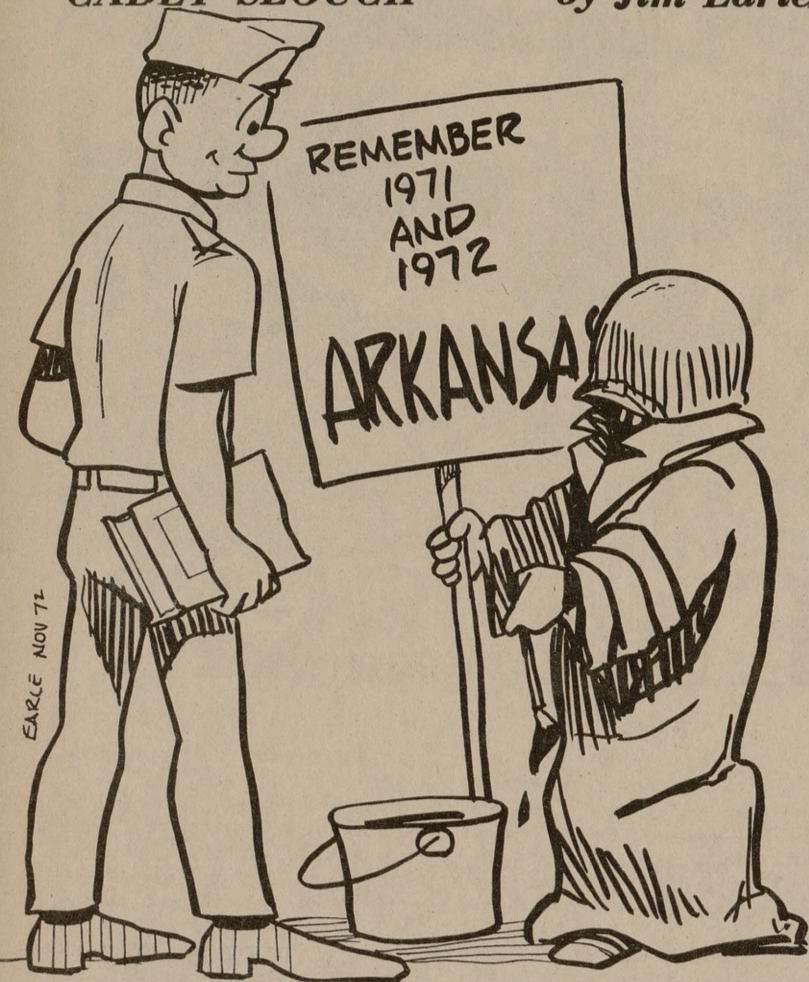


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I thought I'd do next year's sign now while I'm inspired!"

### Tryouts Are Slated Thursday For Student-Directed Plays

Student-directed one-act plays to be presented Dec. 7 and 8 at A&M will sample comedy, theater of the absurd, suspense, drama and science fiction.

The Theater Arts Section productions for which student tryouts will be held Thursday (Nov. 9) were announced by Robert Wenck. Tryouts will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205, Building J. Parts are available for 15 men and eight women.

"The Bald Soprano" will be directed by John Steele; "Where But in America?" Jan Colp; "The Hairy Falsetto," Mary Hanna; "The Hunger I Got," Scott Nelson; "Winters Night," Nanette Zeig.

Also, "Incident at Eureka Bumps," William R. Gilchrist; "Bedtime Story," Jim M. Dennis; "Suppressed Desires," Pat Lockstedt; "One of Those Things," Carla Wolf, and "Sorry, Wrong Number," Donald B. Powell.

Student directors are members of an advanced directing class, Theater Arts 371, instructed by Wenck. Staging will be simplified and emphasis placed on qualities of the professionally-written plays.

Five plays each night will be

presented Dec. 7 and 8 in Lecture Room 2 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

C. K. Esten, chairman of the theater arts section of the English Department, noted students who try out for the one-act plays need not be taking section courses. Rehearsals of about six hours a week will be arranged to suit the cast and director.

### Stolen 'Beevo' Missing In Action

A report received by A&M's University Police Department Monday night from the Travis County Sheriff's Office said that the University of Texas mascot 'Beevo' had been found missing sometime between Sunday and Monday.

Radio reports in the College Station-Bryan area sparked a flurry of rumors, among which were ones saying the 1,500-pound steer was at Kyle Field, the rodeo arena and around various dorm areas.

The Department of Public Safety's advisory on the matter said the longhorn was stolen from the Travis County Sheriff's Possee Arena.

It described him as being reddish brown in color with a white forehead and a five-foot horn spread.

The Silver Spurs, a spirit organization at the UT-Austin campus, warned anyone harming the animal would be prosecuted.

In Waco, authorities reported around-the-clock watches were established at Baylor University to protect the school's contingent of mascot bears.

Baylor plays Texas in a Southwest Conference football battle Saturday in Waco.

# Constitutional Restrictions Are Blamed For Court Crisis

By Bill Boykin Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—"There were 55,000 criminal trials pending in district courts and 216,000 civil cases pending on dockets in Texas at the beginning of 1972," former Texas Chief Justice Robert Calvert told those attending the Governor's fourth annual Traffic Safety Public Support Conference in Austin.

This "crisis in our courts" has been caused by the constitutional restrictions on the Judicial Article, Judge Calvert explained.

The "crisis is approaching a judicial scandal" he quoted Judge Truman Roberts of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals as saying.

Judge Calvert outlined problems in the present judicial system in Texas—explaining that they were analyzed by the 1972 Chief Justice's Task Force for Court Improvement.

The major problems are (1) docket congestion and trial delay; (2) proper administration and (3) proper election of judges.

Proposals for complete reorganization of Texas courts will be presented to the 1973 Texas Legislature," the former Chief Justice continued. "Opposition will come from elected officials who are afraid it will affect their jobs.

"Judicial reform is doomed for this generation if public support does not overcome the opposition to these proposed changes in the Judicial Article of the Texas Constitution," he concluded.

A citizen's conference to gain support for the proposed judicial reform will be held in Austin on November 17—at which time specific legislative proposals will be outlined for the public and press.

### Council Formed

The Texas Department of Community Affairs has been designated as the agency to provide

information and aid to local governments in federal revenue sharing implementation.

Designation of the agency for liaison between state-federal and local governments was agreed on at a meeting of the new Texas Revenue Sharing Council.

Texas is expected to receive about \$245 million during 1972 under the new federal revenue sharing program. About \$163 million of that will go to local governments, and \$81.5 million to state government.

The council, said Gov. Preston Smith, is not to interfere with individual decisions of local governments. Its purpose is to assist the local units with legal constraints and federal rules and regulations.

Council members directed the Department of Community Affairs to establish and man an Office of Revenue Sharing Assistance to local governments. The department, Texas Municipal League and Texas Association of Counties will assist the Treasury Department in completing lists of eligible governments and their officials.

The Department of Community Affairs was further ordered to plan a statewide workshop on

revenue sharing for local officials.

### Courts Speak

Former State Sen. David Rattliff of Stamford was found guilty by a Travis County district court jury of theft of state paychecks made out to a one-time employee and drew a 10-year probated sentence.

The Texas Supreme Court upheld a one-year suspension of license for a Dallas lawyer who allegedly embezzled \$2,772 of a client's money. The State Bar of Texas wanted the lawyer disbarred, but lower courts settled on the suspension instead.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals dashed hopes of Texas Fine Arts Association to inherit the Austin home of the late artist Wayman Adams.

Plans to pay off depositors of the closed W. L. Moody Co., Bankers, Uninc., Galveston, were delayed by federal district court after the state filed a motion to intervene.

The Court of Criminal Appeals scheduled a December 12 hearing on the appeal of former State Rep. Walter Knapp of Amarillo from a four-year prison sentence for theft by false pretext.

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