

Special city election section

council positions contested

College Station voters will elect persons to fill seven positions on the city council this Saturday.

In addition, a referendum on the ballot asks voters to choose between two methods of electing city officials.

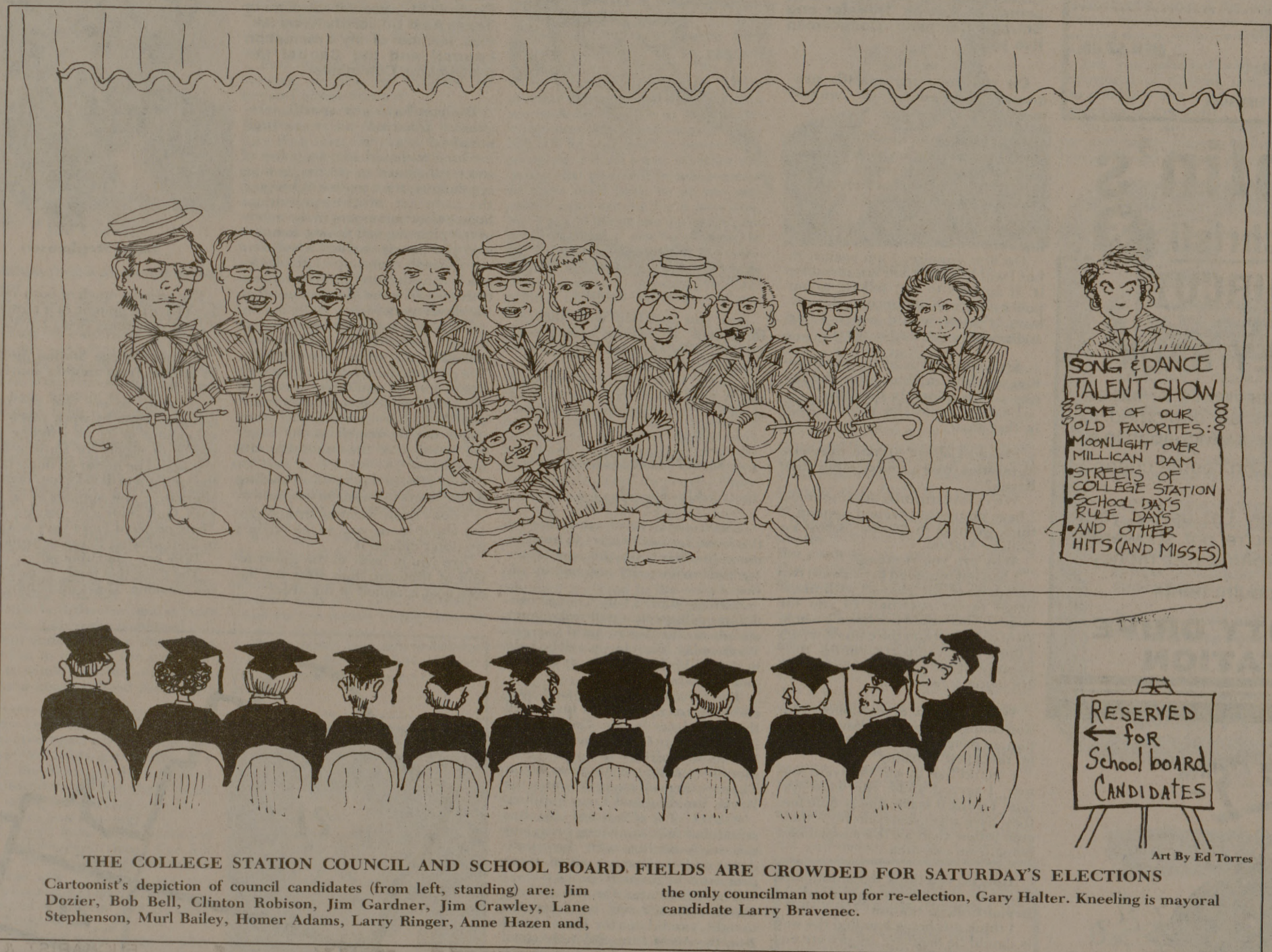
In a normal election year, only four of the positions would be up for election. Two vacancies were created when councilmen resigned to run for mayor.

Mayor O. M. Holt announced he will not seek re-election. One of these vacancies, Bob Bell, later dropped out of the race and filed for another council position.

The other positions are unofficially filled by incumbents. The candidates are running unopposed.

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THE COLLEGE STATION COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD FIELDS ARE CROWDED FOR SATURDAY'S ELECTIONS
 Cartoonist's depiction of council candidates (from left, standing) are: Jim Dozier, Bob Bell, Clinton Robison, Jim Gardner, Jim Crowley, Lane Stephenson, Murl Bailey, Homer Adams, Larry Ringer, Anne Hazen and the only councilman not up for re-election, Gary Halter. Kneeling is mayoral candidate Larry Bravenec.

Voters to decide on bond

For the second time in less than six months College Station voters will go to the polls Saturday to decide on a multi-million school bond issue. The earlier issue failed.

Besides the bond proposal, three positions on the A&M Consolidated School Board are up for election.

Place 1 Trustee Lambert Wilkes is the only incumbent seeking re-election. Board President Nancy Donaldson and Trustee Charles Hensarling chose not to seek another term.

Those two vacancies have attracted nine candidates between them. Only one candidate is challenging Wilkes for his position.

Four persons have filed for Donaldson's Place 2 spot, while five candidates, including a Texas A&M student, are contesting for the Place 4 opening.

The major issue of the school board campaign, however, is the proposed \$6.4 million bond issue.

Last November, voters defeated a \$5.3 million proposal which would have provided for a new elementary school and other improvements in the district. The issue failed by 120 votes and the school board subsequently sent it to a citizen's advisory committee for further study.

The committee submitted the revised proposal to the board in February and the board placed it on Saturday's ballot.

The issue includes \$2.4 million for the A&M Consolidated High School, most of it for a new vocational wing. Also included is \$1.7 million for a new 5th and 6th grade school, physical education facilities for the two elementary schools, and maintenance improvements.

If the issue is approved by voters, property taxes would increase about 11 percent, from \$1.77 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.97 per \$100.

All except two of the eleven school board candidates support the proposed bond issue, although about half say they feel it should have been divided into separate propositions.

City Council

Mayor, Place 5 candidates running unopposed

Larry Bravenec
 Larry Bravenec, 40, 1211 S. Boswell, an accounting professor at Texas A&M. Councilman two years, resigned to run for mayor.

Do you have any specific programs planned as mayor of College Station?
 I think it's our responsibility to move forward on some sort of plan for a civic center. I think we have to move forward on bicycle paths, taking recognition of the fact that there's quite a large number of college students and non-college students who ride bicycles on and off the A&M campus, and to and from the A&M Consolidated schools. I think we need to continue working for an adequate and fine park system.

Are you in favor of the construction of Millican Dam after the lignite coal is mined in the area?
 Construction of Millican Dam downstream from College Station has been particularly appealed to me. College Station doesn't need the water. We'll have a shallow part of the lake; it won't be a dam constructed for our benefit.



Larry Bravenec

If it's built upstream I have to reassess my position. Again, the city doesn't need the water and we don't need the recreation. If the dam is built upstream it'll be built primarily for people in Houston and for the people in Brazoria County, that is the Dow Chemical Company. It won't particularly benefit Brazos County.

Are you in favor of extending liquor hours to 2 a.m. on weekends?
 If Bryan is not willing to extend their hours similar to College Station I think we would be very unwise extending our hours. If College Station had longer hours it would be a possibility that we could attract an undesirable element from all over the county.

On the other hand, if Bryan were willing to adopt the same hours, then it would be a good thing because the people who particularly don't care to drink would have a little longer to get home before having to worry about drunks on the road.

Should College Station purchase their utilities from a source other than Bryan?
 The Bryan offer to date has been inadequate, and if that's the best that comes out of Bryan we'll switch over to another system entirely. With water, you can make the same observations. If we feel that

Bryan's offer is not competitive what we'll probably do is drill our own well. As a general rule, you're better off owning than buying from someone else. We do not feel (See Bravenec, page 10)

Anne Hazen
 Anne Hazen, 44, 1205 Munson Ave., member of College Station Safety Committee, League of Women Voters.

Do you have any specific programs planned as a council member?
 We are growing so fast that we're not planning. If we have a plan, we can anticipate our need for more sewer and water lines, power, what roads need to be repaired and built, and approximately where our parks are going to be. There is a master plan, done by Pinnell Associates, and it is available. The city council has accepted parts of it but they have never utilized the whole formal plan. The council should decide whether we are going to follow it exactly or whether we are going to change some of it. But I think it should be decided what we are going to do and then do it.

Are you in favor of the construction of Millican Dam after the lignite coal is mined in the area?
 I think it is very hard to project what the needs of the community are going to be at the time this is done. I certainly, at this point, don't foresee a need for Millican

Dam. That does not say that in 10 or 15 years there won't be a need. From what I've read, there are other sources of water that are available. I understand there's another dam on the Navasota River. I don't think that we have any immediate need, and I'm not so sure that it's the job of the council per se to worry about the needs in 10 or 15 years. I think now the most important thing is to make plans to utilize the lignite.

Are you in favor of extending liquor hours to 2 a.m. on weekends?
 No, I'm not. It's a weekend and if people want to drink and start at eight or nine, they've certainly had enough by midnight. Most everyone who lives in College Station would be able to take it home with them. I feel that they should be at home if they're going to drink, rather than out on the road. I think we have other priorities that come ahead of putting extra policemen on the road between 12 and three a.m. If there is any money to go around, it should be put toward more protection during the day when we have a lot more people who have to travel to school and to work.

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 I think College Station should seek out all possible sources in order to get the best



Anne Hazen

rate for the citizens. Bryan's rate is high and I think we should look for other sources. Why are you running?
 I can spare the time since I don't have a (See Hazen, page 10)

School Board

Place 1 candidates favor vocational facilities, wise spending

Elliott Bray
 Elliott Bray, 35, 1104 Merry Oaks, manager of data base systems, registrar, Texas A&M. President of College Hills PTO, member of Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Why do you think you're qualified to hold a position on the school board?
 I've served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee looking at the bond issue propositions. I've been president of the PTO for a year at College Hills Elementary.

Other school board candidate interviews, pages 8 and 9.

How do you reinforce the fact that I am very concerned about what goes on in the school?
 What do you consider to be the highest priorities of the board?
 One of the board's basic functions is in the area of buildings. If we are to pass this million bond issue, one of the highest priorities is to make sure it is spent wisely and things are organized.



Elliott Bray

Are you in favor of the April 3rd bond issue? What objections, if any, do you have to it?
 I spent some twelve sessions of three to five hours apiece on the citizen's advisory committee. We have to base it on the collective judgement, but I believe the needs are there.

Would you support another bond election if this one fails?
 Yes, we cannot avoid the fact that there are 866 students in a high school built for 800; that we are going to have 167 graduate and 249 come in from the eighth grade. We are looking at 70 to 80 additional students in an already crowded school. But that is just the high school. We have similar types of problems in the elementary schools.

Should the curriculum be expanded on both the elementary and secondary levels? What courses should be included?
 I think we've just come through a significant type of change over the past few years. We have just recently converted from a grouping type of situation where students were grouped according to ability, to more of a diverse classroom attitude. I think there is going to have to be some

assimilation time. I don't think my function is to propose curricula. My function is to (See Bray page 10)

Lambert Wilkes
 Lambert Wilkes, 49, 501 Park Place, professor of agricultural engineering at Texas A&M. School board member five years.

Why do you think you're qualified to hold a position on the school board?
 I've been in teaching for over 20 years. I've taught at Texas A&M University, the University of Arkansas, as well as New Mexico State University. I've been on the board for about five years.

What do you consider to be the highest priorities of the board?
 The highest priority would be the vocational facilities at the high school. About one-half of the students have indicated no interest in college so we have quite a few students who are not being trained for an occupation. In addition to providing the training program and the space for it, some of the crowded conditions that exist at the high school will also be alleviated (through the facilities.)



Lambert Wilkes

The problem we have right now is that we have crowded facilities for the standard (See Wilkes, page 10)

Are you in favor of the April 3rd bond issue? What objections, if any, do you have to it?
 I will not vote for the bond issue as it is proposed. My main objection is that I do not feel the people have a choice in the number of different items that are presented in the bond issue. I made several attempts to get this into the form of propositions so that the voters could indicate which ones they would support. The programs we really need are suffering due to the fact that we are trying to get some programs that are perhaps controversial in some peoples' minds passed also.

Would you support another bond election if this one fails?
 Yes, we need the vocational facilities. I would not support a bond issue of this magnitude, however. We may have to come back with a couple of smaller issues to go ahead and obtain the necessary funds to meet the immediate needs. If we try to get it all into one bond issue I think we are going to have to go to separate propositions.

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