

City elections set Tuesday for eleven

Tuesday's city elections will give College Station residents the opportunity to put their voice into the government through their vote.

Eleven persons have filed for a total of five city council positions. Their views are printed on the center insert in The Battalion for convenience in making a decision on candidates.

Bob Bell and O. M. Holt are candidates for mayor, Homer Adams unopposed for place two, and Charles F. Johnson, James R. Gardner and J. D. Lindsay running for place four.

Place five candidates are Thomas R. Chaney, Gloria Martinson and Lorence Bravenec and place six candidates are James H. Dozier and Mae B. Holleman.

Polling places will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations: precinct 8 in the South Knoll School, precinct 9 at A&M Consolidated Middle School, precinct 10 at the College Station Fire Department, precinct 20 in the University Center and precinct 21 at the College Station Old City Hall.

**COLLEGE STATION
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
APRIL 2, 1974
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTION NOTE:

To vote for the candidate of your choice, punch out the black dot over the number of the candidate on the punch card ballot. (Be sure to leave the ballot on the plastic backing while punching.)

The number of the candidate is to the right of the candidate's name.

Vote for only one candidate in each race—Vote in all races.

After you have completed voting, remove the stub from the ballot, sign the stub on the back, and place it in the stub envelope.

Place the voted ballot card AND THE PLASTIC BACKER in the ballot envelope. DO NOT BEND OR FOLD THE BALLOT CARD. The plastic backer will protect your ballot card in the return mail.

For Mayor:

BOB BELL 4
O. M. HOLT 5

For City Councilman Place 2:

HOMER B. ADAMS 8

For City Councilman Place 4:

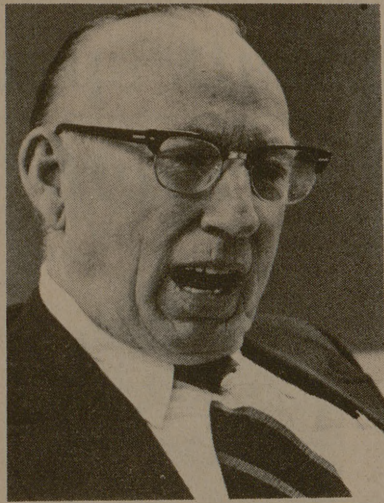
J. D. LINDSAY 10
J. R. (JIM) GARDNER 11
CHARLES F. JOHNSON 12

For City Councilman Place 5: (Unexpired Term—One Year Only)

LORENCE (LARRY) BRAVENEC 14
GLORIA MARTINSON 15
THOMAS R. CHANEY 16

For City Councilman Place 6:

MAE B. HOLLEMAN 18
JAMES H. DOZIER 19



O. M. Holt

No urgent changes needed, says Holt

Staying abreast of the needs of the city is one of the aims of Dr. O. M. Holt, candidate for mayor of College Station.

Holt, a retired professor of agriculture at TAMU, has had six years of recent experience as a council member during which four of those he was mayor pro-tem. He is presently serving as chairman of a community committee making a comprehensive study of the future needs of the city.

"A growing city brings certain problems that need to be solved," said Holt, adding that presently

the city is operating at such a high level of efficiency that no urgent changes are needed.

"My 20 years as professor at TAMU has kept me aware of the student point of view and I realize they are an important segment of our society," said Holt. "Without them we wouldn't be here."

Holt said there are not any issues at hand to work toward, provided city services to both businesses and residences stay updated.

"We're growing real fast and

everything requires constant updating," continued Holt. "We have to insure that we have adequate streets thorough-fares allowing optimum traffic movement within the city."

Holt mentioned needed improvements in the areas of park and playground facilities and the upgrading of low income areas of the town.

In discussing the ward system, Holt said his favoring it would depend on how accurately and fairly areas could be divided within the city.

"As a council all we can do is submit this kind of change to the people," said Holt. "If it did pass we would need to make sure that the different segments of the population would at least be provided the opportunity to serve on the council."

Holt said he was in favor of continuing the study presently being made on the feasibility of the ward system.

The bicycle pathways were also favored by Holt wherever the streets will provide sufficient width for them. He said he would be in favor of looking for something more adequate than the present system if possible.

Although Holt said College Station needs mass transportation in and out of the city, he felt such public systems should be paid for principally by the public.

"There are extenuating circumstances that surround zoning," said Holt. "Where zoning would deteriorate the value of the property, I am not in favor of it. It's a tough problem we have."

There's not really enough room in all places of business to beautify that particular area, said Holt. He said he favored beautification of the city where there was sufficient space.

'We can't afford to be passive'—Bell

Being an active rather than a passive mayor for College Station is what candidate Bob Bell is basing his campaign on.

"With the rapid growth of College Station, we're going to have rapid changes in population to face. We can't afford timewise to be passive but be aggressively working toward a solution," said Bell.

The 31-year-old candidate is the general manager of KTAM and KORA-FM radio. His past experience includes his past position as a full vice president for University National Bank, Better Business Bureau Board of Directors member, and associated with the Breakfast Lions Club and Bryan-College Station Jaycees. Bell has worked with students through SCONA, Former Students Association, and the MSC Council and Directorate.

Bell said there are many peo-

ple in the community who have tried to ignore the fact that TAMU is here.

"If TAMU wasn't here, we wouldn't have a city," said Bell.

The city provides services for the majority of students who live off-campus, so it is important that students have input on city matters, said Bell. He also said there was such a high degree of intellect among students here that there was no way out but to give the issues to the students straight.

"The campus is coming out of its political hibernation," said Bell. "The votes now have to come from those who are becoming politically aware."

Bell said he did not support a ward system because the disadvantages include representation based on a small portion of the citizens from any given area.

"If a candidate is to be elected to serve the entire city, then the

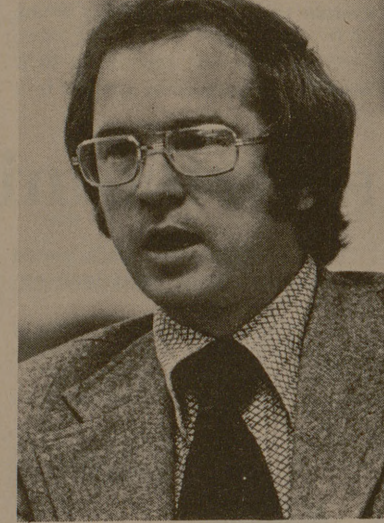
candidate should be elected from the entire number of voters," said Bell.

"Zoning as a concept for orderly and controlled growth of a city is good," continued Bell. "However, random rezoning which disrupts or spoils established neighborhoods is not good."

"Long-range planning for urban development, business growth, adequate transportation and related matters must be provided by city government and those parties which will do the actual development," said Bell.

Bell favors public transportation adding that the traffic flow patterns in College Station were critical.

He supports an active beautification program for city owned lands, roadways and public areas with encouraged individual participation. Expanded parks and recreation facilities and efficient use of city personnel and funds



Bob Bell

are on Bell's platform.

"It's important to have a city government that represents the people," said Bell.

Park, landscaping development sought

Park development and landscaping were emphasized by city council candidate Mae B. Holleman.

Holleman, a former teacher who is now a real estate agent, is running for place six. She states her major qualification as being a resident and interested citizen of College Station. She also points out that her career experiences make her aware of business matters.

The need for more parks is ap-

parent, said Holleman, and something must be done about it. She plans to study ways to obtain more parks and develop them for community use.

Required landscaping is desirable and necessary because businesses won't voluntarily do it, said Holleman.

The problem with holes in the roads has been a complaint for many years, said Holleman. She stated that she didn't now exactly

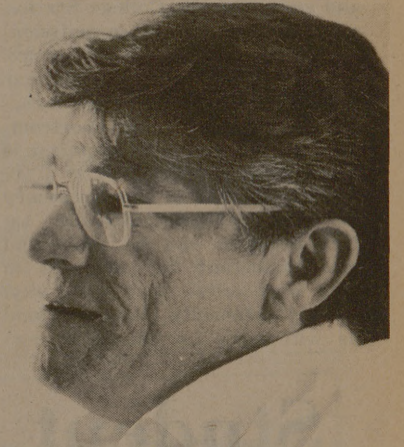
why the problem exists except that the weather conditions of this area aggravate it, but something must be done about the problem.

In other traffic issues, Holleman suggested that the city needed more traffic lights at the major intersections for the peak traffic. She also was in favor of bicycle paths sectioned off of the streets to protect riders.

More sidewalks on the streets

that school children must travel to and from their home were suggested by Holleman. At present the children must either walk in the street or on the yards of the houses.

Holleman spoke out in favor of a ward system in College Station. She said that she had liked the system when it was used several years ago because the representatives were more aware of the specific problems of their area.



James Dozier

Quality of growth Dozier objective

Quality growth was explained by James H. Dozier as the basis for his platform.

Dozier, city attorney of College Station, is running for place six in the city council elections. He is also an associate professor of finance at TAMU.

He is not in favor of growth for its own sake, he said. He stressed that College Station, as a city of about half permanent and half transient residences, has unique problems and the city makes the most of its unique make-up.

Dozier is basically opposed to a ward system because of the size

of the city. He stated that it isn't large enough to warrant the establishment of a ward system.

On the issue of mandatory landscaping, Dozier said that a definition of landscaping would first have to be found. He also stated that it is impossible in some situations. He would work for encouraging landscaping, but would not require it of the businesses on this basis.

Dozier said that while zoning is not a panacea for the problems of the city of College Station, it is better with zoning than without it. He explained that he felt the property owner had a right

to expect the city to protect his property from having certain types of establishments built in the same area.

He said that the city has recently received new equipment for road maintenance. He explained that most of the road problems were caused by the weather and soil conditions of this area and that perhaps the specifications for road construction would have

to be raised. The problem was, he said, one of both maintenance and construction.

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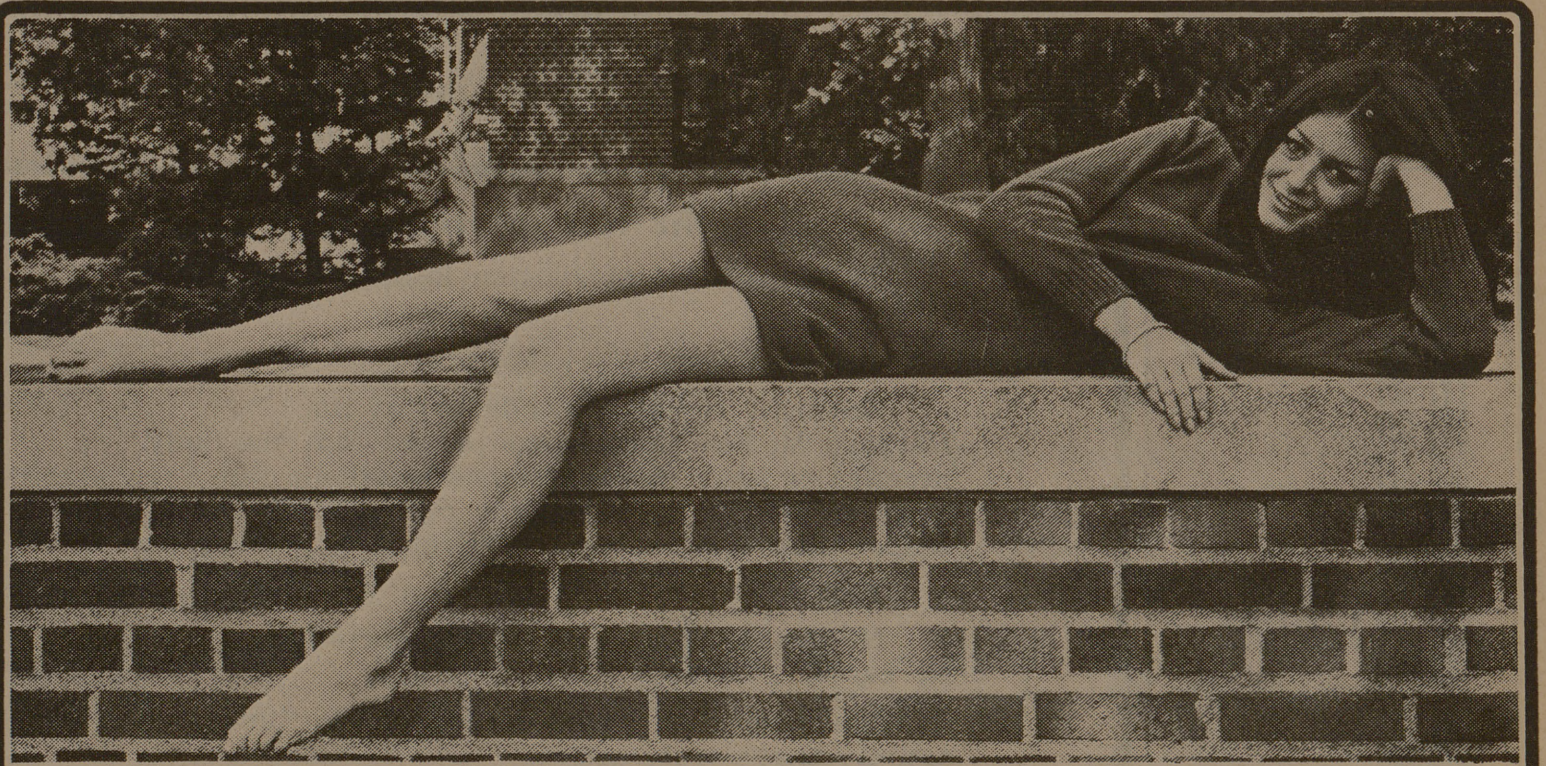
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