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Spring break vacationers keep partying

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Authorities said Sunday record numbers of vacationing college students are hitting Florida beaches in search of sun, surf and good times on their annual spring break revel.

While spring doesn't officially begin until 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, Daytona Beach and Fort Lauderdale, about 250 miles to the south, were full of students.

Spring break is an eight-week stretch from the beginning of March through late April. This year an estimated 650,000 students will make the trek to Florida.

Fort Lauderdale Police Sgt. David Geyer said Sunday, 60,000 or 70,000 students had come to town since college spring vacations began.

"It is the largest spring break in about 16 years," Geyer said.

Medical facilities have their hands full as pale Northerners exposed themselves to the sun, said Lynn Gonzalez, director of emergency services at the Halifax Hospital Medical Center.

"The Yankees come down and they turn all red," she said.

The water poses another hazard. Daytona Beach lifeguard David Dick-

inson, 28, said he expects to make about 200 rescues during spring break, of mostly drunken victims.

"Students just come to the beach, disengage their brain and weird out," Dickinson said. "They're not conscientious. What kills me is this is our educated population."

The young men and women who take part in the spring break are drawn by the promise of sunny shorelines, freely flowing beer and the opposite sex.

"You can't ask for anything more," said University of New Hampshire freshman Chris Mastrino, 18. "This is it. Fort Lauderdale — our home away from home. It's the party capital of the world."

Brewers, distillers and cigarette manufacturers promote the party image, sponsoring daily concerts and roadside welcome centers in a marketing war for student tastes and loyalties. At the Playboy College Expo '84 in Daytona Beach's Plaza Hotel, students receive free T-shirts and play party games.

"Bars and beach. That's all we do. And there are a few concerts and parties we go to and we throw the frisbees around," said Doug Robbins, 19, of the University of Wisconsin.



Get back
Texas A&M's Rob Swain slides safely back into first after a pick-off attempt Sunday in Olsen field. Swain and the

Aggies swept a doubleheader from the Kansas Jayhawks. See story on page 11 for more details.

Photo by DEAN SAITO

Lewis to take oath Tuesday

By PATRICE KORANEK
City Editor

Neeley Lewis will be sworn in Tuesday as the new state representative for the 14th District after a controversy sparked by Richard Smith over whether improperly cast votes should be counted.

Lewis, a Democrat, received only 29 votes more than he needed for the majority. He received 6,525 votes or 50.2 percent of the 12,991 cast. Smith, a Republican, received 6,206 votes or 47 percent. John Seaman, a Democrat, received 260 votes, two percent of the total.

There were 109 improperly cast votes which Smith thought should have been counted in the total of the electorate. If they would have been counted, Lewis would have gotten only 49.8 percent of the total. This would have forced a run-off between Lewis and Smith.

But Secretary of State John Fairter ruled Friday that the improperly cast ballots should not have been counted which made Lewis the official winner.

Smith called for a recount on Tuesday so that the Secretary of State's office would have to time to research the wording of the state Election Code before the official state canvass was done.

The state Election Code regarding special elections for state representatives says that a majority of the electors participating in the election are necessary for election. Smith said that he interpreted that to mean all votes valid and invalid.

Lewis said he spent spring break at Padre Island and did not worry about possibility of a recount.

"I never was concerned about it simply because as chief election officer, I'd run a lot of elections and I was confident those votes did not count," Lewis said Sunday. He was the Brazos County Democratic chairman before he resigned to run for state representative.

Smith said Sunday: "It was a technical question of should they use the total number of votes cast or should they use the number of valid votes."

Bright may be Cowboys' new owner

United Press International

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm is expected to propose to NFL owners today the sale of the franchise to a group headed by local businessman H. R. "Bum" Bright.

The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday Bright's name would be submitted to league owners at their annual meeting in Honolulu.

Bright, 63, chairman of the board of regents at Texas A&M University and a key factor in that school's hiring of Jackie Sherrill as its football coach, flew to Hawaii Saturday with Schramm.

A vote on the Cowboys' sale could come as early as Monday afternoon.

The price for the Cowboys will at least double and could come close to tripling the publicized cost of the most recent NFL franchise sale — that of the Denver Broncos.

The Broncos were sold for what was then an NFL record \$30 million in 1980. The Cowboys sale, which includes a huge office and training complex now under construction near the Dallas-Fort Worth airport, is expected to exceed \$80 million.

That figure, according to the Morning News, also includes Bright's purchase of the remainder of the 65-year lease on the Texas Stadium.

Bright, who has gas and oil holdings, is reportedly prepared to put

up only about 15 percent of the money for the sale with the remainder coming from a large group of area businessmen. Schramm is included in that group.

Current NFL bylaws stipulate that in all franchise sales, the new ownership must have at least one purchaser in control of 51 percent of the club.

That bylaw can be waived, however, and Schramm expects it to be waived in this case because Schramm — under the terms of the sale — would be given power to act on the Cowboys' behalf in any league business.

Schramm has had that same arrangement with the team's owner and founder, Clint Murchison.

Murchison told Schramm last summer that he wanted to sell the team to settle the estate of his late brother, who owned 35 percent of the team.

Murchison, who paid \$500,000 to the NFL for the expansion team in 1960, has also been in poor health and his family has expressed no desire to retain ownership of the franchise.

Three groups have been wooing Murchison had Schramm since last autumn.

The most visible of the groups was that headed by local businessmen Vance Miller and W.O. Bankston. Miller and Bankston accompanied Schramm to the Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla., increasing speculation at the time that a deal was near.

Land developer George Barber from Boca Raton, Fla. also made a concerted bid to buy the club, apparently offering more money than either of the other two groups.

But Murchison told Barber he preferred local ownership.

Although Schramm's top priority in selecting a new owner was to find one who would not meddle with the club's successful hierarchy, Bright has a recent history of being in the spotlight.

Bright was instrumental in Texas A&M's coaching change in 1982, at which time Tom Wilson was fired and Jackie Sherrill was lured away from the University of Pittsburgh.

Before Sherrill was hired by the Aggies, Bright tried to persuade Michigan coach Bo Schembechler to come to Texas A&M.

Irish fugitive questioned by police at secret site

United Press International

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Police interrogated Ireland's most wanted fugitive, Dominic "Mad Dog" McGlinchey, at a secret location Sunday after a midnight extradition guarded by more than 200 Irish security troops.

The handing-over of McGlinchey, self-styled leader of the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army, marked the first time the Dublin government has turned a suspected terrorist over to Ulster authorities.

The Irish republic has traditionally been seen as a haven for Irish nationalist guerrillas fighting to end British rule of Northern Ireland and reunite Ulster with the republic.

McGlinchey, 30, who has admitted involvement in 30 killings and 200 bombings, stared straight ahead as he was marched to one of two armored police vehicles less than 24 hours after his capture in a pre-dawn shootout in a small town in western Ireland.

Some 200 Irish police and

troops guarded the exchange, which was carried out at midnight to minimize the possibility of a rescue mission.

Police, acting on a tip, captured McGlinchey and three companions Saturday at an isolated cottage near the sleepy village of Newmarket-on-Fergus, 100 miles southwest of Dublin.

A policeman was wounded in the shootout that erupted when McGlinchey initially refused to surrender.

Irish Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald said in a radio interview Sunday the Irish Supreme Court, which issued the extradition order after a 2-hour emergency meeting Saturday, had decided "there were some offenses like murder ... which are so grave as to fall outside the 'context of a political offense.'"

He said he assumed McGlinchey's extradition would pave the way for further extraditions of similar gravity.

McGlinchey's extradition warrant said he was wanted for the murder of a 77-year-old widow, Mrs. McMullan, who was slain in 1977 when gunmen raked her home with bullets.

The INLA leader said in a Dublin newspaper interview while on the run last November he had killed "around 30" people in anti-British attacks while he was INLA "operations officer" in Northern Ireland.

He said he did not count the number of bombings he was involved in "but I suppose I took part in over 200 operations," including the bombing of the Drop Inn Bar in Ballykelly in December 1982 in which 17 people were killed.

"There are a lot of questions we want to put to him before he is charged," a senior police officer said about the questioning Sunday.

Police would not immediately say where McGlinchey, dubbed "Mad Dog" and the "Green Pimpernel" by the Irish press, was being held. They would only say he was being questioned at a secret location.

McGlinchey's arrest ended a 16-month manhunt for the suspect, who jumped bail in Dublin in November 1982 while unsuccessfully fighting against extradition to Northern Ireland.

In Today's Battalion

Local

- A committee has been formed to consider the possibility of moving bonfire from its present location on Duncan field. See story page 3.
- The MSC Bookstore is planning renovations for the fall semester. These include the building of a "trade center." See story page 4.
- The local continuing education program is providing local businessmen with a way to learn from university professors. See story page 4.
- The campus minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church leads anything but a calm, serene life. See story page 5.
- There's a glass blowing shop in the basement of the Chemistry Building that provides the University's labs with required test tubes and such. See story page 6.

National

- A pet rat saved its owner from a house fire by licking her feet until she awoke. See story page 6.
- House Democratic leader Jim Wright claims he did not call President Reagan a liar. See story page 3.