

State Capital NEWS

By Vern Sanford

AUSTIN.—Two supercharged issues—taxation and recession—like two strands of a high-voltage electric fence, seem to be twined through every area of Texas government.

Recession, though considered mild and temporary, is here and now. New taxation, in the light of official estimates, will be practically unavoidable next year.

Even though the recession is labeled "minor" and new state taxes the inevitable result of explosive growth, having both issues come up at the same time makes each seem worse. New tax talk, never popular, is even less so with people feeling the chill wind of a cut in income.

Barring an unexpectedly swift upturn in the economy, the twin issues will break through the middle of next summer's political campaigns. It'll be particularly rough campaigning for those who

have to get on one side or the other of the taxation fence.

Some legislative candidates are already being asked, "If there has to be a new tax, what kind will you vote for?" Some say they haven't decided what they'd vote for, but will say what they'd vote against. Others say they're making no decision until after the State Tax Study Commission completes its reports.

LOWER, BUT GROWING—Latest report by the Tax Study Commission shows some of the possible directions in which Texas may have to move to get additional tax money.

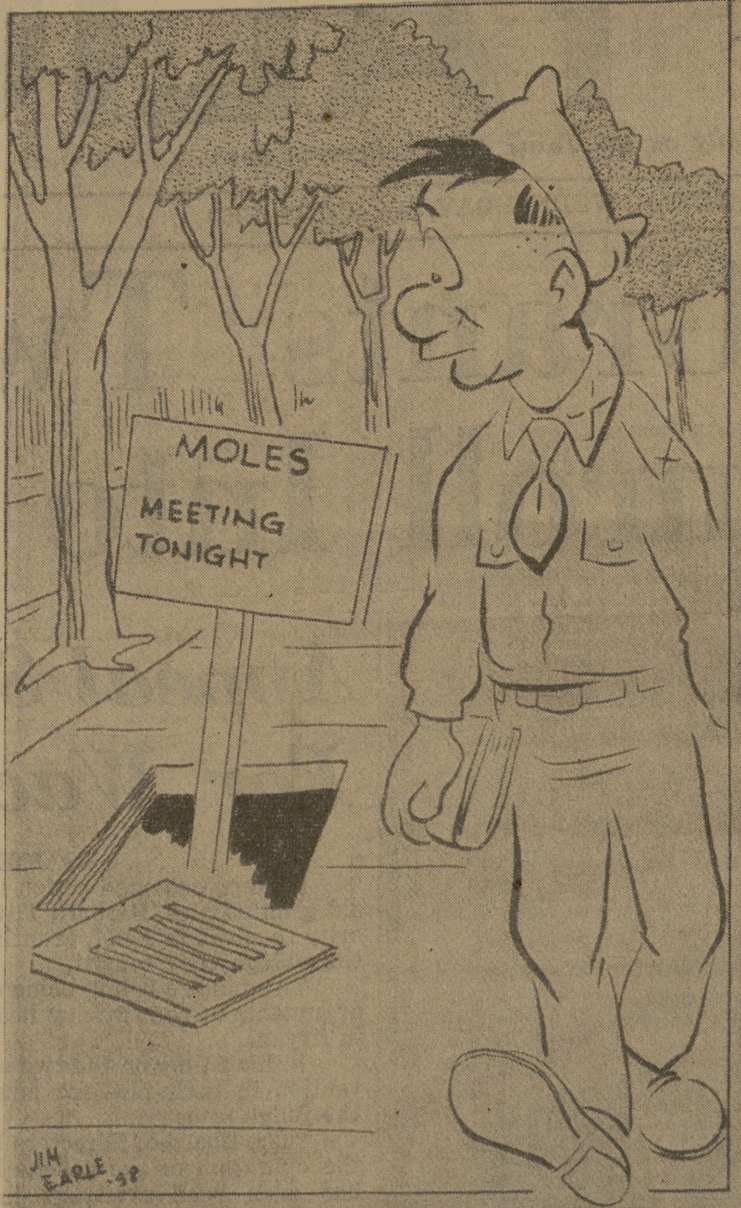
It notes that: Besides Texas only two other states are without either a general sales tax, personal income tax or corporate income tax.

Texans in 1956 paid lower state and local taxes than the average for other states — \$129.50 per capita for Texas compared with \$157.50 per capita national average.

Rate of tax increase for Texas, has been much faster than U. S. average. Texas rate of increase from 1953-56 was 23.4 per cent; national average, 19.4 per cent.

Commission's next report will deal with future spending needs, says Sen. William S. Fly, chairman.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Letters To The Editor

Editor,
The Battalion:

A very literate letter was written to the Wednesday Feb. 26 Battalion but the author's name was withheld.

I would like to know how he considers himself an Aggie? Of the many things a man benefits from the Corps is that it teaches him to be strong enough to stand up for what he believes and he doesn't mind signing his name to these beliefs. This shouldn't be just a quality of an Aggie, but any other vertebrate citizen of this "free world".

I don't believe that anyone in the Corps hasn't given co-education a fair evaluation. It is that we believe that the training in all respects which we receive in the Corps can only be had in order to associate with the opposite sex, but it is a mutual appreciation in friendship when we get there. The real problem is finding a boy who is willing to discipline himself, accept discipline from academic requirements and Corps training. It is only through faith and discipline that anyone can become a scholar, honorable gentleman, Aggie and an officer.

Jack Heald, '58

Editor,
The Battalion:

Having spent the last week or so here in College Station, I have

seen and heard things that are absolutely disgusting and only exhibit the naivete of the poor misinformed students involved.

Seems as though the advocates of co-education and optional Corps desire such conditions for the betterment of A&M. They say the Corps is a hindrance to seeking a good education and that Coeds would increase the enrollment here and entice more athletes.

Well, what's wrong with requiring entering freshmen (excepting veterans) to take military training for a few semesters. I wonder if civilian students really make efficient use of the extra time they have as a result of their status? I doubt it! With world conditions as they are today, each young American owes it to his Country to participate in some form of military training and discipline. Oh yes, it may impose some hardships on these poor students who abhor a military life but really, one can survive in this cruel world if he tries!

Maybe coeds would be a good thing and maybe not. Sure the enrollment will increase but do we have much (academically, that is) to offer them here at A&M? And the boys who would be attracted here as a result of such an action, would their motives in coming here be academic? And don't be afraid of not getting a social education without

girls. There are a lot of female homo sapiens in this world and we have many years ahead to acquire our "social graces."

Oh yes, one more thing. The best example yet of improving this college is to build a swank apartment for our "big heroes" to seek escapement from the bitter hardships of college life, what rot!

In closing, let us remember what the basic purpose in attending any institute of higher learning is; to acquire an education. Don't let petty desires and a false sense of values interfere. Before we start jumping on the bandstand, waving our flags, let's stop and examine ourselves. Are we sincerely applying ourselves to the acquisition of a scholastic education? If not, then a change in school policies.

Gene Dayhoff, '55

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Students Pick Win For Demos in '60

According to a recent poll of students in many colleges across the United States, a large majority of the people interviewed feel the Democrats are more likely to win the 1960 presidential elections. The poll was conducted by the Associated Collegiate Press.

Eighty-four per cent of the women and 72 per cent of the men interviewed feel the Democrats have a much better chance, while 11 per cent feel that the Republicans will succeed and 11 per cent are undecided.

A senior coed from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., in supporting the Democrats said, "The past years of 'Republican prosperity' should insure a Democratic victory in 1960."

A Lake Forest College freshman feels that "Nixon is unpopular" and will not get the presidency.

On the opposite side of the picture a coed from Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pa., reasons that "Northern and Southern Democrats are too badly split" for them to regain office in the next election. Others feel that President Eisenhower's popularity will carry the party through into another term, even though he will not be able to run himself.

Two students from Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., are undecided on the situation. These students feel that the outcome of the 1960 election will be determined by the candidates alone and not the party.

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