

The Battalion

Vol. 71 No. 76
14 Pages

Monday, January 16, 1978
College Station, Texas

News Dept. 845-2611
Business Dept. 845-2611

Inside Monday:

A chain reaction in Brazos County governments, p. 2.

"Close Encounters" in review, p. 5.

Texas A&M defeats SMU 78-71, p. 12.



Male dorm new home for women

By GLENNA WHITLEY
Battalion Staff

Billy Ellerbrock is caught in the middle. Visitation rules keep women from visiting him after hours in Hart Hall. But now he can't have male visitors after hours, either.

That's because 28 women now share F-ramp with Ellerbrock and his suitemate, who's the resident adviser assigned to the 28 women.

Promised rooms on campus by the Texas A&M University Housing Office, there was no room for the women when they arrived and they were placed in interim housing at Hart.

Kurt Luckinbill, a resident adviser at Hart, said Sunday the housing office overbooked the female housing, relying on previous percentages of no-shows to provide the needed rooms. No-shows are persons cancelling their dorm reservations or dropping out of the dorm.

Bernadette Platis, a junior education major from Houston, said she was told by a housing office spokesman that the women would be in Hart three days to one month. As no-shows are confirmed, the women will be placed in women's dorms on campus.

Housing officials were unavailable for comment.

All the women questioned said there were no problems as yet and that Hart residents seemed to be very helpful, even assisting them in moving in.

But, "You stick 28 girls in with 280 guys and you can imagine the problems," said Luckinbill.

One problem is the ban on male visitors and weekend guests for Ellerbrock.

"He's not complaining," Luckinbill said. "I don't think he'd switch that opportunity for anything."



With apprehension, Mrs. Vaughn Platis (left) helps her daughter Bernadette, a junior from Houston, move into Hart Hall. Because of the shortage of women's dorm rooms, the Housing Office temporarily assigned 28 girls to Hart Hall, a men's dorm.

Cowboys win Superbowl 27-10

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — The Dallas Cowboys, stirring memories of their Doomsday Defense of old, destroyed Denver's title dream Sunday by intercepting a record-tying four passes to capture the National Football League title with an error-filled 27-10 Super Bowl XII victory over the Broncos.

In a mistake-filled game that resembled a "Bloop Bowl" rather than a Super Bowl, the Cowboys broke things open on a 45-yard touchdown pass from Roger Staubach to Butch Johnson in the third period and went on to end the American Conference domination of the title game.

The Cowboys' second Super Bowl victory ended a string of five consecutive AFC triumphs in the title game and was only the fourth NFC victory in the 12 Super Bowls.

With Dallas leading 13-3 in the third period, the Cowboys put the game out of reach when Staubach launched a long pass down the middle from his 40 and Johnson, a reserve wide receiver from California-Riverside, made a spectacular, diving catch off his fingertips in the end zone.

The Cowboys added an insurance score midway through the final period after recovering the record 10th fumble of the game. Fullback Robert Newhouse took a pitchout and threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Golden Richards.

Denver roared back after the touchdown pass to Johnson when Rick Upchurch returned the kickoff a Super Bowl record 67 yards to the Dallas 26. Norris Weese, who replaced AFC Player of the Year Craig Morton two plays later, brought Denver to 20-10 deficit when he sent former Cowboy Jim Jensen 18 yards to the one on a fourth-and-one and rookie Rob Lyle went over for the score.

Neither club could mount any real offense after that with their primary offensive threats on the sidelines. The ineffective Morton, who became the first quarterback in Super Bowl history to be intercepted four times, remained on the bench,

while the Cowboys lost NFC Rookie of the Year Tony Dorsett with a knee sprain and quarterback Staubach with a hand injury.

Dorsett was injured late in the third period when he ran around right end and Staubach hurt his hand after he was sacked for the fifth time and fumbled. Punter

Danny White replaced Staubach until the former Heisman Trophy winner returned with four minutes to go in the game. Dorsett returned to the Dallas bench after being taped but saw no further action.

(See Superbowl, page 13)

Friends say final farewell to HHH

United Press International

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Thousands of friends said a final goodbye today to Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, champion of the underdog and a man President Carter called "the most beloved of all Americans."

Thousands of mourners filed by the flag-draped coffin of the Democratic "Happy Warrior" and former vice president Sunday night and early today in the rotunda of the Minnesota Capitol. A 75-year-old black woman, who said, "He meant everything to me," was first in line.

President Carter, Vice President Walter Mondale and former President Gerald Ford planned to join 3,000 persons at services at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul at 2 p.m.

The veteran of almost 30 years in Congress, who lost a courageous battle with cancer Friday night at the age of 66, asked a week before his death that the service be simple, in the style of a celebration "without eulogies."

"I've had enough eulogies for two lifetimes," the senator said.

Pastor Calvin W. Didier, a Humphrey friend, arranged the funeral, with remarks by Carter, Mondale and the Rev. Robert Schuler of the "hour of Power" television program. The music was to be provided by famous violinist Isaac Stern, pianist Eugene Istomin and opera star Robert Merrill.

Rabbi Max A. Shapiro of Minneapolis was to read the 8th Psalm: "O Lord, O Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth, who hast set Thy glory above the heavens..."

Roman Catholic Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul was to read the New Testament lesson from John 14: "...Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid..."

Humphrey will be buried in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, where he began his public service career as mayor in 1945 at the age of 34.

Mondale escorted Humphrey's body and the senator's widow, Muriel, and his immediate family to the Twin Cities aboard President Carter's personal plane late Sunday, following a round of goodbyes in Washington.

About 300 persons watched a military honor guard carry the coffin off the plane at the snowy airport. Temperatures were in the teens.

Mrs. Humphrey and the senator's four children, eight of his 10 grandchildren and two sisters were met by Gov. Rudy Perpich, the Minneapolis and St. Paul mayors and two old friends, Federal Judge Miles Lord and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

The body was taken to the state Capitol rotunda, decorated with floral wreaths from friends across the country, for an all-night vigil that began at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Peoples, 75, a black St. Paul resident, waited seven hours in the cold to be the first in line to pay her last respects.

"Such a wonderful man," she said. "He's done so many good things for the blacks and for everybody."

Eugene Svendsen pulled a stocking cap over his ears as he waited to enter the state Capitol and said, "I think we have a duty to be here and pay homage to a great man."

"I just felt I had to come," said a young secretary, Jane Sachs.

In Washington Sunday, an estimated 55,000 mourners filed past the wooden coffin in the rotunda of the nation's Capitol.

President Carter told those at a Capitol memorial service Humphrey was "the most beloved of all Americans... his greatest asset was that he really knew how to love."

Carter recalled how Humphrey always championed the cause of the underdog, the disadvantaged. Mrs. Humphrey sat next to the President during the memorial service, her hand tightly in his.

Mondale, Humphrey's former protegee and Senate colleague, said in a voice cracking with emotion that the senator "taught us all how to hope and how to love... how to live and finally... how to die."

Ward controversy starts up again

By RUSTY CAWLEY

Battalion City Editor

Don't look now. But an old controversy finding new life as College Station city officials near.

The controversy concerns the College Station ward system, an election plan instituted here two years ago.

The idea is simple enough. Split the city into six sections and allow each to elect one councilman to represent its interests.

But in a town as small as College Station, the critics say, the simplicity turns to complexity. The result is an unproductive, unnecessary gerrymander the voters find reprehensible.

That's what the critics say. And they have a point.

The ward system does have its supporters. They say the system provides equal representation throughout the city. And, they say, it gives minorities a chance to elect their own representatives without having to compete with the white masses.

Never mind that the council remains pure caucasian despite use of the ward system.

News analysis

tem last year. Never mind that incumbent councilmen were re-elected without a challenge.

Never mind. College Station voters installed the ward system in the 1976 city elections. The city councilmen didn't like the system from the start and did everything they could to ignore the inevitable.

First they took the election itself to court. Not officially, of course. But they did support former mayor Andy Anderson and 700 residents who filed a petition in 85th District Court.

Election ballots were vague and confusing, the petitioners said. They asked Judge Bill Davis to overturn the election. He refused.

Strike one.

Next the council made a half-hearted effort to design a system acceptable to themselves and to the Justice Department. And when the plan was finished it benefited none of those it was supposed to.

Not because the council was unwilling to help the city's minority voters, but because grouping them within a single ward is impossible.

Black and Chicano residents are scattered throughout the area.

Strike two.

And now here's the windup for what is hopefully the final pitch. The council told City Attorney Neeley Lewis in last Thursday's meeting to start drawing up an amendment for this year's election.

If approved, the amendment will bring back the old system of electing all six councilmen and the mayor on an at-large basis. And it would put the relatively new but battered ward system out of its misery.

Italians end 39th reign

United Press International

ROME — Italy's 39th postwar government, locked in a power struggle with the powerful Communist Party, will resign today. But, Premier Giulio Andreotti will be asked to form a new cabinet almost immediately, the state television reported.

Andreotti, 59, scheduled a final cabinet meeting today for his 17-month-old government following his Christian Demo-

cratic Party's rejection of the Communist demand for a reorganized government in which they would hold cabinet posts.

Andreotti and his ministers were expected to hand their resignations to President Giovanni Leone after the cabinet session. It has become a well-established ritual in a nation where the life of the average government since the end of World War II has been less than one year.

Political sources said a deal had already been worked out under which the Communists would back down on their demand for cabinet posts to avoid early general elections. All party leaders have said the election would be disastrous.

In reporting the imminent fall of Andreotti's government, the state television Sunday said that "barring the unforeseen"

the premier will be asked to form another cabinet Wednesday or Thursday.

The Christian Democrats hold 38.8 percent of Italian electors' votes, with the Communists a close second with 34.5 percent.

Andreotti survived for 17 months only because the Communists agreed not to vote against him and support him on a minimum emergency program.

Man kills 2 Florida students, injures 3 in pre-dawn attack

United Press International

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Police say the killer who killed two sleeping Florida University sorority sisters and injured three other coeds is "a very depraved young man who should turn himself in before he hurts anyone else."

Margaret Bowman, 21, and Lisa Levy, 20, both of St. Petersburg, were killed as

they slept in their Chi Omega sorority house rooms early Sunday.

The assailant was seen by one surviving victim and another coed, but Sheriff Ken Katsaris said he has no suspects.

The pre-dawn attack was described by police as vicious and senseless, with rape the apparent motive.

Katsaris said the autopsy report proved

one of the victims was raped, but was inconclusive as to the other. He would not say which one.

Sophomore Nita Jane Neary, 20, saw the fleeing intruder when she returned to the sorority house from a late date about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, just as one of the bloody victims staggered from her bedroom, screaming incoherently.

However, police spokesman Wayne Smith said the descriptions were "too general and too broad. It would probably identify half of Tallahassee if we tried a drawing."

Katsaris said the attacker apparently was a stranger to his victims. He theorized the man found a side door unlocked, walked in, and looked into several second-floor bedrooms before finding one in which a single girl was sleeping.

Two others who survived the attack — Karen Chandler of Tallahassee and Kathy Kleiner, 21, of Miami — were listed in satisfactory condition in Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

The fifth victim — Cheryl Ann Thomas, 22, of Richmond, Va., a sophomore dance major — was beaten unconscious in duplex apartment six blocks from the sorority house. She was hospitalized in critical condition.

Police linked the two attacks because of their similarity.



Ouch!

Writing checks to pay for spring semester classes is a pain in the pocketbook. But it's also a prerequisite for picking up class schedules, and these

Texas A&M students waited in line last week to pay up.

Battalion photo by Susan Webb