

John Sharp and war policy blasted

Editor: I am writing in reply to John Sharp's totally false accusations concerning Dolph Briscoe and the Eagle Pass school tax suit.

Sharp's charge is basically the same one made by the Tulia Herald some two months ago. The Canyon News, however, presented the truth of the matter on March 9, 1972, after contacting David Hume of Eagle Pass. Mr. Hume acted as attorney for the school district in tax litigation involving the district and some 60 farmers and ranchers from 1968 to 1970.

Hume said the farmers and ranchers went to court contending that rural property was being taxed too high in relation to city property.

Hume also said many ranchers did refuse to pay after the courts had decided against them but finally paid when urged by Briscoe to do so.

"Briscoe got a bum rap at that," Hume went on. "The courts decided there was nothing wrong with our taxing procedures. A good many people got their dander up and wouldn't pay hoping to bring us to our knees that way."

"I got hold of the lawyer on the other side and he let Mr. Briscoe know that we'd go under if the people didn't pay up."

"He told them to pay up and his standing around here was big enough to get the ranchers to pay up."

Hume said the case became known as the Briscoe case but actually he owned very little land (420.5 acres) in the Eagle Pass School District.

"Dolph Briscoe was the hero of the situation," Hume said.

"Without him things would have gotten very serious."

It is unfortunate that our former student body president submitted this vicious political smear for publication.

Mr. Briscoe has been the subject of several other smear rumors, each of which I have investigated and found to be absolutely false.

After closely observing every gubernatorial candidate, I have chosen to support Dolph Briscoe.

Bill Buntin '74

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Editor:

May 4, 1970-May 4, 1972. The killings at Kent State were two years ago today. At that time students were protesting the U. S. invasion into Cambodia. Today students are protesting the re-

newed U. S. bombing and the fact that we are still in Vietnam four years after being told of Nixon's "plan". When will it stop? Nixon says that we are there so that the Vietnamese can decide for themselves the type of government they want. Bull! If that was the reason we would not have stopped the elections called for in the Geneva Treaty off 1954. I urge you to write your Congressman and tell them to support the Case-Church amendment cutting off funds for this war on December 31, 1972. Also urge them to support the proposed War Powers bill. Students are always told to "work within the system." The system better work or there will be more U. or Marylands, Harvards, Columbias, and maybe more Kent States.

Ralph Messera '74

Ross announces Mutual of Omaha to renew student insurance service

Randy Ross, chairman of the Student Insurance Committee, announced Mutual of Omaha will continue its service to the students of A&M.

In competitive bidding, "Mutual met all four requests concerning alternative benefits when comparing these against premiums," said Ross.

Ross continued, saying Mutual further guaranteed their premium and rate structure for two years, unlike competitive companies offering only a one year guarantee.

A comparison between the policy students are presently under with Mutual of Omaha and the one they will be offered next year as a result of the committee's work shows several things:

Hospital miscellaneous expense, a \$25 deductible with maximum increased benefits from \$200 to \$250.

Hospital room and board, increased from \$25 per day to \$35 per day.

Hospital out-patient expense increased from \$15 to \$35.

Blanket accident expense increased from \$1000 to \$1500.

Costs for surgical treatment, physician's visits, and ambulance service will remain constant.

A comparison of the premium rates shows it will cost \$32.77 for

the student only, \$7.47 more than the present cost. For the student and spouse with children will pay \$155.65 under the new policy, an increase of \$31.50.

Although the rates will go up, Ross said that the increased benefits greatly surpassed the increase in rates.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It's a device we put together to see if one man can study for two!"

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What have Texas Democrat elected officials done for you lately?

- Gerrymandered legislative districts
- Spent taxpayers money defending the unconstitutional districts in the courts
- Failed to pass meaningful ethics legislation
- Slowed federal highway funds through delayed passage of a Highway Beautification Act
- Passed unconstitutional filing fee laws which necessitated a special session to fund the primaries
- Postponed Constitutional revision
- Disgraced our state with the stock fraud scandal

Help bring an end to such political abuses
Help elect responsible and responsive state leaders

Vote In The Republican Primay May 6.

(Daylight Savings Time and School Busing Referendums)

Help Make Texas A True Two Party State
Help Make State Government A Good Thing Again.



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To the Student Voter

Here is where two candidates for State Representative stand on the issues.

The Incumbent

1. Has voted every session for Tuition Increases
2. Sponsored H.B. 1045 a bill to tax YOU the A&M Student \$10 a semester for a building you will never use.
3. Voted to make YOU the students second class citizen's by stripping you of voting privileges in college towns.

Mike Essmyer

1. Favors Lower State Tuition.
2. Opposes increases in ANY student fees, has opposed the MSC fee as Vice President of A&M Student Senate.
3. Favors FULL Citizenship privileges to ALL voters regardless of where they live.

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For Honest State Representation

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

VOTE

VOTE REPUBLICAN IN THE PRIMARY

Howard Anderson for

County Commissioner

Voting Precincts 1, 2, 9—A&M Consolidated Tax Office

8—South Knoll School

10—College Hills School

I. EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- A. Bachelor & Masters degree from Texas A&M University.
- B. School teacher for 5 years at A&M Consolidated.
- C. 5½ years in management at Alenco.
- D. 4 years experience with heavy equipment operations.
- E. Self-employed for 3½ years as owner of Anderson Machine & Specialty Company.

II. REASONS I HAVE CHOSEN TO RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- A. I believe in a 2-party government. It is the best insurance against corruption in public office and it brings out the best in both political parties.

III. PLATFORM

- A. Sound business management of county and precinct affairs.
- B. Represent all people in the precinct.
- C. Improve our rural road system while staying within the budget.
- D. Study the problem of trash & garbage disposal for rural residents and provide the best practical means to solve the problem.

Your Vote and Influence Appreciated — Howard Anderson

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