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Published remarks cause resignations

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Two students were asked to resign from their jobs with the Housing Office because of a letter they submitted to the editor of "The Battalion."

The letter which appeared in the Oct. 29 issue attempted to explain the problems encountered by students who contacted the Housing Office for phone numbers and were referred to the Centrex operators.

Apparently, students found it difficult to get an answer on the Centrex lines due to a small number of persons manning a large number of lines.

Working hours in the Housing Office have been reduced to 35 hours beyond the normal work week and the night and weekend personnel now seem to act as a referral service.

Greg Marchand and Elmer Banes violated procedure, said Housing Office Manager Glenn H. Jennings.

"As employees of the university there is a certain procedure to follow in filing a complaint," Jennings said. He said employees are asked to take a complaint to their immediate superior who will take it up the line of authority until it reaches those who can make a change. The two students, reportedly, did not file a complaint with their superior.

He also cited the comment made in the letter about "our administra-

tion with the usual foresight" as sarcastic.

The students were given the opportunity to resign to spare blemish on their employment records. Jennings said they would have been dismissed if they had not agreed to resign.

Banes termed the request for his resignation "polite" and said no threat of firing was made at the time.

"We didn't want to be vindictive," Jennings said. "They made a mistake and they seemed to understand this." He said both students would be recommended for re-employment in another area.

Banes said the letter was not written with intended animosity. He indicated that no sarcasm was meant in the comment about the administration.

Jennings admitted there was confusion over the procedure for obtaining student phone numbers and he agreed the change is definitely an inconvenience.

The change to contacting Centrex for student numbers went into effect approximately six weeks into the semester after the computer printouts were received.

Banes said the change had been in the works for some time and he understood that a letter of explanation was to be published.

"In the two semesters I worked there I never saw such a letter," he said.

No surprises in state races

Incumbents win in Brazos

By GERALD OLIVIER
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A 6 to 1 majority for incumbent Congressman Olin Teague in Brazos County reflected landslide victory over his Republican challenger Carl Nigliazzo in Tuesday's general election.

Teague, a Democrat from College Station, won easy election to his 15th term as representative of the 6th Congressional District, receiving 52,752 votes to Nigliazzo's 14,984. Teague received 5,905 votes in the county while Nigliazzo

garnered only 1,172. Teague is chairman of the Democratic Caucus and the House Science and Technology Committee. He is also the ranking member of the Veterans Affairs Committee and serves on the Committees on Committees.

Nigliazzo, a self-styled economist from Hearne, had attacked Teague on the basis of his age and stands on the economy, crime and business.

Brazos County followed the state trend and returned Governor Dolph Briscoe to office for four

years with a large margin. Briscoe received 4,812 votes or 65.34 per cent of the votes cast in the county, while capturing 990,065 votes statewide.

Republican Jim Granberry received 1,950 votes in the county as compared with 503,043 in the state.

Raza Unida candidate Ramsey Muniz managed 5.59 per cent with 412 votes in the county, receiving 89,812 from the entire state.

Socialist Sherry Smith, who made two speeches on campus last week, captured only 99 votes in the county

and 2,138 statewide. American Party Candidate Sam MacDonnell got 92 votes in the county while receiving 18,842 in the state.

Countywide in the Lieutenant Governor's race, incumbent Bill Hobby was high man with 5,238 votes. Second was Gaylord Marshall, Republican candidate, with 1,936 ballots. Socialist candidate Dan Fein received 152 in the county.

John Hill was re-elected to the Attorney General's office, receiving

5,565 in the county. Republican Tom Cole managed 1,606 votes locally, while Socialist Pedro Vasquez garnered 84.

The campus precinct turn-out was less than the countywide average. Twenty-two per cent of the registered voters cast ballots in the county, while only 15 per cent voted of those registered on campus.

The results of the on campus precinct were:

For Governor: Dolph Briscoe-154; Jim Granberry-226; Ramsey Muniz-39; Sherry Smith-15; Sam MacDonnell-10.

For Lieutenant Governor: Hobby-256; Marshall-168; Fein-15.

For Attorney General: Hill-276; Cole-143; Vasquez-11.

State GOP loses in House

By The Associated Press

Gov. Dolph Briscoe and the Democratic ticket held sweeping election victories today, riding a wave of national discontent and the Texas political tradition.

Jim Granberry, the chief loser to Briscoe, put it this way: "Apparently there was a strong anti-Republican trend all over the nation that was difficult to overcome."

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., whose term did not expire this year, had a different view, including the national one:

"The American people are fed up with high interest rates, tight money and a deepening recession."

Democrats capped their efforts by ousting a Republican U. S. House member, Bob Price of Pampa, and holding on in the 21st district with Bob Krueger succeeding retiring Rep. O. C. Fisher, also a Democrat.

At the legislative level, the GOP lost two House seats with a Republican Senate seat in doubt.

Gov. Briscoe saw his personal victory this way:

"I consider this election a vote of confidence in my record... a record of integrity, compassion and sound fiscal management."

The governor made the fact that no new state taxes were imposed his major campaign point.

The total vote was an estimated 1.6 million out of 5.4 million regis-

tered, pointing up pre-election findings of serious voter apathy. Educated pre-election forecasts were for a vote total of 2.75 million.

The latest totals, with Democrats listed first, Republicans second and others designated:

Gov.: Gov. Dolph Briscoe 970,078, Jim Granberry 492,061, Ramsey Muniz Raza Unida 87,030, Sherry Smith Socialist workers 7,138, Sam McDonnell American 18,842.

Lt. Gov.: Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby 989,558, Gaylord Marshall 390,943, Dan Fein SW 12,108.

Atty. Gen.: Atty. Gen. John Hill 1,028,610, Tom Cole 332,122, Pedro Vasquez SW 26,150.

Comptroller: Bob Bullock 960,508, Nick Rowe 371,627, Sas Scoggins SW 13,021.

Treasurer: Treasurer Jesse James 898,047, Robert Holt 488,870.

Land Comm.: Comm. Bob Armstrong 1,002,938, Mary Lou Grier 338,854, William Rayson SW 10,457.

Agric. Comm.: Comm. John White 988,254, Zack Fisher 365,026.

Railroad Comm.: Comm. Jim Langdon 909,698, Joe Cain 364,323, Fred Garza Raza Unida 68,244, Rick Congress SW 8,289.

Railroad Comm., unexpired term: Comm. Mack Wallace 946,503, Dale Steffes 361,211.

The temper of the voters was

shown in the governor's race when Briscoe obtained more than 60 per cent of the ballots. Two years ago against Republican Hank Grover, Briscoe won with 47.9 per cent of the total vote, which included 214,000 for Ramsey Muniz of the Raza Unida party.

Granberry was able to win only five counties, including his own county of Lubbock. The others were Midland, always a GOP power, Ochiltree, Randall and Smith.

Grover two years ago won 23 counties, and led in the combined voting of the eight counties with the larger vote.

Granberry lost in all of the eight counties which have the largest vote, although he did win in the city of Houston. He lost in Houston's suburbs.

All the statewide candidates were elected Tuesday for four-year terms instead of the usual two. Never again will state officers be running at the same time as presidential candidates.

Ramsey Muniz appeared to have

lost ground after his 214,000 votes in 1972. A part of his poorer showing this year was because only half as many persons voted this year.

There was one new face in the statehouse ranks. Bob Bullock, an outspoken Democratic party loyalist, won the comptroller's job from which Robert S. Calvert is retiring at 82 years old after serving the office for 25 years.

Bill Hobby was returned by a wide margin to the office of lieutenant

governor, often a stepping stone to higher responsibilities.

Republicans staged moderately strong campaigns for comptroller, treasurer and agriculture commissioner but failed to win office.

The defeat of Republican Rep. Price was blamed on his remaining too long in Washington on congressional duties.

Meanwhile, Jack Hightower of Vernon was criss-crossing the

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Early Watergate investigator quits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford's chief spokesman announced Tuesday that Henry E. Petersen, a key figure in the early stages of the Watergate investigation, is resigning as an assistant attorney general.

At the same time, Press Secretary Ron Nessen refused to deny speculation that Ford is planning to replace Arthur Sampson as head of the General Services Administration.

Petersen has been in the Justice Department 27 years and now heads its criminal division. He will resign Dec. 31.

Asked if Petersen had been asked to resign, Nessen said, "No, Mr. Petersen as I understand it decided to resign on his own."

Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe, in a statement, said: "All of us in the Department of Justice view with regret Henry Petersen's decision to retire but at the same time we feel a profound gratitude and admiration for his 27 years of dedicated, conscientious service. His decision to

retire is completely his own, and I believe he can look back on many notable achievements."

In a letter dated Monday, Ford accepted the resignation with "deep regret" and lauded Petersen for "a record of unique achievement" during nearly three decades in which Petersen was said to have upheld "the highest standards of both the federal career service and appointive office."

The President has yet to pick a replacement, Nessen said.

Asked if Ford was moving to replace Sampson, whose agency handled much of the public expenditures or improvements to properties owned by resigned President Richard M. Nixon, Nessen replied, "There's been no decision made to replace Mr. Sampson."

When a reporter suggested that this implied that the matter was under active consideration, Nessen said, "You will have to infer what you want."



Denton Fluker casts one of 450 campus ballots. (Photo by Chris Svatek)

Watergate

Prosecution enters tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Watergate prosecutors won a preliminary victory Tuesday in a developing battle over the use of White House tapes as evidence in the Watergate coverup trial.

Overruling objections from defense attorneys, U. S. District Judge John J. Sirica permitted the prosecutors to begin presenting evidence authenticating tapes even though the judge has not yet decided whether they can be used as evidence.

A principal issue involved is the prosecutor's attempt to use tapes which they can't authenticate through the testimony of a participant in the conversation.

After Sirica's ruling, the prosecutors called Alexander P. Butterfield, the man who first publicly disclosed the existence of the tapes, and he described how he helped the prosecution identify the voices on nearly 30 tapes.

Butterfield, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, was a special assistant to Richard M. Nixon during four years and two months on the White House staff.

Earlier, testimony was given by three FBI agents who interviewed defendants John N. Mitchell and John D. Ehrlichman within weeks of the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

The agents testified that both Mitchell and Ehrlichman told them

in separate interviews that all they knew of the break-in was what they had read in the newspapers. One of the charges against each is that the statement was false.

Battle lines formed over prosecution plans to play portions of 20 more White House tapes as the prosecutors began calling witnesses to describe how the taping system was installed, how it operated and to identify the voices.

John J. Wilson, lawyer for H. R. Haldeman, the former White House staff chief who was a participant in most of the recorded conversations, said he would demand that when the government plays a portion of any tape that the entire conversation be played.

William G. Hundley, lawyer for Mitchell, said that playing tapes which include incriminating references to Mitchell could deny him his right to face his accusers.

Daniel C. Mahan, an FBI agent, testified he interviewed both Mitchell and Ehrlichman as part of his assignment "to determine all the persons involved in the break-in."

Mitchell was interviewed on July 6, 1972, and according to Mahan's written report, he stated, "he had no knowledge of the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters other than what he has read in newspaper accounts of that incident."

On July 26, 1972, Ehrlichman told Mahan "that he is in possession

of no information relative to the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters on June 17, 1972, other than what he has read in the way of newspaper accounts of that incident."

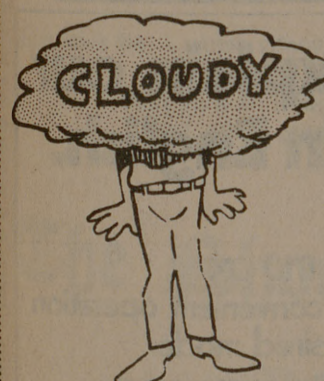
"Mr. Ehrlichman stated that he has sought no information in this regard either from the Republican National Committee or from the Committee to Re-elect the president of the United States. He also advised that he has received no information in regard to that incident and, in fact, did not wish to receive any due to a pending suit filed by the Democratic party against the Republicans," the report said.

Defense lawyers pointed up errors in the FBI reports including misspellings of names and reference to "Saturday, June 18, 1972," when, in fact, June 18, 1972, was a Sunday.

All the agents, when questioned, said they asked neither Mitchell nor Ehrlichman what newspapers they had read and what they had read in them.

William S. Frates, Ehrlichman's lawyer, asked Mahan what he did with his notes from the interviews and the agent replied they were destroyed.

He explained that Justice Department regulations require the destruction of such notes after they have been transcribed and incorporated into reports.



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Weather

Mostly cloudy and mild today and tomorrow. 20% chance of rain Thursday. High today 71°; low tonight 54°; high Thursday 74°.



Forgotten cannon found

Bonfire workers found this cannon in the area where they are cutting wood for the annual blaze. Sgt. Alfred Petty, drill in-

structor, suggested it was left from some field training exercises about 1968. (Photo by James Ebdon)