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Company negotiates for Texas Speedway

By ROD SPEER

The World Series of Auto Racing, an auto sponsoring body, is negotiating to buy the Texas World Speedway, said Dick Conole, president of the Philadelphia-based corporation, Monday.

Two United States Auto Club (USAC) sponsored racing double-headers are planned for the speedway this year, pending the sale of the speedway to Conole's company. The first is set for April 4 and the other for Oct. 17.

The World Series of Auto Racing has never before owned an auto race track but has leased them to sponsor racing events, Conole said. He and other directors of the corporation, however, were among initial major investors in the Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania.

No final agreement has been made with a Holloway Sr., owner of the \$6.25 million track, Conole said, but he hopes the sale will be negotiated "as soon as possible."

"A few things have to be ironed out. It's just the price," he said.

Conole said he wants to be sure auto racing governing bodies will want to hold races at Texas World Speedway, located on State Highway 6, eight miles south of College Station.

The speedway has already had two owners

since it opened under the name Texas International Speedway in November, 1969.

Holloway, whose sand and gravel company did the major work preparing the track, bought the speedway in 1971 after the original owners went bankrupt. He renamed it Texas World Speedway.

USAC and National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) events highlighted racing at the track under Holloway's ownership.

In 1973 world auto closed-course speed records were broken on the speedway by Mario Andretti and Bobby Unser. However, attendance records were not broken and the rain-plagued race track has been closed since October of that year except for a progressive country music festival in July, 1974.

Conole called Texas World Speedway "as nice a race track as there is in the country."

All of the 26,000 seats facing the track have backs on them, while most raceways have only uncomfortable grandstands, he said.

The steep-banked walls of the oval track, he said, allow racers to maintain speed and pass each other on the curves. In addition, he said, because the track is two miles long, one-half mile shorter than usual, races can be more easily viewed by spectators.

Conole said if his corporation buys the speedway no major physical improvements would be considered until the track becomes well established. On rainy days the earthen parking lot had been a source of misery for racing fans, but Conole said he hopes races will be held in dry weather.

He said the track has good potential, but it remains to be seen if the people of Texas will support it.

Next Wednesday The Battalion will take an in-depth look at the personalities and events which shaped the history of Texas' largest, yet unsuccessful auto racing enterprise.

Library hours to be changed for spring term

During the Spring semester, Sterling C. Evans Library Complex will close at 11 p.m. rather than midnight on Fridays.

The Spring schedule also calls for the library to be open Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., rather than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The changes were made by the University Library Council, composed of student, faculty and staff members.

The council also allotted 50 more carrels for graduate student use. There will now be 75 carrels assigned to graduate students, 37 assigned to faculty and 36 reserved "to meet ad hoc needs which cannot be anticipated."

There will be no renewal of assignments for occupants during the Fall semester, and multiple occupancies of carrels is required.

The Library Council's Services Subcommittee reported that there are about 67 graduate students and 27 faculty per available carrel at the recommended ratio of assignments.

The report stated that only intensive users of the carrels need apply for semester assignments, since unassigned carrels will be available for their short term or sporadic needs.

Pointers aid in changing records

If you are one of the many students who need changes made in your records before the semester begins, these pointers may help you.

Address changes: Fill out one of the forms located on the counter in room 101, Housing Office, YMCA Building.

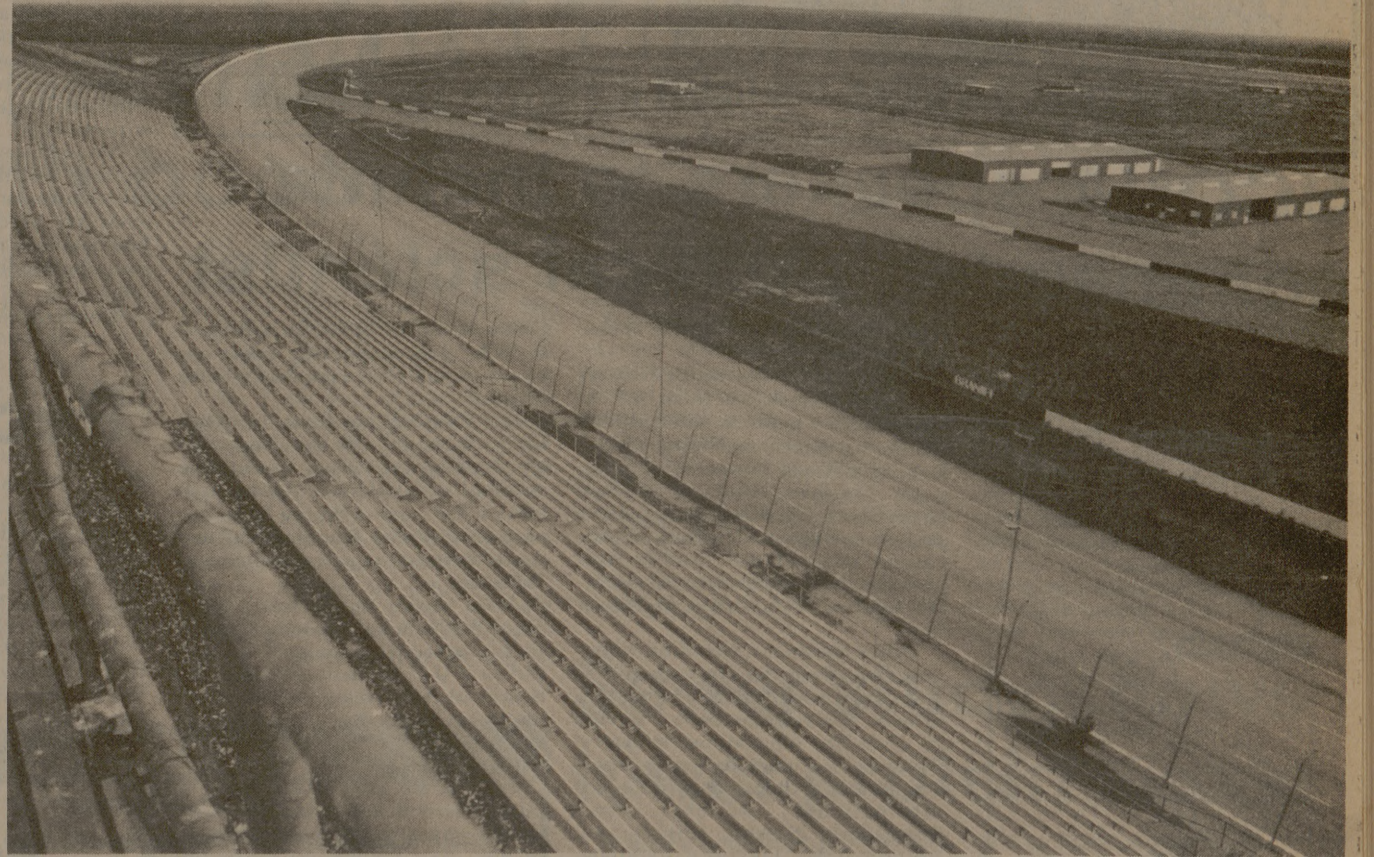
Incorrect grades: Go to the Records Room, 7a, in the basement of the Coke Building.

Lost I.D.: Pay \$3 fee at the fiscal office in the Coke Building. Show receipt at Registration Headquarters to have a new picture taken.

Extra fees: Pay in the fiscal office in the Coke Building.

Refrigerator rental: Rentals begin Monday, Jan. 19. Inquire at the SG Office, room 216 of the MSC, 845-3051. The cost is \$20 per semester with a \$10 deposit.

Book Purchases: Student Government Book Mart will open Friday, Jan. 16 and will stay open Monday through Friday, 9 to 5, for the first two weeks of school.



Empty grandstands face the two-mile oval track at Texas World Speedway, which hasn't seen action since the United States Auto Club (USAC) "Twin 200s" on Oct. 6, 1973. However, the speedway's sale seems imminent and two USAC racing slates are tentatively scheduled for this year.

Photo by Steve Goble

Dunlop resigns Labor position

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John T. Dunlop has resigned as secretary of labor, the White House announced today.

In a one-paragraph letter to President Ford dated Tuesday, Dunlop told the President: "This letter records my resignation as secretary of labor and coordinator of the president's labor-management committee. I have appreciated the opportunity once again to try to be of service to the country and to you, Mr. President, to the best of my ability. Your willingness to listen to divergent views and numerous courtesies to me, I shall always cherish."

In a letter of reply dated today, the President told Dunlop: "You will be greatly missed by all who have had the privilege of working with you."

Ford said he received Dunlop's letter with the deepest regret.

The announcement came one day after Dunlop met privately with the President to form him of his decision.

Dunlop maintains that his position with organized labor was unworkable in the aftermath of Ford's veto of the controversial non-site picketing bill.

During the 35-minute White House session requested by Dunlop, the President edged unsuccessfully to talk him out of quitting, according to informed sources. However, Dunlop agreed to remain in the cabinet until January 31, when he is expected to return to his teaching post at Harvard University.

The most frequently mentioned choice to succeed him is W. J. Usery Jr., director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, who is highly regarded by both labor and management.

Dunlop's resignation came as no surprise. He had been reassessing his position since Ford announced Dec. 22 that he would veto the bill that would have

broadened picketing rights at construction sites. The bill has been sought by organized labor since the Truman administration.

White House officials had described Ford as anxious to avoid any further shakeups in his administration. On Nov. 2, he fired Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger and Central Intelligence Director William E. Colby while stripping Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger of his post of director of the National Security Council.

Ford was warned before the veto that it would cost him the services of Dunlop, who has specialized in trying to improve labor-management practices in the construction industry. Dunlop, who had sponsored the bill, expected Ford to sign it based on earlier statements by the President that he favored the principle of the legislation.

The bill would have allowed unions to picket an entire construction site even though its dispute was with only one subcontractor. It also included a provision — strongly backed by Dunlop as a way of moderating the size of wage settlements — to coordinate the now-fragmented collective bargaining process in the construction industry.

But the picketing provision was strongly opposed by conservatives. Ford, according to aides, felt that signing it would have given GOP challenger Ronald Reagan a major campaign issue to use against him.

The veto triggered the resignations last week of the nine labor members of a presidential construction advisory committee headed by Dunlop. The union chiefs charged that Ford "caved in under pernicious political pressure, and, even worse, went back on his word."

Dunlop reached his decision after discussing his position with top leaders of organized labor, including AFL-CIO president George Meany and United Auto Workers president Leonard Woodcock.

Teague to be challenged

Election filing continues

Filing for the spring Democratic primaries is underway with a challenge to incumbent U.S. Rep. Olin E. Teague of College Station. Teague, a 30-year veteran of the 6th Congressional District, is opposed by Ron Godbey, a Fort Worth lawyer and television weatherman.

On the Brazos County political scene, Bradley Smith has filed for the new position of judge of the county court-at-law. Smith is an assistant district attorney for Brazos County.

District Attorney W. T. (Tom) McDonald has filed for re-election to a second term as has County Attorney Roland Searcy Jr.

Neely Lewis, city attorney for College Station, has filed for county Democratic Party chairman. Lewis is filling the unexpired term of Lynn A. (Buddy) Williams who resigned as chairman last week after 20 years in office.

Bill Cooley has filed for re-election as county commissioner, Place 1. Louis Gray, a county employee, has filed against incumbent Randy Sims for commissioner's court, Place 3. Sam N. Fachorn has filed for Place 5 on the court.

Thirty-year incumbent J.W. Hamilton has filed for re-election as county sheriff.

Raymond Buchanan has filed for re-election as county tax assessor-collector.

Michael B. Callitham has filed for his second term as justice of the peace for Precinct 7, Place 1. B. H. Dewey Jr. has filed for re-election as J.P. for Precinct 4, Place 1.

TOP OF THE NEWS

City

INSTRUCTORS are needed for the Community Continuing Education Program in College Station. Spring classes include cake decorating, cabinet making, chess, speed reading, money management, rug making, guitar, embroidery, crochet, macrame, C.B. radio, yoga and many others.

No formal teaching experience is required. For information call 846-3820.

Texas

CHARLES SCHNABEL, Secretary of the Texas Senate, is willing to go before the grand jury that indicted him and answer all questions.

The Travis County Grand Jury is still investigating Schnabel, but Dist. Atty. Bob Smith said Monday that the investigation and grand jury action should be completed by mid-February. The jury still has to decide whether it wants to listen to Schnabel.

JUDGE O. P. Carrillo's lawyer continues cross-examination in Austin today of a man who linked the suspended judge with a scheme to drain more than \$156,000 from local governments in Duval County.

Conclusion of evidence on any of the 10 charges against Carrillo could draw the impeachment trial to a close under a new rule approved by the Senate yesterday that would allow the senators to vote on any article immediately following testimony concerning it.

"If the vote on an article is to convict and disqualify him from holding any other political office, I don't see any point in hearing evidence on any other articles," Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said.

National

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will fly to Moscow next week for talks with Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev on a prospective nuclear weapons agreement.

The State Department, in a brief announcement, said Kissinger's three-day visit will begin next Tuesday and concern "questions of mutual interest."

A similar announcement was expected from the Soviet capital.

The scheduling of Kissinger's previously postponed mission indicates the two superpowers are approaching agreement on a compromise for a new treaty to limit offensive nuclear weapons until 1985.

U.S. REP. Phillip Crane, R-Ill., said the conservative Republican minority in the House of Representatives needs a few patriots who are willing to speak out against the concentration of power and increased government spending. He spoke at a luncheon in Houston yesterday to benefit the campaign of Dr. Ron Paul of Lake Jackson, Tex., who is seeking the congressional seat now held by Democratic Rep. Bob Casey of Houston.

Crane accused the Democratic majority in the House of being fiscally irresponsible and arrogant.

JAMES R. SCHLESINGER, former secretary of defense, has given Ronald Reagan a short course in defense policy, but sources say he has no intention of backing Reagan against President Ford for the Republican presidential nomination.

So far as is known, no other candidate has issued any similar invitation to Schlesinger. However, there are indications that Schlesinger, who has long held views close to those of Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., has been in contact with that Democratic presidential candidate since he was fired from his post two months ago.

CONGRESS appears likely to reject a new appeal from President Ford and to vote to cut off U.S. aid to Angola this month, House sources predict.

White House Press Secretary Ron Nesen said yesterday that President Ford will ask Congress next week to permit continued U.S. aid to anti-Soviet forces in Angola. Ford presumably will make the request in his State of the Union message to Congress Monday night.

World

THE MEXICAN Navy Ministry says it expects no problems later this year when Mexico creates a 200-mile offshore economic zone.

The Mexican Congress has approved President Luis Echeverria's proposed constitutional amendment that will create an "exclusive economic zone," giving the nation control over natural resources in the water and sea beds. It is expected to take effect in May or June.

School, city to consider bike paths

Recommendations for city bike paths and walkways will be presented at a joint meeting of the College Station City Council and the A&M Consolidated School Board at 7 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

The proposals are the result of an 8-month study conducted by the Brazos Valley League of Women Voters. The study made use of comprehensive traffic surveys and interviews with pedestrians and bicyclists.

Most of the recommendations to be presented center on the residential areas east and south of the Texas A&M campus and include:

- ✓ Approval of a city ordinance that would prohibit parking in bike lanes
 - ✓ Better marking and signing of bike lanes
 - ✓ Installation of manual operated traffic signals for pedestrians and bicyclists
 - ✓ Prohibition of right turns on red in residential areas.
 - ✓ Construction of sidewalks in new developments
 - ✓ Development of a path system along the perimeter of the A&M campus for joggers, bikers and pedestrians
 - ✓ Cooperation between College Station, Bryan and A&M in developing a master plan for bike paths and walkways
- In other news, the city council last Thursday approved renaming Highway 30 the Harvey Highway (to Harvey Community) and F.M. 2154 as Wellborn Road.

Registration, add-drop begins

Delayed registration and add-drop began today at 8 a.m. Registration continues through 5 p.m. Friday.

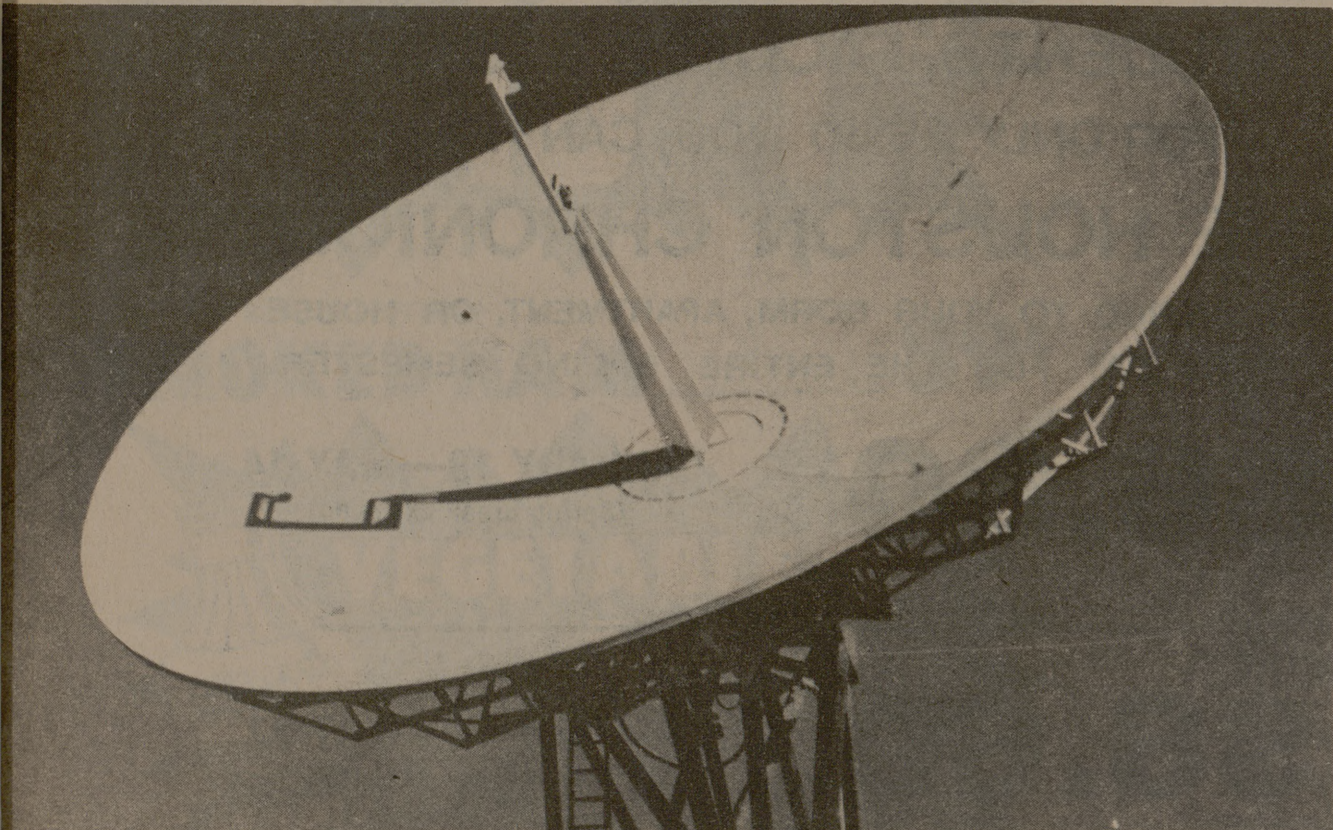
The last day to add a class will be Jan. 23. Final day to drop a class without a record will be Feb. 3 and final day to drop a class without a penalty will be March 5.

Registering students who were not enrolled in the University during the Fall semester should pick up their registration card packet in the foyer of the Richard Coke Building.

Any student who was enrolled at A&M for the 1975 Fall semester should pick up his card packet in his major department.

Fees may be paid and a class schedule secured on the day after turning in the card packet. Fees will be collected at G. Rollie White Coliseum Jan. 15-17 and 19-21 daily from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

After Jan. 21, fees will be collected in the Fiscal Office of the Coke Building.



This Midwest Video antenna receives signals bounced off a satellite 23,800 miles away from earth. The 35 ft. dish is located at the Midwest Video antenna site next to Carter Creek, and is braced to withstand a continuous 125 mph wind. The antenna receives signals for

first-run movies and sporting events without commercial interruption. Community Cablevision is constructing a similar antenna which will be completed in 2 to 3 weeks.

Photo by Ted Roberts