

Officials react to Tate's resignation

The unanswered question: Why?

By RITCHIE PRIDDY

private sector.

University officials have expressed regret over the sudden resignation of Marvin Tate as Texas A&M athletic director, but Head Coach Tom Wilson says the shake-up won't affect the football game Saturday.

Tate, 48, submitted his resignation Thursday to enter private business.

"It is with mixed emotions that I submit my resignation," Tate said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my relationship with the A&M faculty, staff, students and former students and all of the athletes and coaches here. At the same time I feel that the dynamic Bryan-College Station area offers tremendous business opportunities."

The Texas A&M Athletic Council, meeting Thursday afternoon, said it had received Tate's resignation and approved it. Dr. Charles Samson, chairman of the Athletic Council, said the council accepted his resignation and wished him the best of luck in his business ventures.

The council expressed its appreciation to Marvin. "We've appreciated his dedication to his job and the University,"

University President Frank E. Vandiver said he has received Tate's resignation and wished him well in the

"While I have not known Mr. Tate over a long period," Vandiver said, "I do know that he has been associated with Texas A&M's athletic program during a period of unparalleled growth — particularly in terms of physical facilities, fiscal affairs and expanded programs — and he has obviously played a major role in these activities. I am sure I speak for everyone interested in the University's athletic program, Aggies and other fans alike, in expressing gratitude for his service over the years."

Wilson said he was shocked at Tate's decision to step down.

"I was shocked and disappointed," Wilson said. "We've had a close working relationship and we're personal friends."

Asked if Tate's resignation would have any effect on the team this Saturday, Wilson replied: "I should hope that it wouldn't affect the team at all. Marvin wasn't doing the coaching."

David Bandy, senior center for the Aggies said that Tate's resignation would not have any detrimental effect on the team.

"It won't affect us at all. We're playing for the school, not for just one man," he said.

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Everyone knows Marvin Tate resigned as Texas A&M's athletic director. What no one knows is why.

Or, if they know, they won't say on the record. Numerous high-placed University and System officials are talking off the record, and they all are confirming the same story: some person or persons gave Tate two options, resign or be fired.

Action such as removal of the athletic director should be taken by members of the University's Athletic Council. However, Council Chairman Charles H. Samson said council members knew nothing of Tate's resignation prior to his announcement Thursday.

A good place to start looking for the people behind the resignation is the Board of Regents. History shows that this is not the first time someone has resigned because of pressure from the board. Three such incidents have occurred in the past three years:

— former Chancellor Jack K. Williams resigned in January 1979 after Regent Royce Wisenbaker of Tyler demanded that he be fired

— former President Jarvis Miller suddenly was dismissed from his position in July 1980 after losing a power struggle with System officials

— former Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Emory Bellard resigned suddenly three years ago, after Miller received criticism from Wisenbaker and others about the Texas Aggie football team.

One University official said Tuesday that he knew regents had discussed Tate's resignation earlier this week. "I know there's been some concern (among University officials) about a lack of direction in the athletic department," he said.

Another official confirmed the same, saying Tate was "allowed" — by the board — to resign.

Names of two particular regents have surfaced repeatedly in discussions of Tate's resignation: Board

Analysis

Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright of Dallas and Wisenbaker.

One source named Bright and Wisenbaker, saying: "They didn't like Marvin."

One disgruntled board member said not only that Bright was behind Tate's resignation, but also that he instigated it — without consulting other board members. Asking the athletic director to resign is not subject to approval by the full board, he said, "as long as you have the top man in there."

However, Bright and his fellow board members patently have denied any involvement with Tate's resignation.

Bright said he first found out about Tate's resignation Tuesday afternoon when a Dallas sportswriter called to ask if he knew anything about it. Bright said he told the reporter he didn't and that he had no reaction to it.

"The Board of Regents do not, should not and will not get into the assignment of personnel in the University," he said.

Wisenbaker also denied involvement. "I had nothing to do with it," he said, "and I don't want to comment on it."

If the regents were not the ones behind Tate's resignation, one might speculate that newly appointed President Frank E. Vandiver initiated the resignation. However, no sources have implicated Vandiver in any way.

Prominent alumnus Keith Langford, Class of '39, reached an obvious conclusion.

"I have no earthly idea what happened," he said. "The board said the board's not behind it. Vandiver said he's not behind it, and I'm not behind it. Obviously, somebody is lying."

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The Weather

Today

Tomorrow

High	90	High	90
Low	70	Low	68
Chance of rain	10%	Chance of rain	10%

Jury returns manslaughter conviction

By RANDY CLEMENTS

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Joel Ancieto Quintans, charged with the capital murder of Frederick Axel Youngberg IV, was convicted of the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter Thursday. The seven-woman, five-man jury deliberated seven hours before rendering the verdict.

However, 272nd District Court Judge Bradley Smith sequestered the jury until 9 a.m. today at which time they are scheduled to begin deliberations to assess punishment.

As the verdict was read, Quintans, hands clasped in front of him, sat motionless with a fixed gaze at Smith.

Quintans' parents sighed with relief as the jury said Quintans was not guilty of the capital murder and murder charges, but quieted and lost all expression when the voluntary manslaughter verdict was read.

Youngberg's father, holding his wife's hands, closed his eyes, lowered his head and then shook it as the verdict was read.

The verdict was returned following four hours of closing arguments by Quintans' defense attorneys, Doug Mulder and Roland Searcy and the prosecuting attorney, Travis Bryan III.

Mulder questioned the validity of Quintans' confession statement, given to Robert E. Wiatt, special investigator for the district attorney, saying it was shortened and put in Wiatt's words.

In earlier testimony Wiatt admitted

shortening the statement but said if he had not it would have been 400 pages long.

Mulder did not accept Wiatt's excuse. "If they are going to crucify the boy based on his statement," he said, "at least have the common decency and fairness to have it in the boy's own words."

"There are no degrees of fairness. It's like being pregnant or dead; you either are or aren't."

In an attempt to back up Quintans' claim of self-defense, Mulder stressed testimony which indicated Youngberg was violent.

Quintans testified last week that Youngberg threatened him with a knife. They struggled and in self-defense, he said, he grabbed the victim's hand which was holding the weapon and made him stab himself 24 times.

"The prosecution must prove by the ... evidence given, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Joel Quintans did not act in self-defense," Mulder said.

Bryan set out to do just that, arguing that Quintans lied to police several times and tried to cover up his actions.

"Every time he gets caught in a lie, he is just like a quarterback with an option — he pitches out until he gets caught again," Bryan said.

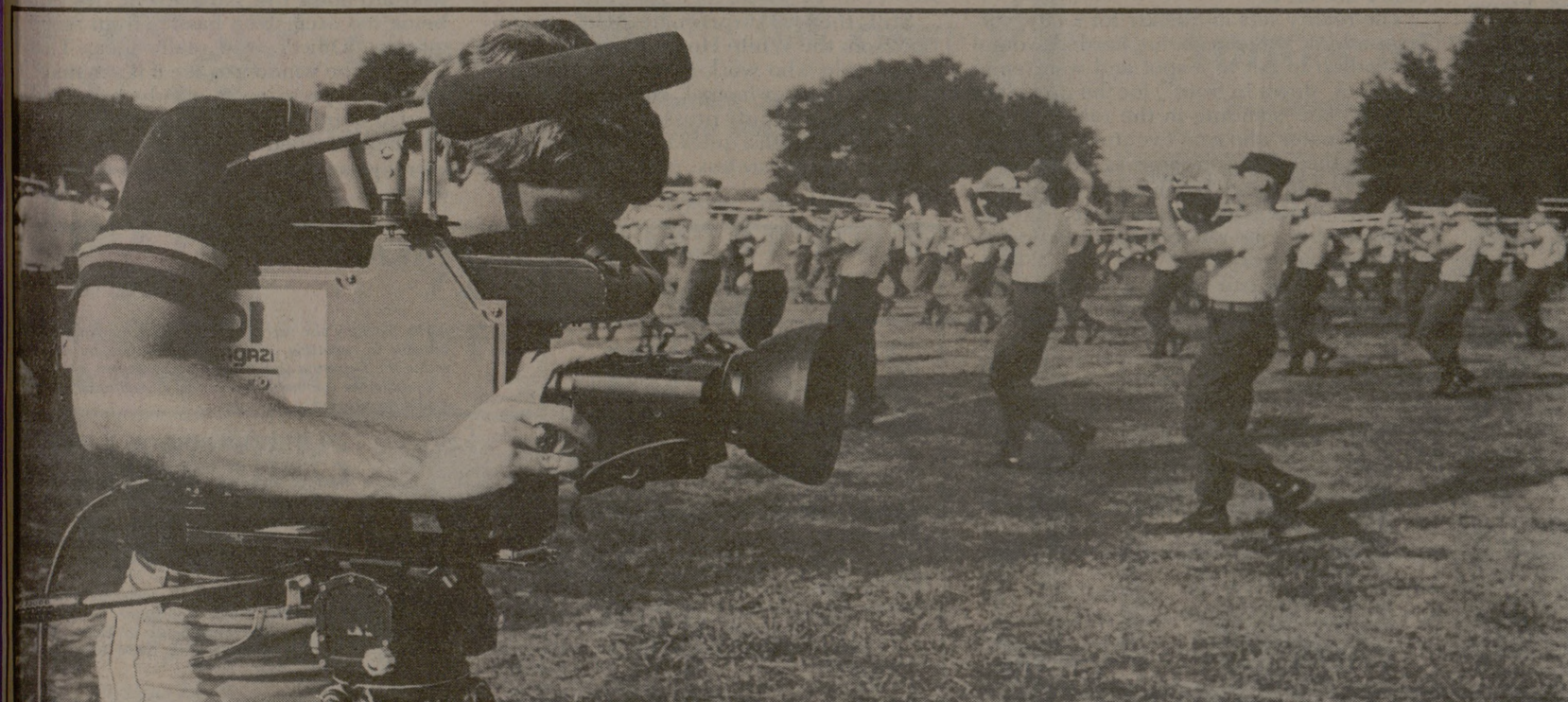
"This man (Quintans) reminds me of a panther — strong, quick, calm, with a lust for tearing. He's cool and cunning, and it's going to take common sense to see through his story."



Staff photo by Becky Swanson

Jurors for the Joel Quintans trial prepare to leave the Brazos County Courthouse for their hotel where they were sequestered until this

morning. Brazos County sheriff's deputies drove the jurors to their hotel.



Staff photo by Dave Einsel

PM Magazine

John Morris, a weekend sports anchorman for Channel 10 in Waco, films the Texas Aggie Band Thursday on the drill field behind the MSC for an upcoming PM Magazine broadcast. But

during Saturday's Texas A&M-Louisiana Tech football game, it will be the yell leaders in the spotlight as Channel 8 in Dallas is planning to film the five cadets for another broadcast.

CS law allows alcoholic drinks at park activities

By BELINDA McCOY

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Selling alcoholic beverages in College Station city parks is now legal as long as the alcoholic beverages are sold by organizations to their members at park gatherings and as a package item with food.

The College Station City Council Thursday night revised an ordinance which regulates the conduct of city park users, allowing alcoholic beverage permits to be issued by city staff members to organizations planning activities in city parks.

The sale of beer — which council members said would probably constitute the majority of alcohol consumed in the parks — will be limited to members of the organizations, and the sale must be incidental to food consumption, according to the revisions.

The revisions also gave the parks and recreation staff the responsibility for issuing permits to vendors, such as snow cone and ice cream concession stand owners, who wish to operate on city park property.

In other business, the council instructed city staff to begin a contract study for the construction of a third city water well. At the present, the city has lease contracts for two water wells and has access options to a third well owned by Texas A&M University.

The University, however, charges the city a higher fee for water usage than a well company would charge the city, North Bardell, city manager, said.

He said a third city well would also help eliminate the possibility of another summer water shortage similar to the one encountered this summer.

The council also approved the construction of a concert pavilion in Central Park. Plans were presented to the council in a workshop session Wednesday for an amphitheater-like hall with berms (grassy hills) which aid in acoustics.

Construction on the pavilion, which may cost as much as \$100,000, will be put up for bid, Bardell said. The pavilion will be used for outdoor presentations like concerts and theatrical shows.