

Constitutional Amendments

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Proposed Amendment No. 1 to be voted on Nov. 2 would change Section 17, Article VII of the Texas Constitution, and would increase the state ad valorem tax for acquiring and constructing buildings at state colleges and universities.

Texas A&M board of directors have urged passage of this amendment, even though this university will not directly receive benefits from it.

Schools which would gain additional revenue include TWU, Texas A&I, Texas Tech, East Texas, North Texas, Sam Houston, Southwest Texas, Lamar Tech, Arlington State, Midwestern, Houston, Pan-American and Angelo.

The amendment would also provide for allocation of funds based on a projected enrollment for ten-year periods.

Arguments for the amendment include:

1. The projected enrollment change is a more realistic method for use in making adequate provisions for classroom and other physical facilities. Allocations have been based on five-year past enrollment figures.
2. Expansion of the state college system makes it essential that sufficient funds be available at all times to provide adequate school plants.
3. By using this special ad valorem tax for

building construction, appropriations now required from other tax sources can be decreased and free for other uses.

4. These schools are excluded from benefits of other funds in a companion amendment to be voted on next year.

5. The amendment removes the time limitation that the constitution presently places on power to issue bonds for building purposes.

Arguments against include:

1. The amendment would increase the state ad valorem tax on property. Many people believe the tax should be completely abolished.
2. There will be a duplication of funds to one of the institutions if Amendment 1 passes and the companion amendment fails next year.
3. The tax cannot be abandoned without further amendment to the Constitution even after the tax becomes unnecessary and bonds have been retired.
4. The allocation formula will tend to increase the imbalance in space utilization and does not include other factors which should be considered.
5. Building programs of state colleges and universities should not be limited by the constitution to schools now in existence and to an allocation formula which may be inadequate. Instead, the legislature should have the authority to appropriate funds actually needed by any particular institution of higher learning.

The plan contained in the present Section 17, Article VII, was adopted in 1947 and amended in 1958. Its original purpose was to establish a constitutional source of revenue for certain state-supported colleges to be used for new buildings.

When the plan was first approved, there had been a tremendous increase in college students following World War II. Existing college buildings were inadequate to meet the needs and the state schools affected by this plan had no source of revenue other than legislative appropriations.

The 1947 provisions resulted in a decrease in state ad valorem tax on property from 35 cents to 30 cents per \$100 valuation by reducing the Confederate pension fund. The general revenue fund ad valorem tax was eliminated in 1951, leaving only the special tax for colleges and universities at five cents.

The amendment would raise the tax to 10 cents on the \$100 valuation.

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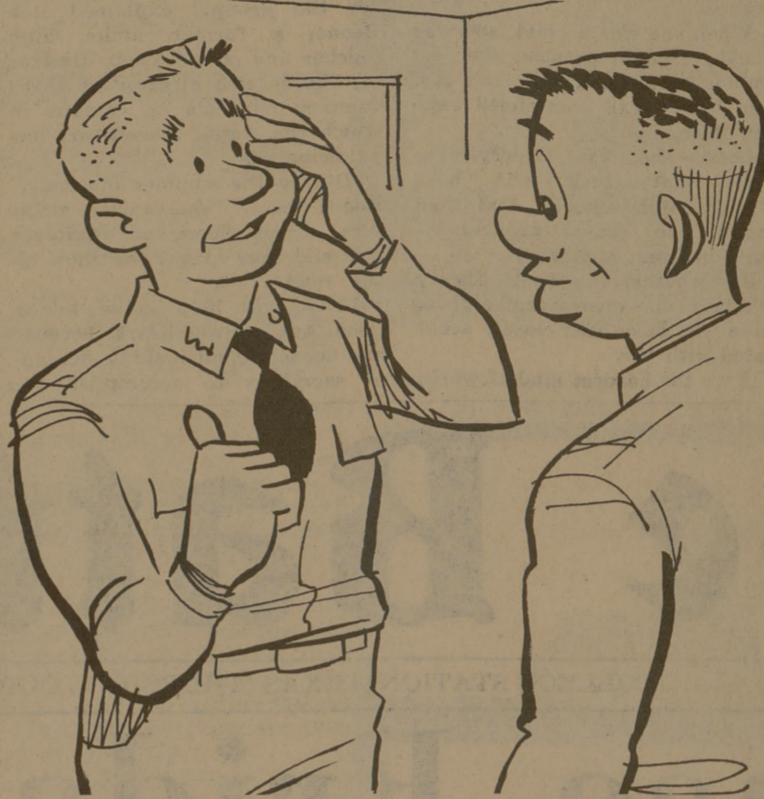
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"I thought I was in real trouble when I got this note to report to th' registrar's at once! They took my photograph and congratulated me on being th' first student to break th' 9,500 mark, which Mr. Heaton said was a new record for A&M!"

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

Houston

In an effort to boost Cougar High's spirit before their game with the Aggies, disc-jockey, Tim Nolan of Radio Station KPRC in Houston organized a spontaneous pep rally at the Cougar practice field.

The gentleman taught the Cougars a new yell. It is: "Jack Armstrong, Little Orphan Annie. Come on Cougars, get 'em by the fanny."

Need anyone really say any more about the whole revolting subject?

Washington State

From Washington State's Daily Evergreen—
Spokane — (P) The brewing industry is being blamed unjustly for a breakdown in young people's morality, the president of the U. S. Brewers Association, Henry B. King of New York, said here today.

Addressing the annual convention of the Washington Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, King said people abuse beer, but beer does not abuse people.

SWC Mascots

Seems that SWC mascot getting on in age. Perum has relieved SMU's 15-year mascot of his duties.

Bevo, TU's traveling mascot just couldn't get into the state to go to Dallas. Seems he has arthritis. He will be placed next year. "Hell, Welch placed next year. He'll be it to one more Cotton Bowl trainer has said. Revealed no spring chicken any either.

TWU

The girls that moved into new dormitory on the campus are having their share of troubles. The ultramodern dorm is furnished with everything a girl could want. They are also given one room cleaner to each floor. The girls do not clean the rug, devours them.

Quote from Carolyn B. column in the Daily Leader: "A bulldog, black and looking, wandered into my second floor room the other day. I should have introduced the Hoover vacuum cleaner."

By Charles M. ...

Mortimer's Notes

FOR THE RECORD: This is National Newspaper Week, and I advocate a moment of silence for newspapers everywhere, including *The Battalion*

Okay, that's enough Seriously, we should not take our newspapers so much for granted; not many nations enjoy the freedom of press that exists in the United States

The right to evaluate and criticize is the newspaper's freedom, and much of our other freedom hinges around this guaranteed right Any effort to suppress news — anywhere — should be cautiously avoided

There will be a dance in the YMCA after the A&M-Baylor game next weekend Two solariums will be in use: one with fast music, the other with slow. In between will be refreshments

Admission will be \$1 a couple The Cougar, student newspaper at the University of Houston, was full of sour grapes after last Saturday's game

A column by Cougar editor Edith E. Bell criticized the seating arrangement (so did many Aggies.) She vented her fury at about 50 Aggies who were forced to stand in the Cougar section

She expressed displeasure that the 200 or so Cougars behind these misplaced Aggies also had to stand to see the game "UH students will never again believe in Santa Claus or the theory that Aggies are officers and gentlemen," she wrote

Now, doesn't that just make you want to cry?

Also in that same edition, Cougar writer Rich Burk tried to pass the loss on the Kyle Field jinx

Anything to pass the buck Only David Fink, Cougar sports writer, took an objective approach

He gave credit where credit was due, both to the Aggies and Cougars, and concluded his story with this remark: "You might say that (Aggie field-goal kicker Glynn) Lindsey had put his foot in the Cougars' mouth."

FACTS AND FIGURES: A misprint in Tuesday's *Battalion* might have prevented some students from celebrating the 25th anniversary of the legend of The Snake

The question was supposed to have been asked: Never heard of the legend of The Snake? Well, celebrate it anyway

But now you're too late

The anniversary was Tuesday

OFF THE RECORD: A heavy snowfall is expected this weekend in Denton See Ya 'Round — MORTIMER.

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