



# In the beginning . . .

## Government regulation is everywhere

Yesterday, I received last week's copy of my hometown paper, The State Line Tribune (Farwell, Texas). The editor, John Getz, has a column on the front page, and he had an interesting article in it.

The article is of a political-economic nature so it was suggested that it be run in The Battalion as the economic report. Since it is sort of a guest editorial, it could be classified as The Aggie forum.

But the Tribune was my first newspaper (I was 11-years-old and wrote under the name, "Scoop" Anderson, about the sixth-grade

band), so I felt it should be Your man at Batt. To avoid argument, no column head will be used.

My thanks to Mr. Getz and to the original writer, California Congressman Andrew Hinshaw.

There's a message to this unique account of CREATION:

"In the beginning, God created Heaven and Earth."

He was almost immediately faced with a class-action lawsuit for failing to file an environmental-impact statement by HEIA — the Heavenly Environmental Impact

Agency. God was granted a temporary permit for the heavenly portion of the project, but a cease-and-desist order was issued on the earthly part.

Upon completion of his construction permit application and environmental impact statement, God appeared before the agency to answer questions.

When asked why he began these projects in the first place, he simply replied that he liked to be creative.

This was not considered adequate reasoning, and he was directed to substantiate this further. He was advised that the agency was unable to see any practical use for earth since "the earth was void and empty and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

Then God said, "Let there be light!"

This action was in gross error since one member of the agency was active in the Sierrangel Club and immediately protested, asking, "How was the light to be made? Would there be strip mining? What about thermal pollution? Air pollution?"

God explained that the light would come from a huge ball of fire.

Nobody in the agency really understood this, but to disguise their ignorance, they issued a provisional acceptance assuming: (1) there would be no smog or smoke resulting from the ball of fire, (2) a separate burning permit would be obtained, and (3) since a continuous light would be a waste of energy, it should be dark at least one-half of the time.

So God agreed to divide light and darkness, and he would call the light, day, and the darkness, night. The agency expressed no interest with in-house semantics!

When asked how the earth would

be covered, God said, "Let there be firmament made amidst the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

One ecologically radical agency member accused him of double-talk but the agency tabled action since God would be required first to file for a permit from the Angela Bureau of Land Management and further would be required to obtain water permits from the appropriate agencies involved.

The council asked if there would be only water and firmament, and God said, "Let the earth bring forth the green herb, and such as have seed, and the fruit of the tree yielding fruit after its kinds, which may have seen itself upon the earth."

The agency agreed, as long as native seeds would be used.

About future development, God said, "Let the waters bring forth the creeping creatures having life, and the fowl that may fly over the earth."

Here again the agency took no formal action since this would require approval of the Game and Fish Commission coordinated with the Heavenly Wildlife Federation.

It appeared that everything was at last in order until God stated he wanted to complete the project in six days.

He was sternly advised that his timing was completely out of the question as the agency would require a minimum of 180 days to review the application and the environmental-impact statement. Then there would be the public hearings! No final action could be expected before ten or twelve months.

Slowly God picked up the voluminous documents before him, and as he turned away was heard to mutter, "To Hell with it!"

# Students continue lobby effort

By ROD SPEER  
City Editor

WASHINGTON — TAMU Student Government President Steve Eberhard and three A&M students left Washington D.C. Sunday night after a weekend of politics in the Capitol and elsewhere. Eberhard was



selected by the vice president of Student Services, John Koldus, to attend a "Symposium on the Presidency" at the Sheraton Inn in Raston, Virginia. Eberhard and the other students arrived there early Friday morning.

John Nash and Jerri Ward, the past and current SC vice presidents of external affairs, represented A&M as delegates to the National

Student Lobby (NSL). Nash said there was only one bill he wanted to back through lobbying efforts: a tax break for parents of students. Since Congressman Olin E. Teague of College Station has already favored the law, Nash said he couldn't justify the expense for two days of lobbying.

Ward spoke to Teague Friday on the topic for the next annual A&M Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA). Nash and Ward

stayed for the workshops and general sessions, but left before the actual lobbying efforts began. The NSL convention took place just before the House considered an educational appropriations bill. This gave the lobbyists a chance to push for last-minute support of amendments which would increase funding for student grants and institutional aid. The bill is scheduled for vote on the House floor today.

Carol Moore, an A&M student

member of the NSL Board of Directors, did not attend because of a mix-up with student government over who would pay her expenses. Russ Usnick, another A&M student, paid his own fare so that he could run for NSL executive director. A new director has not yet been announced.

Other Texas delegations from Houston, Lubbock, and Dallas remained in town for Monday's and Tuesday's lobbying efforts.

## Listen Up

# To Corps staff

## Enforcement is unfair with no notice

Editor:

This is an open letter to Corps staff.

I feel your insistence upon the 2.25 GPR requirement for Staff positions, including Commanding Officer and First Sergeant, is well and good. However, I DO NOT feel those restrictions should be placed upon those persons in question for positions pertaining to 1975-1976. I feel the enforcement of that requirement at this late date is unjust and unfair to both those on Staff and to those who have been under surveillance for Staff positions.

If sophomores and juniors had been informed of this restriction in the fall of 1974, I would be in complete agreement with the requirement. However, those who are the most qualified may not quite have that GPR and the ones who DO hold that ratio or higher may not be qualified in the least for these such positions. This is why I feel your request is unreasonable at this late time.

If made a requirement for all sophomores and juniors of 1975-1976, the Corps of Cadets would obtain a higher standard of qualifications. I believe the Corps of Cadets is the most admired and respected organization on campus and it IS the backbone of TAMU. But enforcing those restrictions NOW could create unnecessary hostilities within the Corps AND without, and ruin the Corps reputation for unity.

I hope you will reconsider your request.

Jana Stockton

## ERA explained

Editor:

As Executive Director of Students for Responsible Expression, I have been questioned by several people about the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

A bill to rescind Texas ratification of the ERA is now in the Texas Legislature. The proponents of the bill have pointed out several cogent arguments in favor of rescinding the ERA, so as a matter of public information I will here enumerate some of the arguments which have been presented.

(1) Most state laws now prohibit marriages between persons of the

same sex. Because these laws discriminate on the basis of the sex of one of the partners, these laws will be invalidated by the ERA. "The stringent requirements of the proposed Amendment argue strongly for removal of this stigma by granting marriage licenses to homosexual couples . . ." (Yale Law Journal, Jan. 1973)

(2) Sex crimes which are based on the idea of protecting women will be outlawed under the ERA. "Seduction laws, statutory rape laws, laws prohibiting obscene language in the presence of women . . ." The Equal Rights Amendment would not permit such laws, which base their clas-

sification . . . on social stereotypes." (Yale Law Journal, April 1971)

(3) The position of both the Justice Department and the Defense Department is that women will be subject to the draft under the ERA. (Congressional Record, March 22, 1972) Even though the draft has been suspended, it can be reactivated at any time. Yale Law Journal, April 1972, states that "Women will serve in all kinds of units, and they will be eligible for combat duty."

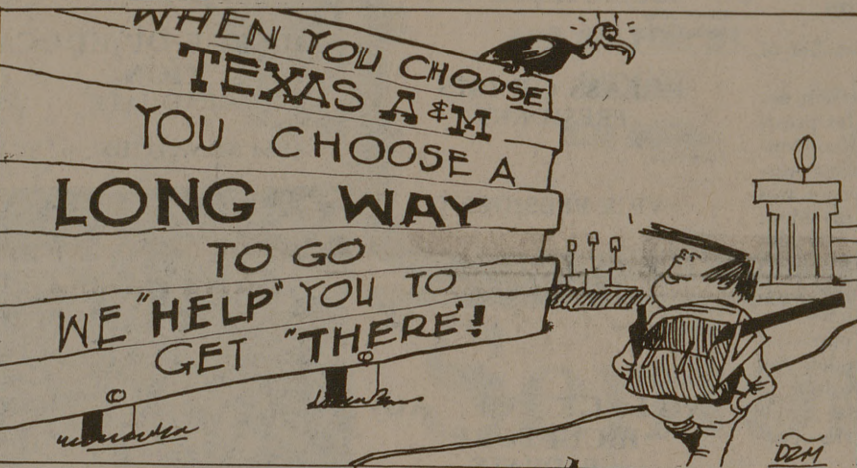
If this is the ERA that everyone thinks they are for, okay. But if there are people who are alarmed about these developments, they should write their state legislators.

And we encourage everyone we know to join SRE in a hearty "Beat

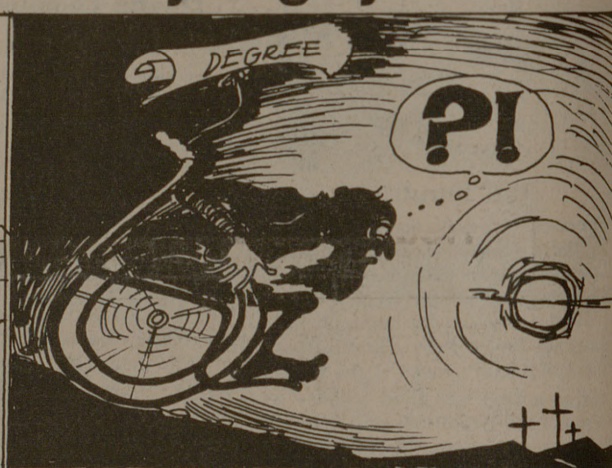
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Terry Hunt Tooley

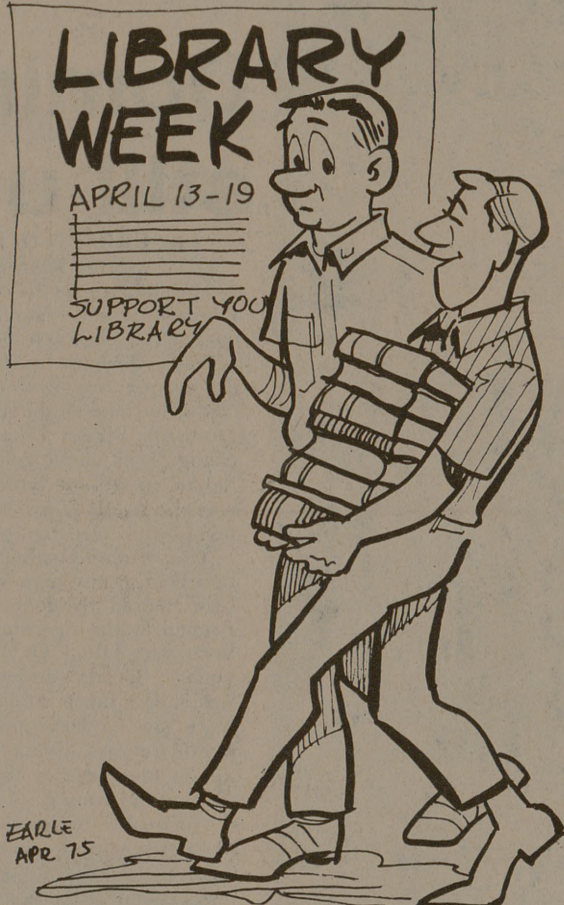
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