

# Health Center Entrances limited

**Editor:**  
I had an accident of a semi-emergency nature during the past weekend which required a visit to the University Health Center.

As I was on the south side of the campus at the time, I entered the campus by automobile on that side. I soon realized that you cannot get to the Health Center from the south side in a car.

I headed for the north side but found the road leading to the Health Center blocked off by the fish pond. It was then that I was enlightened with the knowledge that the Health Center is accessible by car only through the west campus entrance.

My trip around the campus was further complicated by the fact that I was driving with one hand and was hurrying. My other hand was still sizzling from my crafty deed of putting it in a can of acid-bearing solvent.

The one place on campus that should be easily accessible by auto is the Health Center.

I realize the University administration is trying to restrict traffic flow through the campus, but it seems priorities have been mixed up somewhere.

I could have parked and walked in my case, but a serious emergency involving an unconscious patient would require quick access to the emergency door.

Jerry Needham

## Cancellation

**Editor:**  
Well rock music fans, the screws have been put to us again. I just went to obtain tickets for the Nov. 7 Kraftwerk concert and was told that Kraftwerk has cancelled and is being replaced by Jim Stafford and Dave Loggins, two middle-of-the-road, easy listening performers. This makes one easy listening, one country, one jazz and one soul concert scheduled this semester. But still no rock.

I would like to suggest that Town Hall concentrate on American talent instead of shooting for the more internationally known groups such as Kraftwerk, a German group which is in greater demand and has a better chance of cancelling out. Maybe next semester, huh?

Bob Gibbons

## One arm bandit

**Editor:**  
Gambling, though "illegal" in Texas, is a commonplace occurrence on Texas A&M campus. Almost every building has a "one arm bandit" in the guise of a vending machine.

Using one of these machines is

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always a gamble at best. I suspect the slot machines in Las Vegas pay off as often as most of the vending machines on campus.

But in all fairness, these machines are equipped with cards stating where refunds are made. Is it an accident they are usually in another building halfway across campus?

Actually my real reason for writing this is not to complain, but to make a suggestion. I believe it would be profitable if A&M would invest in vending machines. The profits would be tremendous because they seldom give anything for the money. In a few years the tuition could be reduced to almost nothing. The students would still be paying, (indirectly) and it would be a sporting proposition.

Sam Hill

## Rush hour

**Editor:**  
Something needs to be done towards easing Texas A&M University's 5 p.m. traffic problems. Many controlled and uncontrolled exits from the University have motorists waiting in line, sometimes for 15 minutes.

Ideally, the problem could be cured by installing traffic lights at the university exits. Four main exits now have traffic lights while six others do not.

Motorists who exit onto Jersey Street from Bizzell, especially those waiting to turn left across a lane of traffic, have seen much shorter lines since a traffic signal was installed there during the summer.

Perhaps the intersection with

greatest 5 p.m. traffic is the intersection of Spence at University Drive, west of the Zachry Engineering Building.

Frustrated motorists sometimes wait 15 minutes to turn left onto University Drive from Spence. This is usually accomplished when a kind-hearted driver stops and lets a few cars cross.

Until traffic lights can be installed, why not have policemen direct traffic at uncontrolled intersections around the edge of the campus? A policeman stationed at an intersection for 10 minutes could eliminate almost 30 minutes of traffic congestion and a great many headaches.

Peter Leabo

## Used bottles

**Editor:**  
The clutter of used bottles and cans on our campus is atrocious.

The bottles and cans are often scattered several feet from their intended containers. The clutter only adds to the decor of construction. The bottles break and cut bike tires, pedestrian's feet and the feet of our pets. But, that inconvenience is minor. It just looks ugly.

Several states have already outlawed nonreturnable bottles and cans of any type. Congress will soon consider a bill to outlaw such containers in public areas, specifying parks and recreation areas.

I like to think that our campus was meant as a sort of recreation area to relax and enjoy between classes and such. I think Texas A&M should step up with the times and do something about these containers before they are forced to. Perhaps, if the containers were worth something, people would not just toss them anywhere.

Cissy Auclair

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# Executive power revised

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Tex. — The idea of "self destruct" state agencies is the most intriguing, and controversial, part of the proposed new constitution concerning the executive branch of state government.

Proponents say the proposal to recreate state agencies every 10 years would give the governor and the legislature more control over

their existence instead of doing their jobs. It would also create an atmosphere for personal vendetta by legislators against various state agencies.

The new constitution briefly provides that statewide agencies with appointed members, except institutions related to higher education, shall have a life of not more than 10 years unless renewed by the legislature. There is no similar provision in the 1876 constitution.

Other new provisions of the proposed constitution affecting the executive branch include:

— Upgrade the agriculture commissioner to become a member of the executive branch.

— Provide for four-year terms for all executive branch officers and limits the governor to two four-year terms.

— Allows the governor to designate the chairman of state government agencies.

— Allows the governor to remove agency members that he appointed, if the Senate does not disapprove by a majority vote.

— Mandates the legislature to provide funds for a governor-elect prior to inauguration to allow him to get his office in operation.

— Designates governor as chief planning officer of the state and allows the legislature to grant him powers of fiscal controls over state agencies.

— Requires the governor to report to the legislature every two years on the organization and efficiency of the executive branch and to submit reorganization plans, which must be acted upon by the legislature.

The new constitution would retain the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Railroad Commission within the executive branch.

Since the executive branch and legislative provisions of the new

constitution are lumped together as Proposition No. 1 on the November ballot, voters will have to vote for or against both of them.

Former Gov. Allan Shivers has said publicly that he likes the executive article because it would strengthen the governor's role and "give him the authority which he needs."

However, Shivers said he would vote against Proposition No. 1 because he is opposed to a provision in the legislative article that calls for annual sessions of the legislature.

Former Gov. Price Daniel Sr., now an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court, praised the new executive article and said he would vote for the entire new constitution.

"The governor has needed more say about the budget and the power to do something about seeing that the appropriated funds are spent as they were appropriated for a long time," he said.

Former Gov. Preston Smith is against the new constitution. "I see no reason whatever to just junk it and start over," he said. "It's not antiquated, like some say, because we've amended it and kept it up to date."

District Court Judge Fred Red Harris of Dallas, a former state legislator, said he agreed with Shivers "there is some good in the executive article and that might make it easier for the executive branch. But what we would have to pay for that is too dear. It's time we tightened our belts and started taking a good look at how we can save some money instead of spending it all."

Tomorrow: Changes in the judiciary branch.

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the approximately 200 state agencies which sometimes in the past have grown so powerful they paid little attention to the elected officials.

"Can you imagine the turmoil 10 years hence?" says Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler, head of a statewide group opposing the entire new constitution. "It puts every agency—those with responsibility for essential services such as mental health and mental retardation, law enforcement, rehabilitation, highways and parks in the position of lobbying for continuing

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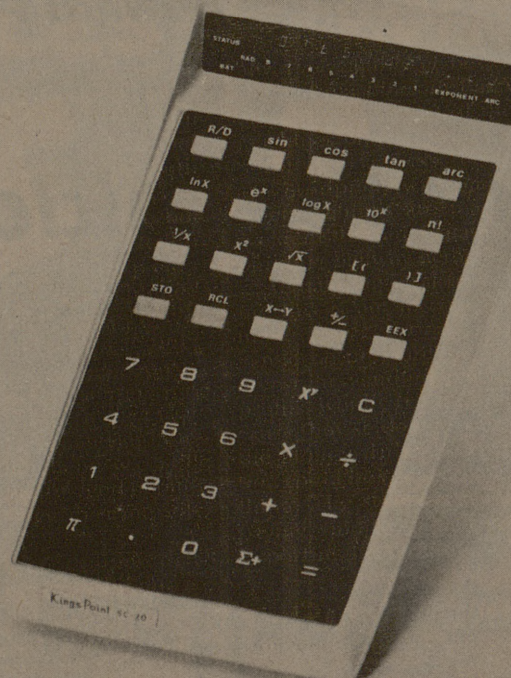
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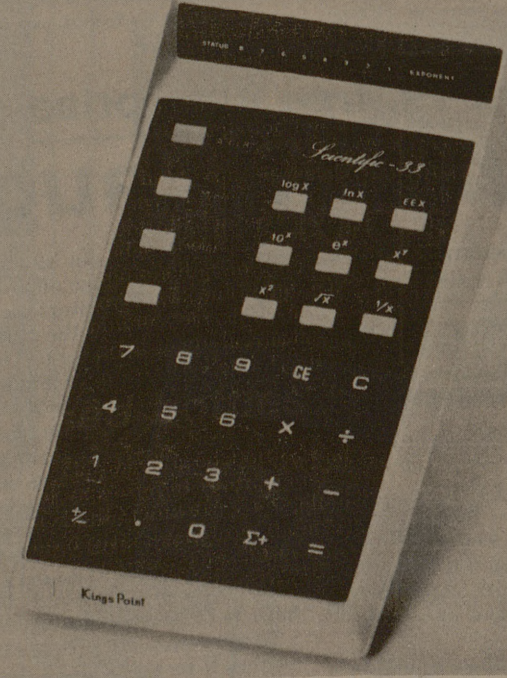


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