

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"That certainly proves your masculinity, but I didn't know you had doubts!"

Editorial

Three former governors—Allan Shivers, Price Daniel and John Connally—are joining Gov. Preston Smith in forming the Governor's Committee of 500 to urge approval Aug. 5 of the revolving fund bond issue authority needed to implement the Texas Water Plan.

The amount of bonding authority asked in the constitutional amendment up for voter action on Aug. 15 is \$3.5 billion. This is the estimated state share in the future cost of developing reservoirs, canals and other features to be needed in the implementing of the Texas Water Plan.

Adoption of the water bond amendment will put Texas in position to match federal and local funds as required in the future as the massive plan's details materialize.

IT IS IMPORTANT to remember that the bonds to be issued under this authority will be repaid by water users. As they repay loans, the funds will be available for new issues. The revolving fund concept for water projects began in 1957 when the first such constitutional amendment was adopted overwhelmingly. By 1962 it was apparent that the maximum limit fixed in that amendment was too low, so a superseding amendment was offered and adopted to authorize up to \$200 million in water development bonds.

—Waco News-Tribune

RAINLESS DAYS

(Continued From Page 1) a period of excessive rainfall such as Bryan and College Station have had in 1968 and 1969.

"Rainfall in 1933 just exceeded the average for this area," he commented. "It was below normal

in 1888 and 1947. The year 1926 just made the average."

The pendulum has just swung faster for the present period. Perhaps someone complained too much about last year's moisture.

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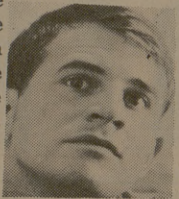
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ON OTHER CAMPUSES

An East Texas University student placed this typed notice on the front of a building's coke machine: "Coke Man — we like lots of ice in our Cokes. Please fix your machine so that it gives lots of ice. Thank you." Would you believe please fix your machine so that it gives cokes or else your money back?



The MSC barbers have evidently been holding maneuvers again. Or have you noticed the eighteenth green of the A&M golf course?

Since the bill changing the name of Southwest Texas State from "College" to "University" was passed only 13 days before graduation, the graduates at spring commencement received only blank diploma covers. The diplomas were still at the printer's being re-done.

Twelve courses in black studies will be offered at the University of Houston this fall. Plans are in the mill for a full-scale department for black studies, but in the meantime, the courses are being listed under broad, existing categories, such as anthropology, sociology, history, and language. The U of H Cougar had a "graffiti contest," which ended just this week. Of course the really good entries couldn't be printed, but here's a couple anyway: "The men of Troy wooden horse around." "The Mafia knocks off early." And "Sex has a credibility gap." Uh, like I said, the really good entries . . .

A Texas University reviewer summed up his feelings about "I Am Curious (Yellow)" like this: "I Was Bored (Mostly)."

Hubert Humphrey, as you may or may not know, is now a pro-

YMCA Renovation Near Completion

Renovation of the first floor and second floor east wing of the YMCA Building has been completed, work on the second floor west wing is nearing completion and contractors have started work on the basement, reports Harold C. Carter, assistant manager of physical plants.

Six offices have been permanently moved to the first floor and two offices are temporarily on the second floor.

The offices of Dean of Students, Student Affairs, Housing, International Programs and Foreign Student Advisor, Civilian Student Activities and YMCA Coordinator are now located on the first floor.

Campus Security offices and the National Science Foundation office are in the east wing of the second floor.

Work has been completed except for air conditioning, according to a spokesman at the Y.

fessor at the University of Minnesota. He has come under quite a bit of criticism lately for "using the classroom under the guise of being a teacher, in a political manner." Said one writer for the Minnesota Daily, "The major question was whether a man who had been engaged in politicking for 24 years—a world in which it is often necessary to be secretive, devious and to support positions which you do not necessarily agree with in order to be re-elected—could now enter into academic dialogue, which by necessity must be frank, honest and open to criticism." The question still remains, however, is there really that much difference between the two worlds if one intends to become well-known in either?

The rumor is out that students at A&M have threatened revolt if forced to take any more of those long summer holidays. It was bad enough having to miss Friday classes for the Fourth of July, but that was a bit too much when we had to miss Monday classes to register. Not like the summer is getting to be a grind or anything . . .

Keep those calls pouring in, all you beautiful dolls (823-5646). Seriously, everyone casually talks about apathy at A&M, and everyone casually shakes it off as another one of those things over which they have no power, but it's different when you're the shell-shocked victim of such a barrage of indifference. I mean, since that phone number was given out last week for the benefit of all you frustrated females who read the Batt, we've received five calls at the apartment—one from the editor and four for some lady named Elvira Johnson or something, who doesn't even live there anymore.

Teague Defends Nixon's Stand

President Nixon is being unfairly attacked for dropping the arbitrary deadlines for enforcement of school integration, says Congressman Olin E. Teague.

The Administration announced last week that it was abolishing the rigid deadline of September 1969 for Southern districts to complete school integration if there were bonafide educational and administrative reasons for the delay.

"Some of my colleagues have been quick to criticize the President on the announced policy, and the criticism has been for the most part purely political," Teague said. "The President is taking the right stand on the issue. He is, without lessening any of the rights of any citizen, being sensible and practical about a very touchy issue. Unwarranted criticism for political reasons is not helping in the needed understanding between the races."

Teague said that there are instances in his own district where the rigid guidelines were "physically impossible to meet because of the lack of needed facilities." There is no question of seeking to circumvent the law, or court orders, but merely the question of having facilities completed to meet the requirements," he said.

"The President has made it very clear that he intends no lessening of the federal government's commitment to enforcement of laws that guarantee equal rights to all our citizens," Teague said. "But he has shown some common sense and understanding of the educational needs of the children which should have priority over the arbitrary orders of some bureaucrats in Washington."

"I continue to believe that the federal government has an obligation to provide equal opportunity in education for all," Teague commented. "I think the administration's policy announced last week reflects that same desire on the part of the President, and they have made it clear they intend to continue to press for enforcement of the laws."

"The policy also recognizes the practical realities of the problem, and places the emphasis on the education of our children."

"The President's critics, on this issue, are trying to use the sensible approach as a stick with which to beat the President for being honest and forthright in his approach to the problem."

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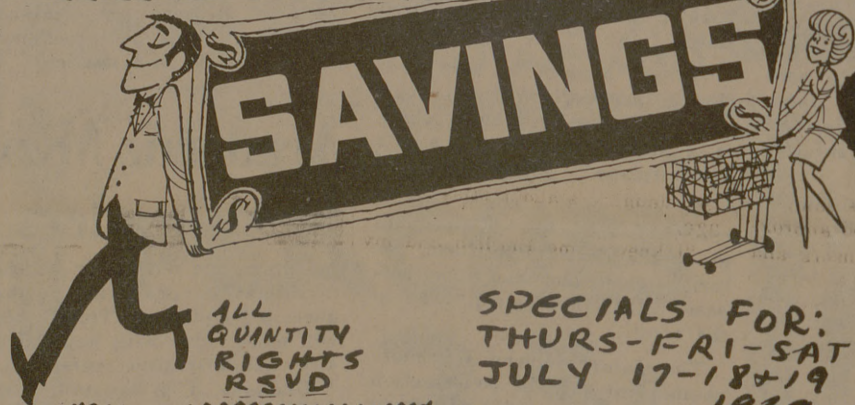
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