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"Love will come later."

## Editorial

### No need to worry

The Student Senate is considering a resolution which would support a ward system of election in College Station.

Their arguments in favor of the system are tenuous at best. They say such a system would make the campus a separate ward, and consequently, a student on the city council would be guaranteed. So what?

Under the existing at-large method of selecting council members students conceivably could be elected to all the council posts. And that is particularly the fear that other proponents of the ward system harbor.

Councilman Homer Adams strongly supports the ward system saying it would prevent a minority, such as students, from taking over the council. His objections to students? "I don't think they've got any business here (on the council) when they're here for a limited period of time."

He needn't worry. This year only one A&M student filed even though there were six council positions up for election.

The ward folks also feel their form of representation would insure the concept of one-man, one vote. Thus, instead of six council representatives, each voter would have only one. And would they really know that one representative any better just because he lives across the park rather than across campus?

Wards usually are found in large cities where there are large ethnic blocs and neighborhood solidarity. Since College Station is a smaller town, albeit a rapidly expanding one, the issue of redistricting would be a continual problem. Minorities would rail against inequities and redistricting would become a political tool, just like in the Texas Legislature.

As for providing a "well-balanced city council," as the proposed Senate resolution states, such would only be an ideal. The black and Chicano population in College Station is not located in a particular area of town, but rather scattered over several areas. Their voting power would become non-existent. Students might be able to pick up an additional seat from an apartment-dominated ward, but who would be the candidate? A free choice demands a choice.

J.P.

# Reagan has 'no intention' of folding campaign tent

Associated Press

President Ford's advisers were counting Ronald Reagan out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination Wednesday, but Reagan said he has no intention of folding up his campaign tent.

Reagan, who lost his head-to-head showdown with Ford in Tuesday's Florida primary, and George Wallace, who finished second to Jimmy Carter in the Democratic voting, were already in Illinois trying to build some momentum for the primary there next Tuesday.

Reagan insisted his chances of winning the nomination are undiminished despite Tuesday's loss.

"Getting 48 per cent of the vote in New Hampshire and then 47 per cent of the vote in Florida does not mean that you fold your tent and silently steal away," Reagan said in the north-central Illinois town of Ottawa.

Carter said in Peoria that only two principal challengers remain in his path to the Democratic nomination. Wallace was not among them.

The former Georgia governor said only Sen. Henry Jackson and Rep. Morris Udall have been able to sustain their campaigns. "Wallace is not a viable candidate and never has been," said Carter.

In Washington, the Ford camp was saying with one breath that Reagan has no chance now of being nominated but that the President was going to continue campaigning at full steam.

Carter will be watched closely in Illinois by Democratic voters and leaders who want to see how much support he has in the northern industrial areas, where both Udall and Jackson have some strength.

Carter said his goal in Illinois was to come in first next Tuesday, noting success would prove "I can win

against opposition in an area having voters of diverse backgrounds."

Though Ford never said Reagan could not recover from the Florida and New Hampshire defeats, his followers clearly believe Reagan's failure to beat Ford in the first southern primary will prove fatal.

Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., said Ford's victory in Florida effectively ends Reagan's chances at the nomi-

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nation, reflecting the view of Ford campaign manager Howard Callaway, who said as the returns came in Tuesday night, "I don't see any way for Reagan to win" the nomination.

And Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, who has taken himself off the Ford ticket, was predicting Illinois would be a "make or break test" for Reagan after what he termed a significant setback in Florida.

But the Reagan campaign showed every intention of fighting on. Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., co-chairman of the Reagan effort, said in Washington, "The Reagan campaign is very much alive and well."

Laxalt said polls taken after what he called "the President's Santa Claus visit" to Florida indicated Ford had 51 per cent of the vote and "we were able to capture nearly all the undecided voters."

Ford received 53 per cent of the vote in the primary and picked up 43

GOP delegates to the national convention. Reagan won 47 per cent and 23 delegates.

The delegates were apportioned by both parties under complex formulas based on the vote in the 15 congressional districts as well as the statewide vote.

Although Laxalt said he thought Reagan would do well to get 40 per cent in Illinois, which would be his fifth straight loss to Ford, he said it was not necessarily essential that Reagan win one of the early primaries.

Ford said in Washington he expected Reagan "will be in the ballgame until the end" when the Republicans pick their presidential nominee in Kansas City in August.

"We aren't predicating any of our plans on my opponent dropping out," Ford said in an interview in his Oval Office for four Chicago television stations. "We're planning the whole strategy on the basis of we'll be in there in Kansas City and we're going to win, and what he does is a matter of judgment for him."

Reagan, meantime, was campaigning in downstate Illinois and predicting he will lose the state next Tuesday.

"Illinois?" Reagan said. "I never expected to win there. In Illinois there is a political hierarchy, a machinery, that always goes to the incumbent."

Reagan said he is pinning his hopes for the nomination on Western, Southwestern states and the "typical South."

## Listen Up

### Construction

Editor: I realize that progress and renovation must go on in spite of consequences to the society affected by them, but must they be as pointless as they seem? I am talking about all the construction on campus.

Coming back from Christmas vacation I was looking forward to seeing a couple of my pet sidewalk areas of the campus completed. But, as I approached one of my corners, I saw that the other side of the walk was torn up worse than the previous one. I walked around; the whole campus was worse than I had left it. Where will it all end?

That first day on campus reminded me of what I had seen in Tehran (Iran). All the construction around the city were either half-done, just started or nearly finished; yet production on them had stopped. But the workmen had a very good reason. They couldn't get the materials needed to complete the jobs right away.

I have no objection to constructive renovation, but when I see structures resembling a fountain and glossy, colored little rocks that make me slip and slide all over when wet, I wonder what happened to progressive education. Our library could use some more books.

Sometimes it's necessary to renovate old buildings but to turn them into stark, modernistic, sterile-looking classrooms is depressing. What ever happened to the architects who designed the old sciences building and the animal science building? And, what is wrong with a little dirt around our poor, choked-off-looking trees?

Gayle Norman

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