

# People, press, police react to youth at Demo meeting

(Editor's note: Jim Cox is a sophomore political science major at A&M. He hitchhiked to Miami Beach to observe the proceedings at the Democratic National Convention. Jim is staying in Flamingo Park with 2,000-3,000 other young people. The following is taken from a letter and a telephone conversation.)

By JAMES Q. COX  
 MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—It took me about 30 rides to get here. There was no trouble. Everybody was real nice. I never had to wait more than 20 minutes at any time for a ride. About one of every five people who picked me up offered me a joint.

The people here in Miami Beach are fantastic; with just a few exceptions. The older people

are very sympathetic. They come to the park to talk with us and bring us food. We seem to be a tourist attraction. The other night, an old woman about 82 years old was smoking pot with some of the kids here.

The police don't come around in uniform at all. There are some plainclothes policemen, but they ignore the drug possibility. They don't want to be in the position of a uniformed officer seeing a violation and either having to do something about it or lose face, so to speak.

The press has been paying a lot of attention to us around here. I've been filmed by all the television networks and photographed by four or five newspapers. This is happening to ev-

erybody. It's ridiculous.

Some reporter came over with a political game and asked a bunch of us if we would sit around it and play. He seemed to think we were anxious for publicity. It surprised him when we refused to play. It seems that television and the press have been trying to drive us crazy. There are almost as many of them as of us, and they are constantly taking pictures. They are worst at night because then they keep us awake with flashing lights and floodlights.

I've participated in a few peaceful demonstrations. I was one of a group who formed the line to try to keep that group from storming the doors of the convention center. I attended a

protest at one of the local country clubs which doesn't allow Jews and Blacks as members. You may have seen me in the picket line. I was filmed by a number of networks, I believe.

It was a good demonstration. It had been cleared with the police, and they sent only a couple of officers and the head of the detective squad to keep an eye on us. It turned out very peacefully. A lot of senior citizens showed up and marched with us.

The greatest number of people in Flamingo Park is definitely for George McGovern. The rest are for overthrowing the government. The feeling is that there will be 10 to 20 times the number of us here for the Republican convention in August, because the

idea prevalent here is to dump Nixon. Most of the young people around me seem to be more interested in issues than in the men involved. There's always someone discussing something, 24 hours a day.

The Yippies and the Zippies are really getting after it. There was a split in the Youth International Party, and the two groups evolved. They hate each other's guts. The Zippies tend to be slightly more controversial. They have staged a number of stunts to gain publicity, but like virtually every other group here (excepting the SDS—Students for a Democratic Society) they are dedicated to a peaceful convention.

The Yippies are accused of not

being serious and in this simply for publicity and money. Most of the people here are not affiliated with either group to any great extent. Both groups plan demonstrations... most people attend no matter which group actually planned the demonstration. I've seen a lot of well-known people around. McGovern has been around quite a bit. So has Dr. (Benjamin) Spock. I've seen all of the Chicago Seven. Dr. Abernathy is camped nearby, and Abbie Hoffman is here, too.

I don't know who's supporting it or anything, but there are a lot of signs around that say "Farenthold for Vice President." I don't think it would ever happen, but I think it would be pretty nice if it did.

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## Registration process changed, explained

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Registration for the second session of summer school will take place Thursday beginning at 7 a.m. in Duncan Dining Hall and being completed in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Card packets will be distributed in the east wing of Duncan with the announced alphabetical breakdown being enforced. The academic departments will be located in the west wing, and the Housing Office, Fiscal Office and taking up station will be located in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

This registration plan is the result of suggestions submitted by representatives of the Registrar's Office, the student body and other people involved, but many of the changes were made by the Academic Programs Committee.

"I want it to be understood that my office in no way endorses this registration plan," said Robert A. Lacey, the registrar. "However, we will support it one hundred percent and try to make it work."

Card packets will be distributed beginning at 6:30 a.m. for those students whose last names begin with A-G. Those whose names start with the letters H-O may pick theirs up after 9:15. The last group, whose names start with P-Z, will pick up their card packets beginning at 10:45.

The finishing time for registration is announced officially to be 12 noon, but officials admit that 3 or 4 p.m. is a more realistic estimate.

In addition to enforcement of times for card packet distribution, a schedule has been set up for entry into G. Rollie White for completion of registration.

Those students whose last names begin with A-G will be accepted after 7:30, those whose names begin with H-O will begin the second phase at 9:30, and the last group, P-Z, start at 1 p.m. No one will be allowed to begin the second part of registration from 11:30-1:00, in order that workers in those departments may have a lunch break, since they will be required to work until late in the afternoon.

According to the proponents of the plan, it is possible that all the card packets for one of the three alphabetical groups will be issued before the next group is supposed to start, and the next group will be issued packets earlier than originally planned. Also, the expressed purpose of this registration plan is to try to balance the disadvantage of having registration under two roofs with the advantage of packet distribution being inside.

However, it has been pointed out that several physical limitations serve as disadvantages in this case. First, the east wing of Duncan is wide enough for only 10 tables for the issuing of card packets. This includes space for students to walk through after receiving their packets.

Second, there is a problem in regard to the lines which will be

formed to pick up card packets and the lines which will result from there being such a small passageway to the west wing. In the other plan for registration, these lines were outside, where the space was unlimited.

Finally, there is 1700 fewer square feet of floor space in G. Rollie White Coliseum than in the east wing of Duncan, where the second part of registration was held in the first session.

One innovation, provided by the Registrar's Office, calls for a numbering of stations in the west wing of Duncan. The four rows of academic departments will each be numbered, and the information of which departments are at what stations will be provided to the students before they enter the west wing.

The academic deans will be referred to as Station 5, and the class card checkers are designated Station 6. At the end of the Duncan phase of registration, students will be given an information sheet telling what time registration in G. Rollie White may be completed. Also, precautions will be taken to make sure each student is checked out in the Duncan area before leaving, so that a return trip will not be necessary.

Late registration will begin Friday at 8 a.m. After the lines end Thursday, registration will

be closed. Once a student picks up his card packet, however, he is considered in the process of registering, and no late charge will be assessed.

"There is no way to avoid having lines in a fieldhouse registration," Lacey explained. "We hope everyone involved will understand this and do their best to make things go as smoothly as possible."

There have been reports that faculty demands forced this session's registration to be held in a shorter time. Last summer, 1,000 fewer students were registered for the summer session in a time span of six hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

However, the plan which will be used Thursday was endorsed by the Academic Programs Committee, which is made up of the academic deans. Several meetings have been held for the purpose of explaining and promoting this plan to the various administrative departments involved and to some representatives of the student body.

"I've found that a vast majority of the faculty is willing to work with me," said Roy Steele, the assistant registrar. "This includes registration and grade reporting. But it's the rest, who comprise a minority, that complain and cause the problems."

## Hannigan recovering; improvement is steady

A&M Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, who suffered a mild heart attack two weeks ago, is improving steadily in The Community Hospital in South Broward, Florida.

According to the latest reports, he is regaining his natural color. Doctors say this is always an indication that a patient is recovering from a heart attack.

Hannigan was moved from the intensive care ward to a private room more than a week ago, and he may be able to return to Texas in a few weeks.

## Pass-fail offered second session

The courses available to students on a pass-fail basis for the second session of summer school have been announced by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The courses are as follows: Agricultural Engineering 201; Agronomy 301 and 417; Animal Science 406, 414, 434 and 485; Anthropology 201; Biology — all undergraduate courses; Chemistry — all undergraduate courses except 485; and Economics 203, 204, 311 and 412.

Also, Educational Curriculum and Instruction 356; Educational Psychology 101, 105, 301 and 320; Engineering Technology 308; English 409 and 461; Finance 341 (non-business majors only), 420 and 485; Floriculture 102; and French 102.

In addition, Geophysics 485; German 104; Health Education 231; History 310 and 412; Industrial Education 405; Journalism

405; Management 106, 211, 212 and 363.

Also, Mathematics — all undergraduate courses; Meteorology 446, 453 and 485, provided students have satisfied prerequisites for the course; Nuclear Engineering 401; Oceanography 205; and Philosophy 251 and 331. Also, Physical Education 213; Physics 202, 219, 220, 350 and 405; Political Science 331, 451 and 485 (prerequisite is 206 and 207); Poultry Science 485; Psychology 305 and 323; Range Science 205; and Recreation and Parks 485.

Finally, Sociology 205, 306 and 310; Spanish 106; Statistics 201; and Theater Arts 365.

Students are reminded that these courses are the ones on the updated pass-fail list which are

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offered this summer. A much wider range of courses are offered during the regular session.

The regulations governing pass-fail courses, as quoted from the university catalogue, are the following:

"Undergraduate students classified as juniors or seniors with a minimum overall grade point ratio of 2.40 may be permitted to take a total of six credit hours of electives during their academic career at Texas A&M University on a pass-fail basis as part of the hours required for their degree. They must state their intentions to register on this basis at their initial registration for the semester. A student will not be permitted to change the basis on which his grade will be recorded on his official transcript.

"The hours for which a student receives a grade of 'Pass' shall not be included in the computation of the student's semester

or cumulative grade point ratio; a grade of 'Fail' shall be included in the computation of the student's grade point ratio at 0.0 grade points per credit hours. The hours taken on a pass-fail basis will not be included in the fifteen hours required in the designation of 'Distinguished Student.'

"Students who transfer to Texas A&M must have earned at least thirty hours of credit at Texas A&M before taking a course on a pass-fail basis.

"A student must have the written approval of his academic advisor or department head in order to take a course on a pass-fail basis.

"Colleges may refuse to accept students on a pass-fail basis for courses requiring a prior in-depth knowledge of the subject matter."

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COLORFUL ADDITION to G. Rollie White Coliseum is the painting of maroon around the edges of the basketball court, in the lanes underneath the goals and in the jump circle in the center of the court. In the picture above, Aggie football player Clifton Thomas is shown applying the first coat of paint last week. (Photo by John Curylo)

## Varner says

### Higher education valuable

Higher education has an "extraordinarily high" rating as an investment return, the ultimate test of validity for spending the

tax dollar, maintains a major university official.

"Education has always been a good investment source, and there is no shred of evidence that it does not continue to be," stated Dr. Durwood B. Varner, University of Nebraska chancellor.

But education is being forced to adjust to changing priorities, Varner said in the Monday keynote address of an Academic Administrators Seminar on resource management at A&M.

Varner termed the present period as one of a "crisis in confidence," brought on by campus unrest, rising taxes and no national emergencies to meet.

"Enrollments are leveling, we have a surplus of elementary and secondary teachers for the first time and more Ph.D.'s than we need have been trained," he said. "All of these have contributed to an increasing curiosity about resources going into higher education."

Continued pursuit of the fundamental purpose of higher education — the creation, transmission and application of knowledge for the benefit of all — will depend on administration's ability to wisely apply resources, he evaluated.

Education's batting average in this ball game is two for three, Varner believes. The GI Bill surplus was handled with inadequate facilities and depleted faculties, and the technological crisis of Sputnik was met, he contended. The influx of war babies which doubled many university enrollments in five years was a lost battle.

Higher education consumes 2.5

per cent of the gross national product, compared to 1.5 per cent in 1960. Studies project a lower rate of expenditure increase, at a level of 2.7 per cent of the GNP, by 1980, the speaker reviewed.

Other factors contribute to the education crisis, Varner said, and new ones will have to be considered. Among those he summarized were:

—Enrollment increase rates will slow down in the 1970s and decline in the 1980s. "Some say it will hit zero growth this decade," Varner said.

—Levels of state support are clearly decreasing, with provisions only for inflation and some new programs.

—The federal government will become an active partner, not just a benign source of funds as was one time thought.

—There will be a renewed emphasis on undergraduate teaching with graduate programs hopefully held static in the face of efforts to dismantle some existing programs.

—More vigorous organization for state-wide post-high school education, with possible coordination efforts on a regional basis.

—Collective bargaining will become part of future resource planning.

—Movement closer to universal higher education, in which post-high school education will be assumed for virtually everyone.

—A call for reform will become the most dominant theme in higher education, with concepts such as the university without walls, three-year curriculum,

## Greer named assistant dean of architecture

John O. Greer has been named assistant dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at A&M, effective Sept. 1, announced Dean Edward J. Romine.

Greer, currently assistant research architect and management services director for the college's Architecture Research Center, succeeds James R. Foster, who has accepted a position with Marmon & Mok, Architects and Planners of San Antonio. Foster's resignation is effective Aug. 31.

A 1957 A&M architecture graduate, Greer served as an instructor here from 1963 until 1965 in conjunction with his work for a master of architecture degree, which he received in 1964. He rejoined the university in 1971 after five years as a partner in the Nacogdoches architectural firm of Maynard and Greer. He received his license as registered architect in 1961.

The 38-year-old Port Arthur native is secretary this year for the Brazos Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He also serves on the Organizing for Practice Committee of the Texas Society of Architects.