

Listen Up —

# Students Rally Behind Big Thicket

**Editor:**  
We, the undersigned student leaders, would like to urge all members of the Texas A&M University community to support the proposal for a 100,000 acre National Big Thicket Biological Reserve. The proposal submitted by the Hon. Bob Eckhardt will authorize the secretary of the Interior to preserve the Big Thicket as a National Biological Reserve in Tyler, Hardin, Jasper, Polk, Liberty, Jefferson and Orange counties in eastern Texas. The Big Thicket is a gem of national heritage and we urge everyone to do whatever they can to preserve this park.

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Summer President, MSC  
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**Editor:**  
We, the undersigned members of the Texas A&M Big Thicket Association, wish to bring to the attention of all concerned the legislation sponsored by the Hon. Bob Eckhardt (H.R. 5941) for the creation of the Big Thicket National Biological Reserve. This piece of legislation will put a stop

to the senseless and wanton destruction of the unique area of natural beauty. The original thicket was a strikingly diverse forest of pines intermingled with hardwoods — oak, beach, magnolia and a host of other species. Unfortunately, pulp and real estate interests are destroying this unique part of Texas heritage. Time is running out. Every day, 50 more acres of the Big Thicket fall prey to the swathing cut of chainsaws and the advancing columns of quick and easy pine plantations. In spite of the irreparable damage that has already been done to the Big Thicket, much of its value still remains. There are stream-bottom forests of trees three centuries old and so huge that three men with arms outstretched could not encircle their trunks. There are quiet pools where herons find refuge, dark bays where alligators glide in the shadows. Some 300 species of bird are native here, 40 different kinds of orchids and at least one kind of flower that grows nowhere else in the world. It is this biological diversity that underlies the thicket's claim to national significance. The Big Thicket is an invaluable and irreplaceable natural resource. We must insure the preservation of this beautiful wilderness. The U. S. House of Representatives Sub-

committee on National Parks and Recreation will consider several proposals. We urge you to support the proposed 100,000 acre reserve proposal submitted by Eckhardt. Write Reps. Abraham Kazen and Alan Steelman supporting this piece of legislation. You can send a 15-word public opinion telegram for \$1.25 which will be billed to your home telephone. To send one to Washington call 1/800-325-5300. If you desire further information, the Texas A&M Big Thicket Association will gladly help you if you call 845-3051. Let us preserve this beautiful natural resource.

Fred A. Schattenberg  
Mary L. Mitchell  
Mark Morris  
Jack Reinarz  
Barry Brooks  
Brad Bryant  
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**Editor:**  
This letter has the sole purpose of warning unknowing Aggies who find their personal financial position to be insecure and who must, therefore, look for a part time job.

I found myself in the situation described and so began the usual

trips to the Financial Aid Office. I then proceeded to the new University Tower Cafeteria where busboys are needed. There, Mrs. Young gave me not only an uncivil reception but a free personal grooming lesson as well. She told me to "get a haircut and a shave, then come back and see me." This was quite disconcerting for me as I am sure it was for those who have experienced it before. The odd thing is that I have medium length hair which is not even considered long in West Texas and a small, neatly trimmed moustache.

Again, don't bother riding the elevator to the top unless you have a crew cut. But for you "long-hairs" (80% of the male students) who would like to observe a genuine Archie Bunker type before they are extinct, go up to the University Tower Cafeteria and ask Mrs. Young for a job.

Joe M. Feist '75  
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**Editor:**  
Recently the Battalion published the results of A&M's undergraduate grade point ratio. Though it was pleasing to see that our undergraduates are doing so well, I must take issue as to how the achievement was reached. I have just finished taking my first undergraduate course here and if the instructor had not cracked down on the cheating then about 20-25% of the class would have received very tainted grades. I refuse to

generalize about all Aggie undergraduates from this single class, but if such obvious cheating was apparently condoned by so large a proportion of the undergraduates in the class, how much of the iceberg did I see?

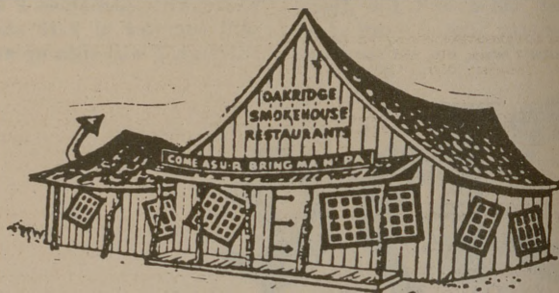
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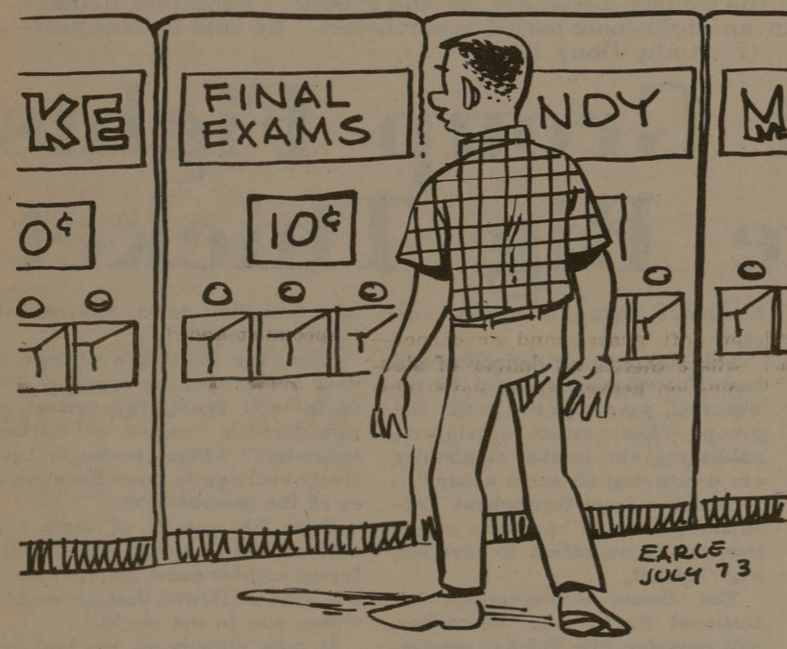
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by Jim Earle



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## TAMU Awarded Additional Funds For Water Studies

A training program at A&M for waste water treatment and aquatic system management has been granted additional funding for operation through the summer, announced Cong. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague.

The program, offered to graduate students in the Environmental Engineering Division of the Civil Engineering Department, has been funded at A&M for more than eight years by the Environmental Protection Agency and previously the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration and the Public Health Service.

Directed by Dr. Roy Hann Jr., the program is designed to prepare scientists and engineers for active roles in the water pollution control field through a program of academic course work and research development.

More than 60 graduate students have been supported through the program. Grants total nearly \$500,000 since initial funding was awarded in September of 1964.

The program, administered by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, received \$4,280 in additional funds for operation through the summer session. Seven graduate students are currently enrolled in the program.

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