

# The Battalion

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Douglas Winship

## Science vs. Church

Caldeo (Michael Wilson) is troubled by Cardinal Barberini's (Brian McPherson) assertions that the destruction of Aristotle's theories will be det-

rimonial to the Church in the Aggie Players' production of *Lamp at Midnight*. The Barrie Stavis play will run through Feb. 28. See review, page 4.

## Bike paths studies

# Children brave traffic alone

By T. C. GALLUCCI  
This is the first in a series of bike-path studies in the Brazos County League of Women Voters will be dis-

Anne has chestnut hair and light green eyes. Nine years old and a third-grader at College Hills Elementary School, she rides her bike every morning at 7:45. She makes most of the trip alone since he attends A&M Consolidated High School.

She has to ride nine blocks, in the midst of rush hour. Not a single bike path is provided on the seven streets she has to travel. Along with the other children in her neighborhood, Anne is dependent on her own resources to arrive at school safely.

Several groups in the Bryan-College Station area are concerned about the welfare of Anne and others like her. The Environmental Action Council, The League of Women Voters, an A&M Wheelmen committee, the A&M Traffic Panel, several graduate students in Urban Planning and both Bryan and College Station have been involved in studies to establish a system of

bike paths in the community and on the A&M campus.

"I hope that through all of this renewed interest that some action toward constructing a system around campus will be taken," said Dr. Virgil Stover, Traffic Panel chairman. "I only resent the students blaming the present situation on the administration. The lack of adequate bike paths on this campus is not the fault of the administration, but of the students."

"Four years ago, a proposal was drawn up to establish a substantial system on the most heavily traveled routes on campus. The funds were established and the plan was approved. It was then that the student leaders of the time refused to allow its construction. In the eyes of the administration this was to be for the benefit of the students, and when student-elected representatives said that the plan was unwanted, the whole thing was dissolved.

"Student leaders opposed the system because it would have meant a \$3 registration fee to help finance the construction and upkeep. The Wheelmen cooperated

with us and supported the proposed plan and registration fee.

"It's most unfortunate that it resulted that way because, not only has the cost increased three times over, but since then there has been very little concern with bike paths."

Stover expresses some hope for the construction in the near future. Perhaps things are changing, he said, five years ago there was no interest on the part of the city, except for the city planner and the children.

"Last year the League of Women Voters became interested and I feel that things are going to happen. The credit belongs to Ann Hazen (co-chairman of the bike-path study committee) for rejuvenating interest from a variety of sources. The Traffic Panel is very much in favor of bike paths in the area, but at this point it's going to be very hard to get the several thousand dollars necessary to finance a comprehensive system on the campus," said Stover.

Tomorrow: The Brazos County League of Women Voters.

# Many New Hampshire voters undecided as balloting begins

Associated Press  
CONCORD, N.H. — Voters in New Hampshire chose between Ronald Reagan and President Ford on the Republican side and picked from a crowded field of Democrats in the nation's first presidential primary today.

By tradition, residents of the tiny mountain resort of Dixville Notch cast the first ballots seconds after midnight and gave the nod to President Ford and former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter.

Ford got 11 votes to Reagan's four. Among the Democrats, Carter got six and Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh, Arizona Rep. Morris K. Udall and write-in candidate Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington one each.

Campaign workers for all the candidates said there was a large segment of undecided Democrats and Republicans hours before most of the polls were to open at 6 a.m. Voting hours across the state vary, with polls closing as late as 8 p.m. in most of the cities and towns.

While Ford and Reagan clashed head-on, the five major contenders competing in the Democratic contest were Carter, Udall, Bayh, former Oklahoma Sen. Fred Harris and R. Sargent Shriver, the party's 1972 vice presidential nominee.

Confusing the Democratic race further were eight lesser known candidates ranging from a Missouri minister to antiabortion candidate Ellen McCormack. Write-in campaigns also were waged for Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and former Texas Gov. John B. Connally, a Republican.

The close race between Ford and Reagan, the former two-term California governor, may come down to the basic tasks of getting supporters to the polling places. The Ford campaign staged a last minute telephone blitz on election eve urging people to vote.

Republican and Democratic strategists predicted a low turnout, perhaps no more than 100,000 on the Republican side. The

state has about 164,000 registered Republicans, 115,000 registered Democrats and 140,500 independents.

In Washington, Ford told Maine Gov. James Longley on Monday that he was "quite confident and very optimistic" about his chances in New Hampshire, where Reagan spent all or parts of 19 days hunting for support.

But for the Ford camp there also was a worry about what effect Richard M. Nixon's trip to China might have on the election, since Nixon's fresh exposure might revive memories of Ford's decision to pardon the former President.

"I think people might be thinking about it, but they're not talking about it," said Hugh Gregg, Reagan's state campaign chairman.

The candidates of both parties hoped to ride a good showing here into the primaries ahead.

The New Hampshire primary has since 1952 been a barometer of candidate strength and weaknesses. No president since then has been elected without having won in New Hampshire first.

President Ford was the only candidate to flatly forecast victory, and an aide predicted the President will win "handily" although he declined to give specific percentages.

Gregg said he expected Reagan to get "something over 40 per cent." He said that showing would be considered a victory against an incumbent, though appointed, president.

Reagan campaigned Monday in Illinois for the March 16 primary there, and Ford was in Washington, where he took a slap at his rival, telling the National Governor's Conference that he would "never irresponsibly transfer serious problems from the federal government to the state governments without regard for human needs and fiscal realities."

Ford did not mention Reagan by name, but obviously referred to Reagan's proposal to transfer a variety of federal social programs to the states.

Although Udall and Carter were acknowledged as heading the Democratic pack, both shied away from the frontrunner label. Bayh said he would have to finish among the top three, and Harris said he expected to finish at least third.

# Lie detector tests show players accepted funds

By STEVE GRAY  
Contributing Editor  
Official lie detector tests, given to Texas A&M basketball players Jarvis Williams and Karl Godine, indicate the pair accepted money for playing at Texas A&M. The alleged test results were released by sources close to the Southwest Conference investigation.

In a story released by Houston News Service (HNS) late Friday afternoon the sources said polygraph tests, administered to Godine and Williams on Feb. 9 and 13, show that the players accepted \$3,000 for signing to play at A&M. The source of the alleged payoff was not disclosed.

A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf, contacted in Houston late Monday night, said the payoff allegation is unfounded.

"That's a bunch of (expletive deleted). There's no truth to that whatsoever."

Metcalf is in Houston preparing for tonight's game between the Aggies and the Rice Owls.

Godine and Williams, both 1975 graduates of Houston Kashmere High School, are under investigation by the SWC for alleged recruiting violations. A Dallas U.S. district court ordered the SWC to hold a hearing. It is set for Thursday morning in Houston. At the hearing, the

players can present evidence in their behalf and examine evidence against them.

The freshmen, recruited by schools nationwide, were reinstated last week by the court following their suspension from the SWC on Feb. 13. Both are being represented by Hugh M. Smith, a Dallas attorney.

The investigation resulted from charges contained in a letter written by University of Texas basketball coach Leon Black and sent to the SWC office in Dallas in September.

In the letter, Black alleges that both Godine and Williams received new cars that were registered under the players' junior high school coach. He said the pair were given summer jobs at unusually high pay and that the mothers of both players received new washers and dryers. He also said that the players received cash bonuses "of up to \$6,000 apiece."

Smith said the report filed with the SWC by its investigator, Musser and Associates of Houston, revealed that the players have not received any cash bonuses, new cars, appliances for their mothers, nor were they paid an excessive wage for their summer jobs.

Black could not be reached Monday

night for comment concerning the alleged \$3,000 payoff.

Morris Covin, a Houston polygraph operator who administered one of the tests, told HNS he could not discuss the information included in the tests. Covin did say, however, he had completed his analysis and had sent his report to the SWC office.

Covin said that another Houston polygraph operator, Andy DeSham, also administered tests to the two players. DeSham was hired by Smith, the players' attorney.

According to HNS, Covin said that DeSham could not have done as thorough a job because he did not have access to the same information that the SWC investigators did. Covin explained that when more than one polygraph operator administers a test to the same person, they usually work from the same information to insure that the person is asked the same basic questions by both operators.

Therefore, DeSham could not possibly have asked the same questions, Covin said.

DeSham's tests have been reported as showing both players innocent of any wrongdoing.

SWC officials have thus far refused to comment on the validity of Black's charges.

# Cat handler wants apology

Bill Smolensky, mascot attendant of the University of Houston and who was hit by Sonny Parker and Barry Davis during a scuffle in Hofheinz Pavilion last Tuesday, said last night that he is waiting for an apology from the two Texas A&M basketball players.

"I haven't received a phone call, a letter... I haven't heard a word," Smolensky said.

Smolensky said that he is conferring with a lawyer to decide what possible court action he may take against the A&M players.

The incident occurred during the fourth quarter of the game.

The ball rolled out of bounds and toward the cage of Shasta, a cougar that is the U of H mascot, said Smolensky. He said that he picked the ball up to keep it from hitting the cage and arousing the cougar.

As a member of the Cougar Guard, the group that takes care of the school's mascot, Smolensky said it is his duty to keep people and the basketball away from Shasta's cage.

Smolensky said that he was about to throw the ball to the referee when he heard Parker say something. The cougar attendant said that he did not understand what Parker had said.

Smolensky said he asked Parker what it was that he had said and that he still did not

understand after Parker repeated himself.

"Then he (Parker) started hitting me," the cougar attendant said. Smolensky said but Davis "ran up there and hit me."

"They both got me solid," he said. Smolensky said he was taken to the U of H infirmary before the game was over and treated for cuts and bruises.

He said the incident has upset him all week. "I haven't slept well this week and I've lost five pounds or so because I haven't been eating like I should," he said.

The U of H athletic director contacted Emory Bellard yesterday to discuss the

matter, Smolensky said, but "he (Bellard) thought there was provocation on my part."

Smolensky said he is seeking some resolution to the matter and that an out-of-court settlement is one possibility. He said that if he does file charges against Parker and Davis, he is uncertain as to whether he will file a criminal suit or civil suit.

And as to whether or not Smolensky will seek a settlement, even if he receives an apology from the Aggie basketball players, he said, "I don't know yet."

Davis and Parker were unavailable for comment.

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# Consol approves \$6 million bond issue

The A&M Consolidated School Board approved a \$6.43 million dollar bond issue at its meeting Monday night.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee presented a plan representing this amount as the minimal amount possible.

The bond issue will increase taxes 11 per cent. The current tax rate is \$1.77 per \$100 of property valuation. If the proposed issue passes, the two-year increase will be approximately 20 cents, or \$1.97 per \$100 of property valuation.

A similar issue was defeated by voters in November 1975. Only 11.7 per cent of the registered voters of College Station voted. And, 54.3 per cent of the voters were against the issue and 45.7 per cent were in favor.

A&M Consolidated High School was allocated \$2.4 million. The largest share is allocated for the \$1.5 million vocational building. Other areas funded are athletics, cafeteria expansion and service drive parking.

A&M Consolidated Middle School, housing the seventh and eighth grades, were allocated \$380,000 for repair and renovation of the auditorium.

The board accepted the Advisory com-

mittee's proposal to spend \$238,500 for roof construction, installation of heating and air conditioning in the auditorium and rewiring of the floor and ceiling were not included in the final allocation.

Taking the fifth and sixth grades and relocating them in the old middle school caused questions to be raised by parents about traffic congestion and the children's safety. These problems were not resolved. \$1.79 million were allocated for mechanical and site improvements at the old middle school.

South Knoll and College Hills elementaries received \$500,000 to fund the Committee's proposed multipurpose classroom for each school. Plans for the classrooms are not definite, although the rooms are to be used beyond school hour functions.

The last area of the proposed issue was Auxiliary and Maintenance Services. The funds received were \$396,500, to be used to salvage two old buildings and demolish three others.

— Paul Arnett

# Centennial fair attracts over 3,600 nightowls

More than 3,600 people attended the All-night Centennial Fair held in the Memorial Student Center Saturday night.

Once inside, those who paid 50 cents admission were entitled to attend movies and concerts. Booths were also sponsored by campus organizations.

Booths were to provide free entertainment, but most charged the 10-cent minimum allowed by fair organizers. Money made by individual organizations amounted to \$20 or \$30, said Don Rohel, one of the MSC advisors for the fair.

Money taken at the door will be kept to finance next year's fair, said Rohel. He hopes the fair will become an annual event.

Though the fair was supposed to break up at 7 a.m., attendance diminished rapidly after 3 a.m., and many of the booths closed.

"I was supposed to work at 5 a.m.," one freshman said, "but the whole place was closed down."

The coffeehouse performances stopped about 4:30 a.m. Rohel said, but the bowling lanes still had a long waiting list.

The hot-air balloon that was supposed to be giving rides during the fair never got off the ground, said Karen Zantow, originator of the fair idea.

They tried to get the balloon off the ground until 2 or 3 a.m., she said, but the weather was too rough.

"They do have a deposit of ours, so maybe we can get them (the balloon company) back in the spring," she said.



Jim Hendrickson

## Away, but not up

The Centennial Fair at the MSC this past weekend was supposed to begin Friday afternoon with balloon rides. Despite the best efforts of those

attempting to launch the balloon, the wind was too much for the frail craft and the project had to be abandoned, at least for the moment.