

GOP invited to Dallas

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DALLAS — The Republican Party has been officially invited by the city of Dallas to hold its 1980 national convention in Texas' second largest city.
City council members last week voted unanimously to extend a formal invitation to the GOP but

specified by resolution that no city funds be expended to meet special service requirements of the political gathering.
City officials have estimated that rental fees and construction requirements for converting the Dallas Convention Center exhibit hall for party delegates would cost at

least \$300,000.
Council members agreed those costs should be covered through private fund-raising rather than through commitment of tax money.
Another Texas city, Houston, is said to be a top contender — along with Detroit — to host the 1980 Democratic Party's convention.

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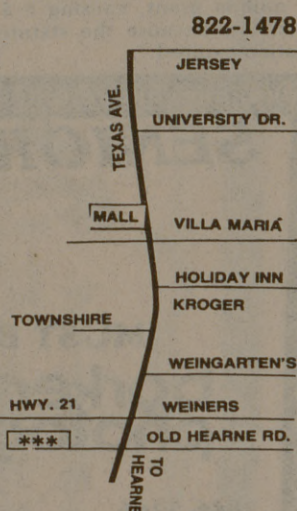
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ARS is great, but too loud

By SCOTT PENDLETON
Battalion Staff

The Atlanta Rhythm Section plays some of the best music to travel the airwaves.

The performers are superior. The songs are supreme.

The fact is that ARS has become one of the country's outstanding bands, demonstrating a versatility of lyric and melody rivaling that of the Eagles. Yet they didn't please many Aggies in C. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday night. Why?

Because their music was too loud. Did I say "loud"? My eardrums

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were blistered. Sitting through that concert was as fun as being nude in a sandstorm.

What made the concert tolerable was that the forgettable opening act, Mose Jones, was even louder. Thus, ARS was quieter by comparison (or else I was becoming increasingly deaf).

ARS opened its act on a soothing note. While the audience waited for the stage lights to come up, music from "Gone with the Wind" played over the public address system. This was just the trick to make the audience receptive.

Then the lights came up and ARS launched into "Sky High." It isn't one of the group's better known songs, but then no one ever expects a hit right off the bat.

Third in the set was "I'm Not Gonna Let It Bother Me Tonight,"

followed shortly by "Champagne Jam" and "So Into You."

The audience should have been delirious. But even these hole cards failed to enthuse the Aggies.

The aforementioned audio level was most of the problem.

Lead singer Ronnie Hammond also made a protocol error when he dedicated the song "Imaginary Lovers" to former tea-sip Farrah Fawcett-Majors.

The relative coolness of the audience wasn't lost on the band. During an early song that was tailing out in a long instrumental, Hammond interpreted the quietness of the audience as a bad sign. He whispered to lead guitarist Barry Bailey, who quickly wrapped up the number.

Hammond also told the crowd that though the band was going to obey the onstage rules, (he had earlier made fun of the stage rule against liquor by taking a drink from a plastic cup and then informing the audience that it was "Perrier water"), the audience didn't have to be so "nice." Other band members were bothered by the audience's inertia.

"I just wished they hadn't been so suppressed," rhythm guitarist "J.R." Hammond mused after the concert.

The audience certainly wasn't "suppressed" all the time. Drummer Robert Nix, back from a hospital stay which caused several concerts to be cancelled, performed a phenomenal duet with bass guitarist



Lead singer Ronnie Hammond of the Atlanta Rhythm Section performs — loudly — for Aggies.

Paul Goddard. This was the high water mark of the concert; G. Rollie trembled from the stomping feet.

Nevertheless, ARS even cut "Rocky Raccoon," the first number of their encore, short. After "Tall Sally," which spotlighted keyboard skills of Dean D...

Sunday afternoon at the races

Amateur bikers run well

By PAT DAVIDSON
Battalion Reporter

Bicycles had the right-of-way on the streets surrounding the Drill Field Sunday afternoon during the

student and faculty bike races sponsored by the Texas A&M University cycling team.

Five races were run. The first was for men experienced in riding, but

who are not fast, said Rick Denney, a member of the cycling team. Seventeen men entered the race, which was 10 laps around the half-mile course. Craig Sanders, winner of the race, said he had never raced before.

The second race, five laps around the Drill Field, was for women.

"I just did it for grins," said Angel Copeland, who finished first. "My boyfriend is on the cycling team and does the serious racing."

Copeland, a member of the Texas A&M track team, said she might race seriously some next year.

The third race was for faster, more serious men. It was 12 laps.

"I just did it for laughs," said Dan Harrison, first-place finisher.

"Actually, I'm a tourist and this is good training," he said. Harrison is a reference librarian.

Another tourist, Nor Meyer, finished second. At 34, he said he figured he was the oldest participant.

Touring, Meyer said, is self-paced riding. It can be anything from short rides to overnight sight-seeing, he said.

The fourth race was an open category.

"The open category is for licensed riders or for those who think they can compete with licensed riders," Denney said. "They can beat us, we'll sign them."

The United States Cycling Federation, an amateur organization that rules the sport of bicycling, licenses cyclists for competition sanctioned races, Denney said.

John "Thunder-Thighs" Simmons finished first.

"When he (Simmons) goes on his sprint, no one can touch him," Mike Fuller, second place finisher, said.

Gene Kraft, president of the A&M cycling team, said the races are to get people interested in racing.

Harrison said the bike race for the cycling team recruit program is a series of developmental races, however, cycling team that are similar to the one that...

Trophies were given to first finishers in each race. Second finishers received ribbons.

Grandfather hoping to scale mountain

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DENVER — With only his sleeping bag, camera and hopes, I.W. Strong, 63, took off to climb the world's highest mountain, 29,028-

foot Mount Everest. "It's something I've wanted while I'm still in good health," said Strong, a grandfatherly figure, undeterred by his lack of climbing experience. "They say when the adrenalin gets to you you can do a lot."

Strong, an engineer who has experience with mountain climbing, was on a 14,000-foot peak in Colorado, wants to be the oldest climber to reach the peak.

He said he will make the climb with 14 other climbers through Sherpa Cooperative in Nepal. He left Denver for Kathmandu Friday and will continue to Thailand and India, and meet the rest of his party in Kathmandu.

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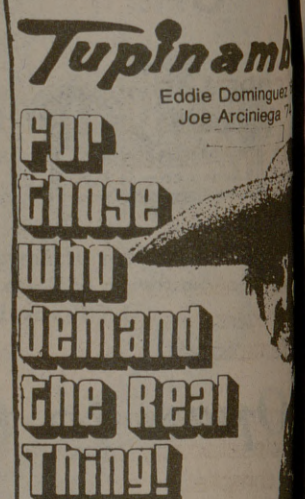


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