

Group Finds Faults In Cabinet Plan

AUSTIN—Texas may be better off under its present type of government than the so-called cabinet form being advanced in preparation for constitutional revision, according to Texas Research League.

League staff members in a new report to the Constitutional Revision Commission point to advantages of the present system and offer these key observations:

While there is room for improvement, Texas government is not the "administrative jungle" portrayed by critics. There are 174 legal entities which might qualify as state agencies, but fewer than 30 of them control 99 per cent of

money and personnel in state government.

Texas still has one of the most economical big state governments in the nation. Ohio and Missouri rate slightly lower, but Texas spends more in support of its schools than those two states. Major economies have been in the areas of education and welfare financing. Overhead administration and control functions cost 1.9 per cent of Texas' total budget, while the national average is 2.6 per cent.

Major Texas agencies such as the Highway Department, Education Agency, Department of Cor-

rections and Department of Public Safety rate high nationally. The League found few agencies in other states "clearly superior" to Texas counterparts.

While advocates of the cabinet theory claim it provides for holding the governor accountable for all aspects of government administration, political realities dictate that he can be held accountable at the polls only once or twice. Further, it is difficult for voters to assess thousands of acts by the chief executive during any four years.

Whether authority to appoint 20 cabinet officials but no sub-cabinet-level personnel would strengthen the governor in policy-making is debatable. Merit system employment to insulate state employees from the spoils system is considered part of the cabinet theory. This means echelons be-

low the cabinet level are beyond the governor's control.

The present pattern of part-time boards, according to the League, provides opportunity for participation in government by many key citizens, who, in turn,

provide a powerful reservoir of support for a governor's policies. The League suggests more fiscal power for the governor and authority to order governmental reorganization subject to legislative veto.

Young Republicans Work In Austin

The TAMU Young Republicans spent last weekend in Austin working for State Senate candidate Maurice Angly.

Angly, a former Austin state representative and unsuccessful candidate for state treasurer in last year's races, is in a runoff for the District 14 seat. The seat was left vacant when Sen.

Charles Herring resigned to become director of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The August 14 runoff pits Angly against Austin lawyer Lloyd Doggett, who outpolled Angly by 5,000 votes in the July 17 race. Both liberal Democrat Doggett and Republican Angly beat out favored candidate Don Cavness, an Austin state representative and conservative Democrat who resigned to run for the state senate position.

Carol Moore, summer chairman of the A&M club, is also state chairman of the Young Republican campaign effort for Angly.

"We want to urge everyone interested to come over to Austin and help out in this important election," said Moore. "Although Texas A&M students are not directly affected, there are important issues at stake here."

Moore said that the campaign needs people to help going door-to-door, putting up signs, telephoning and addressing envelopes. She said to call 846-1505 or 846-3629 for information and rides.

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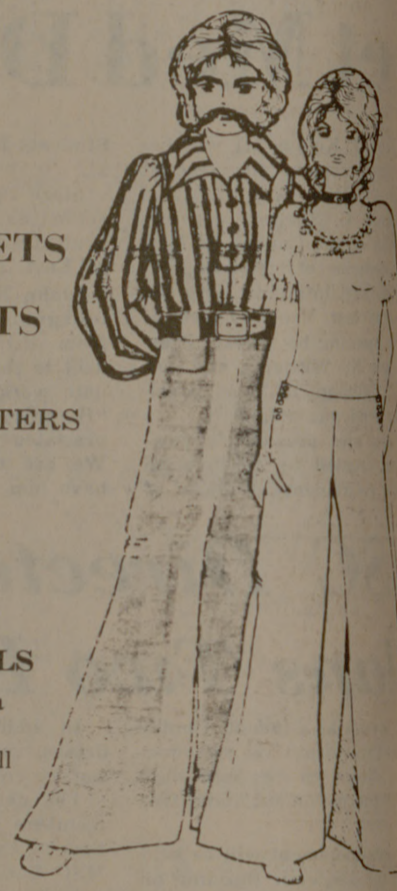
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The Aggie GOURMET

By S. SHARIQ YOSUFZAI

Last week we compared two very good Greek restaurants in Houston. Today the column takes a more local turn and the subject is Japanese cuisine. While Japanese restaurants have not acquired the same popularity as Chinese restaurants they have spread quite rapidly in some places, especially in Texas. The three main restaurants in Houston are the Tokyo Gardens, Happy Buddha and the Japanese Steak House.

Locally, there is the Tokyo Steak House on Texas Avenue. The Tokyo Steak House doubles as a club and a Chinese restaurant but we will concern ourselves only with the steak room. The steak room here is an authentic sit down room in the best of tradition from the land of the rising sun. You take your shoes off and sit down to eat around a grill on which your food is cooked. The meal usually starts off with Jasmine tea and a delicious soup followed by a salad. For an entree, try the Sukiyaki steak or the Teppanyaki steak. If you like shrimp, try the shrimp entree. All this is served with heaps of Zucchini, bean sprouts and two kinds of sauces. The dexterity of the Japanese Chef is delightful to watch as he hurls his shrimp and cuts his meat with all the poise and grace of a ballerina. It

is truly surprising to find a Japanese restaurant of this quality in a relatively small metropolitan area like Bryan-College Station.

The Japanese Steak House is located next to the Galleria on Westheimer in Houston. It has superb atmosphere and the size is something the Tokyo Steak House here cannot match. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the food. The restaurant is divided into a communal eating area called the Teppanyaki Room, the "Ah-So" bar and a private eating area called "My Apartment." The service and cooking in the latter is done on a mini-grill by a Japanese hostess. While the shrimp tempura, the "vegetable kebab" and the steak are all very good, they are about as Japanese as a cheeseburger. The prices run to a minimum of \$9-\$50 a person which goes up if you have sake with your meal. Granted, the Japanese Steak House has superb atmosphere and beautiful decor but the food leaves much to be desired and certainly the quality does not justify the prices. The Tokyo Steak House, here on the other hand, has reasonable food both in price and quality in its steak room and would be the place to visit for someone on a student's pocketbook but with a gourmet's palate. We hope you enjoy your next encounter with Japanese food and until then, sayonara.

Auto Response Object Of Study

Differences in handling and response characteristics of various automobiles will be determined and defined during a one-year study of Texas Transportation Institute engineers at A&M.

Funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a division of the Department of Transportation, the study will attempt to determine what vehicle handling performance characteristics are significant to the maneuvering capability of driver-vehicle combinations.

The \$224,078 grant is being administered by the Texas A&M Research Foundation. Findings of the study will be made available to the sponsoring agency for distribution, according to co-principal investigator Gordon G. Hayes, research physicist with the Safety Division of TTI.

Hayes explained that all automobiles do not react and handle exactly alike.

"When you use programmed inputs to automobiles, you get distinct differences in handling performance in some vehicles," he pointed out. "We will determine what differences, if any, are significant when a driver takes the wheel."

The study, noted Hayes, will also seek to determine to what extent drivers utilize capabilities and characteristics of different automobiles. The research team also will seek to determine the order of importance of the characteristics identified by the study.

Hayes will be joined by co-principal investigator Dr. Newton C. Ellis, a research psychologist at TTI, and a multidisciplinary team of engineers and scientists from TTI and A&M's College of Engineering.

In announcing the new con-

A&M Health Center Receives Medical Supplies From Dow

Dow Chemical Co. is giving A&M a supply of medicine valued at \$21,400 for use in the institution's new student health center.

Dr. W. Harold Powe Jr., director of the A&M health center, said the medicine is from Dow's Novahistine products for treatment of cold symptoms.

Dr. David Morgan, chairman of

Dow's Contributions Committee-Education, formally notified A&M President Jack K. Williams of the gift, pointing out it is the firm's contribution to the health facility now in the final stages of completion.

The shipment is enroute to the university, noted the Dow official headquartered at Midland, Mich.

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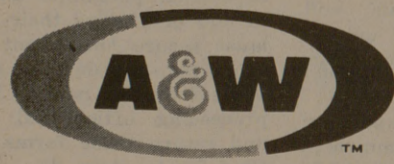
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