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# San Francisco public schools halt sports to balance budget

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The hitherto sacred institution of public school sports has been sacrificed for a balanced budget, and angry supporters of the 70-year-old program predicted on Wednesday an upsurge in absenteeism and juvenile delinquency.

Over vocal protests by 400 parents, players and coaches, the Board of Education voted 6-1 Tuesday night to immediately halt intramural and interschool athletic programs for the remainder of the school year. The programs draw about 25,000 participants each year from the junior and senior high schools' 36,000 pupils.

"This is catastrophic and major," said Coaches Association President Erv Delman, who says his group

will go to court to retain the program.

"When you turn . . . students loose without proper supervision and a wholesome activity to pursue after school, what will they do?"

"There will be an increase of juvenile delinquency and vandalism, and it will affect attendance too. They're trying to save \$2000,000 but it could be costing the city a half-million dollars in vandalism."

The action — designed to save \$200,000 in coaches' overtime salaries — means baseball, track and swimming never will start, directly affecting an estimated 12,500 youngsters. A commitment of \$25,000 from the mayor's youth fund apparently prevented a halt of basketball play in midseason.

## Lloyd Bentsen is candidate for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. of Texas will join the growing Democratic presidential field on Feb. 17 with formal announcements here and in Houston.

Sources confirmed that Bentsen would definitely declare his candidacy after his office said he would "announce his intentions regarding the 1976 presidential campaign" in the Senate Caucus Room, a traditional launching pad for presidential candidates.

Bentsen, who will be 54 next week, has made no secret of his ambitions for some time and last year raised some \$1 million to finance his campaign, much of it from fellow Texans.

His announcement will make him the fifth formal entry in the 1976 Democratic race. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., plans to declare Thursday night, joining Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., former Gov. Jimmy Carter, D-Ga., and former Sen. Fred R. Harris, D-Okla.

After three terms in the House between 1949 and 1955, Bentsen retired from politics for a successful business career in insurance and banking.

In 1970, with the support of his state's conservative Democratic establishment, he unseated liberal Democratic Sen. Ralph J. Yarborough in a bitter primary and then defeated Republican George Bush, then a House member, in the general election.

## Campus briefs

**International exhibition**  
President and Mrs. Jack Williams will host a reception for new international students from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, in room 229 of the MSC.

International clubs helping with the reception will have exhibits displaying crafts, clothing, posters and other items depicting their homelands. Each new student will be served refreshments of his homeland.

Presentations of music and dance representative of various cultures will be made.

**Spring Free U**  
Free University is holding registration today for its spring classes. Free U offers instruction in languages, science fiction reading and writing, photography and more.

Interested persons may come by the main floor hall of the MSC to sign up, or they can call the Student Programs Office (845-1515) for further information.

**MSC craft shop**  
Students, faculty and staff of Texas A&M are invited to join the MSC's Art & Craft Center Workshops opening later this month.

The workshops feature instruction in crafts and hobby from cake decorating to pottery and making shag rugs.

Registration for the workshops continues through 4 p.m. Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information come by the Art & Crafts Center in the MSC or call 845-1631.

**The King's men**  
The Ross Volunteers will again serve as the last big parade of Mardi Gras as they have since 1939.

The Ross Volunteers check in to "Party City, U. S. A.," on Sunday and return Wednesday.

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mandatory," he said. The move does not affect basic physical education classes, which are required.

Julie Isaac, a 17-year-old Calileo High School pupil said: "Right or wrong, many students go to a school for its sports program. For some it means staying out of trouble by being a team member, because trouble means 'off the team.' For some team members, athletic scholarships are the only way they can afford to attend college."

The Public Schools Athletic League was formed in 1905 — the year before the great earthquake here — and became the Academic Athletic Association in the 1920's. It has produced such athletic greats as baseball's Joe DiMaggio and football's O. J. Simpson.

This year the school district has experienced financial problems caused by higher teachers salaries, inflation and cuts in state aid, resulting from a decline in pupil enrollment.

Officials say additional local revenue can't be obtained because property tax limits have been reached.

# Bulletin board

- TODAY**  
TAMU VETERANS ORGANIZATION meets in MSC Rm. 225 at 7 p.m.  
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS meets in Zachry Rm. 333 at 7 p.m.  
MIDLAND HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 8 p.m. in Rm. 502 of Rudder Tower.  
TAMU HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 215 of the Animal Industries Building.  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Barcelona party room.  
PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM features Prof. F. Y. Wu of Northeastern University speaking on "Critical Phenomena and Phase Transitions" at 4 p.m. in room 146 of the Physics Building.  
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA holds its Initiation and Awards Ceremonies at 7 p.m. in room 601 of the Rudder Tower.  
MARKETING SOCIETY holds an introductory party at 7:30 p.m. in the Casa del Sol party room. Everyone invited!  
CEPHEID VARIABLE shows "The Time Machine" at 8 and 10 p.m. in room 701 of the Tower. Admission is 50 cents.  
SOCIOLOGY CLUB meets at 7 p.m. in room 209 of Bolton Hall.  
ABILENE AND AREA HOMETOWN CLUB at 8 p.m. in room 402 of the Rudder Tower.  
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS FROM MEXICO meets at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Tower. Intramural sports to be discussed.  
JUDO CLUB will hold a combination exhibition and registration at 6 p.m. in the wrestling room G. Rollie White.  
WILLAMSON COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB meets in University Terrace Apt. 306 at 7:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY**  
ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT presents Dr. Bill Flouts of the University of North Carolina speaking on "Perception Thresholds and Continuity in Utility Theory" at 3 p.m. in room 100 of the Harrington Center.  
NUCLEAR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT presents D. D. Harlin and R. E. White speaking on "Fusion Reactors: Neutronics and Breeding" at 1 p.m. in room 104D Zachry Engineering Center.  
PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL meets at 8 p.m. at 1605 Brookhollow Drive. Plans for an international friendship ball and reception will be discussed.
- MONDAY**  
MODERN DANCE CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in Rm. 202 of C. Rollie White.

**Dean runs new medical program**  
Dr. James A. Knight, TAMU's new dean of medicine, seems right at home in taking over the reins of a fledgling program.

He came to TAMU from Tulane University School of Medicine, where he was associate dean for 10 years. He also served as professor of psychiatry for both the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Knight was director of the Program in Psychiatry and Religion at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He served three years on the faculty at Baylor College of Medicine, including the last year as assistant dean.

Dr. Knight earned his M. D. at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1952 and his Master of Public Health Degree at Tulane in 1962. His specialty training in psychiatry was at Charity Hospital in New Orleans on the Tulane University School of Medicine Service. He studied at the C. J. Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland during the summer of 1961 and at the University of California's Center for Training in Community Psychiatry the following summer.

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