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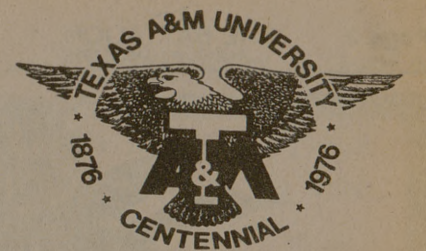
Partly cloudy and mild today, high in low 80s. Low tonight in the mid 60s. Increasing cloudiness with a chance of showers tonight and Wednesday. High tomorrow in low 80s. Precipitation probability 30 per cent tonight and 40 per cent tomorrow.

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## Ward election challenged

By JIM CRAWLEY

D.A. "Andy" Anderson, former mayor of College Station, has submitted a petition to College Station Mayor Larry Bravenec contesting the validity of the city's newly chosen ward system. Bravenec has said that no immediate action will be taken concerning the petition.

The ward system was approved by voters in an April 3 referendum vote. The referendum has been criticized as being ambiguous to voters, reportedly resulting in votes cast for the ward system when they were actually meant to oppose it.

Anderson had earlier requested the city council to take legal action against the referendum. The council agreed in a 4-1 vote instructing the city attorney to proceed with the proposal.

On Friday Bravenec, City Attorney Neeley Lewis, and Councilmen Jim Dozier and Anne Hazen discovered that under

Texas law the city could not sue itself, as the initial proposal would have entailed.

A Battalion reporter then saw Bravenec begin work on what appeared to be a rough draft of the petition that he later received from Anderson. The petition given Bravenec on Monday, is dated Sunday. Bravenec said yesterday that Anderson's petition had "a couple of modifications" from the draft he wrote at city hall.

The petition was filed on Monday to keep within the 30-day time limit for contesting elections within the state. If the petition had not been filed by Monday the referendum would have stood.

The petition, also sent to former mayor O.M. Holt and the city and county attorneys, cites the following reasons for contesting the referendum: the ambiguity of the legal terms used in the ballot, the lack of instruction telling the voters to turn to the next page of the ballot, the wording

"for" or "against" instead of "yes" or "no" as required by state law, a violation of the city charter in that two amendments were mentioned instead of one as required by the charter, and failure of the city to clear the election with the Department of Justice as required under the federal Voting Rights Act.

A straw vote to determine the validity of the referendum election was approved by the city council at its last meeting. The nonbinding vote would presumably take place during the summer at the proposed Capital Improvements bonds election.

"The person that is responsible for responding to this letter (Anderson's petition) will not respond until after the straw vote is taken, and the outcome will determine his action," Bravenec said.

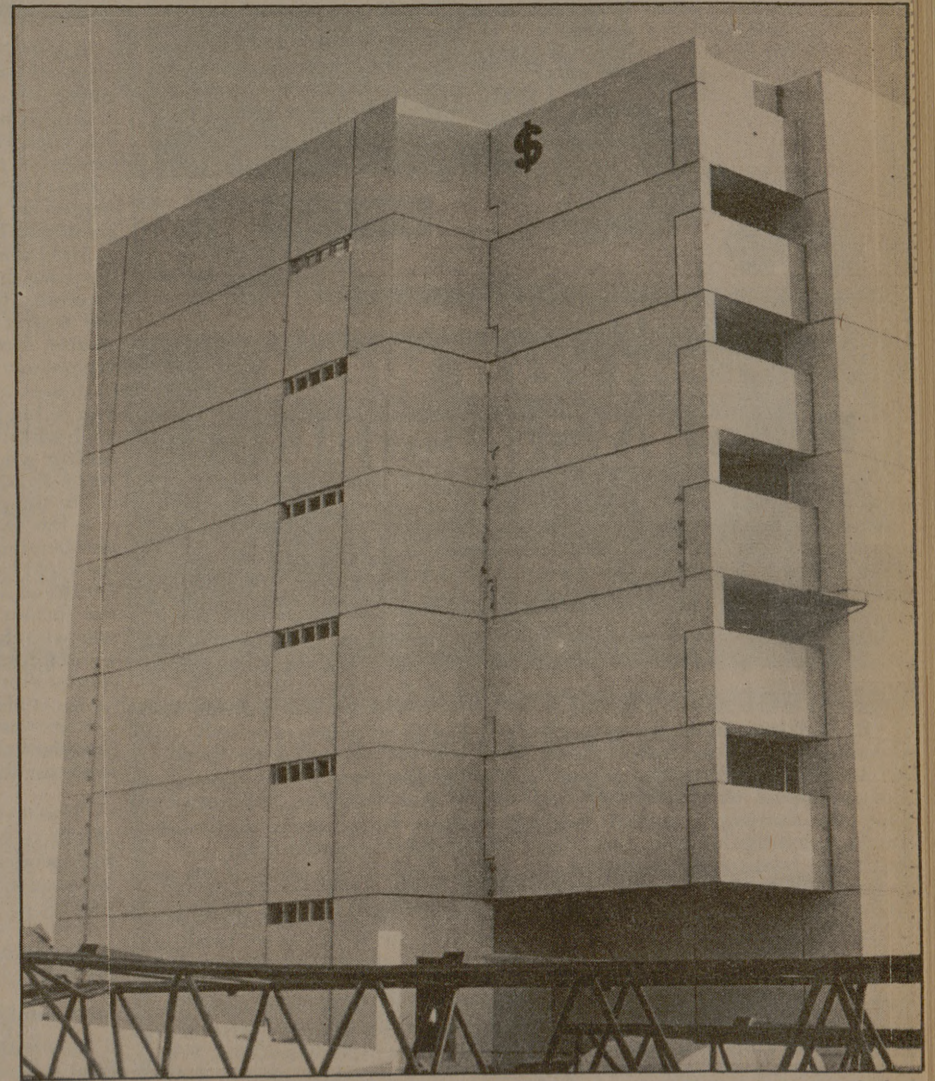
When asked what would happen if he didn't answer the petition within the required 10 days, the mayor said, "Tell them

to sue me." Bravenec said, however, that Anderson did not expect a response until after the straw vote.

Jim Gardner, the only councilman to show any displeasure with the attempt to nullify the election, has termed the council's legal action, "spinning our wheels." Bravenec had earlier used the same term to describe the necessity of nullifying the referendum.

Councilman Gary Halter has estimated the costs of instituting the ward system as being between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The legal costs of contesting the referendum election were estimated at \$1,000 to \$2,000 by Bravenec.

There were no Texas A&M student signatures on the petition. Of the 26 signers, two are former mayors, one is a councilman and another was a candidate last month for city council. Bravenec's name did not appear on the petition as a signer.



Staff photo by Jim Hendrickson

### Mint condition

This dollar sign was discovered on the side of the new Soil & Crops Sciences Building being constructed on the west campus. It is unknown whether the artists felt the cost of the building was too high, or that the building looked more like a bank.

### Fall ID pictures to be made all week

All persons who pre-registered for fall classes after 9:30 a.m. Monday of last week must have their picture taken for their ID cards. The photos will be taken between 8 a.m. and 12 noon, and 1 and 5 p.m. through Friday at the registration center in the Old Exchange Store.

### Enrollment growth blamed

## Date tickets may be rare

Enrollment at Texas A&M is expected to reach 27,000 next fall. That is an increase of several thousand students. The seating capacity of Kyle Field, however, is not increasing and the result may be that date tickets to home football games next fall will be very hard to come by.

Student football tickets will be sold by the random method on a seniority basis, like this past year. The cost for a student season coupon book will be \$16.50, or \$2.75 for each of the six home games.

The Student Senate has projected that 21,756 student tickets will be sold, with a maximum student allocation of 22,809 tickets, said Scott Gregson, vice-president in charge of finance. This only

leaves about 400 tickets to be allocated first to spouses and then to dates at \$42.00 per coupon book, Gregson said.

A resolution, now being considered by the Ticket Evaluation Committee of the Student Senate, would work something like this: any student who is not going to a home football game could relinquish his ticket, on a "friendly exchange basis," to be used as a date ticket. In other words, if you have a friend who isn't going to a game, you could use his ticket to purchase, with an additional \$4.25 and the corresponding I.D. card, a date ticket. The \$4.25 brings the price of the date ticket to \$7.00 which is a Southwest Conference requirement, Gregson said.

For example, if 15,000 students were going to a certain game, the proposal would allow up to 5,000 dates to attend and at the same time utilize the student section of Kyle Field to a maximum. Gregson said he feels students should be aware that unless the resolution passes they may not be able to take dates to the games next fall.

The proposal, if it passes committee, will be voted on by the Student Senate as a whole. From there it will go before the Athletic Council.

Until a decision is reached, the plan is for spouse and date ticket books to be sold at the Kyle Field ticket booth from Aug. 23 until Sept. 10, 1976.

### Reagan takes all 96 GOP Texas delegates

## Bentsen releases his favorite-son delegates

From AP and staff reports  
Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., said today he is releasing his favorite son convention delegates because it is obvious that Jimmy Carter is the choice in Texas.

"I am releasing all delegates pledged to my favorite son candidacy, to make their own choice at the Democratic National Convention this summer," Bentsen said.

"I am releasing both those elected by the voters last Saturday and those chosen at precinct conventions across the state Saturday night, though I would hope they would continue to support Gov. Dolph Briscoe as chairman of the Texas delegation and as leader of the Democratic party in Texas."

"It is my understanding that we did well in the precinct conventions, but it is obvious that Gov. Carter is the choice of the Democrats of Texas. I wish him well. And, in the spirit of unifying the Democratic Party, I am releasing Bentsen delegates from any commitment they have to me."

Bentsen said he made the statement after he talked extensively yesterday with his supporters in Texas, including Briscoe. Jimmy Carter continued his winning

ways Saturday with about 45 per cent of the state's Democratic votes going to his delegates.

Republican candidate Ronald Reagan made a clean sweep of Texas '96 GOP delegates in the primary.

Rep. Olin E. "Tiger" Teague of College Station edged out his opponent, Ron Godbey, in the 6th Congressional District race, 154 to 151 at the Texas A&M polling place in Saturday's primary, and finished the race with 58 per cent of the district vote.

Teague will run against Republican Wes Mowery in November. Mowery won decisively against Carl A. Nigliazzo in the Republican primary.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen received more than 60 per cent of the statewide vote to defeat Phil Gramm. Bentsen will face Republican Alan Steelman in the general election.

There will be a June 5 runoff in the Democratic Texas Railroad Commission primary between Jerry Sadler of Grape-land and Jon Newton of Beeville. The winner will meet Republican Walter Wendlandt of Austin in November.

State Senator William T. "Bill" Moore was re-elected to his position in the Texas

Legislative, as was State Representative Bill Presnal.

In the newly established County Court at Law office, Assistant District Attorney Bradley Smith defeated John Hawtrey with 71 per cent of the vote in the Democratic primary. The race was not contested in the Republican ballot.

Incumbent County Attorney Roland Searcy defeated his opponent John M. Barron, Jr. with more than 68 per cent of the vote in the Democratic primary.

In another incumbent victory, Brazos County Sheriff J. W. Hamilton won 58 per cent of the Democratic vote to defeat John Miller of the College Station Police Department. Hamilton will run against Republican W. R. "Bill" Owens for the County Sheriff's office in the general election in November. Owens defeated his opponent, Ronald Woessner, in the Republican primary with approximately 66 per cent of the vote.

Randy Sims, incumbent county commissioner for Precinct 3, and H. L. "Bud" Cargill will meet in a runoff election June 5 to determine the Democratic candidate in the commissioner's race. Sims received

approximately 45 per cent of the votes while Cargill collected 44 per cent.

In the race for constable, Precinct 7, incumbent E. W. Sayers received more than 65 per cent of the Democratic vote to defeat Rick Cokrell.

The race for constable, Precinct 4, will be determined in a June 5 runoff, with incumbent Dick Munday meeting Jesse Stanfield. Munday received 45.5 per cent of the votes to Stanfield's 28.6 per cent.

Brazos County Tax Assessor-Collector Raymond Buchanan ran unopposed Saturday. He will also be unopposed in November.

Other candidates running unopposed in the Democratic primary Saturday were W. T. "Tom" McDonald, District Attorney; Bill Cooley, Commissioner, Precinct 1; B. H. Dewey, Jr., J. P., Precinct 4, Place 1; Michael B. Calliham, J. P. Precinct 7, Place 1; Raymond H. Day, Constable, Precinct 1; Jimmie T. Gray, Constable, Precinct 3; Sam N. Fachorn, Constable, Precinct 5; and Neeley Lewis, County Chairman.

John N. Raney ran unopposed for Republican County Chairman.

Associated Press			Final unofficial returns from Saturday's primary election as tabulated by the Texas Election Bureau. Certification of official votes will be made later.	
<b>Presidential Popular Vote</b>	McCormack	0	<b>Supreme Court of Texas</b>	
<b>Democratic</b>	Uncommitted	0	Barrow	516,159
	<b>Republican</b>		Yarbrough	794,095
Carter	761,654		<b>Criminal Appeals Court</b>	
Bentsen	367,340		Full Term	
Harris	31,623		Chamberlain	402,969
Shriver	35,410		Roberts	729,931
Wallace	251,131		<b>Unexpired Term</b>	
McCormack	5,822		Phillips	496,815
Uncommitted	131,174		Dally	321,839
<b>Republican</b>			Voller	263,845
Reagan	331,810		<b>U.S. House</b>	
Ford	144,541		District 6, North	
Uncommitted	1,231		Central Texas	
<b>Presidential Delegate Allocation</b>			<b>Democratic</b>	
<b>Democratic</b>			Teague	39,431
Carter	92		Godbey	33,132
Bentsen	6		<b>Republican</b>	
Harris	0		Mowery	10,837
Reagan	0		Nigliazzo	1,973
Wallace	0			

## Leaders of 2 agencies recommend Texas not consolidate 3 water panels

AUSTIN — If you like the way Washington handles environmental problems, you would love a Texas super-agency for water, the director of the Texas Water Quality Board said Monday.  
Hugh Yantis was joined by Chairman Joe Carter of the Texas Water Rights Commission in telling a subcommittee of the "Hobby Commission" that Texas should continue to have three water agencies.

### Crash kills sociology major

Funeral services for Suzan Marie Zenner, 20-year-old Texas A&M sophomore killed in a car wreck here Sunday night, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in College Station.

Burial will be in College Station Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home.  
Miss Zenner, a sociology major, died about 9:20 p.m. Sunday when the car she was driving left the road and overturned on FM 2818 near its intersection with Texas Highway 21.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Zenner, Jr., of Bryan. He is an assistant professor of business analysis and research at Texas A&M.

Other survivors include a sister, Sharon Ann, and brother, Edward, both of Bryan; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bernice Ewert of San Antonio, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zenner, Sr. of La Vernia.

But Gov. Dolph Briscoe's chief water adviser, James Rose, said consolidation offers both dollar savings and the advantage of a "multi-disciplinary approach."

Rose, also director of the Texas Water Development Board, read a 55-page statement to the panel, part of a legislatively mandated study of ways to make state government less expensive.

Yantis said his fear was that consolidation would remove protections built in to the present system of separate boards and commissions.

"EPA (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) shows what's wrong with the

secretary system. There is no one to tell him he is wrong," Yantis said.

Yantis said the present boards and commissions, made up largely of private citizens with six-year terms, develop expertise in the limited subject matter of their agencies.

If they were consolidated, "inevitably, because of the overload on the board, you would end up with poorer decisions or rubber stamping of staff judgments," Yantis said.

Rose said the subcommittee should consider consolidation of such major functions as planning, project financing, data collection, and computerized data processing. Water rights adjudication — the field of Carter's agency — should be separate from water planning and developing, he said.

Consolidation of functions offers opportunity to take advantage of a multidisciplinary approach in which a wide range of technical expertise can be brought to bear upon individual problems," Rose said.

By consolidating common administrative, data processing and field operations functions, Rose estimated the state could save at least \$500,000 a year.

Carter reminded the subcommittee that Texas water agencies are organized along lines recommended a decade ago by the Texas Research League.

He said the agencies are "functioning in an admirable way" and the "Texas program of water development, administration and management is one to which other states look with envy."

### County D.A.: crime rate to rise unless judicial system improved

"If you live in Detroit, you have a one out of 15 chance of being murdered," Carol Vance, Harris County District Attorney, said at Law Day ceremonies last night in the Rudder Forum.

The crime rate is on the rise and it will continue to increase unless the courts start having speedy trials and punishment that fits the crime, Vance said.

"The whole judicial system is becoming a failure unless we get speedy trials," Vance said.

Vance suggested that the prison, courts

and prosecution areas have been neglected.

"We've been too preoccupied with determining guilt. We send them to prison without careful reviews of the person's character," Vance said.

There are popular myths that have been caused by the media and criminologists that Vance said should be made clear. A myth portrayed by television is that the guilty party in a crime is always arrested, he said. Vance said many times the guilty party won't be arrested and won't go to trial.

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### Just one more step!

Thomas Nelson steps off the high platform at Wofford Cain Swimming Pool and starts his rapid fall to the water below. The recent hot weather has encouraged many students to take time out for a swim.