

Consider How Few Things
Are Worthy Of Anger, And
Thou Wilt Wonder What Any
Fool Should Be Worth.

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Weather
FRIDAY Fair & mild with temperature range from 60 to 91. FAYETTVILLE, ARKANSAS —A front is moving through Arkansas presently bringing rain and slightly cooler temperatures. Make sure you take an umbrella and a raincoat — it's most likely going to be a repeat of last week-end!

Ford Says Impeachment Investigation Should Continue, Doesn't See Grounds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President - designate Gerald R. Ford said Thursday the House Judiciary Committee should pursue its investigation of grounds for the possible impeachment of President Nixon.

"I don't believe there are grounds—but that's a personal judgment," he told a Senate committee examining his fitness to be vice president. "But that's the way to clear the air."

Ford, sounded out on a broad range of subjects, said he thought "it might have been much more helpful" if Nixon had disclosed earlier that no tapes exist of two key conversations connected with the Watergate investigation.

He also said no president has an unlimited right to invoke executive privilege, but must weigh any such claim against the right of the public to information from confidential White House conversations and documents.

He said he had recommended to high White House officials more than once that Nixon release the White House tapes requested by the Watergate grand jury.

The question of impeachment was raised by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., who said that, along with other members of Congress, he has received a flood of mail calling for impeachment or the resignation of Nixon.

"Impeachment is the problem that is paramount in everyone's mind at this time," Hatfield said. He asked Ford how the national concern caused by such a potential upheaval could be eased.

Ford replied that the inquiry now launched in the House by the Judiciary Committee should be continued until it leads to a determination that grounds for impeachment either exist or do not exist.

Ford was questioned at morning and afternoon sessions and agreed to return Monday, when the committee expects to finish with him.

During the hearing, the first ever held on the confirmation of a vice president, Ford denied allegations of wrongdoing in his handling of campaign funds and other financial transactions.

"I'm no saint," he told the committee, but he said a close scrutiny of his 2-year career in public life would show that he was "clean" and had a reputation for truthfulness and honesty.

Such a scrutiny was promised by Sen. Howard W. Cannon, D-Nev., chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, which is conducting the hearing. Under the procedures of the 2th Amendment for filling a vacancy in the vice presidency, the House is conducting a similar inquiry.



Secretary of State Mark White

Police Women to Meet Coeds

By WILL ANDERSON
University Police has increased the size of its force this year with the addition of two women, TAMU's first female police.

The women, recent graduates of Sam Houston State, are Nancy Preslar and Mary Helen Gass. Gass has been on the job since the first of August and Preslar arrived a month later.

Pat Self, women's counselor, said a series of talks has been arranged to allow coeds to meet them.

Gass and Preslar will present a program in the Krueger-Dunn dining area Monday. They will speak to the coeds from Fowler, Tuesday; Hughes, Wednesday; and Keathley, Thursday in Lounge A-1. These programs will begin at 9 p.m.

Workshops for the larger apartment complexes will be held next week. All coeds in the Mon-

aco Apartments are urged by Self to be in the game room to see them on Nov. 12. The following day, Gass and Preslar will speak at the Barcelona Apartments. This program is also intended for coeds from Travis House and Tanglewood South. The workshop at the Plantation Apartments on the 14th is for the surrounding area also.

All these workshops will begin at 9 p.m.

"They will discuss basic safety precautions a woman should follow on this campus or in any metropolitan," Self said. "There will be demonstrations of self-defense and the coeds will be given a chance to get an honest answer to any question they want to ask."

"I consider these two an important contribution to the campus. First, they can go to the girls' dorms with no difficulty.

Also, some people find it easier to relate to people of the opposite sex, so they could be a real help to the male students."

Preslar majored in social rehabilitation at Sam Houston State. "I started in psychology," she said, "but became interested in police work and changed my major. I don't intend to remain a policewoman, though. Later I might become a parole officer or something similar."

Preslar said Gass had studied law enforcement at college and would probably remain as a member of a police force.

"Our duties are the same as the men's," Preslar continued. "Our uniforms are very similar to theirs—we even carry guns."

Chief of Campus Police O. L. Luther originally conceived the idea of women on the A&M police force when he learned Fowler, Keathley and Hughes Halls would be occupied by women this year.

"I recommended we get two women and when the board passed the idea, I contacted Toby Schreiber, the dean of women. She heard Sam Houston State had a good department of Criminology and went to see its dean. Through her efforts, we now have two very qualified policewomen."

"As far as I know, A&M is the first university to have women on the force who were really police and not just meter maids."

Grads Ask Awards for Best TAs

Honors, scholarships and study carrels were discussed by the Graduate Student Council Thursday.

A proposal for selections of distinguished graduate assistant teaching was presented. Three awards of \$200 each were recommended.

Foreign student financial aid was also discussed. Both short term and long term loans are available at the University. Student financial aid will provide short term loans, while a few federal loans, bank loans and perhaps the student's own consulate can provide for a longer time period.

There are some departmental scholarships available and the "Good Neighbor" scholarship can be applied for by international students from the Western Hemisphere.

Study carrel regulations were modified in a proposal. A \$2 fine is to be levied for every day after the key is due, with the fine not exceeding \$10. After 10 days and one day grace period, the contents of the room will be boxed.

Also discussed was the Dean's annual luncheon with the graduate council to be held Nov. 27 at the Ramada Inn.

Secretary of State Claims Texas Ahead in Reforms

By CAROL JONES
"Texas is one step ahead of the nation in trying to correct abuses of the past," said Mark White, Texas Secretary of State.

White spoke before a small Political Forum crowd Thursday. He explained House Bill 4, the Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Act, as an attempt toward election reforms. "Texas is in the forefront of regulating political contributions," he said.

HB4 requires that all candidates and political parties make complete reports of all campaign contributions and costs. Also, the name and address of con-

tributors must be included in the report.

White said that failure to report such information in the past has led to many problems concerning abuses of contributed funds. "In the future, anyone can see in the county clerk files what contributions have been given," he said.

The statute also requires every candidate to have a campaign manager before he receives any contributions. The candidate may not keep a contribution if he decides not to run. Candidates must keep report filing deadlines and no corporation can make

campaign contributions. Failure to meet these requirements is a felony.

"The statute still permits for individual help to candidates. You can spend your own money to travel for him or to speak for him," White said. "But spending more than \$100 of your own on behalf of the candidate without reporting it is prohibited. After you spend \$100 it must be reported."

But there is one way to move around the system of reporting funds up to the sum of \$300, White said. An individual can give a candidate \$100 before the first primary. If the candidate makes it to the run-off, the individual can give him another \$100. And if he enters the general election, he can receive another \$100 from the same individual.

White said this statute covers anyone who makes abuses on campaign contributions. "It covers anyone in Texas, any campaign, any measure, fund raising dinners and all funds for any political purposes," he said.

White also discussed student voting registration. To change registration to the university county precinct, a student must show he will live in that county after graduation. This law is presently under appeal. White said he hoped it will be appealed.

"Each individual student and individual person should have to meet only regulations of residency," he said.

Bicycle, Auto Registration Finance New Lots, Racks

By KATHY YOUNG
The price of a parking space has risen from \$271 per space to over \$400 since Lot #50 was constructed behind the Zachry Engineering Center a couple years ago.

"The construction and repair of student, staff and visitor parking lots are paid for in part by vehicle registration and fines from motor vehicles," according to Chief O. L. Luther, head of the University Police. The money collected from registration and fines is put into the Parking and Facilities Account. At present the account is empty due to the construction of a new 500-space parking lot west of the campus across the railroad tracks.

"The new lot which is still under construction cost a half million dollars which came from the University Available Fund, in addition to \$165,000, which had to be borrowed from other sources," said Robert Smith, assistant controller for TAMU. All of the money collected this year in the Parking Fund will go toward paying off the \$165,000 which was borrowed. The University estimates that they will collect \$200,000 this year from all sources in the Parking Account, said Smith.

"The Parking Fund pays only

a small amount of the cost of a parking lot, according to Smith. Lot #50, behind Zachry, cost \$271,263, a \$271-per-space cost in the 1,000-car capacity lot. Now a 400-car lot such as the one under construction south of the Rudder Conference Tower costs \$163,000, or \$400 per space.

"Increased enrollment in the University makes it difficult to provide enough parking lots to keep up with the University's growth," according to Luther.

Grad Student Found Dead

Graduate student James Floyd Scott from Edmond, Okla., was found dead at his off-campus residence Thursday evening.

The body of the 28-year-old physics student was discovered by College Station police who were called to the 1005 Foster residence by neighbors. Justice of the Peace Jess McGee ruled death by self-administered poisoning. He estimated the time of death as 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Funeral services are pending in Edmond. Local arrangements were made by Callaway-Jones Funeral Home.

He added that "presently three percent of the parking spaces in any student lot are vacant most of the time because day students only use the parking lots for a few hours at a time and then leave campus."

He also said that there were usually 350 vacant spaces in Lot #50 and additional spaces in the lot south of campus across the railroad tracks.

"Enforcement is necessary to keep traffic under control and to insure parking in the proper spaces," said Chief Luther.

Luther said money collected for bicycle registration and fines is put in a separate account. The money is used to purchase bike racks which cost over \$200 apiece. It is estimated they will collect \$3,600 this year. As of now they have only collected \$1,172.

Traffic tickets should be taken to the University Police in the YMCA where they will determine the cost of the ticket. A first offense costs \$2, however, a \$5 penalty is assessed for being over 72 hours late. Questions about tickets can be directed to Assistant Police Chief Murdock and a further plea can be made to the Traffic Committee. The committee consists of students and faculty and meets in the Memorial Student Center.

Editor's Note: This is the last in a series examining the arguments both for and against each of the amendments in the Nov. 6 special

Coordinating Board Approves Three New Degree Programs

The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, Wednesday approved three new degree programs for Texas A&M University, including a unique doctor of engineering program designed to produce engineers with technical and corporate leadership abilities.

TAMU also received authorization to issue tuition-backed revenue bonds of \$3.5 million for construction of dormitories and related facilities at its Mitchell Campus on Pelican Island in Galveston.

In addition to a new doctor of

engineering degree program, TAMU received Coordinating Board approval to offer a B.A. degree in anthropology and a B.S. in economics. The university currently offers several courses in anthropology but has not previously been authorized to offer a degree in that field. The new B.S. in economics will complement a B.A. and graduate degree programs already offered in economics.

The doctor of engineering program, developed through the efforts of Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson, will be the only such program in the country.

election. This article covers amendments 6 through 9.

By RICK BROWN
Amendment 6 on the ballot will allow probate cases (such as wills) to be tried in either a district or county court. All appeals would go directly to the court of civil appeals. Presently all such cases must go through county courts presided over by judges who are not required by our constitution to be lawyers. Appeals go first to the district court, then to the court of civil appeals.

Those favoring amendment 6 point out the need for a judge competent enough to decide the complex questions of law sometimes arising from contested will cases. They also say the amendment specifies that simpler probate matters can still be directed to the county courts.

Those against amendment 6 say county judges are already experienced in such matters. The proposed changes would cost the taxpayer more while providing no better service. The district courts are already overloaded; adding to their docket is only going to worsen the backlog of cases. Also, the

Amendments Cover Vet Bonds, Probate Cases, Debts, Taxes

court costs to the parties in conflict are higher in district courts.

Others point out that amendment 6 is only an attempt at patchwork reform where overall judicial reform is needed.

Amendment 7
Passage of amendment 7 would result in a \$100 million increase in the bond limit issued for the Veteran's Land Fund. The bonds, presently limited to \$400 million, provide long term loans to war veterans for purchase of farmland.

Supporters of the amendment say the land fund program has been highly successful through the years in providing low cost loans not otherwise available to vets. The bonds are not paid for by taxpayers so passage would not give rise to any tax increase. Also the new level of \$500 million would probably be sufficient to make the program self-perpetuating. No requests for increases would ever again be needed.

Opponents cite the \$200,000 limit on state debt specified in the constitution. Constitutional amendments authorizing bond indebtedness circumvents the constitution and breeds disrespect for the "pay as you go" spirit of the constitution.

Amendment 8 deals with the method of setting limits on municipal indebtedness. Current Texas law limits the tax rate which may be levied to pay bonds. Proposition 8 would change the limit from a tax rate ceiling to a debt limit ceiling currently set at 10 per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the district.

Proponents stress the fact that amendment 8 will not affect city taxpayers' rights to veto additional municipal debt or tax increases. They also add that it is not designed to allow higher municipal taxes. Current average tax rates are far below the maximum allowed under the constitution. They point out that changing the method of setting limits would affect the type of bonds that cities could issue. The result would be lower interest rates and annual savings of approximately \$30 million a year to Texas taxpayers.

Opponents counter by questioning passage of an amendment which would supercede any home rule city charters now in effect. Currently, they say, there is a constitutional limit on how much

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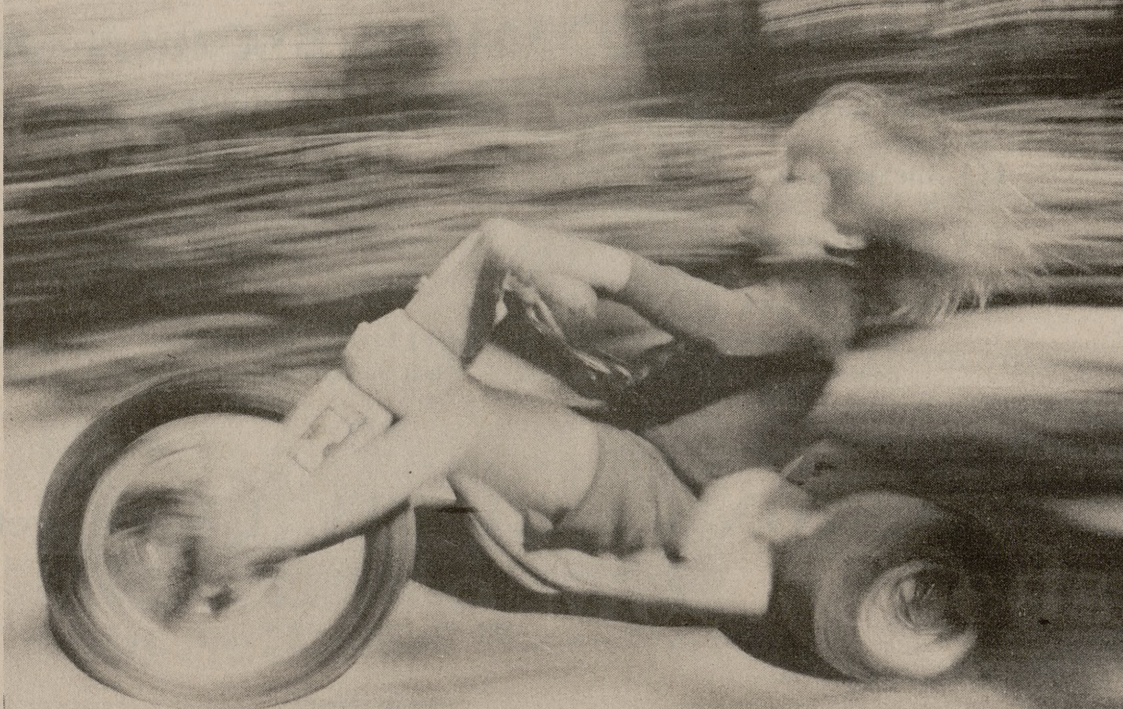
Professor Places Fourth With Picture

Roy C. Pledger, associate professor at Texas A&M University, placed fourth in the Southwestern Photography Exhibition 1973 at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts recently.

Pledger, a member of the faculty of TAMU's Department of Environmental Design, placed fourth among some 1200 entries from the southwest. He was awarded \$250 from the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

The prize-winning photograph was a panned shot of Pledger's son Jonathan on a large plastic tricycle.

The professor received his B.Arch. and M.Arch. degrees from TAMU in 1960 and 1965. He joined TAMU in 1965 and has practiced architecture for four years.



Winning Picture by Professor Roy C. Pledger