

Weather

Mostly cloudy and warm Thursday and Friday. 20 percent chance occasional light rain. Easterly winds 8-12 mph. High both days near 80. Low tonight 64.

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Don't make me hamburger

This desperate steer is making tracks away from the slaughter house. After escaping sure death by the butchers, it made its way from the Animal Industries building to the

USDA building parking lot Friday. Gary Baldasari chased it half that distance to get this shot.

Texas Constitution not far from voters

AUSTIN (AP) — A new Texas Constitution, salvaged from the failure of last year's constitutional convention, was approved by the House Wednesday and is just one short step from submission to the voters.

House members completed their article-by-article voting shortly before 4 p.m., approving the procedure for future constitutional amendments, 135-12.

Representatives rose and applauded as the final vote flashed on the tally board, and House Speaker Bill Clayton declared, "We have achieved the unachievable, in the eyes of some."

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said the Senate would vote Tuesday on a motion to concur in changes made by the House.

Former Speaker Price Daniel Jr., president of the unsuccessful convention, issued a statement from his home in Liberty praising the legislature for rescuing the convention's product.

"Lt. Gov. Hobby and Speaker Clayton deserve special applause and appreciation for their active and successful leadership in salvaging the work of the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1974 and in insuring that the basic document developed by that convention will be submitted to the people for their consideration," Daniel said.

Clayton said he had been informed the Senate would accept minor amendments added during the two days of House debate. That would send the constitution to the voters for a decision in a Nov. 4 statewide election.

The constitution would be on the ballot as eight separate propositions, any of which could be rejected, which would preserve the existing constitutional language.

Representatives approved the final four propositions, revising the articles on finance, local government, general provisions and method of amending — in that order — by two-thirds majority. The sections on education, the judiciary, separation of powers and the legislative-executive branches were approved Tuesday.

Rep. Ray Hutchison, R-Dallas, a leading sponsor of the document, gave the 30 new House members, who did not serve in the convention, much of the credit for passing the constitution.

"Without their support, it would never have passed," Hutchison said.

The document is virtually identical to the constitution that was written in seven months of convention debate but failed by three votes in the final hour of that gathering. All delegates were legislators.

Hutchison said salvaging the convention's multi-million dollar effort for a final decision by the people "will enable us to hold our heads a little bit higher, stand a little bit straighter."

The House earlier had closed the door to the kind of emotional issues that helped sabotage the convention by requiring a two-thirds majority to change the constitution received from the Senate.

Almost all attempts to amend it failed.

Rep. Ronald Coleman, D-El Paso, sought to revise a section permitting church bingo by substituting "games" for "bingo."

"I think it is time we got rid of the trade name bingo," Coleman said.

Rep. Neil Caldwell, D-Angleton, replied that allowing "games" of chance to be conducted as fundraisers for charitable organizations, "we will have permitted roulette, punch boards, poker — even strip poker."

Caldwell said keeping the general provision enabling the legislature to prohibit gambling but to authorize church bingo was necessary to pass the article because of the strong feelings on the subject by church groups.

The Coleman amendment failed, 39-93, and the general provisions article passed, 109-37.

The article on procedures for future constitutional changes received almost no discussion before its 135-12 adoption placed the House's final seal of approval on the

constitution. The major change from the present article on that subject is a requirement that the legislature ask the people at least once every 30 years if they want to call a constitutional convention, with elected delegates.

Rep. Dave Finney, D-Fort Worth, tried twice to amend the finance article to limit total state taxation to 8 per cent or 10 per cent of Texans' aggregate personal incomes. The attempts failed, 59-81, and 58-79, respectively.

Several opponents pointed out that former California Gov. Ronald Reagan has been a moving force behind the notion of such limitations.

"The bill is not a Ronald Reagan bill. It was designed by a lawyer and economist, Dr. Milton Friedman of the University of Chicago. . . . You are either for limiting government or you are not," Finney said.

Corps direction changes

By MIKE KIMMEY
Staff Writer

Joe Chandler is the Corps commander for 1975-76.

Other new members of Corps staff are Bill Helwig, deputy Corps commander; Bill Flores, adjutant; Mark Probst, scholastic officer; Jim Bob Mickler, inspector general; Stew Gregory, supply officer; Mike Marchand, chaplain; and John Hatridge, public relations officer.

For those who need an explanation about the lesser known positions, the deputy Corps commander not only relieves the commander when absent, but also plans military reviews, Corps trips and awards programs for the upcoming year.

Reading the Cadets just before a military review is the job of the adjutant. This man also handles monies the Corps receives from Former Students, bookstore profits and ROTC-wide dues.

As the inspector general, one is responsible for inspection and discipline of the Corps.

The supplies officer is mainly interested in collecting each squadron's meal counts every day so as to determine how many men will eat at each meal. This allows the Corps to eat as a body, yet keep food waste to a minimum.

When asked about next year's goals, the staff all agreed that the Corps needs "reorientation" to become a more individualized teaching organization. Marshand said it should be a process that, after four years, would prepare the cadet to excel in his future endeavors.

Each man spoke broadly on policy they favored in order to attain this goal. Flores said he wanted to see the Corps learn a few manners, and, especially, to cut out the "groadness" that takes place in Duncan Hall. Chandler and Helwig saw

academics and increased leadership training as areas for improvement.

"Right now the Corps is not very academically oriented," said Bill Helwig.

He stressed that they would like to change that. "It's going to take more than a year to see these goals carried out," added Joe Chandler, but we would like to see the Corps become a "leadership laboratory. The Corps of Cadets has such potential here because there are so many leadership positions."

Mickler added that he would like to invite speakers such as John Koldus, vice president of student services, to talk about leadership in the Corps.

The staff also saw unifying the Corps as a major objective. We have to improve interclass relations, especially for the freshman, Mickler said. Chandler hopes that whipping out will become a less belligerent action because a friendlier style has much potential in improving Corps-civilian relations on campus.

We would like to see the cadet introducing himself to everybody, added Helwig.

When asked about W-1, Helwig replied that W-1 has received nothing but negative feedback from this campus, yet they are an asset to the Corps. Mickler added that for this Corps to survive, W-1 must survive because we aren't the ones being watched nationwide — they are.

Some of the officers have initiated new programs for their particular staff positions. Flores has set up a weekly Corps newspaper, "The Quadrangle." Mickler is active in a Demerits Appeals Board which, in essence, is being set up to replace the lower Cadet Court. Instead of long military court proceedings, the hearings will be heard by only one man, the inspector general.

Remember

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Vietnamese Refugee Relief Fund may do so by sending contributions to:

The Vietnamese Refugee Relief Fund
c/o The Battalion
Room 216 Reed McDonald Building
Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas 77843

Final installment of the board payment for this semester is due today.

A charge of \$1 will be assessed for each day that it is late. Payment may be made in the Coke Building or at the annex in the University Center.

Payment must be made before 5 p.m.

Journalism, Batt . . . New cooperation lies ahead

By ROXIE HEARN
Staff Writer

Journalism students will now be submitting stories to The Battalion as part of classroom exercises, said new Publications Board Chairman Bob Rogers in a news conference, Wednesday.

The contributions will be an attempt to coordinate the journalism department and student publications, he explained.

The board, which serves as an advisory and regulatory body to The Battalion and the AggieLand, underwent changes in five of its seven positions April 1.

Rogers was named chairman by TAMU President Jack K. Williams at the same time he was named C. J. Leabo's replacement as journalism department head.

Rogers replaced Jim Lindsey, University News Service director, as chairman.

The four other replaced members were Dr. Tom Adair, physics professor and former assistant to the president; Dr. R. A. Albanese, associate professor of management; Dr. H. E. Hierth, English department head, and W. C. Harrison, assistant professor of journalism.

They were replaced by Dr. Gary Halter, assistant professor of political science; Dr. John Hanna, recreation and parks instructor; Roger P. Miller, assistant to the president; and Dr. Clinton A. Phillips, finance department head.

Student members Steve Eberhard, Don Hegi and John Nash will remain on the board until the end of the semester. The new stu-

dent body president will select three new student representatives.

Rogers said he felt cooperation would help both the journalism students and The Battalion. Students would be provided with a more professional working experience and The Batt would increase its manpower, he said.

Rogers explained that the journalism department was seeking a full-time director of student publications to serve as an adviser on a daily basis.

"An advantage," said Rogers, "would be having someone who can provide continuing technical assistance."

"There will be no pressure on content," he said, "nor is it possible. That's not even at issue."

However, advice on libel would

be part of the adviser's responsibility, Rogers said.

"Nothing is changed as far as The Batt being a student newspaper," he said. "The editor is still running the newspaper and the editorials."

Other members of the Board also emphasized that the Publications Board would work toward more cooperation between The Battalion and the journalism department.

"I think we ought to try it and see how it works," said Halter.

He also felt salary increases for staffers should be investigated by the board.

Miller said the closer coordination was a "healthy move" and said it "makes sense."

As far as the publications board's direct relationship with the newspaper, Miller said it will be con-

cerned with broad policy and not editorial content.

"The courts have said that the only place you have any control over editorial content is in the selection of the editor."

Miller said he would like to see the board adopt as official policy a set of standards much like Sigma Delta Chi's code of ethics.

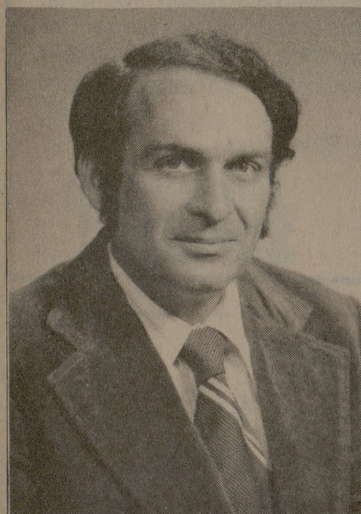
If the publications would conform to the code, Miller said, "It would insure objectivity and a high standard of journalistic fundamentals, or all-around quality."

Phillips didn't see the Publications Board's role as one of great influence.

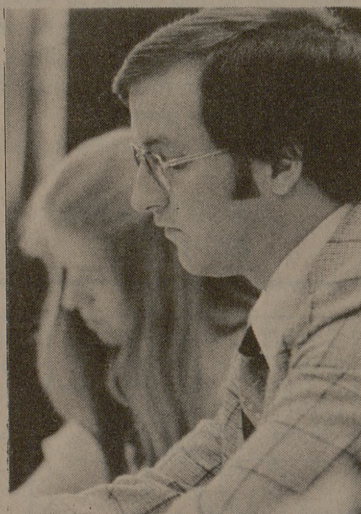
"I imagine that since there will be a full-time faculty member working closely with The Batt, our role may not be very much," he said.



Clinton Phillips



Gary Halter



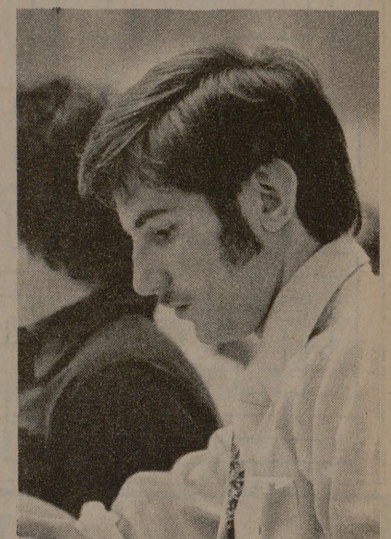
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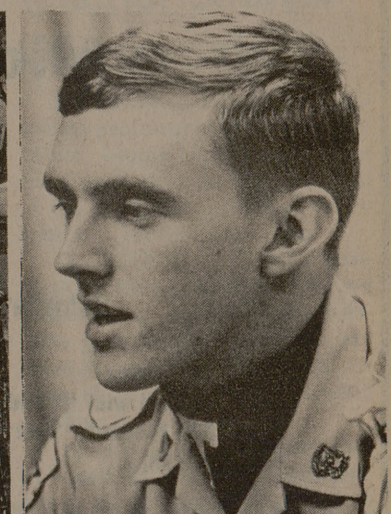
Mike Perrin (left) and Rod Speer (right) prepare questions as Greg Moses introduces Bob Rogers, Director of Student Publications.



Don Hegi



John Nash



Steve Eberhard

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