

Gettin' ready

Dallas police, FBI agents learning to counter terrorism at convention

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DALLAS — Dallas police and FBI agents are scheduled this week to begin tactical training in countering terrorism and recovering hostages at the Republican National Convention in August.

Meanwhile, city officials are planning to lay in a supply of blood in President Reagan's type; to write contingency plans for everything from hospital fires to arrests of delegates; and to work up a list of specialists to cover emergencies ranging from torn clothing to lost dentures.

"It's an enormous operation," said former Secret Service agent J. Walter Coughlin, security consultant to the Republican National Committee.

Contingency preparation for the convention, which is expected to draw 2,235 delegates and a fair number of wives, staff members, and dignitaries, falls on two

groups.

First, a coordinating committee of law enforcement agencies is working up plans that respond to crises with a minimum of confusion and overlap, officials said.

The Secret Service will have some 600 people in town to protect President Reagan and Vice President George Bush; the Dallas police department will assign 1,100 officers and the FBI will move in 25 extra agents and a special hostage rescue team.

In addition, the GOP National Committee plans to hire its own security guards, and 12 Republican governors will bring state police bodyguards, officials said.

Training for the Dallas police begins Thursday for special squads earmarked for crisis management. They are to train with FBI observers, officials said.

"Our operational plan is

complete except for the contingencies," said Assistant Police Chief "We're into the training phase now. God forbid that something should happen."

While all that is going on, the non-partisan Dallas Welcoming Committee is coordinating medical and city service agencies with law enforcement agencies.

The committee has arranged for medical care at the convention, and has worked up a list of special services available through a round-the-clock hot line.

"Let's say someone in the media gets picked up for DWI," she said. "Through the bar association, whose number would be on our list, he can get in touch with a bail bondsman."

Parkland Memorial Hospital, which has the area's best trauma facilities, has its own plan for dealing with emergencies.

Faculty Senate committee begins election evaluation

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The first general election of the Texas A&M Faculty Senate concluded Friday afternoon with the announcement of the results of a run-off election in the College of Engineering. With the votes counted and the elections completed, the Senate Election Committee now can evaluate its job.

"The committee feels that the election went smoothly, but there are a couple of things we'll do differently next year," said committee chairman William L. Perry. "The night of the general election, we'll wait to give out results until numbers are certain. Another thing we'll do is have unified polling places."

Perry, an associate professor of mathematics, said the committee organized the election using Senate bylaws as

guidelines.

"We proposed a bylaw in November last year, and all but

one part of it passed," Perry said. "That part (the failed part) had to do with apportionment — the number of senators for each elective unit. The other six parts of the bylaw, the committee took to be the working rules for the election."

The election bylaw provides for a two-week nomination period ending two weeks before absentee voting begins. The bylaw states that absentee voting will take place from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, one week prior to the regular election day. The bylaw also states that the regular election of senators will take place within the first two weeks of April every year. The election process had to conform to the bylaw's time restrictions, yet ac-

commodate spring break, Perry said.

"The reason for an April election was that at the May meeting, new senators are to be seated and new officers elected," Perry said. "Having the regular election April 4 gives us time to have run-off elections and let the new senators know about the election of officers in the May meeting so they can participate fully."

Perry said a smaller percentage of people participated in the run-off elections than in the regular elections. Voting participation in the regular election ranged from a high of 68 percent in the Sterling C. Evans voting unit to a low of 11 percent in the College of Medicine. A total of 770 faculty members voted in the regular election.

"Roughly speaking, we had about a 38 percent turnout in the regular election," he said.

"Participation in the run-off election was lower than before. I'd say it was roughly one half of what it was for the big election."

Run-off elections for the colleges of education and science were Wednesday. Leonard D. Ponder was elected Place 6 senator for the College of Education, and James P. Henderson was elected Place 11 senator for the College of Science.

The run-off election for the College of Engineering was Friday. Walter L. Bradley was elected Place 14 senator for that college.

Ponder, Henderson, Bradley and 25 other newly elected senators will be certified by the Senate at the May meeting. After being certified, the new senators will assume their official responsibilities.

Battalion staff members receive awards at meet

Five Battalion staffers captured a total of nine awards at the Southwest Journalism Congress competition Saturday.

The event was hosted by Lamar University in Beaumont.

The competition included news, pictures and layout publications from January 1983 to December 1983.

Battalion photographer John Saito's photo of Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson placed third in the category of Best Personality/Portrait.

Dean Saito's picture of the Texas A&M yell leaders at a football game placed third in the Feature Photograph category.

Saito also placed second in Magazine Black and White with his picture of a midnight graveyard scene for the Halloween issue of At Ease.

Former At Ease editor Rebecca Zimmermann placed second in Best Magazine Layout, third in Best Magazine Photo Essay. She also placed second in Best Column with a piece on drunk driving.

At Ease also placed first for Best Original Artwork.

Former sports editor John Wagner placed first in the category of Best Sports Column with his column on the use of illegal drugs in professional sports.

In the magazine sweepstakes competition, At Ease finished third behind Texas Christian University and Lamar.

The Battalion tied for sixth place overall with the Daily Texan, the student newspaper of the University of Texas at Austin. The overall winner was

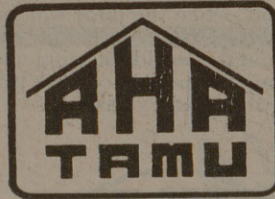
Lamar, followed by Texas Tech, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Oklahoma and North Texas State.

"I'm really pleased with how At Ease placed this year," Zimmermann said. "We competed against magazines which had full-color photos on slick paper, while we're a newspaper supplement printed on newsprint."

Wagner said his win was unexpected.

"It's such a tough competition that you never know what — or who — will win," he said. "I think it's an honor to even be considered for an award."

Twenty schools in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana competed in the competition.



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