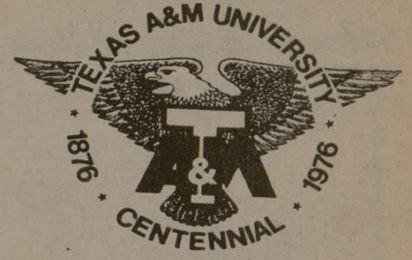


Weather

Partly cloudy and hot with a chance of thunderstorms by late afternoon. High today in the mid-90's, low tonight in the lower 70s. Probability of precipitation 30 per cent today, tonight and tomorrow.

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CS voters pass all 9 bond issues

By JERRY NEEDHAM
Battalion Editor

College Station voters passed all nine bond issues for school improvements Monday and indicated decisively on a vote that they do not like the idea of electing city councilmen through a ward system.

Only 10.5 per cent of the city's 12,975 registered voters turned out to vote.

Propositions 5, 6, 7 and 8 dealing with sewer and electrical system improvements passed by a strong majority, with more than 85 per cent of the citywide.

Councilman Gary Halter said last night the city will begin procedures to get the bonds on the market about mid-July and expect to have some money in hand by the end of September.

Proposition 9, calling for the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds to help build a civic center, encountered more opposition from voters than any other item on the ballot. Only 56 per cent of the voters favored this proposition.

Mayor Larry Bravenec said many people were not fully behind the idea of using hotel-motel tax funds for a civic center and approached him about the proposition. Bravenec said the Council may have been at fault for not making it clear that if hotel-motel tax funds are not used for a civic center, they would have to be

used for tourist promotion.

The straw vote on the ward system of electing councilmen showed that 68 per cent of the voters favor the at-large system.

The straw vote was added to the ballot because the original vote held during the municipal elections in April was very close. Voters at that time approved a change in the city charter calling for all six councilmen to be elected from six wards in the city by a vote of 1,190 to 1,161.

Also a petition signed by more than 700 citizens expressing concern about the validity of the April election was presented to the City Council within 10 days of the April election.

Two major points made by the petitioners was that the wording of the issue on the ballot was confusing and that many voters did not vote on the issue because the ballot did not refer them to the back page where the issue was located.

It is not clear yet what step the Council will take now concerning the straw vote results, but indications are the election will be contested in the 85th U.S. District Court.

- Here are the items on the ballot.
- Proposition 1** — The issuance of \$370,000 Street improvements tax bonds.
 - Proposition 2** — The issuance of \$970,000 police, fire and warehouse building tax bonds.
 - Proposition 3** — The issuance of \$360,000 city hall expansion tax bonds.
 - Proposition 4** — The issuance of \$425,000 park improvement tax bonds.
 - Proposition 5** — The issuance of \$2,475,000 waterworks system improvement tax bonds.
 - Proposition 6** — The issuance of \$2,040,000 sanitary sewer system improvement tax bonds.
 - Proposition 7** — The issuance of \$2,725,000 electric system improvement tax bonds.
 - Proposition 8** — The issuance of \$3,000,000 electric system improvement revenue bonds.
 - Proposition 9** — The issuance of \$500,000 civic center convention building revenue bonds.
- Straw vote** — All six councilmen should be elected at-large from the whole city or by wards.

Precinct and overall totals by propositions follow:

Absentee
Voter turnout — 74

Proposition 1
For — 59 — 81.94%
Against — 13 — 18.06%

Proposition 2
For — 65 — 89.04%
Against — 8 — 10.96%

Proposition 3
For — 52 — 71.23%

Proposition 4
For — 50 — 68.49%
Against — 23 — 31.51%

Proposition 5
For — 68 — 91.89%
Against — 6 — 8.11%

Proposition 6
For — 66 — 89.19%

Proposition 7
For — 64 — 86.49%
Against — 10 — 13.51%

Proposition 8
For — 64 — 86.49%
Against — 10 — 13.51%

Proposition 9
For — 42 — 56.76%

Against — 8 — 10.81%

Proposition 7
For — 63 — 85.14%
Against — 11 — 14.86%

Proposition 8
For — 64 — 86.49%
Against — 10 — 13.51%

Proposition 9
For — 42 — 56.76%

Against — 32 — 43.24%

Straw Vote
At-Large — 55 — 76.39%
By Wards — 17 — 23.61%

South Knoll School
Voter turnout — 388 — 16.77%

Proposition 1
For — 304 — 79.37%
Against — 79 — 20.63%

Proposition 2
For — 312 — 81.46%
Against — 71 — 18.54%

Proposition 3
For — 270 — 70.68%
Against — 112 — 29.32%

Proposition 4
For — 285 — 74.41%
Against — 98 — 25.59%

Proposition 5
For — 356 — 92.23%
Against — 30 — 7.77%

Proposition 6
For — 360 — 93.51%
Against — 25 — 6.49%

Proposition 7
For — 357 — 92.73%
Against — 28 — 7.27%

Proposition 8
For — 359 — 93.25%
Against — 26 — 6.75%

Proposition 9
For — 234 — 60.94%
Against — 150 — 39.06%

Straw Vote
At-Large — 232 — 69.88%
By Wards — 100 — 30.12%

A&M Consolidated
Voter turnout — 350 — 13.94%

Proposition 1
For — 255 — 68.98%
Against — 116 — 31.02%

Proposition 2
For — 255 — 68.18%
Against — 119 — 31.82%

Proposition 3
For — 231 — 62.60%
Against — 138 — 37.40%

Proposition 4
For — 229 — 61.39%
Against — 144 — 38.61%

Proposition 5
For — 306 — 82.04%
Against — 67 — 17.96%

Proposition 6
For — 314 — 83.96%
Against — 60 — 16.04%

Proposition 7
For — 296 — 80.43%
Against — 72 — 19.57%

Proposition 8
For — 310 — 83.33%
Against — 62 — 16.67%

Proposition 9
For — 180 — 48.91%
Against — 188 — 51.09%

Straw Vote
At-Large — 235 — 70.57%

By Wards — 98 — 29.43%

Fire Station
Voter turnout — 106 — 7.45%

Proposition 1
For — 82 — 78.10%
Against — 23 — 21.90%

Proposition 2
For — 83 — 79.05%
Against — 22 — 20.95%

Proposition 3
For — 71 — 67.62%
Against — 34 — 32.68%

Proposition 4
For — 67 — 64.42%
Against — 37 — 35.58%

Proposition 5
For — 94 — 88.68%
Against — 12 — 11.32%

Proposition 6
For — 91 — 86.67%
Against — 14 — 13.33%

Proposition 7
For — 92 — 86.79%
Against — 14 — 13.21%

Proposition 8
For — 88 — 86.27%
Against — 14 — 13.73%

Proposition 9
For — 61 — 58.65%
Against — 43 — 41.35%

Straw Vote
At-Large — 65 — 76.47%
By Wards — 20 — 23.53%

Proposition 1
For — 28 — 63.64%
Against — 16 — 36.36%

Proposition 2
For — 23 — 52.27%
Against — 21 — 47.73%

Proposition 3
For — 21 — 46.67%
Against — 24 — 53.33%

Proposition 4
For — 26 — 57.78%
Against — 19 — 42.22%

Proposition 5
For — 34 — 77.27%
Against — 10 — 22.73%

Proposition 6
For — 36 — 81.82%
Against — 8 — 18.18%

Proposition 7
For — 32 — 72.73%
Against — 12 — 27.27%

Proposition 8
For — 33 — 75.00%
Against — 11 — 25.00%

Proposition 9
For — 19 — 42.22%
Against — 26 — 57.78%

Straw Vote
At-Large — 11 — 27.50%
By Wards — 29 — 72.50%



Battalion staff photo by Steve Goble

The people speak

Engulfed but untouched by the bustle of vote-counting, College Station Mayor Larry Bravenec scrutinizes a precinct tally-sheet. The voters passed every bond issue — a total of \$12.8 million — with a 10.5 per cent turnout.

Final exams scheduled next week

Final examinations for the first summer session will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday. Each examination period lasts two hours.

Test Day and Hour Classes Meeting:

- Tuesday, 7 p.m. — 2-3:30
- Wednesday, 8 a.m. — 8-9:30
- Wednesday, 11 a.m. — 10-11:30
- Wednesday, 3 p.m. — 12-1:30

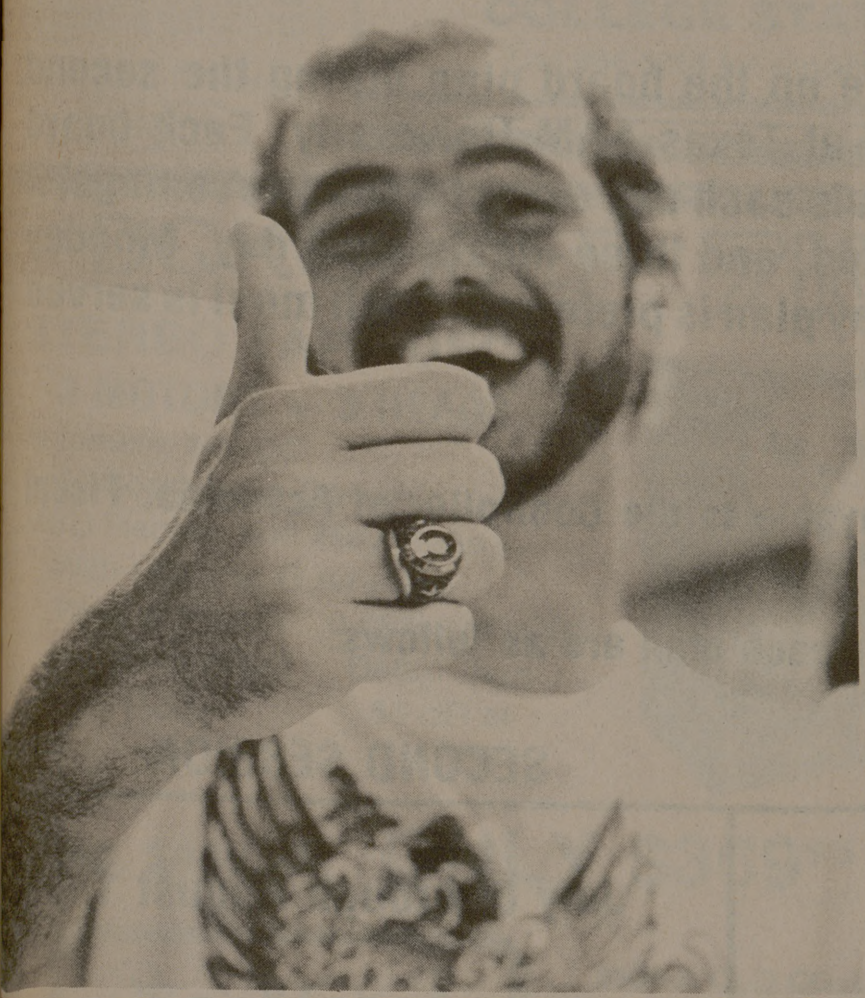
Civic Center Committee looking for information

The city of College Station's Civic Center Committee is seeking citizen input in determining desirable features for a facility which, among other uses, could serve as a meeting site for local groups.

Committee chairman Albert Pedulla has prepared a questionnaire which is being distributed to representatives of local clubs and other organizations known to have needs for facilities.

Any interested individual or representative of a group who does not receive a copy of the questionnaire in the mail this week can obtain one by calling the administrative office at city hall (846-8868), Pedulla said.

The questionnaire includes provisions for responses to such aspects as meeting rooms, auditorium, game/recreation



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Senior ring

Robin Bruno (Class of '76) is one of the 400 or so Aggies who got their senior rings Tuesday. Distribution of the year's largest ring shipment, ordered at mid-term this spring, began yesterday. In addition to the 400 rings they distributed over the counter, ring clerks Carolyn Wells and Lynn Scott mailed another 700 rings to out-of-town Aggies.

New students learn how it is

By LISA JUNOD
Battalion Campus Editor

Armed with shiny new student handbooks and armloads of collegiate propaganda, hundreds of newly recruited Aggies marched across the Texas A&M campus this week as they attended Freshman Orientation.

The eleventh of the fifteen new student conferences to be held this summer ended yesterday, and brought the total numbers of students attending to 3,083.

The orientation conferences, sponsored by the Academic Counseling Center, prepare students for the rigors of life at A&M by supplying them with information about everything from arranging apartment leases to applying for financial aid. The conferences last two days, and open with a general information meeting in Rudder Center Theater where students and parents are introduced to A&M history and traditions through the film, "That Certain Spirit."

The first evening's activities also include remarks by the Cadet Commander of the Corps and instruction in performing Aggie yells by Head Yell Leader Jim Bob Mickler. Each orientation crowd usually contains at least a few old Army Ags, but many of the new students are rather hesitant about bending over and putting their hands on their knees to belt out a healthy, "Farmers, fight!"

On the morning of the second day the students rise early to begin testing at Zachry Engineering Center. The placement tests in chemistry, biology and other freshman level subjects are administered by the Counseling and Testing division of the Academic Counseling Center. Some students take the tests seriously and study madly the night before to improve their performance. But more of them take advantage of an evening away from home rule in a college town, and take in the sights: Lakeview, a movie at the Grove, the MSC decorations.

Although some of the students attend orientation by themselves, a great many of them are accompanied by concerned parents. Occasionally, parents will even try to slip into the dorm rooms where their kids are staying, just to make sure that everything is all right. Certain students are grateful for such parental interest, but then there are always those who wander about campus, flanked by Mommy and Daddy, with sour looks on their faces and campus maps tucked discreetly under their arms.

Parental attendance is heavy at the student life meetings held during the afternoon of the second day. For these meetings, students are broken up into three categories: male students, female students and prospective Corps members of both sexes. In the meetings, the freshmen are indoctrinated more fully into life at Aggieland, with discussions on on- and off-campus housing, intercollegiate athletics and unique A&M terminology.

Karen Switzer, student development coordinator, conducts the student life orientations for entering freshman women. Switzer spends much of her time discussing housing arrangements for the students, and often reassures parents who sit and shuffle their feet and information packets, mumbling discontentedly about the housing shortage.

When the discussion switches to campus activities and organizations many students lean forward in their seats and take copious notes, excitedly planning the many activities they will become involved in. But Switzer tells freshmen not to get involved in too many activities, and warns them that their biggest problem will be choosing from among the wealth of activities offered at A&M.

Students and their parents also view a slide show produced by Student Services on Aggie traditions, and learn about the various services offered students at A&M. The slide show, accompanied by "The Spirit of Aggieland" and "Cotton-Eyed Joe," pictures students playing pushball in the practice field, pick-ups with fringed curtains and a cadet sleeping in the library.

After the general meeting students break up into small groups and talk with upperclassman volunteers about problems commonly faced by freshmen. Later in the evening all of the students and parents attend a meeting in Rudder Theater where they are told about fish camp and receive interpretations of their morning test scores.

The next morning the students meet with faculty advisors from one of the ten colleges and preregister for the fall semester. They also attend meetings sponsored by the individual colleges.

For some students orientation ends there, and they return to their homes until the semester begins. But wise new students purchase their textbooks and supplies early, avoiding the seemingly endless lines that will plague students in the fall semester by standing in equally long lines in the summer.

Each unit stands guard duty for three days once each semester. A fish can expect to see quite a bit of duty during his outfit's tour.

After preparing their cheery little holes, the fish get to spend lots of time there. All fish must be in their quarters studying after 7 p.m. each night. They are allowed out only for such purposes as a trip to the library or a help session. However, if one has been especially industrious and has earned it, he may be given a free night out by his unit.

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Corps 'fish' also oriented

By RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN
Battalion Managing Editor

Twenty-five young hopefuls joined the Corps Monday.

Ormond R. Simpson, assistant vice president for student services and retired Marine Corps general, welcomed the new cadets to Texas A&M. Speaking in the Memorial Student Center, Simpson talked about some of the history and traditions of the Corps of Cadets. He told the fish (as Corps freshmen are called) that they could be proud to be part of it.

After Simpson's address, during which he introduced Col. Thomas R. Parsons, the commanding officer of the Corps, and his staff, the recruits were divided into separate groups for Army, Air Force and Navy-Marine orientations. They got their first taste of military life as they took a loyalty oath and filled out forms.

Cadet upperclassmen then introduced themselves and gave the fish a view of what life will be like this fall. While explaining some of the rules and regulations by which

Any time a fish encounters a cadet upperclassman, he must come to attention and then introduce himself. He always refers to his superiors as either "sir" or "ma'am." If he isn't aware of it yet, he will soon learn that he is subservient to almost anything that breathes in the Quad.

After being told of all the things that they cannot do, and the few that they can, the Big Moment arrived. The eager young troops were led to the Military Procurement Center and fitted for uniforms. While many of the recruits appeared to have adopted a slightly bored attitude during the talks and tour, few could resist big grins and pleased comments as they tried on jackets, caps and combat boots. The cadets had arrived; they are now soldiers.

After years of decline, the Corps is growing once again. So far this year, 707 freshmen entering A&M have indicated, on their housing agreement cards, a desire to join the Corps. By the beginning of the fall semester, the number will exceed 850, according to Corps projections. Last fall, 551 freshmen chose the ROTC option. At the end of the last spring semester, the Corps numbered 1887. According to the projections, there will be more than 2,350 next spring. Three more units, two band and one Navy, will be added to the 39 already on campus.



Fit it tight

One of A&M's young new cadets tries on a saucer cap at the Military Procurement Center. Next, he will be fitted for a jacket, pants and combat boots. When he comes back in September, something will have to be done about that hair.