

Cloud 9... a bird's eye view

Realtor on the council? Before you say no, meet the man

By GERALD OVIVIER
Do you want a big-time real estate broker on your city council? Maybe.

In a meeting Tuesday night with Jim Jett, candidate for Place 1, the problems of being a realtor running for the council in College Station were some of the main topics discussed.

Being in the real estate business puts the candidate in the wrong side of the file for most voters, especially when the realtor (Jett), is the past president of the local apartment owners' association.

Rejecting Jett offhand is a big mistake; meet the man first. He says realtors are in an excellent position to know what the problems and needs of a growing community really are.

Jett's supporters include Tom Chaney, realtor with Richard Smith Co. and Planning and Zoning Commission member, and County Commissioner Bill Cooley. Jett disagrees with them on many issues and is free in voicing his opposition.

On zoning, Jett would have voted for the Harry Seaback request for apartment zoning behind Dominik Drive. The buffer of duplexes Seaback suggested met the wishes of the Dominik home owners, Jett said.

He feels the growth of the city will result in more frequent zoning considerations by the council. Jett

rejects the concept of a static zoning, where all land is zoned one way now and will always remain that way. The future development patterns of the city are unpredictable, Jett said.

A good councilman is one who is willing to spend the time necessary to do the job, Jett said. His job as a

realtor will give him this time, he added.

Jett plans to spend a lot of time during his first term (whenever that may be) being quiet and learning. There are many things only an individual deeply involved with the city government can deal with, he said.

College Station today is a nearly ideal city, Jett said. There are few current major problems, but many right around the corner. His candidacy for council is based on an attempt to avoid many of these future problems, he said.

Jett's opponent in the race will be Gary Halter, political science professor at TAMU.

"I'm running for Jim Jett, not against Gary Halter," Jett said.

Jett is a very personable man. I have been continually impressed by his willingness to give straight answers to question.

So don't write Jett off as just another realtor; meet him and then decide.

Listen Up

Survey shows inadequacy Birth control counselling

Editor:
Regarding the Battalion's story on birth control (Page 1, March 5) at the health center, there are several facts which I find puzzling.

First, why is only one doctor seeing women who want birth control? And only four hours a week? Dr. Goswick stated that "We have been in a trial period in order to assess the demand... How long must a trial period be?"

It has been more than a year since the health center began providing this service, yet it takes almost a month to get an appointment. How much longer is needed to assess the demand? Many women are still unaware that the health center provides

this service, yet little has been done to advertise it.

One aspect of this situation which I don't think has been made clear is the difference between the need and the demand for birth control. The need for birth control refers to the number of women who are engaging in sex without proper birth control; the demand for birth control is a function of (1) the need, (2) the availability, and (3) the knowledge of the availability.

I think the following facts can clearly demonstrate the need. A few weeks ago another graduate student and I conducted a survey of the sexual behavior of introductory psychology students (N equals 113 females, 161 males). Our results are probably

conservative estimates because Introductory Psychology students are predominately freshmen and sophomores.

Of relevance to birth control, we found that 58 percent of the women in our study have, or are, engaging in sex; of these, 32 percent are using an inadequate means of birth control (rhythm, withdrawal, or none). Projecting these figures on the population of A&M coeds (5,276) we find 3,060 engaging in sex, of which 979 are using an inadequate means of birth control.

Using Dr. Goswick's statement that 8-10 women are seen per week for birth control, it would take 98 to 122 weeks, or about two years, to provide the birth control currently needed by A&M women.

Add to this the fact that 16 percent (inferring, 490 A&M women) of our sample of nonvirgin women has also had an abortion, the need for birth control is clear. It is also clear that the need is not being met by the health center.

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A Greek A&M?

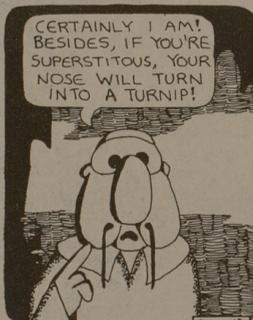
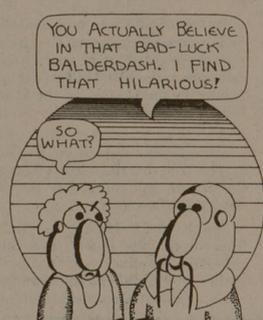
Editor:
In the two years I have attended Texas A&M, I have seen changes

taking place in every dimension of this university. I suppose that one of the most crucial changes occurred when co-eds were able to live on campus. Within the last year, some of these women decided that they wanted to be a part of the Corps of Cadets. They were granted that privilege.

All too soon after the shock of seeing women in Corps uniforms, I was confronted by representatives of a national sorority which is trying to gain access to the women of A&M. I heard what they had to say, and was respectful of their feelings about their particular group.

Does A&M really need a swarm of "social butterflies" fluttering their wings all over the campus and surrounding vicinity? It seems to me that women have tremendous opportunity right now to become involved with the university and with fellow students. . . . Every major on this campus has a club to bring students with common career interests together. . . . Women's sports offers a wide variety of activities. . . . And what about all of the MSC committees? There is certainly something already here for every woman on this campus who will take the initiative to check

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