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Warm
and
cloudy

Friday — Cloudy to partly
cloudy. Winds southerly at 10-15
mph. High 86°, low 69°.

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Casting ballots was the thing Wednesday for the students voting in the general elections. The turnout was light for most of the day with the tempo picking up around lunch and dinner times. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Commission delays results of election

Results of Wednesday's general elections have been delayed because the Election Commission did not give the ballots to the Data Processing Center in time to have the results printed out, according to Charles T. Haynes, manager of the DPC.

"Two o'clock today would be a very optimistic estimate of when we will have the results," Haynes said.

By two, The Battalion presses had already started so we were unable to print the results.

"If they had started bringing them over yesterday as they (the Election Commission) said they

would this problem would have never arisen," Haynes said.

"We would have gotten them out by 10 Wednesday night easy," he added.

The reason it takes so long for the results to come in is that each of the ballot cards must be key-punched individually and then run through the sorter, he said.

The Election Commission was to have taken the ballots to the DPC while the elections were still being held, Haynes said, and be tabulated throughout the day. After the polls closed at 8 p.m. the final ballots would be key-punched, run through the sorter and the results printed out.

The delay in getting the ballots was the reason for the delayed results.

George Walton, president of the Election Commission said there may be a protest of the elections due to the senior yell leaders ballot.

"The ballot said vote for two yell leaders when it should have said three. The commissioners were supposed to inform the students to vote for three but some of them may not have. If they didn't there may be a valid reason for protest."

Later, Walton was unavailable for comment on the delay in getting results.

"It's just screwed up like it is every year," said Kent Caperton, president of the Student Senate. "It's been this way for the past four years. It just symbolizes gross inefficiency on the part of the election Commission," he said.

"As a whole, the Election Commission has messed up," said Roger Miller, vice-president of the Student Senate and presidential candidate.

"Their first mistake was in not allowing enough polling places," he said, "this just compounds the problems."

John Sharp, the other presidential candidate, was unavailable for comment.

DSC awarded to prof here

Capt. Charles H. Briscoe of the Military Science Department has received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest military honor, for extraordinary heroism in South Vietnam.

The 27-year-old career infantry officer was presented the award by Lt. Gen. George V. Underwood Jr., new 4th U. S. Army commander, in a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

Second in importance only to the Medal of Honor, the DSC was earned by Captain Briscoe while leading a company of the 173rd Airborne Brigade against a fortified enemy base camp in South Vietnam on June 7, 1968.

The citation reported Briscoe learned several of his men were wounded and trapped in a field raked by enemy fire.

"He rushed to the forefront and led an assault to recover the wounded personnel," the citation read.

"As he and his headquarters element came in sight of the wounded they began drawing fire from two bunkers armed with heavy machine guns. He crawled toward his senior medic who was lying wounded in a clearing, firing his submachine gun at the bunkers in an effort to pin the enemy gunner down.

"Unmindful of the intense small arms fire from two bunkers, Captain Briscoe, with complete disregard for his own life, single-handedly assaulted the bunkers with hand grenades destroying both of them, killing their occupants.

"As he dragged the wounded aidman toward cover, an intense volley of heavy machinegun fire killed the aidman, narrowly missing Captain Briscoe. In spite of continued heavy enemy fire, he returned, located and dragged his wounded forward observer out of the line of enemy fire and was wounded himself.

"Overcoming his own pain, he continued to pull his wounded comrad toward cover. When another burst of enemy fire killed the forward observer, Captain Briscoe began crawling back toward his unit.

"As he attempted to evade the enemy fire, he fell into a concealed well. In spite of his wounds and awkward predicament, he

kept command of his company..."

Captain Briscoe relayed direction to his radioman and directed a defense that repulsed two enemy counter-attacks. After his rescue from the well, he directed air strikes into the enemy base camp.

Briscoe refused to be evacuated throughout the seven-hour battle until all his personnel had been aided.

His wounds in the arm and leg resulted in evacuation to Nha Trang, Camp Drake Japan and Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg. He spent five months recovering from the wounds.

The assistant professor of military science teaches junior courses,

is a sponsor for the national champion Fish Drill Team and advisor to the Ranger Company at A&M, a 40-man unit composed of sophomore through senior Army ROTC cadets interested in the Army Ranger program.

Captain Briscoe is a 1965 graduate of The Citadel with a degree in political science. He also has a B.A. degree in history from North Carolina State University, awarded in 1969, and currently is working on a master's degree in history at Texas A&M.

He was commissioned through the ROTC program at The Citadel and has been on active duty since graduation.

Court ruling upheld

Prof's, staff must forgo pay

AUSTIN (AP) — Six Texas A&M employees cannot draw salaries from the state while serving on the College Station City Council, the 3rd Court of Civil Appeals ruled today.

The court upheld a decision by Austin Dist. Judge Herman Jones, forbidding State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert to pay the employees salaries as long as they remained on the council.

The employees clearly fall within a provision of the state Constitution prohibiting payment of state salaries to "agents, officers or appointees" who hold "any other office or position of honor, trust or profit under this state," the court said.

"A member of the faculty or

staff of Texas A&M University is an 'agent or appointee' of this state. The faculty or staff of A&M are agents of the board of directors of the university who in turn are officers of the state exercising certain functions of state government," the court declared.

The court also overruled the employees' contention that the state constitutional provision on dual employment violated the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. They contended the provision deprives voters of the right to full representation, denies the right to run for public office and arbitrarily discriminates against certain state employees.

"It is a reasonable conclusion that campaigning for and holding an elective state office would interfere with the employee's time, energy and devotion of his official duties," the court said.

The appeals court also noted that Judge Jones found a potential conflict existed between services of the employees to the Texas A&M system and as councilmen.

The high court altered Jones' decision in one respect. Jones held that councilman D. A. Anderson was not covered by the decision since he was paid from funds granted to the Texas Forest Service by the federal government and appropriated to the service by the legislature.

But the appeals court said Anderson's salary passed through the state treasury, so he also should be included in the ban on dual employment.

Section 33 of Article XVI of the state Constitution prohibits the payment from the treasury of salaries to such officials.

"We hold that Section 33 prohibits the payment of Anderson's salary from 'local funds' when he is serving concurrently as a councilman of College Station... We construe Section 33 to apply to all funds belonging to the State of Texas, not just to those funds held in the immediate possession of the state treasurer," the opinion said.

Moo-sical symbols their game

"Maybe I shouldn't have brought up the subject," said Reagan Brown, Extension rural sociologist with the Agricultural Extension Service. He was referring to a subject mentioned in a speech in which he advocated replacing the eagle as a national symbol with the cow, sow, or hen.

"I pointed out that the cow, sow, and hen have made a great contribution to our progress. They pushed across our frontiers with our ancestors and have fed our people, and have been sources of great income since America's birth," he said.

A Texas journalist, Milt Hartwell, in analyzing Brown's remarks had this to say. "Brown says he believes 'Old Bossy' should replace the eagle's place of honor in our society. In support of his opinion, he COW-culates that the milk-producers have long been overworked and underpaid and certainly haven't shared any great amount of limelight, in this country, down through the years.

"In case we are steering you down the wrong trail, we had better stipulate that Reagan's patriotism is not in question here, it is only a matter of his paying

personal tribute to the bovine kingdom... probably for services rendered in his early youth.

"As a matter of mirth, I wonder if he ever thought of some of the consequences that might occur if his idea ever caught fire and the change were to be made.

"A point open for discussion would concern our songs of heritage. It is most likely that such a dramatic switch would produce new national theme songs.

"Such hit-parade possibilities as, 'The Star Spangled Brahma,' 'Under the Double Angus,' 'America, the Butterful,' and 'My Cowtown Tis of Thee' would probably emerge and pop groups such as 'Three Cow Nights' would sing such songs as the 'Jersey Bounce.'

"After dedicating due consideration to the idea, we offer an alternate means to pay homage to our beloved bovine.

"Instead of erasing 'Old Baldy' from the Great Seal we could kill one bird with two cows, so to speak, by proclaiming a national holiday to honor the cudchewers.

"An 'Armed Dairy Day' might be in order. Consideration could be given to celebrating 'The Fourth of Guernsey' or perhaps just opening the wooden barn doors and staging an old-fashioned Holstein Hoe-down.

"Another idea for cow-lovers

would be the institution of making Moo Year's Day resolutions. There are under ideas to numerous to mention.

"Yes, Reagan, your idea certainly has its merits but if carried to the extreme it could result in opposition groups forming a coalition, thus keeping the cow from receiving a national nod.

"Some irate bird-lover could

Texas Sen. Bill Moore here Friday noon for PF

State Sen. Bill Moore of Bryan will speak here Friday on "Where's the Money Coming From?"

Moore's Political Forum noon series presentation refers to recently-approved Senate and House appropriations measures for the next biennium.

Forum chairman Paul Turner of Livingston said the presentation will be in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom and public-free to all interested persons.

A 1940 A&M graduate in economics, Moore received his law degree from the University of Texas and ran for the Senate. He was elected as the youngest member of the body in 1948.

Senator Moore has chaired or

organize the STATE (Society To Aid The Eagle) or a determined cow-hater would form the GRAB (Group Rally Against Bovines) and stall your efforts.

"Our plan of arbitration, the American way, is more likely to be effective, we believe.

"So what do you say, shall we poll the Herefords and see what they think is best?"



SPRING IS HERE, HOT PANTS THE FASHION and it is great for all the girl watchers in the world. Too, it is especially great for the camera-equipped ones such as Steven Qualline, who scoped-out this at the Post Oak Galleria in Houston.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.