

# Owens placed on ballot

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W.R. "Bill" Owens, Republican nominee for Brazos County sheriff, officially on the ballot for the Nov. 6 general election.

County Clerk Frank Boriskie said that Dr. Charles Squire, who resigned his post as party chairman after a heated meeting last night, entered Owens' name shortly after 3 p.m. Thursday - the last day a candidate could be submitted for inclusion on the ballot.

The certification culminates a month-long controversy within the local Republican party in choosing a nominee for sheriff.

Owens became the lone contender for the position after Republican executive committee learned that unsuccessful Democratic sheriff candidates were not eligible to cross party lines. Owens, who has run for the sheriff's post four times, was elected on a 4-1 vote by the committee Sept. 18. But Squire did not cer-

tify the vote with the county clerk's office.

Squire said that after investigation, he found some statements made by Owens at that meeting to be either false or based on hearsay, and he called a special meeting Wednesday night to reconsider Owens' nomination.

He met stiff opposition from committee members who said the meeting was in violation of the Open Meetings Law, and that Owens could not be reconsidered under parliamentary rules.

The committee voted to adjourn the meeting without reconsidering the nomination, and Squire announced his resignation.

There was speculation Thursday that Squire would not meet the deadline to certify Owens. County Judge William Vance told committee members he would allow one of them to file the nomination Thursday afternoon if Squire failed to enter Owens' name with the county clerk.

Squire did certify Owens, and in doing so apparently ended possible legal action against himself and the Brazos County Republican party.

Owens had threatened suit to have his name put on the ballot, and added he would also take legal action against Squire for slander. He said those statements which Squire said misled the committee were in answer to loaded questions.

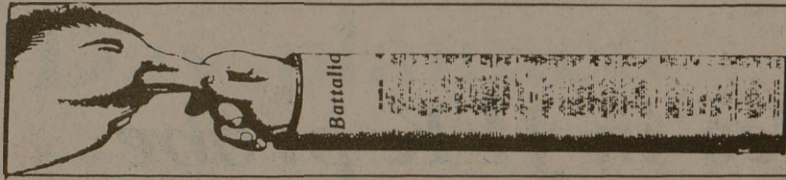
Owens said Thursday he would drop consideration of any legal action if no further statements were made against him by Squire.

"It's taken a while, but Mr. Squire did finally get in under the deadline," Owens said after learning of his certification for the ballot. "I certainly appreciate it."

"My main concern is for the party and the other members of the executive committee," he said. "I hope they can elect another chairman that will carry on the party and make it a real two-party county."

Brazos County Republican co-chairman Annette McMullen said Thursday she did not know what will become of the party's leadership position. She said there was some confusion as to whether she is now leading the local Republican contingent, or if her appointment as co-chairman ended with Squire's resignation.

McMullen said she and other committee members are in the process of talking with party leaders in Austin about the problem, and will call another executive committee meeting next week to plan the group's leadership.



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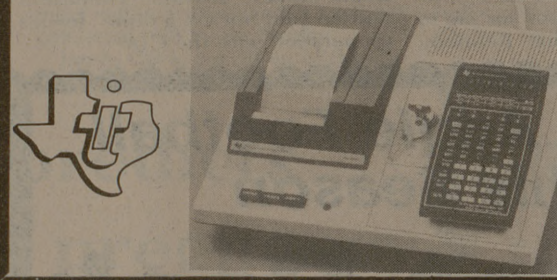
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## Regents soon to get athletic dorm study

A feasibility study to determine whether an athletic dormitory for women will be constructed is near completion.

According to Wally Groff, assistant director for business affairs for Texas A&M University, the study will end "soon." Its findings will be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

A modular dorm similar to Wofford Cain Hall, but with no dining room, is being planned, Groff said. The proposed two- to three-story structure will house 120 scholarship holders.

Members of the study group went to Abilene Christian University in early August to view that school's new women's athletic dorm.

Alumnus Don Morris also went with the committee. Morris and his wife contributed in excess of \$400,000 in stocks toward the building last year.

One plan calls for the structure to be built in the open space near the All Faiths Chapel and Beutel Health Center, but an alternate spot may be chosen by the board of regents.

## Rail clerk strike hits Texas lines

United Press International

Effects of a nationwide rail stoppage by railway clerks are being felt on most major Texas railroads with only the Southern Pacific line and Missouri-Pacific Railroad, a major freight hauler, operating unhampered.

Train service Wednesday was curtailed from the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle and in the three major metropolitan areas of Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and San Antonio by the wildcat walkout.

Picketing by members of the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks was spotty late Wednesday but hundreds of other union members refused to cross picket lines, forcing supervisory personnel to operate freight trains with skeleton crews.

Picket signs had gone down earlier in the day at some rail centers across the state following the issuance of federal court orders but picketers, apparently choosing to ignore the court orders, were back in place later in many areas.

"They're still on the Cotton Belt," said Joe Bart, public relations director for that railroad and Southern Pacific Wednesday night, "but they never have been and still aren't any on Southern Pacific."

Spokesmen for Santa Fe, Missouri-Kansas-Texas, Kansas City Southern and Cotton Belt Railroads said late Wednesday picketing, which stopped several hours during the day, had resumed along their lines.

"We're closed down tightly all up

and down the line, from Kansas City to New Orleans, Kansas City to Beaumont-Port Arthur, and Dallas to Shreveport," said a spokesman for Kansas City Southern in Houston. They have ignored the (court) petitions. They took down the picket signs during talks with the secretary of labor, but they put them back up at mid-afternoon.

In Fort Worth, a spokesman for Fort Worth & Denver said late Wednesday night service had been interrupted but that pickets had not appeared "and still aren't up in Fort Worth."

Why certain railroads were being struck and others not in the massive walkout in sympathy over a dispute with the Norfolk & Western Railroad over job security was not clear to railroad officials, nor BRAC district general manager T.C. Brown in Houston.

Bart said a picket sign carried at Pine Bluff later in the day said, "Support BRAC on Strike Against N&W" and accused the Cotton Belt of financially aiding the Norfolk and Western Railway against the union.

A MKT official in Fort Worth said that line also was being struck from Dallas-Fort-Worth to Waco, Houston, Galveston and San Antonio, and a Dallas and Fort Worth Railroad official in Fort Worth said its service was struck from Galveston to Texline, north of Amarillo, although no pickets were visible at the Fort Worth headquarters.

Santa Fe also was being struck across the state from Amarillo to Houston.

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