

# Self-Restraint Needed

Midnight Yell Practice—a tradition that has come to mean a lot for those upperclass Ags with freshman dates. We hate to see it halted, but it could be if the attitude of certain students doesn't end.

Having a few beers or drinks before this Aggie ritual has always been a tradition in itself, but chaotic events in which people are hurt such as last Friday night's practice should never occur even once, especially here.

Some seemed to feel it was their duty to break through the band's bass rank (rear rank) simply for the fun of taking off their white helmets used to protect themselves in such situations. No concern was shown for the women, band dates and band members that were being hurt.

Students managed to hospitalize an Ag by kicking him hard from behind to the extent that he was barely able to attend the A&M-Wichita State football game that following afternoon.

To him we apologize for those who were responsible, as we do to Bandmaster Maj. Joe T. Haney's secretary for the injuries and bruises she sustained while trying to march beside the band.

Stopping to think about why these bass players are there with helmets would result in the realization that the bandmen cannot see the drum major or keep its ranks straight to march to Kyle Field for all the people blocking eyesight and the hysterics.

According to Mike Phillips, combined band commander, if such behavior continues on the part of students, the band will discontinue marching in order to avoid a combat situation at yell practices. The same problem is also occurring as the band marches to the Student "Y" after the football games.

If you must drink before yell practice, do it in moderation.

An ounce of prevention is worth a "quart" of Cure.

# Drive Carefully, Friendly

With students leaving as early as today for New Orleans and Baton Rouge to party and attend the A&M-LSU football game, we think it wise that you be reminded to drive carefully and drink cautiously when considering driving.

It's a sobering thought to realize that we have already had Silver Taps for four students thus far in the first two and one-half weeks of school. (Two were killed over the summer months.) Although they were felled for various reasons other than driving while intoxicated, we have to be honest in saying we don't want to see the ceremony held again this semester.

Remember that statement in whatever you do, because an early listing on the Aggie Muster roster is frequently an unnecessary thing to happen.

# A Foot in the Graveyard?

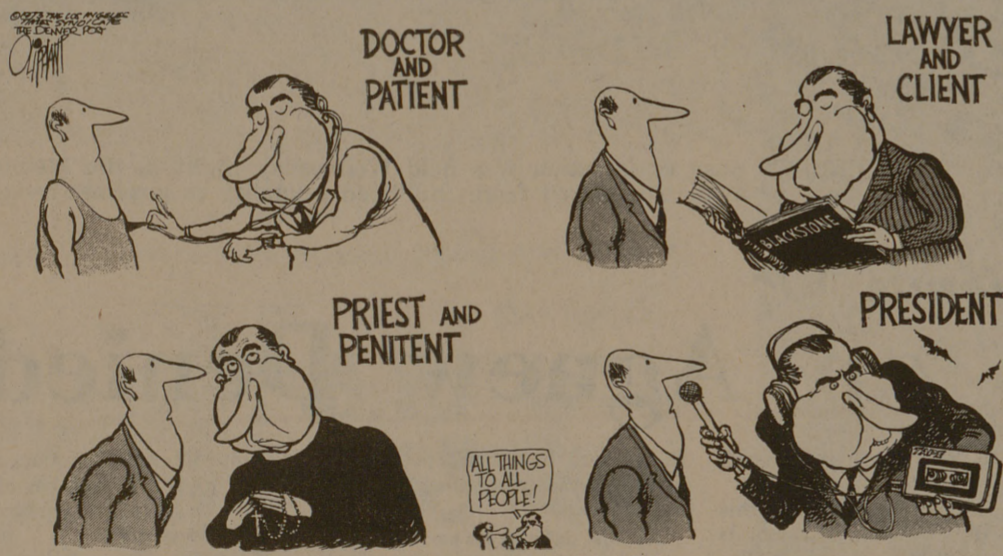
President Nixon may retire from office before the end of the year, because of a physical breakdown. He has virtually no other "honorable" exit from the shadows that are growing around him. The next phase of the Watergate investigation may be more shocking than the first, and show "laundering" of campaign funds through Mafia channels. The economy is in trouble. Public opinion has soured.

Discussion of the President's health is now in the open. Columnist Nicholas Von Hoffman writes, "The impression is gaining that Nixon is dysfunctional."

The 25th Amendment provides the President may send Congress "his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." Before he was President, in conditions of stress, Nixon suffered severe psychosomatic illness, and was treated by a New York psychiatrist. The pneumonia that sent him to the hospital this summer is a typical response—among some people—to high stress. This may be coupled with a suicidal "death wish."

Nixon is being urged to nominate as Vice President, if Agnew has to step down, either Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York or Secretary of State William Rogers, an old friend.

—Tristram Coffin  
Editor, Washington Watch



A MATTER OF CONFIDENCE

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### Listen Up—

# Unanswered Questions Thought Food

Editor:

I must be stupid. I'm a senior, but for the life of me I can't understand some of the things that occur at an otherwise excellent university. Can you answer the following questions for me?

1. Why doesn't Sbsia dispense toothpicks anymore?

2. Why doesn't Sbsia open its doors according to the posted schedule? (Is it true Sbsia hired an efficiency expert?)

3. Why doesn't Sbsia serve mayonnaise when serving hot dogs?

4. Why do drunk cadets and drunk civilians break out car windows at midnight yell practice?

5. Why do people fight in the street during yell practice over white helmets?

6. Why do band members hit cars with their instruments?

7. Why are yell leaders "blood thirsty" and why do they want the other team to hurt on every play?

8. Why do yell leaders praise the band and cut down the civilians regarding degree of spirit? (What is spirit?)

9. Why do non-seniors stand on the benches in Kyle Field?

10. Why did whoever is responsible allow themselves to purchase cheap quality fiberglass seats for Kyle stadium? (How do you get fiberglass out of your clothes and off your skin?)

11. Why does at least one University Policeman think he can push a student around physically when he feels the student is in violation of the law and not explain to the student why he is doing what he is doing?

12. Why is the fish pond dry?

13. Why did "INROL" (the freshman handbook) steal a photograph from a photographer and print it without the photographer's consent?

14. Why isn't there a student lawyer as so popularly believed?

15. Why are subjective records kept on students in the office of dorm counselors, in the office of

the Vice President for Student Services and in the student behavior file?

16. Why don't people realize that Legett is spelled with one "g"?

17. Why does at least one university official make unannounced tape recordings of conversations?

18. Why is such a good place to study and learn such a bad place to live?

19. How can I get out of here with an education, and no psychological scars?

Doug Kirk

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Editor:

I wonder if the bookstore is here to serve the students 100 per cent or only 50 per cent.

It seems quite happy to sell you a new book at a very good price. But they do not seem to want to buy back any books sold previously. This past summer the store would not even sell books for a while.

The service is bad. If you need something between classes you might as well forget it. It is not uncommon to wait 15 minutes to get checked out, and this is after the registration rush.

We have seen other bookstores in operation on other campuses and never have I encountered one as poorly run as the one at good of A&M.

Oh, well, one more "service" by Aggies for Aggies.

Charles F. Frost

If you think the service is that bad, have you tried consulting the management on your problems to see what its story is.

If you had bothered to ask, you might have found that the present operation is just barely a bookstore operation due to the fact that the store is the equivalent of one month behind in operations due to late equipment shippings which have disrupted a smooth work system for employees.

A portion of the equipment is still being awaited.—Ed

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Editor:

It looks like three or four Wichita State players got hurt. A couple even looked like they might be laid up for awhile. I wonder if that's enough "blood" for some of our yell leaders (cf. Midnight Yell Practice, 9/14/73)

John Nash

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Editor:

We recently read a letter in your column concerning the line up for the Town Hall series. We're hoping Steve Tanner, whoever he is, wrote the letter in a satirical vein.

Roy Clark is anything but the "young people's favorite" as can be evidenced by the "talented" company he keeps on "Hee Haw." Mac Davis is imaginative, but is certainly not crazy. And "Watching Scotty Grow," etc., are really "rock and rollers" about like the Blue Danube Waltz.

It's unfortunate that the committee members of the Town Hall

series didn't hold up their end of the grapevine with Phillips. His sellout, stand-for-weeks concerts certainly reflects the writing talent this sensitive man possesses and his voice of his caliber. Shawn Phillips being replaced by Doherty (an adequate performer) replacing the Boston Pope Grandpa Jones and his wife Carolyn and Randy Martz.

Three points should be noted before criticism is aimed:

1. Shawn Phillips was booked because he won't be the United States.

2. The Town Hall gross over \$7,000 last year on performances due to poor turnout of outstanding list of performers (The Elton John concert for instance, was the only that didn't sell out last year).

3. Ideas are already being cussed for having fewer shows with more quality—meaning expensive bands.—Ed.

## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Committee will meet in Room 402 of the MSC Tower at 7:30 p.m. An auction will follow.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will organize in Room 231 of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

MSC Radio Committee will issue cards at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms N and O of the Student Programs Office.

Association of Students from Mexico will elect officers in Room 407 of the MSC Tower at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be confined to Sections A and B.

Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Government will organize in the SG Office in the MSC at 5 p.m.

Sociology and Anthropology

Undergraduate Club will picnic at Hensel Park, site 6:30 p.m. Those interested in bringing own food, but beverages will be provided for a 50¢ person contribution.

All girls interested in meeting on the Bonfire will meet in Room 404 of the MSC Tower at 8 p.m.

TAMU Horseman's Association will meet in Room 215 of Animal Industries Building, 7:30 p.m. The program will include the judging of a heifer and a pleasure class.

Student Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will meet in the Architecture Auditorium at 8 p.m. All students joining in Environmental Design are urged to attend.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

#### SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 1973

#### NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 8)

Article III, Sections 5, 24 and 49a and Article VIII, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Provide for regular annual sessions of the Legislature. The regular session in each odd-numbered year would be for a period not to exceed 180 days. The regular session in each even numbered year would be for a period not to exceed 60 days and would be limited to consideration of fiscal matters and any emergency matters submitted by the Governor. The 60 day session could be extended by the Governor for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Provide an annual salary for members of the Legislature not exceeding \$15,000 per year and a per diem not exceeding \$18 per day for each day of each regular session or special session.

Provide that no appropriation of money shall be made for a longer term than one year and direct the Comptroller to make annual estimates of anticipated revenue rather than biennial estimates.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for annual regular sessions of the legislature, and to provide an annual salary of \$15,000 and per diem for the members of the legislature, effective in January, 1975."

#### NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 7)

Article XVI, Sections 50 and 51 of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses.

Presently a single adult person is not entitled to claim a homestead exemption and a married man can abandon a family homestead without the consent of his wife.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses."

#### NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 13)

Article VIII, Sections 1-a and 1-b of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Extend the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the residential homesteads of unmarried adults.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to extend the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the homesteads of unmarried adults."

#### NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 1)

Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Subsection (e) which:

Provides that no law creating a conservation and reclamation district shall be passed unless a copy of the proposed law is delivered to the commissioners court of each county and to the governing body of each incorporated city or town in whose jurisdiction said district or any part thereof is or will be located. Each such commissioners court and governing body may file its written consent or opposition to the proposed law with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each special law creating such a district must comply with general laws then in effect relating to consent by political subdivisions to the creation of such districts.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment establishing certain requirements relative to the enactment of laws creating certain conservation and reclamation districts."

#### NUMBER FIVE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 12)

Article XI, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide that all counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico are authorized to levy a tax to pay for bonds issued for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters upon a majority vote of the resident property tax-payers. Counties and cities are presently authorized to levy such taxes and this amendment only changes the required vote from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing counties and cities bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to issue bonds

for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters upon a vote of the resident property tax-payers."

#### NUMBER SIX ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 26)

Article V, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph which:

Provides that the district court, concurrently with the county court, shall have the general jurisdiction of a probate court and in a probate proceeding shall also have the jurisdiction otherwise conferred on it by law. It also provides that the legislature may increase, diminish, or eliminate the jurisdiction of the district court or county court in probate matters, may adopt rules governing the filing, distribution, or transfer of cases and proceedings as between the courts having jurisdiction of probate matters, and may provide that all appeals in probate matters shall be to the courts of civil appeals.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment stating that the district court concurrently with the county court shall have the general jurisdiction of a probate court, and providing the jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that in any probate proceeding the district court shall also have jurisdiction otherwise conferred upon it by law, and further providing that the legislature may increase, diminish or eliminate the jurisdiction of the district court or county court in probate matters, and further providing that the legislature shall have power to adopt rules governing the filing, distribution and transfer of all such cases and proceedings as between district courts, county courts, and other courts having jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that the legislature may provide that all appeals in such matters shall be to the courts of (civil) appeals."

#### NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 6)

Article III, Section 49-b of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide for an additional \$100 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund. This amendment increases the present \$400 million authorization to \$500 million;

Remove the present provision which permits buying of land only by those veterans who served between September 16, 1940 and the date of formal withdrawal of United States troops from the armed conflict in Viet Nam. This amendment would allow all veterans who serve after September 16, 1940 to buy land from the Veterans' Land Fund, provided they are otherwise qualified;

Provide that, in the event of the death of an eligible

Texas veteran after the veteran has filed with the Board an application and contract of sale to purchase through the Board the tract selected by him or her and before the purchase has been completed, then the surviving spouse may complete the transaction.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for an additional \$100 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund."

#### NUMBER EIGHT ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 29)

Article XI of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Section 5(a) which:

Authorizes and requires incorporated cities, towns, and villages, regardless of population and notwithstanding the constitutional limitations on total tax rates, to levy such annual ad valorem taxes on the taxable property in the city, town or village as are necessary to pay the principal of and interest on, when due, the general obligations hereinafter issued by the city, town, or village. The legislature is empowered to limit by general or special law the total principal amount of general obligations which may be issued, but unless and until the legislature acts to do so, the limitations established by statute with respect to the total principal amount of bonds which may be issued by independent school districts shall apply as the rate limitation on cities, towns, and villages.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it appears on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize cities, towns, and villages to levy such ad valorem taxes as are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on their general obligations hereafter issued subject to the restrictions provided by law."

#### NUMBER NINE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 25)

Article VIII of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Section 2C which:

Allows the Legislature, by general law, to exempt all real and personal property used by non-profit water supply corporations or cooperatives from all property taxes. The exemption would apply only to such property as is reasonably necessary to conduct the business of a non-profit water supply corporation or cooperative.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from property taxes certain property used by a non-profit water supply corporation or a non-profit water supply cooperative."