Cox Captures Student Poll
But Connally Takes Texas

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Latest state-wide election returns indicate a slowly widening margin of victory for Democratic nominee John Connally in his successful attempt to crush the gubernatorial hopes of Republican Jack Cox.

Returns from 252 of Texas' 254 counties, 134 of them complete, gave Connally 737,110 votes to Cox's 622,605. On the basis of these returns, Connally secured 53.7% of the total vote.

Connally, a former University of Texas student body president, had promised a progressive administration and placed emphasis on the need to improve the quality of Texas public education.

HIS VICTORY capped ten months of nearly steady campaigning since he resigned from his post as President Kennedy's first Secretary of the Navy last December.

To reach the Austin statehouse, the 45-year-old attorney had to survive two grueling primaries in addition to yesterday's general election. In the second primary Connally won a bitterly-contested race with Houston liberal Don Yarborough.

Although many liberals supported Connally in the general election, others sought to advance the cause of a two party state by aiding Republican Cox.

Connally's victory is seen by many as a vindication of his attempt to weld together a coalition of the many divergent interests that traditionally compose the Democratic party.

NONETHELESS, Cox's impressive showing is generally considered to indicate growing state Republican party strength. He polled 45.9% of the total on the basis of still incomplete returns.

Houston funeral director Jack Carswell, the Constitution Party Candidate, is expected to receive about .4% of the state-wide vote, roughly 7,000 votes.

Rice students apparently took little active interest in the campaign. An informal Thresher poll taken yesterday drew only 255 votes.

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responses. Slightly less than 61% of these indicating a preference in the Governor’s race favored Republican Cox.

COX RECEIVED 153 votes, Connally, 90, Don Yarborough’s name was written in on 9 ballots.

One ballot indicated nothing more than the voter’s opposition to zoning, one claimed indifference, and a third showed opposition to the poll, according to bi-partisan election officials Smith and Keilin.

FEW RICE students worked actively during the campaign, although a small group of well-organized Young Republicans did contribute to the campaigns of a number of candidates. Others assisted voluntarily in the Connally campaign. A few students were seen passing out literature at the polls during yesterday’s voting.

Connally spoke to a small gathering of Rice students last spring during the primary campaign; Candidate Cox did not appear on campus.