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# City council elections . . .

By GERALD OLIVIER  
Well, fans, it's election time again in College Station. Three council seats will be up for grabs the second Tuesday in April.

The date for the elections is set in the city charter, but must be officially named by the city Council. This will be done at a special called meeting of the council next Tuesday. Then the fun begins as candidates file until the deadline on Feb. 28.

The potential office-seekers are already talking around and trying to measure their chances. Bob Bell, unsuccessful mayoral candidate last spring, Gary Halter, political science professor, and Councilmen Don Dale and Larry Bravenev have gone on record as entries.

Halter and Bell are playing the strategy game and will not commit themselves to any particular seat. The possibilities include running for the seat now held by retiring

Mayor-Protem Fred Brison, the seat held by Don Dale and the seat now held by Bravenev.

Dale, Bell and Bravenev are no newcomers to politics in College Station. Dale has been the target of much recent criticism concerning one of the major issues in the campaign—zoning. Dale voted for the rezoning of the controversial Harry Seaback tract behind Dominik Drive. Dominik home owners opposed the building of more apartments in the area and have been vocal in their opposition of Dale on the zone change.

Bravenev voted against the apartment zoning and has been hailed as the defender of the people by Dominik residents against the business interests in town. He is currently serving his first term (an election he won by a wide margin) and feels confident of re-election.

Bell, though not an incumbent, is also a veteran of city politics. He was defeated by a narrow 15-vote margin by Mayor O.M. Holt in last spring's elections. Although no one is certain (at least for the record), it appears he will run against Dale in April.

Halter will be the new name on the ballot. He is a professor in the Political Science Department, specializing in urban politics. Although not yet officially tenured, Halter said university regulations would have required he be notified last year if tenure would not be granted.

Some local politicians have expressed concern over the use of his upcoming tenure as a lever by the university to sway his vote. Halter discounts this possibility saying he has been encouraged to pursue his ambitions freely by all university officials involved in the tenure-granting process.

Halter will probably run for the term left open by Brison's retirement.

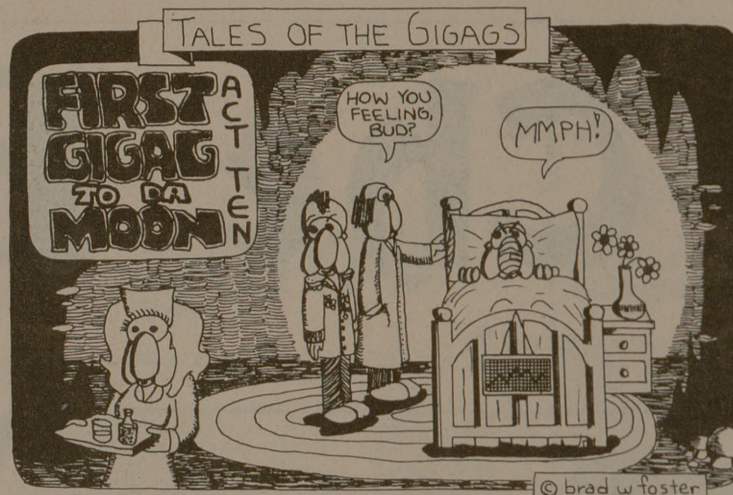
The major issue in the young campaign seems to be land use. The question of when to zone and when not to zone has been brought to the front by the recent Dominik case. Halter, Bell and Bravenev have gone on the record opposing the type of conduct which led the council to rezone the Seaback tract.

Bell says the newly appointed charter revision commission will be

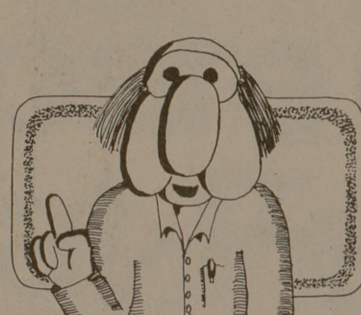
one of the key issues in the campaign. Halter stresses the need for better planning (including changes in the city staff). He points to the proposed extension of Glade Street to intersect Jersey as one example of poor planning. Halter suggests hiring a fulltime, qualified planner and moving Bill Koehler, the present city planner, to the position of assistant to City Manager North Bardell.

Bell would be in favor of the proposed Glade extension if it would not interfere with plans made by the A&M Consolidated School District, whose land the extension would cross. He is joined in this sentiment by Bravenev. Dale is opposed to the extension and would prefer to see the land sold for the building of apartments.

The main question in the minds of voters, say all four candidates, is how to control the rapid growth of the city. The issues of zoning, planning and street improvements all center on this problem. Citizens will have a chance to effect change, or opt for the status quo in city government in a few short weeks.



YES, MOST OF THE EYEWITNESSES WERE SO SHOCKED BY THE SIGHT OF THE SHIP THAT THEY'RE INCOHERENT!



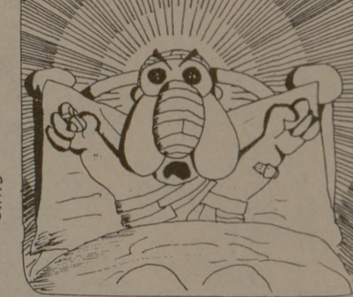
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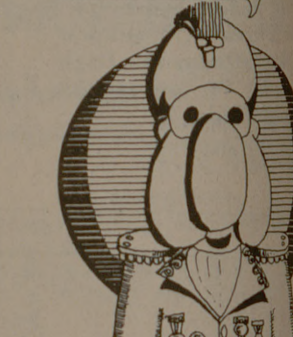
ANYWAY, THE FLIGHT WASN'T A COMPLETE FAILURE! IT POINTED OUT THE THINGS WE NEED TO IMPROVE.



THAT DOES IT!



MY SURFACE SPY TEAMS HAVE REPORTED THAT THE HUMID BEANS AREN'T TOO SURE WHAT HAPPENED.



I THINK THE MAJOR WEAK POINT WAS THE INITIAL THRUST, SO I'VE STARTED WORK ON A MORE POWERFUL LAUNCH SPRING.



NOW YOU GUYS ARE GONNA SEE STARS!!



Listen Up

## Degree replaces education

Editor:

After attending a large university for one year, these are my thoughts on higher education. I do not believe that I am unique in these opinions—there is widespread dissatisfaction. I believe that there is something inherently wrong with our educational system. I decided last fall that I was not getting what I wanted at A&M. I elected not to return in the spring. I felt that I was playing a big game and losing.

Is education a big game? Who are the winners? The schools seem to chastise the student more than help him. The educational system is not student oriented, as it should be.

I didn't feel like I was getting what I paid for and was paying for more than I wanted—courses that must be taken, but which have no relevance to my area of interest. These subjects are supposed to "broaden" my education; I think that they actually keep professors supplied with warm bodies to fill their rolls and force the student to stay longer and spend more money.

"Weeder" courses are purposely unnecessarily difficult. I went to college to learn, not compete. This type of technique yields "survivors," not educated people. There is the chance that in the struggle for GPR something might be absorbed, but this is incidental.

I have given up thinking that I will get an education in college—I will settle for a degree.

Douglas E. Garey

### Fair warning

Editor:

I would like to address this letter to those non-handicapped students who persist in parking in the two spaces marked, "Disabled Permit Holders Only," in Lot 2.

I am one of the people for whom those spaces were designated. They were put there and are maintained for me and another person. We, like yourselves, need a place to park and these spaces allow us to do so with ease.

In a tight space or situation, we must maneuver the car more carefully than you. Should we misjudge distances we may react a little slower than you. The spaces practically eliminate this type of situation.

The disabled spaces are convenient to us for another reason—their proximity to our dorm room. It makes having to carry things to and from our vehicles much easier.

I do not begrudge anyone a parking space, but if you find yourself wanting to park in a disabled space anywhere on campus—not just these two—try to place yourself in our position. Perhaps you'll see why I must report any violations in these spaces. So please obey the signs—you might just save yourself \$5.

James Duke

### Trained fish

Editor:

This letter is in response to Steve Haley, Tab Thompson, Keith Seale and the 13 other fish of Squadron 1 (Listen up, Feb. 4).

I do not think that dissent over

student affairs is a discredit to this university. It only demonstrates that students do not always agree with what others do or see eye to eye with our Board of Directors. In my opinion the criticisms of student relations, Board decisions and the MSC interior decoration contribute a worthwhile expression of public opinion, hopefully a major input to public policy.

Frankly, your satisfaction displays both ignorance and apathy to the highest degree. If your definition between true Aggies and two-per centers rests on your satisfaction, I proudly join the ranks of two-per centers and pledge to give 100 per cent for their cause.

The people who have complained and give so grudgingly have done so because of a pride alone. Self respect and pride that compels them to push for what they consider a great university to be. That idea has little to do with rhinoceroses, round couches, Fred Flintstone furniture, ostrich plumes, pillars and cowhide benches.

Damn right people complain and give grudgingly. We gave already and were taken.

I will continue to give with a grudge as long as we have a Board of Directors that makes decisions on matters outside their expertise without seeking enlightenment from the wealth of knowledge available within our own faculty and that which might be attained through established consultants.

I am disappointed to see the fresh minds of a freshman class already smothered into satisfaction by their

upperclassmen. You haven't even been here a year and you are already old fashioned. What a shame it will be when your satisfaction turns to sorrow because Aggies for years to come do not enjoy what we have left behind.

Ricky B. Owen

### Junior Promm III

## Female yell leaders

The trip to the fish pond will be getting longer

By ALAN KILLINGSWORTH

Well, the question of female yell leaders is in the air again. Some ole Ags are yelling, "No way!" Some females are yelling, "Why not?" Some ole Ags are yelling, "They can't do this! They can't do that!" Some females are yelling, "We can do this and we can do that!"

Have you heard about the old way of making sure that your kid won't smoke? Just sit down with the kid on a Saturday afternoon with a cartoon of Kools 100's and make him smoke every last one of them. If he gets sick, chances are he'll never smoke another fag as long as he lives.

Junior Promm says let the women try the yell leader route. After one year as a yell leader, the female will either be too disgusted and quit or become so much like a man it should not make any difference.

It's a Friday night during football season and the Ags are pouring into Kyle field for the traditional yell practice. There's only one thing different. This is the debut of the first female yell leader.

"Aggies," she yells.

"Yes, sweet young thing," the crowd replies.

"We're gonna beat the ever livin'..."

"WHOO!"

"Ever lovin'..."

"WHOO!"

"Aggie mum..."

"WHOO!"

"Hair curler..."

"WHOO!"

"Nail polish..."

"WHOO!"

"Boot kissin'..."

"WHOO!"

"Hell outa Texas!"

"WHOO! WHOOP, WHOOP, WHOOP!"

What kind of girl is going to get in front of 4,000 Aggies and tell what she did the night before the TCU game? What kind of girl is going to go into detail with such words as \$%&?!%&?! It seems an awful lot of the proceedings would have to be changed in order to make the atmosphere acceptable for females to participate. If the female talks like that who should care if she's a yell leader or not? But this would not be the only thing that changes.

The band strikes up. The signal goes to the rear of Kyle Field that the War Hymn is about to play. The crowd responds. The yell leaders clasp their hands together and proceed to thrust them high in the air. The only difference is that there is now a female yell leader and the Ags are giving a bigger kick watching her thrust her arms in the air than they are in singing the song.

If enough of the Ags caught on they might have the gall to change the words of the War Hymn a little. One variation might be from "Hullabaloo caneck caneck," to "Hullabaloo caneck Boom, Boom". But then again, if the girl doesn't mind, why should it bother the Ags.

There are two minutes left in the game. The score is A&M 72, Texas zip. The 800 or so Corps freshmen have lined the field ready to capture the winning yell leaders and drag them off to the fish pond. Why are they all concentrating on one yell leader in particular? This is the debut of the first female yell leader to be carried to the pond.

The gun sounds and the race begins. The four male yell leaders are running for their lives but there doesn't seem to be anyone chasing

them. Someone is yelling in the crowd that he doesn't care if the males run all the way to Navasota, all he wants to do is catch the chick.

The group which has caught the female sure seems to be taking its time getting her to the fish pond. Guys are pushing and shoving trying to carry her those few feet. It seems there is a near riot.

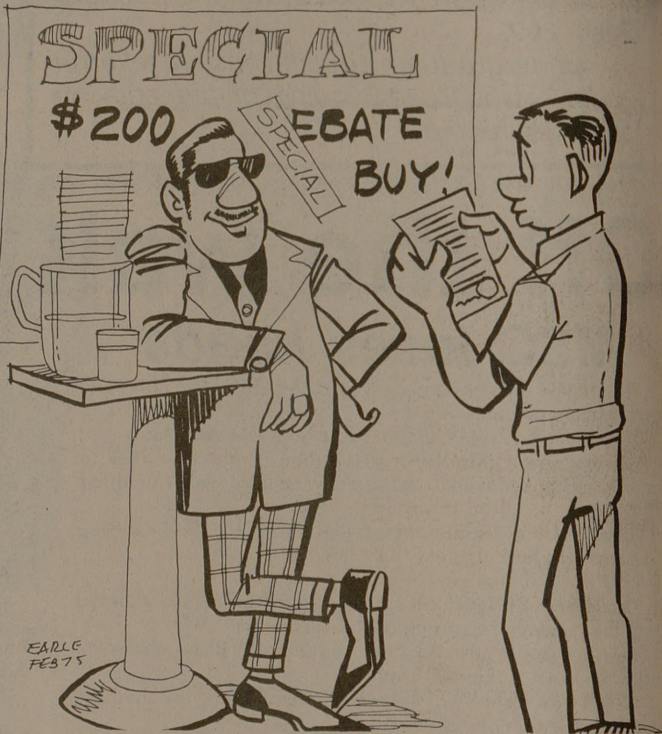
In the three years I've been at A&M, I have yet to meet a girl that could keep 800 Corps freshmen in control. I've heard there are a few

who think they can, but I've yet to see proof.

What kind of girl would like to see Corps freshmen handling her body and carrying her anywhere she want? I don't know but then again if the woman doesn't care who should the Ags?

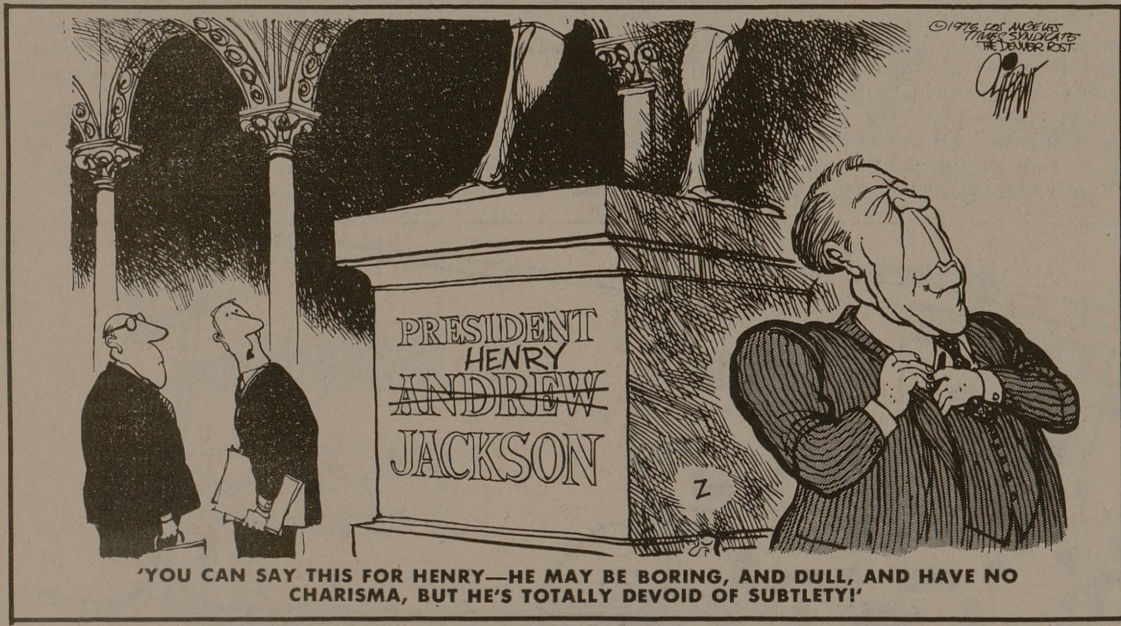
All we have to do is take up a little space from the belt of a yell leaders uniform and put two stars in the shirt and "Voila," women yell leaders. You can't knock it if you try it.

### Slouch



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### Jim Earle



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