



## Something must be done

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 Senate Public Relations

Recently, questionnaires have permeated from the offices of Deans Hannigan, Maxwell and Powell, through the lower administrative echelons, then to students quite randomly. This is a seemingly healthy tactic for use as a feeler and I have observed different phases of this procedure with much interest. Now, I believe that something must be said.

Problems that confront universities, as you may have heard before, are like icebergs. Looking at them from any altitude at all, you cannot tell how big they really are. Hence, I was encouraged, for the most part, by the questionnaires. They are a wholesome effort on the part of the present administration, to bridge that gap that people are always talking about. A flaw exists in that many students lack enough enthusiasm to be aware of circumstances on this campus. So, what I'd like to do is let you know of a few projects being considered by the '72-'73 student government. Then, in the future, you can follow the progress and better judge the effectiveness of the student body-administration relationship.

More importantly, I'd like to take this opportunity, to invite you to take an active part in pushing any project that appeals to you. Any student at A&M can be a member of a Senate committee and these are a few of the things they are working for: A credit union for faculty and students; a gasoline cooperative; an effective textbook exchange; better refrigerator distribution; a student oriented campus radio station; a full time attorney and many others.

Don't think for a minute your

### Cook to advise national commission

Dr. Earl Cook, geosciences dean, has been appointed by the National Academy of Sciences to a new committee advising the National Commission on Materials Policy on critical resource, environmental, and national-security problems concerning use of non-renewable resources.

The commission, appointed by President Nixon, is making a thorough study of supply, efficiency of use and recycling and disposal of materials vital to the nation's economy, including metals, energy materials and forest products.

# Listen up Sharp, Essmyer criticized

Editor:

I have seen many political campaigns before but never have I seen such a "cheap" one as the one currently being run by Ben Barnes. It seems to me that if a man running for governor cannot make his own charges against his opponents but has to use other people to do it for him he must know that such charges are out and out lies. Such an example is our distinguished senator from Bryan running for governor instead of Mr. Barnes, thus leaving Mr. Barnes completely out of the picture. This was so evident that even a child could see through this political trick.

The school board suit in John Sharp's letter to The Battalion seems to me to fall into this same category. I have followed the campaign closely and never have I heard Mr. Barnes say one thing about a school board suit in his campaign against Mr. Briscoe. I do not know if your letter to the Battalion is true, but I do know

that when a politician begins to fall behind in a race he starts to use cheap political tricks. I also know that the people of Texas are going to decide this election and not the power based politicians in Austin.

This is my opinion and the only reason I speculate that you are supporting Mr. Barnes is that your name appeared on one of his ads in the Battalion. And so you won't speculate who I am supporting. I endorse Dolph Briscoe 100%.

Kenneth "Skins" Walters '74  
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Editor:

An article in Thursday's Battalion included a statement by Mike Essmyer labeling marijuana users as people who need to be "cured." For Mr. Essmyer's information, marijuana is not a disease. No evidence has been found to indicate that marijuana use is physically or psychologically damaging.

Unlike narcotics, marijuana does not produce violent withdrawal symptoms. Unlike alcohol, it does not cause aggressive behavior, vomiting, sclerosis of the liver, or progressive brain damage. Unlike tobacco, it does not lead to even a mild physical dependency.

Marijuana users, by no means, need to be "cured," much less persecuted. If Mr. Essmyer can

condone, by his own actions, the use of alcohol and cigarettes, I fail to see how he can call someone who smokes a little dope, "diseased."

Name Withheld  
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Editor:

This is in response to Bill Buntin's letter of May 4, which was in turn, a response to my letter against Briscoe for governor.

Obviously, my opinion was based on what I was told of the situation, and if I am wrong, then many other people are also misinformed. Contrary to what you might believe, Bill, I researched the issue very heavily before writing the letter. Some of my friends and I decided to inform the students of Briscoe's misdeeds.

My information came from the following sources and I hope that you see fit to explore the situation a lot more before you vote.

My sources of information were newspapers, city officials in Eagle Pass and several A&M students from Eagle Pass.

There are several other things that I discovered about Mr. Briscoe. For instance, you might ask someone from Carrizo Springs if they think that Briscoe is fair and honest! I think I can predict the answer you will receive there.

I am for the progressive candidate, Ben Barnes, rather than Briscoe. Texas needs Ben Barnes for governor.

John Sharp '72

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