

# Perspective changes in light of other ideas

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The primary purpose of this column is to help Battalion readers keep in touch with other universities. Hopefully, it will show attitudes on other campuses about topics currently in debate here, as well as point up topics we may have overlooked. Yes, Jack, there is a world outside Bryan-College Station.

The most current campus debate is whether or not to allow a student pub on campus. Perhaps a little

feed-back from other schools would help put our attitude into perspective.

The most advanced university, as far as campus pubs are concerned, is the University of Texas at Austin. The Texas Tavern opened, selling alcoholic beverages on campus. It was described as a special kind of place with a warm, informal atmosphere. People come together for food and for drink, for interaction and for discussion. They are coming

together for relaxation and for entertainment, as well as for getting to know each other. Prices are competitive or slightly lower than those charged by Austin establishments. Live music entertainment, films or speakers are featured every night. Beer and wine will be sold beginning at 11 a.m. and mixed drinks beginning 5 p.m. weekdays. Drinks will be sold at all hours on weekends.

Scholarly Rice follows Texas in

pub progress. They are scheduled to begin construction of an undergraduate pub in February. It is pending approval of the Rice Board of Governors. They are expected to approve the necessary funds. Beer price estimates are 40 cents a mug or \$1.85 a pitcher.

The students at Texas Tech are advocating the sale of alcoholic beverages in their University Center. Texas Tech's Resident Hall Association President Bob White said, "It

would be ideal for students in that it would be there in one place where all students could obtain it. It would also add to the University Center entertainment scene. More students would want to come to the U.C."

Their University Center Director said he thought the sale of alcoholic beverages would add revenue to the slumping funds of the Center.

In the University of Houston's newspaper there was an editorial

complaining of the uneventful entry the serving of beer on campus caused. The author added, "Why does UH have to be the cultural low-rollers of the universities in the state. Except for Texas A&M, where (as the Texas Observer describes) culture and agriculture are at death grips, UH is the high point of boredom and frustration."

However, at North Texas, considered a liberal school by many, students are gathering signatures for

petitions for a wet-dry election. They still live in a dry county.

Elsewhere on campuses, in the Methodist stronghold of Southern Methodist University, Marat/Sade was performed in their Student Center Grand Ballroom. They began their show with an electronic vaudeville collage called, "There is no Market for Surrealist Comedy."

The Austin Public Library is offering between 7,500 and 8,000 records for people to check out. They can be checked out just like books. They also have a growing collection of tapes. The music categories range from classical to country and western.

Also causing discussion on campus is the feasibility of a campus open-air radio station. At East Texas State University, two radio stations in the Speech-Drama Department are planned to go on the air in February and March. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) administers federal money for use by public broadcasting stations. It recently changed its requirements from three to five permanent full-time employees for a station to qualify for the grant.

At North Texas the campus radio station KNTU-FM has recently purchased new equipment and is changing its format to include jazz and classical music as well as pop.

## Erwin's trial could move

AUSTIN (AP) — Fifteen more witnesses testified Tuesday at a hearing on a change of venue motion by former University of Texas Regent Frank Erwin.

Tuesday's testimony raised the total of witnesses called to 26-19 of whom have said Erwin could not receive a fair trial here on drunken driving charges.

John Augustine, assistant Travis County attorney, said both the prosecution and defense planned to call as many as six more witnesses each Wednesday.

Augustine said the hearing could last until Thursday morning.

Austin police arrested Erwin on the drunken driving charge Oct. 8.

## Reyes thwarted in try to oust affairs director

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Nominations Committee ignored a challenge Tuesday and recommended confirmation of former Corpus Christi Mayor Ben McDonald Jr. for a new term as director of the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

The appointment now goes to the full Senate, where a two-thirds vote is necessary to confirm McDonald.

Paul Reyes, whom McDonald fired in April as director of planning and assistance, urged the committee to recommend against confirmation.

Reyes, still unemployed, said McDonald had wrecked the local planning and management assistance program "through his mismanagement."

He called the department of community affairs a "mismanaged department that should be evaluated and reorganized by the legislature."

Reyes said he has filed discrimination charges against McDonald with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

But Sen. Raul Longoria, D-Edinburg, a law school classmate of McDonald, defended the director, saying 22 per cent of the agency's employees are Mexican-Americans.



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