

Over the wall

Rape, smoking major campus concerns

Various and sundry individuals sometimes point out to other various and sundry individuals that living in the Bryan-College Station and attending Texas A&M University is synonymous with living in a fish-bowl . . . nice and self-contained, untouched by human hands.

Following this train of thought a little farther, living in a fish-bowl has its advantages. Sometime within the past two weeks the subject of rape has been referred to at least once by every Southwest Conference university newspaper we exchange papers with. The TEXAS

TECH newspaper pointed out that city crime in Lubbock increased in 1974 by 17.7 per cent. Rape increased 43.4 per cent, with 76 rapes occurring in 1974 and 53 in 1973.

A spokesman for the campus police said, "Rape on TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY campus within the past year has been extremely (stress extremely) rare."

However, just because we live in a nice fish-bowl, that's no reason to strain out trends that may be helpful to your health. No smoking signs in the Business-Economics Building at

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN read (do signs "read" or do they "say"?), "You have no right to foul the air I breathe".

The Daily Texan says that the signs do seem to have a positive effect on non-smokers. It gives them the courage needed to ask someone to stop smoking in their presence.

Perhaps sometimes THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN does have a few good ideas.

Little known fact: state law prohibits smoking in public places. This law dates back to the days when most of the buildings were wooden and smoking presented a fire hazard.

The DAILY TEXAN quoted Sen. William T. Moore (that's the senator from this district) as saying, "The

Senate shouldn't vote to bust a man (Walter Sterling) because some rabble rousers at the University of Texas decide they are going to set policies here. Students are always against the establishment and that's probably the way it should be. If the man had been a member of the Communist Party instead of the John Birch Society, this group would probably be for him."

The DAILY TEXAN said,

"Surely, your average college student would not agree with Moore's logic on why Sterling should be confirmed as a University regent. Surely, your average college student would be insulted at being called a rabble rouser when others — who take the same action — are called lobbyists. Surely, your average college student would think Moore was mad and surely your average college student would attempt to

but this man in the next senatorial election. But the question is this: Is your average college student an Aggie?"

The question that deserves an answer is not the rhetorical one. Hell no, the average college student isn't an Aggie. If he was, then 23,000 current students and God knows how many former students of TAMU wouldn't take pride in being an Aggie.



Photo by University News Service

William D. Rumbaugh (left) and Paul W. F. Yust with their version of the Foucault pendulum which can be seen in the Zachry Engineering Center.

Engineers build replica of 18th century pendulum

Texas A&M student engineers have duplicated the pendulum experiment of 18th century physicist Monsieur Foucault with a permanent display in the Zachry Engineering Center lobby.

Members of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society constructed the display which features a 46-foot pendulum with a 255 lb. bob attached to the end.

Foucault showed that the earth rotated without resorting to direct observation. In College Station, the pendulum rotates about 185 degrees in a 24 hour period.

The group added a Compass Rosette underneath the pendulum to show the points and an electromagnetic device to keep the pendulum in perpetual motion.

Graduate student, William Rumbaugh said the idea was conceived when "it was suggested that we build some displays which show some of the fundamental physical principles. Our adviser noted that this kind of display acquaints students with the theories before they were faced with them in the classroom."

About the mechanism Rumbaugh said, "After we built the pendulum, we had to power it. We put a coil around the platform and a permanent magnet near the tip of the bob. The bob passing over the coil trig-

gers a voltage that turns on an electromagnet in the middle of the platform and attracts the bob back to the center."

Benefit party nets \$50,000

AUSTIN (AP) — Almost \$50,000 was raised April 7 at a special benefit reception to help Bicentennial projects in Texas, Mrs. William P. Hobby Jr. said Thursday.

The gala at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library was hosted by Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, American National Insurance Co. and state Bicentennial officials.

Mrs. Hobby, president of the Bicentennial Association of Texas, said the event "was a successful beginning for the celebration of our nation's 200th birthday with programs of lasting importance to the people of Texas."

She said that 210 Texas communities have undertaken projects designated as official bicentennial activities.

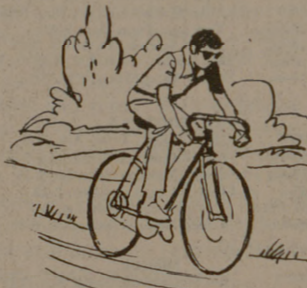
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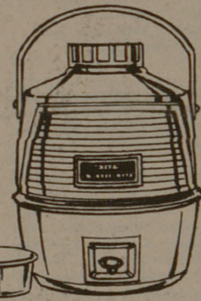


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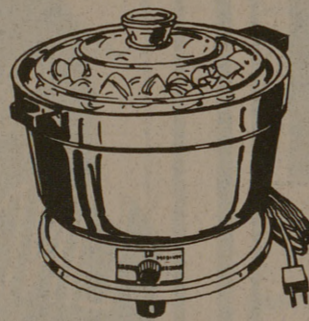
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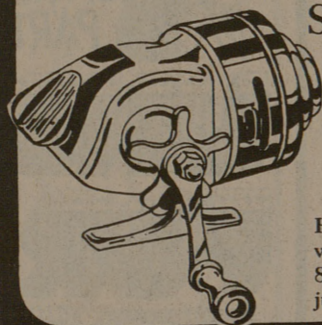
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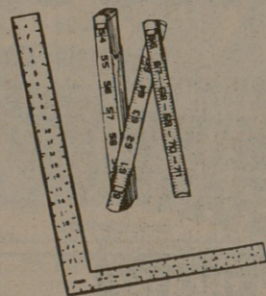


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