

Listen Up

The car—a guzzling menace to society

Editor:

In all problems that face the nation, all changes that must be made to provide solutions to our problems must originate with the educated portion of our society. We the students and faculty of TAMU, who claim to be educated, have the unique opportunity to destroy the fallacy of man's psychological dependence on the ultimate tribute to man's laziness. I'm talking about that deadly, gas guzzling, menace to society—the automobile.

Wake up people! Why do we need them; are they necessary? Do we need to grow fat riding in them? Do we need to expand our country's fuel resources with them so we can buy repair parts or wash them every time we go out in them? Must we keep intact our inherited right to buy new ones every time Detroit changes body styles, or to sell our old ones for one-fourth the price we bought them for? Must we continue in the production of smog until air is more scarce than gasoline? Can we justify in our minds the terrible waste of time, energy and lives that the automobile causes for the simple pleasure we get from impressing people with our wealth, status, or independence. Can we go on with the criminally immature practice of driving around in our glorified phallic symbols? I say no!

If you own a car, you're a sucker! There is absolutely no reason or excuse for operating one. And yet there are very good reasons for not. Imagine what it would sound like on this campus without cars rumbling down the streets. Imagine what it would look like with the parking lots converted to fields or planted with trees or grass. I defy anyone to write a letter supporting the necessity of automobiles (not trucks, tractors, trains or buses) on this campus, or in the United States today. If the students and faculty of this University have the intelligence and ability to analyze and solve the problem at hand I'm sure they will do the only thing that will make any difference at all—sell their cars and either start

walking or buy a bicycle. I will.
Doc Shroff '74
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The men of Moses Hall are very annoyed at the unbased accusations directed against our integrity by the Maggies from Keathley. I would refer to them as women but careful observation with high-powered binoculars has yet to conclusively prove this.

The basic function of a window is to look out of it, and if you could see the drab color our walls are painted (where the paint hasn't chipped off yet), you could easily understand why looking out the window is such a popular diversion. These good Mags fail

to understand that we looked out these same windows when there were men in Keathley and we would continue to look out of them even if the Administration were to tear Keathley down and put a feedlot in its place, which might even improve the view. Then we wouldn't have to look at towels and underwear hanging out to dry on corridor railings.

The charge that our residents act like they are intent on rape is little more than wishful thinking by oversheltered little girls, away from home for the first time.

If the problem is that serious, let the Keathley Dorm Council allocate the money to construct a barrier between our respective

dorms. But they won't, for then who would there be for their imaginations and over-inflated egos to feed on?
Harry C. Bloomfield of the Moses Hall Public Relations Department

Women's Athletics

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of Business Administration Dr. Earl D. Bennett presented the request.

The request is \$50,000 over the amount athletics received from student services last year, but is \$22,000 under last year's request.

"As the student population increases, it takes away from the

In the novel Seven Days in May members of the Joint Chiefs staff plotted to seize control of the government.

Schlesinger indicated he has gone about as far as he intends to go for now in investigating the 1971 episode. He gave Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, a vote of confidence even while saying "it is clear that Adm. Moorer was less than fully alerted" that he was getting unauthorized material from the National Security Council files.

Schlesinger disclosed that his top aide had been denied access to a tape recording of an interrogation by a member of the White House "plumbers" of Rear Adm. Robert O. Welander, who headed the Joint Chiefs staff liaison office at the White House.

The defense secretary said J. Fred Buzhardt, President Nixon's counsel, told Schlesinger's aide that the tape would not be available but that "it was not clear to me whether it was impounded" in

connection with court proceedings.

In any event, Schlesinger indicated he had little regard for the plumbers, a small group set up in

the White House to

leaks. "I'm inclined to believe the plumbers had the same

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Convention said ahead of schedule

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' Constitutional Convention neared the end of its third week today with top officials claiming it is running maybe a week ahead of schedule.

Committee hearings were scheduled again in the morning with former Gov. Preston Smith of Lubbock, a feature witness to testify about powers of the executive department.

A general session was set for 1 p.m. when delegates will be asked to formally approve a \$1.7 million budget for the task of rewriting the much-amended 1876 Constitution.

The budget was approved Thursday by the Administration Committee after a public hearing, minus \$100,000 for a documentary film which was made subject to an attorney general's opinion.

Many of the legislator-delegates planned trips home after today's session but a number will stay in Austin for Saturday committee hearings. At least two committees have scheduled meetings, including one on the controversial subject of branch banking.

"As the third week of the convention comes to an end, we are still ahead of the proposed 90-day schedule," Speaker Price Daniel

Jr., the convention president, said in a statement.

"We are adopting the convention budget a week ahead of the date required by the rules and I anticipate that we will vote on the first article, the Bill of Rights, next week, a week ahead of the proposed schedule's first date for floor consideration of any committee report."

The new constitution's preamble and the Bill of Rights were approved Thursday by rights and suffrage committee, without change from the current Constitution.

Daniel also said he was highly pleased with what he called the "tremendous escalation" of interest and participation by the public in the convention. The toll free convention telephone has been receiving 75 to 100 calls a day from interested citizens, he said.

One of the busiest witnesses before committees Thursday was Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz.

"I propose that we say in the constitution that the legislature will have the power to levy and collect taxes," he told the Finance Committee. "The legislature should have the maximum flexibility in this. That should be the spirit of this convention."

Hofheinz stressed that he

thought the constitution should say that all taxation should be equal and uniform, particularly real estate taxes.

Later he testified before the Local Government Committee.

University of Texas law professor Allan Smith told the Judiciary Committee to go slow in recommending a proposal that high state judges be appointed instead of elected. "My opinion is that

merit selection is not like some things — like the Trinity Canal or Christianity — they've been around so long they are accepted — I think you ought to question merit selection . . . the system we have now is not so bad we should abandon it."

Smith said the present system could be improved to a great extent by providing better administration of the state judicial system.

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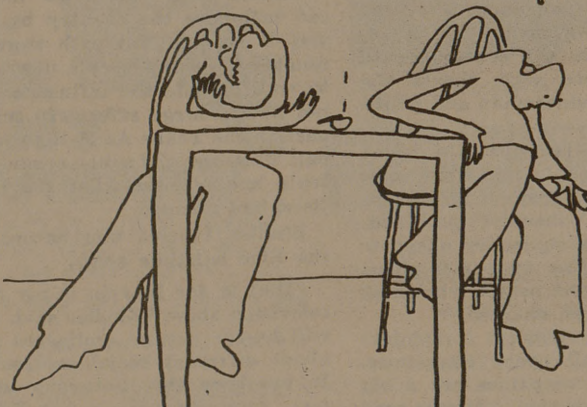
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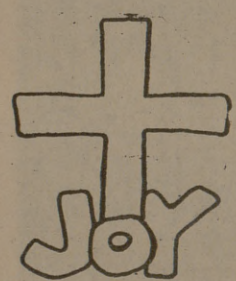
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