy. Winds northerly 10-20 mph. 42 degrees.

## State endorses liquor by the drink, Democrats

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas Democrats, clapping hands in the first show of unity in 18 years, sent Lloyd Bentsen, a Houston millionaire, to the U. S. Senate Wednesday and returned Preston Smith, a grassroots campaigner, to the governor's office. Reversing an earlier trend, Texas voters early Wednesday ended the state's 35-year-old ban on liquor by the drink. The big-city vote turned the tide.

The stormy "open saloon" proposal, Amendment No. 2, appeared to have won voter approval by a narrow margin on the strength of heavy support in such cities as Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Fort Worth. The resort cities of Galveston and Corpus Christi also turned out strongly in favor of the amendment.

"Like Custer, who said there were just too many Indians, I guess there were just too many Democrats," George Bush, 46-year-old loser in the Senate race, told his supporters, some of whom sobbed as he addressed them Tuesday night.

Bentsen, 49, told his campaign workers: "We need more voices as moderators. I think I can be a moderating, unifying voice."

The unified party beat off a power-packed Republican effort to elect Bush and Paul Eggers, running for governor.

The Republicans flew President Richard M. Nixon to Texas to campaign for Bush, another Houston millionaire, for the Senate and to aid Eggers, a Wichita Falls lawyer making his second bid for the governor's mansion.

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, a Republican to whom a lot of Texans listen, threw his strength behind both GOP candidates by campaigning in the state. And the Senate's Republican campaign fund spent more money in Texas than anywhere else.

Some Democrats predicted that the GOP intensity of effort with Nixon and Agnew would backfire, and whether it did or not is debatable. It didn't bring victory.

The latest vote count for statewide offices, Democrats listed first:

U. S. senator: Lloyd Bentsen 1,103,023, 54 per cent; George Bush 963,610.

Governor: Gov. Preston Smith 1,107,494, 54 per cent; Paul Eggers 965,851.

Lt. Gov.: Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes 1,310,429, 67 per cent; Byron Fullerton 647,021.

Atty. Gen.: Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin 1,362,891, 73 per cent; Edward Yturri 510,924.

Comptroller: Comptroller Robert S. Calvert 1,301,564, 71 per cent; S. L. Abbott 542,870.

Treasurer: Treasurer Jesse James 1,328,128, 71 per cent; Robert Koennecke 533,377.

Land Commissioner: Bob Armstrong 1,294,674, 70 per cent; Harry Trippett 542,348.

Agric. Commissioner: Commr. John White 1,276,861, 69 per cent; Daniel Heath 567,557.

The amity in the party was plain to see. The Texas organization had been torn by strife since 1952—the year presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson refused to promise the tidelands to Texas and State Democratic leaders broke with the national party.

The Democrats returned Ben Barnes in a landslide to the lieutenant governorship, and brushed aside token GOP candidates in secondary statewide offices. But they were unable to gain in the state's 23-member House delegation.

Two Republican congressmen were returned—Jim Collins of Dallas and Bob Price of Pampa, the latter without opposition. W. R. Archer took over the GOP House seat from Houston that Bush surrendered to run for the Senate. The ratio remained the same—20 Democrats and 3 Republicans.

The liquor-by-the-drink constitutional amendment passed after trailing during most of the early vote count.

Also approved was a plan for retiring incompetent judges and to increase homestead exemptions to \$10,000 from \$5,000.

In trouble in early tabulations were constitutional proposals to change the State Building Commission to an appointive board and to make a simple majority sufficient to pass road bonds, but they squeaked through.

Winning in another close one was an amendment to allow consolidation of some local government offices.

Only loser among the seven

constitutional proposals was one to change the tax method for farm, ranch and timber land from its resale value to the value of what it could produce.

The total vote was a little better than 2 million out of 4.1 eligible voters — considered a good turnout in Texas in a non-presidential election year.

Republicans hoped for a smaller vote in the belief their tighter-knit but smaller party could get its supporters to the polls. Democrats knew that if the vote total was large, the sheer mass in this traditionally Democratic state would win for the party.

Bush was able to capture Dallas and Harris (Houston) counties and a flock of cities under these in size. He got a standoff in Tarrant County (Fort Worth).

But Bexar (San Antonio) County gave Bentsen a wide margin, the majority of middle-sized cities went for the Democrat, and rural counties generally stayed in the traditional Democratic column.

Where counties with large Mexican - American populations would go was one of the pre-election mysteries.

Militant Chicanos sought to prove that the Bentsen family, with its large land holdings in the Rio Grande Valley, once exploited their ethnic group.

The attack didn't get anywhere. Such counties as Bexar, Cameron, Duval, El Paso, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Nueces, San Patricio and others with large Mexican - American populations gave Bentsen votes that were of landslide or near-landslide proportions.

Bentsen and Bush, so similar politically in their conservative thinking, could find no really crowd-appeal differences to talk about in the 10 long months of campaigning.

They couldn't even raise a personality issue. Both are in their 40s, are wealthy, reside in Houston, are identical in height at 6 feet 2 inches, even had almost parallel World War II service.

But Bentsen finally developed the issue — one Democrats used throughout the nation.

He sought to brand the Republican administration with bringing inflation while in the midst

of a recession, mounting unemployment, business failure, high interest and tight money.

Bush could answer only that inflation was slowing in the statistics and that you shouldn't kick the President around because of economic problems.

Although the total vote was better than 2 million, the balloting on the proposed Texas constitutional amendments was much smaller, meaning many persons considered them unimportant or didn't understand them.

The surge of votes for liquor by the drink came after that proposed constitutional amendment was trailing and apparently dead. The revival occurred when ballots from the big cities hit the counting computers.

The amendment calling for increased homestead exemptions was something close to every homeowner's heart and its approval was a certainty. The plan to extend means of retiring incompetent judges was an issue hard to argue against.

The plan to change the method of tax assessments on farm, livestock and timber lands pegged to its use rather than resale

value was a complex one, and what the voters couldn't understand they voted against.

The proposal to change the form of the board which passes on state buildings appeared an internal governmental matter about which few persons were interested.

With a trend of voters to oppose takes, the proposal to make road bonds easier to pass — a simple majority rather than a two-thirds majority, did surprisingly well.

Brazos County totals:

Governor — Smith, 5,373; Eggers, 5,938. Lieutenant Governor — Barne, 7,932; Fullerton, 3,621. U. S. Senator — Bentsen, 5,203; Bush, 6,076. Attorney General — Martin, 8,294; Yturri, 2,634.

On the amendments, 1 — 7,828 for, 2,015 against; 2 — 898 for, 5,724 against; 3 — 5,701 for, 4,801 against; 4 — 5,167 for, 4,813 against; 5 — 5,810 for, 3,870 against; 6 — 6,834 for, 3,129 against; 7 — 5,945 for, 3,707 against.



OPERA MEZZO SOPRANO Joy Davidson displays her talent Tuesday night during her Artist Showcase performance in the Memorial Student Center. Miss Davidson is highly regarded as a singer and has appeared in opera houses from coast to coast. (Photo by Mike Stephens)

## Athletes' dorm raises money, builds 2 signs, boosts spirit

By BRUCE BLACK  
Battalion Staff Writer

Residents of Fowler Hall have pooled resources, time and money in several hall projects, including the construction of two new hall signs.

Jack D. Thomas, civilian student advisor for five residence halls, including Fowler, said the hall has undertaken numerous projects in order to boost school and hall spirit.

Under the supervision of hall president Tommy McCullough, a senior English major from Corsicana, the hall now has a hall sign, and an outfit sign for Company I-2 similar to the outfit construction.

"Nobody believed a hall of athletes would ever get anything done together," Thomas said.

The hall houses the freshmen football team and members of the track, basketball, baseball, tennis,

swimming and golf teams. Through the efforts of McCullough and the hall officers, members from all divisions have pitched in to help out on the projects.

Besides the signs, the hall is planning construction of trash receptacles for the hall lounge and around the outside of the hall itself, and construction of benches in front of the hall, Thomas said.

Fowler, unlike most other dorms, does not operate under a program system whereby each resident is required to pay semester dues. All funds must come entirely from fund raising projects and the sale of civilian student activity cards.

Already Fowler residents have purchased over 150 such cards, and held a successful steak fry and a fund raising pizza smorgasbord. Future activities include a bottle shop dance party after the Rice game and an all-university night.

## Exchange Store profit-sharing hearing tonight

Hearing of special presentations by aid-requesting Texas A&M organizations will be heard today at an Exchange Store Advisory Board meeting announced Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

He said the board will meet in Room E of the Ramada Inn.

Those organizations that have applied for sharing of Exchange Store profits and wish to emphasize their cases may make up to five-minute presentations, Hannigan added.

Club representatives desiring to make presentations should assemble in the Ramada lobby by 7 p. m.

## Liquor possession laws defined

By SUE DAVIS  
Battalion Staff Writer

"If there is any particular group of laws which give Aggies the most trouble, it is Texas liquor laws. Every weekend students are arrested for minor in possession, drunk in public, or driving while intoxicated," David Reynolds, chairman of the Legal Rights Commission (LRC) said.

Approximately two Aggies per week are arrested for possession and drunkenness charges, Sgt. Arthur Casper of the Bryan Police Department commented.

Sgt. Ed Gosset of the University Police said that for the months of September and October, official reports were made on four students for minor in possession, seventeen minor consuming, and five drunkenness violations.

Minor in possession is the possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21. Texas law provides for a fine of \$25 to \$200 and a hearing in the presence of the offender's parents. However, requiring parents of students who live far away would be difficult.

"Aggies almost invariably find themselves fined \$25 and spared the hearing," Reynolds said.

Possession of an unopened beverage even without ownership or the intent to drink is still grounds for arrest, although a hearing may result in acquittal, he said.

The accused will be allowed one phone call immediately after arrest. He will then be booked if he is unable to post bail. The date of his hearing will be set at this time.

"Drunk in public" is also known as "drunk in a public place."

"Public" is defined to include any place that is in the public view, such as the front yard of a private residence or in an automo-

bile. No breathalyzer test is required in such cases.

The offender is allowed one phone call if he is able, and then must spend the night in jail sobering up. The following morning bail may be posted and the date of his hearing will be set.

Texas law provides for a fine not to exceed \$200. "Aggies are usually fined \$25," said Reynolds, "although punishment may vary depending on which court the case is filed in."

In either of the above two offenses, the accused may forfeit his bond by failing to appear at his scheduled hearing. In such cases, a guilty plea is entered on his record.

If the offender appears at his trial, he may plead guilty, not guilty, or "nolo contendere" (no contest). Depending on the court, his case may be rescheduled or heard at that time. "Nolo contendere" is the most frequent plea entered in these cases, Reynolds said. It usually results in a fine, and this plea is entered on his record.

The first offense of driving while intoxicated (DWI) is a misdemeanor. Subsequent violations are felonies. Such an offender will take a breathalyzer test. He will be allowed one phone call and spend the night in jail. In most cases bond is at least \$180. This includes \$100 fine, \$44 court costs, and \$36 probation fee (for a year's probation). The defendant cannot simply forfeit his cash bond but must appear at his hearing.

"In the past, Bryan and College Station authorities have been reluctant to charge Aggies with DWI, usually entering a lesser charge," commented Reynolds. "But there is evidence that this lenient policy is changing." Re-

cently two students were charged with DWI, he added.

If a student should be arrested for a second offense of DWI, Reynolds recommends that he hire a lawyer.

Liquor violations on campus may be handled in these same ways, but many times university

discipline is substituted for the court's, Reynolds continued. "In these cases, the student fares much better at the hands of University Police than at those of the Bryan or College Station authorities," he stated. Offenders may just be reported to their residence

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## Constitution discussed by International group

By LEE DUNKELBERG  
Battalion Staff Writer

The International Association discussed the final rough draft of its constitution Tuesday night and made plans to inform foreign students of the group's organizational plans.

The draft, presented by Fernando Giannetti, the group's coordinator, and Anderes Barona, senior zoology major, provided for a name change and detailed the organization of the group.

The name was changed from

the International Association to the International Student Association. This change, according to Barona, will clarify the goals of the association, which are increased understanding between all students on campus.

The association will consist of a legislative body, labeled the General Assembly, Barona explained, which is composed of one voting member elected from each country (the U. S. included) and an Executive Committee.

A country's voting delegate will be elected at a caucus of all stu-

dents from that particular country, Barona explained. The delegate will not be a representative from a country's club. Rather, he will represent that country.

The delegates must submit a form signed by a majority of their countrymen, stating they are the authorized delegates before they will be seated in the General Assembly.

The General Assembly in turn elects the Executive Committee, which consists of a chairman, executive vice chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. The Executive Committee is the administrative branch of the organization, and its decisions will be under the scrutiny of the General Assembly, according to the constitution.

Membership to the organization is open to all students, even though each country is allowed just one voting member. Foreign students are immediately considered members but, due to their numbers, American students must register at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center, Giannetti said.

The constitution now must be drawn into its final form and presented to the MSC Directorate and Dean of Students James P. Hannigan for approval, according to Barona and Giannetti.

Giannetti declared he planned to mail a copy of the final constitution and a letter explaining the group to all foreign students.

ist on modern Southeast Asian affairs, directs the American-Asian Educational Exchange and is contributing editor of "Pacific Community."

The World War II Marine Corps veteran has taught political science at Bridgeport several years and headed the department 14 years.

Admission to the presentation is free, though patronage subscriptions are invited. Persons interested in subscribing should contact Russell at 845-1515 or one of the Great Issues committee members at the van der Kroef talk.

## SE Asian expert to speak Thursday

Dr. Justus M. van der Kroef will speak on "Peace in Southeast Asia" Thursday in a Great Issues lecture.

Second of the Issues Series dealing with European and Asian politics, the 8 p.m. presentation will be in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room, Chairman James W. (Rip) Russell III of Annandale, Va., announced.

Dr. van der Kroef chairs the Political Science Department of the University of Bridgeport, 8,000-student private institution of Bridgeport, Conn.

The speaker who is a special-

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