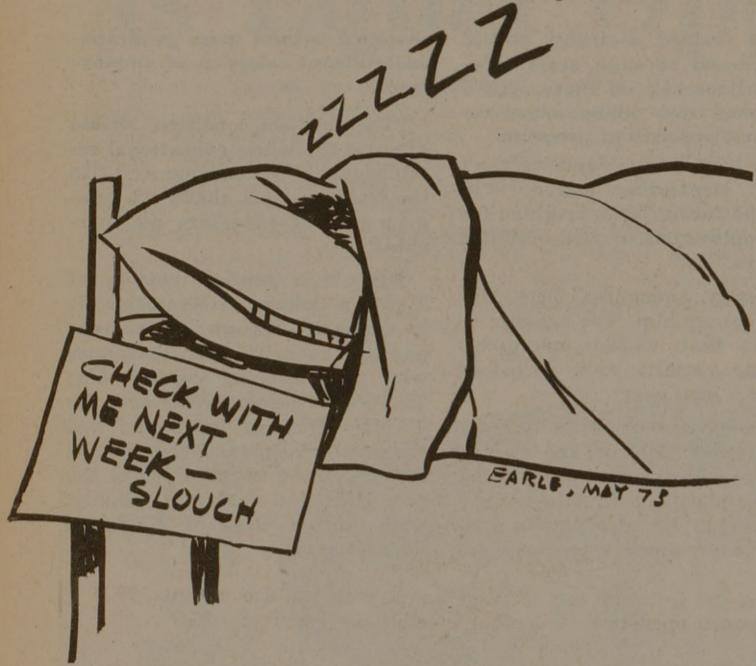


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Energy We Save May Be Our Own

San Antonio, Austin and Houston are all facing large problems due to the energy crisis we are all to be concerned with. San Antonio and Austin are hardest hit and may be forced into electricity rationing by the end of the week. Residents of that city have already been asked to curtail their usage.

It's not going to get much cooler around our fair, hot state this summer and asking people to curtail their usage of electricity is not going to be an easy task if not impossible. So, it looks like it's going to be rationing rather than individual curtailment.

What bothers this reporter is with the electricity wasted here at A&M. While taking a walk the other night trying to digest a Mexican TV dinner, the wife and I noticed the campus lit up like downtown New York City.

The engineering center was most distasteful. It looked like we were trying to display to all who cared to view that we have all the electricity we need and can do with it what we wish without any regard what-so-ever of problems suffered by any of our Texas neighbors.

San Antonio may have a black-out before summer even begins, but we'll keep a million watts of light on our new engineering center all night so the world can see it if they care to.

The question of why this procedure must take place was submitted to Logan B. Council, director of Physical Services in a telephone conversation last week.

"Unless we are in a brown-out period, we do not curtail the usage of building lighting," he said. "Building lighting is in the same category as street lighting and we do not turn off street lights."

I really can't see the logic behind this practice. There seems to be a lot of difference between street lighting and intensely spotlighting a building except to display our vast supply of energy. At two o'clock in the morning, nobody really cares what the engineering center looks like as I doubt no more than one car every 30 minutes goes by it.

Council also conveyed that we have enough electricity to last us and does not foresee any curtailment needed at the university.

The saying, "If you got it, flaunt it," does not seem to fit with electric power. If you've got a lot of money, you can flaunt it because someone will get it and be able to use it again. But, if you flaunt electricity, no one will ever see it again.

Since we're all in this together, how about cutting off some of the lights around here and try to save some energy for somebody else.

Before the deluge of letters storm this office, I would like to commend the Physical Plant for the job done this winter in keeping things going while other schools had to keep their doors closed. It just seems care need be taken always, not just in times of crises. Those lights aren't really necessary—are they?

TAMU At Galveston

Briscoe Signs Legislation To Expand Mitchell Campus

Gov. Dolph Briscoe formally signed into law Wednesday legislation which will make possible extensive expansion of facilities at A&M's Mitchell Campus in Galveston.

The legislation, Senate Bill 2 sponsored by Sen. A. R. (Babe) Schwartz of Galveston, allows the university to use tuition-backed bonds to finance construction of buildings totaling up to \$7.5 million for TAMU's Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources on Pelican Island. The bill also authorizes the University of Houston to utilize similar funds for construction of facilities at Clear Lake City.

In signing the bill, Governor Briscoe pointed out that through issuance of tuition-backed bonds, the two campus development projects can proceed without expenditure of general revenue funds.

"Maritime studies and research are becoming increasingly important to our state and to our nation," the governor observed in reference to the TAMU portion of the bill, "and these projects will permit the further development of the work which is being conducted at the Mitchell Campus in Galveston."

TAMU President Jack K. Williams and Dr. William H. Clayton, Moody College dean, attended the signing ceremonies, along with Sens. Schwartz and William T. (Bill) Moore, TAMU System board member H. C. Bell who heads the board's Galveston committee, University of Houston President Philip Hoffman and several other UH representatives.

"The enactment of this legislation is the culmination of a decade of effort to build a great marine campus in Galveston," Dr. Williams said, "and we are grateful to all who have helped in this effort."

"We can now move ahead with our plans to build at Galveston a vigorous and meaningful marine oriented research and educational program," the TAMU president continued. "We shall proceed to do so with all possible speed."

"This is a great boost for Texas A&M and its plans in Galveston to provide a focus for marine education within the state university system," Dean Clayton added. "It's a significant step forward for Texas A&M and Galveston. More simply stated, we turned the corner from planning to action."

TAMU received approval last month from the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System to initiate this fall the state's first undergraduate degree program in marine sciences. The program will be the first undergraduate degree offered by the Galveston-based Moody College other than those included in the Texas Maritime Academy curriculum.

The first three buildings on the 100-acre Pelican Island campus were formally dedicated last spring.

With the new authority for financing the facilities, the univer-

sity can now implement the second phase of its Galveston master plan which provides for ultimate construction of approximately 20 buildings.

A new dormitory is in the final stages of planning and is expected to be ready for bids this summer, Dr. Williams noted.

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Smajstrla Gets \$500 Grant

John Wayne Smajstrla, a junior at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, has been selected to receive the Ralston Purina Scholarship Award for the 1973 fall semester, according to an announcement made in St. Louis by George H. Kyd, Division Vice President and Director, Public Relations, Ralston Purina Company.

The Purina Scholarship amounts to \$500. It is awarded each year to an outstanding junior or senior in the state universities and land-grant colleges in each of the 50 states, and in three Canadian agricultural colleges and in Puerto Rico.

Winners are selected at each college by a faculty scholarship committee on the basis of their scholastic record, leadership, character, ambition in agriculture and eligibility for financial assistance. Smajstrla is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Smajstrla, Victoria, Texas.

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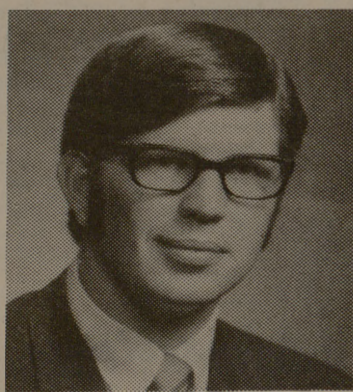
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