By Mark Patterson

The voters of Texas deserve a horse laugh



The cost of a football game

Try to remember, if you can or if you haven't blocked it out of your memory completely, the afternoon of Nov. 26, 1977. Can't remember?
Well, that was the day when the \$135 was spent and for two gate em-Longhorns of Texas stampeded into Kyle Field and won a football game by a score of 57-28 over the Texas

Aggies.

Many fans remember that particular game, but few have ever thought about how much it cost to total of \$668.01.

For printing tickets for the game, \$2,185.40 was paid to printers Weldon, Williams and Lick. stage the event.

According to Wally Groff, assistant athletic director of business affairs, the game cost the Texas A&M athletic department a total of

Most of the expenses went to pay people hired for the game. Of these people, the game officials got the most money. Many Aggie fans feel that the officials didn't really detailed.

The stadium instead of two, which will mean more employees. Also, the Aggies will hope for a large clean-up expense.

Bryan police department. The College Station auxiliary police, used Texas; however, the athletic department did pay \$2,193 to the Southwest Conference for their services. The conference then paid the ices. The conference then paid the officials an average salary of Last but not least was the

A&M also had 80 hired people to A&M spent \$2,121.38.

an electrician got \$17.50 and a lostand-found person got \$15.

The press box crew, who get a

free barbeque dinner after the game, got a total of \$64.

Bryan police received \$345 more with College Station police getting a

game, got a total of \$64.

Then there was the scoreboard operator. He got \$40.

For the seven first aid people creased by \$314.75.

\$135 was spent and for two gate employees another \$27 was paid. Also, 14 regular employees, secretaries, ticket sellers and the field crew got a total of \$668.01.

Because of the large crowd at the game, an additional 5,000 seats had to be rented. A&M spent \$2,900 for the sideline seats. This problem will be alleviated in 1979, however, as Texas A&M is adding more perma-

lege Station auxiliary police, used for traffic control, got \$355.

Last but not least was the expense for cleaning up the stadium. For this

the Kentucky Derby Saturday handle the ushering services. The ushers got an average salary of \$13.10 with total salaries amounting game in Kyle Field and the amount poured more than \$10 million of people needed. The total cost for the 1975 Texas game at Kyle Field was \$13,274.40, which is \$388.04 a new Derby record.
The 131,004 fans at Churchill For the 45 ticket grabbers at the gates, A&M paid a total of \$681.75, for an average salary of \$15.15 per the 1975 Texas game at Kyle Field was \$13,274.40, which is \$388.04 less than the amount expended this Downs bet \$10,336,443 on races, breaking the old mark of \$8,811,486

In addition, three ticket sellers received \$21 apiece, two elevator operators together earned \$67.25, an electrician got \$17.50 and a local selectrician got \$17.50 and a loca \$484 over the two year period. Ticket prices went up \$330.13. Wage employees got \$606.76 more,

weekend at the polls. For the fourth time in 10 years the people of this great state of ours have denied citizens the joy of having a new sport come to the state. Now I enjoy watching a variety of sports, ranging from polo to backgammon, but I don't think

there is another pasttime more enjoyable than watching a beautiful animal thundering around an oval track. Especially when my money is riding on the outcome of the race But the thing that makes me mad

enough to chew horse-shoes is the thought that most of the people who voted against pari-mutuel betting for our state have probably never seen a horse race and enjoyed its

Horseracing should be a part of this state's attractions for a multitude of reasons. Not only from the money point of view but just for the simple fact of letting people do something they want to without hav-ing to drive to one of the neighboring states to do it.

I think the most ridiculous reason presented by the forces opposing the adoption of the pari-mutuel issue in this state is that the horseracing business is run by the underworld and its existence would

promote underworld activity. That's a lot of horse manure. The horse racing industry is one of the most regulated gambling outfits in the country. All wagers, money spent and winnings paid out are controlled and recorded by computers. There are no possible ways puters. There are no possible ways for the underworld to control the winners and losers of a race. That's up the the riders and horses them-

The controls placed upon the horseracing industry ought to be extended to other facets of the sporting world. If you don't think there is gambling going on in the other legal sports of our state, you're as back-

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The voters of the state of Texas got another chance to let their narrow-minded views be know this wards as your vote to disallow horse racing in Texas.

In this football-crazy state, need I

In this football-crazy state, need I point out the Paul Hornung case or the Alex Karras case to support the theory that gambling exists in foot-

But just from the simple view of added revenue for the state, Texans' money ought to stay in Texas, not Louisiana, Arkansas or New

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Mexico. The projected figure of \$300 million would have been brought into the state if the referendum would have passed.

Going into this year's primary the

Going into this year's primary the professional horseracing people thought they had a good shot of having the bill approved by the voters. But again the rural backwoods people of the state said no.

"I really had only been thinking about fvictory plans," said Charles Hangack searchers treasurer of the

Hancock, secretary-treasurer of the Texas Horseracing Association, Inc. "I thought we had an outstanding chance to win it this time.

They would have if the Democrats and the country folk would have voted in support of the bill. The Republicans split in their support of the proposal while the urban voters were in support of legaliza-

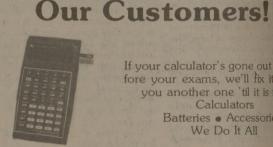
And the scapegoat for the losers, as they have been the last times the pari-mutuel betting bill has come before the voters of the state, are the Southern Baptists. Voting in a block the religious group has dictated what will transpire throughout the entire state

The one thing that the bill had going for it this time was the option that the communities would have in allowing the betting to exist. It was to be each community's option to allow the horses in the area. Now it

aside our dreams of ever seeing the Texas Derby being run for the yellow roses. And we can say goodbye to the companies that might have chosen our state to hold their annual

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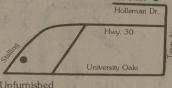
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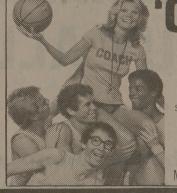
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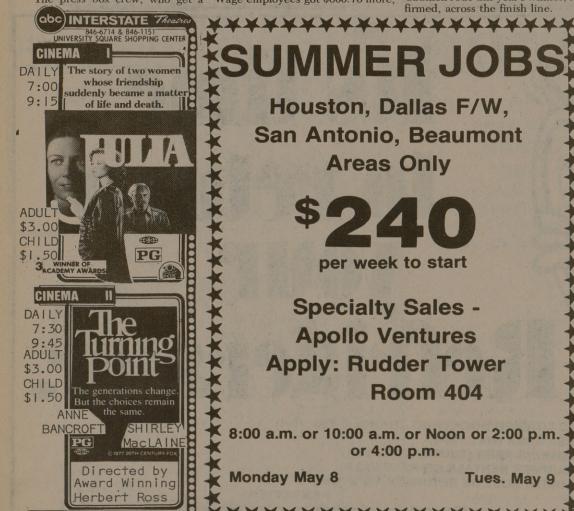
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stadium went down \$106.60. Groff

said this was due to the condition of

the stadium, so it seems when the Aggies win, as they did two years

ago, their fans make more of a mess

The next time Texas plays at Kyle Field, in 1979, these expenses will have gone up, partly due to increasing prices and also because there will be three levels on each side of the stadium instead of two, which

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