



Shorthorn: James Russell

FOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN—Wilbert Verhelst, an associate professor of art at Southern Methodist University, assembles his fountain sculpture at the southwest corner of the Library. Verhelst said his sculpture is "simply a piece of sculpture to look at and a form to convey water."

Nedderman offers Cooper plan

Suggests temporary light, crosswalk

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President Wendell Nedderman announced a temporary solution to the Cooper Street traffic problem Wednesday.

"We finally made a breakthrough," Nedderman told the President's Student Advisory Council. "I am reasonably sure we will have a reasonably safe mode of crossing Cooper Street by next September."

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The current proposal calls for a pedestrian crossing light and crosswalk in the area fronting the Library and Texas Hall. Pedestrians would be forced to use the crosswalk by installing fences along the curb or in the middle of the street.

Dudley Wetsel, vice president of business affairs, said Wednesday morning in a meeting with a small group of students concerned about Cooper Street that he was "optimistic" there would be a solution by September, but it depends on what permanent plan the university makes for Cooper Street.

"If we get delivery on the equipment," Wetsel said, "we will have a temporary solution if not a permanent one by September."

Wetsel emphasized that Arlington city officials must approve the temporary plan since they are responsible for traffic control in the city.

Wayne Sherrill, director of Arlington's traffic and transportation department, said Wednesday there has been no cost estimate on the proposal

yet, but said a crossing "could be worked out, by September."

"We've been waiting to see what the university wants to do with Cooper Street," Sherrill said. "We can't wait until August, but we feel it's a

reasonable approach and could be worked out."

Wetsel said former plans for re-routing Cooper Street have not been acceptable to Arlington or the highway department.

"The consensus seems to be that depression is best for everyone concerned," said Wetsel. "This would allow Arlington a thoroughfare and would eliminate the pedestrian-automobile conflict."

Muniz seeks solidarity

By **CHRISTY WICKER**
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Gubernatorial candidate Ramsey Muniz hopes to make La Raza Unida a party for all Texans in the 1974 governor's race, instead of a crusade for Mexican-Americans only.

"We never said La Raza Unida was only for Chicanos," he said. "The mass media said that and then we helped them. Pretty soon we did have a party just for Chicanos."

Muniz, 31, spoke to about 75 persons Thursday in the student center as part of *Semana Chicana* Activities.

"We found that we were excluding people instead of including them," he said. "But we have learned since then. We want to make government responsible to the people — all of

the people."

Muniz said the 255,000 votes his party polled in the 1972 gubernatorial election would have gone to Dolph Briscoe if there had been no La Raza Unida. Briscoe won that election by 80,000 votes.

"The legislature loves democracy so much that they changed the regulations and now instead of needing 2 per cent of the voters to get in the primaries, we need 20 per cent," Muniz said. "That means 750,000 votes. I can assure you we are going to get that many votes."

Muniz said he had no quarrel with people who planned to vote for Frances "Sissy" Farenthold in the Democratic primary.

"If you think she has a chance,

that's fine. I'm not running against her. What I want to ask is what are you going to do if she doesn't win in the primary?"

If Ms. Farenthold doesn't win in the general election, Muniz said he would ask her to refrain from supporting a candidate other than himself.

"I didn't go to her in the '72 election and she came out for Briscoe," he said. "But this time I'm going to ask her to stay away from the race."

Muniz said his first act as governor would be to endorse stronger ethics legislation. He said state representatives are "spending \$40,000 to get a job that pays \$4,000 to \$5,000."

Briscoe, Muniz said, spent the equivalent of \$1.75 for every vote he received in '72. "while we in the La Raza Unida party spent 1 cent per vote."

Single member districts will be one means of reforming campaign spending, he said. "We don't have as much money as the city machines have, so we are going to be asking that single-member districts be set up not only on the state level but also on the local level, in school board elections and in city council elections."

La Raza Unida supports elimination of the state sales tax and opposes a personal income tax. It advocates a corporate profits tax. The party opposes the right-to-work law, and parimutuel betting. Raza strongly supports farm workers and believes they should organize a lobbying voice in Austin.

Muniz supports equalization of state education financing. He opposes keeping the Permanent University Fund intact, saying it keeps UT Austin and Texas A&M rich while other schools suffer.

Muniz is running unopposed on Raza's primary ballot May 3. In November, he will run against the winner of the Democratic race between Briscoe and Ms. Farenthold and the Republican race between James Bramberry and Odell McBrayer, as well as American party candidate Sam McDonnell, if that party achieves ballot position.

La Raza explained

By **LAURA ALLEN**
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Chicanos "for many years have not had justice," Raza Unida vice chairman Carlos Puente told students here Wednesday.

Speaking as part of *Semana Chicana* (Chicano Week) activities, Puente discussed the development of the Raza Unida party in Texas.

He said the party originated in 1969 from the Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO), an activist group in Crystal City protesting inequities such as those in education. A political party resulted, Puente said, because the "whole political structure was unjust to the Chicano."

"Between the two major political parties there is no essential basic difference," the Raza Unida leader said. "They are controlled, monopolized by the large monied interests, and they in essence cannot bring about any . . . change in the political structure."

In 1971 the party decided to go statewide, necessitating 23,000 signatures of registered voters. Raza Unida's 1972 gubernatorial candidate Ramsey Muniz, who also spoke here Thursday, received more than 200,000 votes, 6 per cent of those cast.

The goal, Puente said, is to form "a sophisticated political organization."

Approval given for fire alarms

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(Editor's note: This is the last in a series on dormitory fire safety.)

Final approval for installation of fire alarms in campus dormitories was given last week by Dr. Wayne Duke, dean of student life.

There are currently no fire alarms or fire evacuation systems in the dorms.

According to Wylvan Parker, assistant dean of student life, installation of fire alarms will begin this summer with hopes of having the project finished by next fall.

"Although I'm not sure which building we will start on first, we hope to have them installed by the fall semester," said Parker.

American District Telegraph Co. was the low bidder on the project with a bid of \$2,000, not including installation. The bid calls for a total of 40 fire alarm boxes, which use the break-glass, pull-lever method of setting off the alarm, and 34 bells. Installation of the alarms will be done by the housing maintenance department.

Along with the installation of fire alarms, a fire educational program is also being planned, said Parker.

"We hope to get an educational

system going which will tell residents of the evacuation system and what to do in case of a fire. We also plan a training system for RA's (resident advisers) to teach them how to use fire extinguishers and general fire strategy."

The call for fire alarms in the dorms began about two months ago

when three Lipscomb Hall residents met with the Resident Hall Action Council (RHAC) to discuss the absence of the alarms.

The coeds then formed a fire committee and took their complaint to Parker. There the group met for a period and awaited the return of the bids.

Students request rent refund

Brazos Hall residents are seeking a \$25 rent refund as compensation for inconveniences they have suffered due to several recent interruptions of the water supply to the dorm.

The dorm has been without water intermittently for several days since spring break as a result of construction work being done on West Street. The building is now having its supply piped in from the Health Center.

The Resident Hall Action Council (RHAC) voted to support the residents and earlier this week sent an open letter to Dr. Wayne Duke, dean of student life, calling upon the administration for some means of compensation for the residents.

"We certainly feel the students have been inconvenienced and have a right to complain," said Duke, "but at the moment we're not sure there's any-

thing we can do about it."

Mason Woodruff, RHAC president, said the letter sent to the administration was basically one of support.

"I, personally, don't expect too much from the administration as far as

"I'm glad to see that fire alarms are finally going to be installed," said Betty Crabb, head of the fire committee. "Installation can't come too soon because residents have gone too long without any fire alarms or evacuation system."

money goes," said Woodruff. "Any action will probably have to come on an individual basis where single residents may want to file a suit against the university and I doubt if it will come to that."

Coed dorm to open

A coed dormitory will open this summer, but it is not expected to remain open in the fall.

"This is not an experiment for full-time coed dormitories," said Dr. Wayne Duke, dean of student life. "It is merely a practical matter for our summer students."

Duke said that the plan was initiated in response to a request by Lipscomb and Trinity resident advisers.

All summer dorm students will be housed in Trinity House with women on the third floor and men on the first. Overflow registrants will be assigned rooms on the second floor.

"This is something new for us and we don't want to go completely ultra-liberal," said Wylvan Parker, dorm coordinator.

Parker intends to have a security guard stationed at the door to the residence.

Final schedule

April 26—Dead Week begins - last day to drop a course for spring semester

May 3—Day classes meet

Final examinations begin for evening class

7 p.m. MW classes 7pm-10 pm

4—Final examinations begin in day classes

10 am MWF classes 8 am-11 am