



Put it in the pocket

staff photo by Bill Schulz

Leroy Kinman, the National Intercollegiate Pocket Billiard Champion, from 1949-1951, explains one of his

trick shots. Kinman will be in the Memorial Student Center again today from one to five p.m.

Campus editor positions open

Applications are being accepted for the summer and fall editorships of The Battalion and for the 1983-84 editorship of the Aggield '84.

Application forms are available in the Student Publications Office, 216 Reed McDonald, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Completed applications must be returned to Dr. Edward Smith, chairman of the Student Publications Board, in 301 Reed McDonald by April 1.

The Battalion summer editor will serve from May 18 through August 29. The Battalion fall editor will serve from May 2 through May 11 and from August 30 through Dec. 9.

Qualifications for editor of The Battalion include a 2.0 overall GPR at the time of taking office and during the term of office. At least one year of experience in a responsible Battalion editorial position or on a

comparable student newspaper or on a commercial newspaper is required.

At least 12 hours of journalism courses — including Journalism 203 and 204, Reporting and Editing I and II — or the equivalent may be substituted for the experience requirement. The 12 hours also must include completion of Journalism 402, Mass Media Law, or enrollment in that course during the first semester served.

Aggield '84 editor will serve for the full academic year 1983-84 until the final pages of the book are completed.

Qualifications for Aggield '84 editor are a 2.0 overall GPR and a 2.0 major GPR at the time of taking office and during the term of office. At least one year in a responsible staff position on the Aggield or equivalent yearbook experience elsewhere also is required.

Felons to get vote restored under bill

United Press International
AUSTIN — Felons who have completed their imprisonment would have their voting rights restored under a bill that has cleared a House committee.

Members of the House Elections Committee voted 7-2 — along Democrat-Republican lines, respectively — Tuesday in favor of the measure which has failed in previous legislative sessions to gain either final House passage or the governor's signature.

Rep. El Franco Lee, D-Houston, told the committee his bill would "give a second chance to those people who have paid their debt to society." The measure also drew support from the League of Women Voters of Texas.

"We just think it's extremely unfair that a person once convicted should be forever punished," said League spokesman Lois Carpenter, who termed current law "vindictive."

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Police accused of brutal acts

United Press International
DALLAS — Seven New Orleans policemen illegally jailed and beat blacks who were potential witnesses to the slaying of a fellow officer, and took two of them to an isolated wooded area where they were threatened with guns, the government contends.

Prosecutors will present their first witness today in the federal civil rights trial of the officers, all of whom are white.

In her opening statement, attorney Linda Hagerty of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division described a nightmarish sequence of unconstitutional acts she said followed the shooting death of patrolman Gregory Neupert on Nov. 8, 1980, in the Algiers section of the city.

The government's chief witness will be New Orleans homicide Detective Oris Buckner, a 10-year veteran of the force. Buckner, who is black, has been granted immunity from prosecution for his testimony that he saw and participated in some of the alleged beatings.

"Oris Buckner will identify the detectives who beat (Robert) Davis and (Johnny) Brownlee," said Ms. Hagerty.

"Mr. Davis was tied to a chair, he was hit many times over the head with a large book and he had a bag placed over his head to cut off his air."

Ms. Hagerty said Brownlee suffered the same mistreatment, known among New Orleans

police officers as "beating, bagging and booking," and that both men were held in custody more than 12 hours, although neither was charged with any crime.

She said both men had witnessed events related to Neupert's death, but neither had the kind of information police wanted, such as the names of Neupert's killers. Those killers have never been found.

The most terrifying part of the men's ordeal, she said, came when they were taken to a secluded wooded area southwest of Algiers where, on an old, broken-down bridge, they were threatened with guns.

"Brownlee was told he would be shot and had a shot fired behind his head," Ms. Hagerty said. After that, both men gave police tape-recorded statements.

"The police later gave Johnny Brownlee \$1,000 for the names and information that they had forced him to give them."

"They (the policemen) were willing to take whatever evidence they could get by any means," Ms. Hagerty said.

Brownlee and Davis each have filed suit against the city of New Orleans for \$3.65 million, plus \$1 million in punitive damages and attorney's fees. Brownlee's wife has sued for \$2.3 million, plus \$750,000 punitive damages and attorney's fees, and is asking for an additional \$300,000 for their son.

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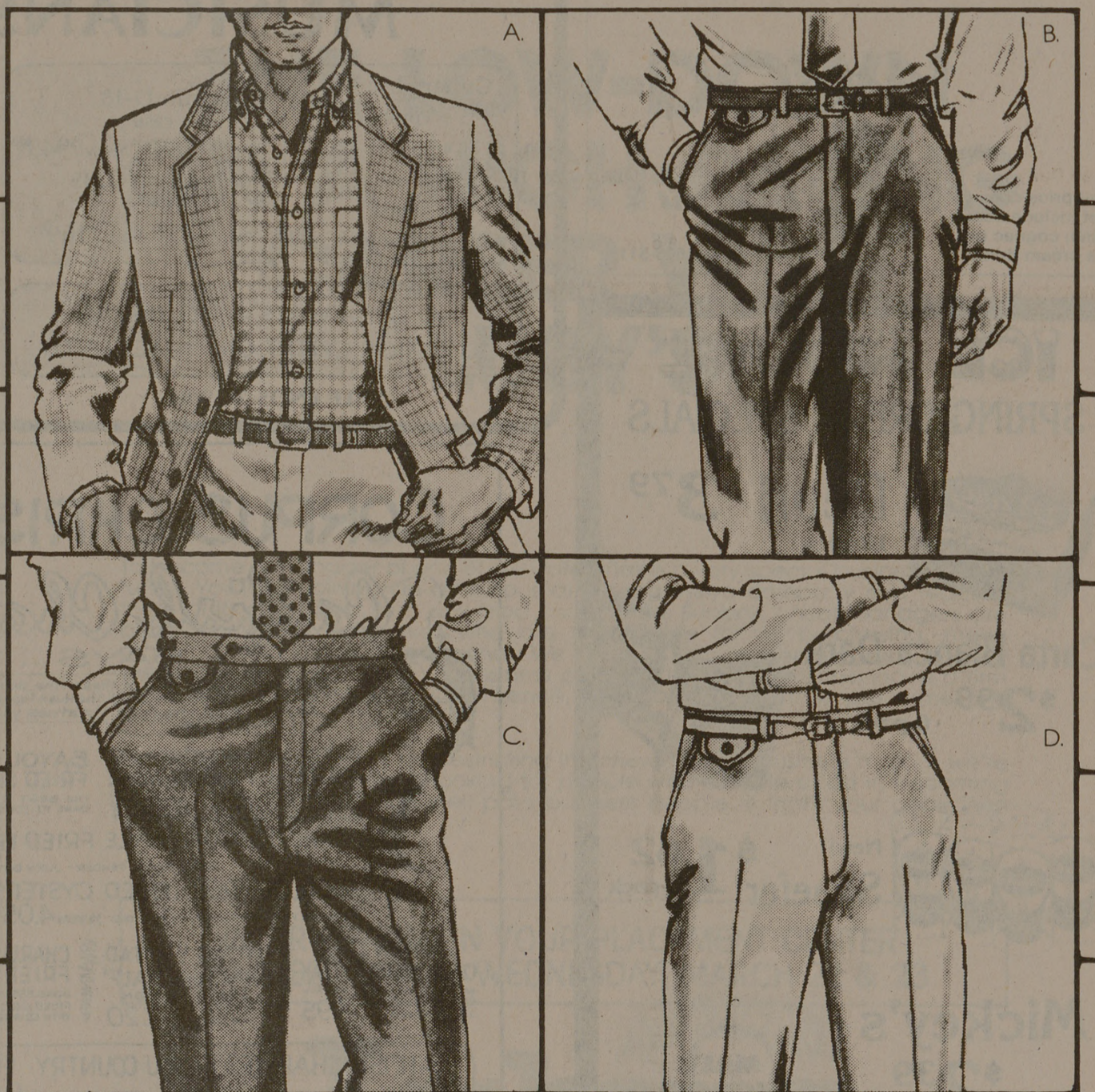
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