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## Farenthold voices opposition toward proposed charter

Liberal leader Frances Farenthold finally has found something on which she can agree with Gov. Dolph Briscoe: neither she nor the proposed new Texas Constitution. Mrs. Farenthold, twice an unsuccessful candidate against Briscoe, wrote a former House colleague, Rep. Bill Blythe, Houston:

"What a pity for the state, its people and its future to have the proposed constitution, flawed in its conception, to be on the brink of acceptance."

Blythe released copies of the personal letter, which concluded, "If this document is repudiated in toto, efforts can begin to be made to draft a new constitution for the state, where it rightfully belongs under a new system of government."

Briscoe announced earlier this month he opposes the new document, which will be submitted to the voters in a state-wide election Nov. 4.

Former Speaker Price Daniel, Jr., the president of the 1974 Constitutional Convention, said, however, that debt restrictions in the new constitution "will help guarantee the financial stability of Texas and insure against fiscal collapse, such as that which now almost daily faces New York City."

Sen. Peyton McKnight, chairman of a statewide group that opposes the new constitution, said "even the proponents" of the document admit that it would "give the legislature much more power than it has now. They contend that this is good while we believe that the people are better off to retain for themselves such powers as that to determine the salaries of the legislature."

Speaker Bill Clayton, an advocate of the new constitution, said the 10-year self-destruct clause for state agencies "brings more than 200 state agencies down so we can look them straight in the eyes and see if they are performing their duties and if a particular agency should continue to function."

President C. David Evans of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association said an association poll showed 575 defense lawyers oppose the proposal to merge the

Court of Criminal Appeals and the Supreme Court and only 179 favored it of the association's approximately 1,100 members.

Evans said proposed revisions in the court system would result in a "judicial quagmire and additional millions of dollars of expense."

A former State Bar president, Josiah Wheat, said, however, that adoption of the new judiciary article would "make it possible to hold down the cost of operating the judicial system" by spreading the workload more equitably.

Former Sen. Walter Richter, the coordinator for a Central Texas group favoring the new constitution, said, "Annual budgeting should save millions simply" by requiring more frequent projections of income. In six of eight states that recently have taken up annual budgeting, Richter said, "there was actually a significant decrease in the growth rate of expenditures."

Another former State Bar president, Leroy Jeffers of Houston, said, "I doubt that a state constitution has ever been developed in the history of our nation which has had as much public input, study, debate, and discussion as the new Texas constitution. The new constitution, which I support in its entirety, is a people's document, written in the people's language, that can be read and understood by the people."

Rep. Ronald Earle, coordinator of a statewide organization supporting the new constitution, said the document "includes far more numerous and infinitely more reasonable restraints on the power of the legislature than the present constitution — including such provisions as the totally new prohibition against the legislature's ability to enact a sales tax on groceries on medicine, taxes which leading legislative opponents of the constitution voted for in 1969."

Earle's group, Citizens for the Texas Constitution, released a statement saying the 500-member Texas chapter of the American Institute of Planners had endorsed the new constitution at its convention in San Antonio.

## Student Academic Council Choice of profs survey discussed

A survey, which will help set guidelines allowing students to choose their professors and times, was discussed at the Student Academic Council meeting last night.

Of the 500 students interviewed, the majority favored being able to choose both professors and times. Only 37 students favored being able just to choose either professors or times.

The majority also favored selection of professor rather than selection of time if only give the choice of one. In determining the selection of courses, the majority voted for the seniority system with majors getting first choice.

Under the present system, subject to change, the computer is programmed to fill courses on a first come basis. Each course will be filled to a certain percentage of capacity with openings remaining to give all students a cushion to fall back on during add-drop. If a student did not get a certain professor, a certain time, or a certain course desperately needed, then the cushion would be filled to maximum enrollment.

To aid students in choosing their profes-

sors, professor evaluations will be filled out by students during the week of Dec. 1-5, and will be published before spring registration.

Three resolutions were also passed by the council. A resolution allowing students to obtain a double major at Texas A&M was passed unanimously by the council. Program options would include substitution of second major requirements for electives of the first, basic requirements would have to be fulfilled in both major fields of study, and a notation on degree transcript.

Credit for off-campus internships was another resolution passed. Such projects allow students to work off campus, with the approval of a faculty member. According to the resolution a student working at Baylor College of Medicine could receive credit hours for it.

A '491' Program was the last resolution passed. This resolution provides a research course for undergraduate students. Students in this course would work on individual research with the aid of an adviser. The grade would be on a pass-fail basis.



Formally dressed up for the Halloween festivities are Jeffrey Wright (left) and Janice Fortune — they were part of a group of five similarly-dressed "Magettes."

Staff photo by Steve Goble

## Toy gun jolts Ford's agents

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A man carrying a toy gun who claimed he was trying to protect President Ford was taken into custody Thursday at a parking garage near the downtown hotel where Ford spoke to a political luncheon.

The man, he said his name was "Albert W. Zero," was released to San Francisco police after two hours, and the Secret Service said there was no indication he actually intended to harm the President.

The incident occurred about 10 minutes before Ford left the St. Francis Hotel, where five weeks earlier he had been the target of an apparent assassination attempt. There was no indication that the President was aware of the incident, about a block away.

Singing "Glory, Glory Hallelujah" and rambling on about his affection for whisky, the man was taken from the Union Square Garage for questioning by Secret Service agents.

"It's a dopey gun," he yelled out as he was led away. "It doesn't fire anything — it fires dummy, dopey bullets."

The man said he pulled his play gun after an employee of the garage had threatened the President. The Secret Service said, however, there was no indication of such a threat.

"They got me handcuffed," the man said. "I tried to protect the President and they got me handcuffed."

Warren Taylor, assistant special agent in charge of the San Francisco Secret Service office, said a decision on whether to charge the man would be left up to local police.

"To the best of my knowledge he made no threatening remarks, statements or moves, or took any threatening actions directed toward the President of the United States," Taylor said.

The Secret Service said the stockily built man with a shaven head was in his late 30s or early 40s.

A report that a man had been seen with a gun sent police and federal agents speeding to the garage in the security-conscious city. It was just five weeks ago that Sara Jane Moore fired a shot in the direction of President Ford as he left the St. Francis Hotel.

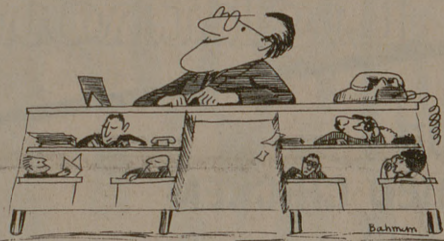
Thursday's incident occurred about 10 minutes before Ford's motorcade sped away from the hotel, racing at about 40 miles an hour through downtown streets on the way to San Francisco International Airport.

Ford left for Milwaukee where he will address a Republican fund-raiser.

"I think he was cuckoo," Police Capt. James Curran said. "He kept saying, 'God Bless America.'"

Another police captain, Jeremiah Taylor, described the man as "an eccentric who had been there all day." Taylor said the man had displayed his toy gun to a bystander who then telephoned police.

## A&M's legal and fiscal areas



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There must be a legal department and a financial department in any large corporation. At A&M both of these aspects are structured under the Executive Vice President for Administration, Clyde Freeman.

Freeman's department is responsible for the University System's investments, trusts, audits, fiscal and accounting procedures, and budgets. It is also responsible for legal services, lands, system personnel matters, and administration coordination.

William C. Freeman, Jr. was born in Terrell, Texas in 1919. He lived in Terrell until 1935, when he came to live in Bryan. Freeman was graduated from Texas A&M University in 1940, where he received his degree in Agricultural Administration.

There are three assistant vice presidents who answer directly to Freeman. Each is the head of a smaller department within the structure. Allen Schlandt is assistant vice president of the Audits and Accounting Department. The construction on campus is first handled by this department.

A document to start improvements or construction on campus or anywhere throughout the system must pass through many approvals before it can be executed. First, a document is initiated and sent to the Physical Plant System. If it is approved there, it is sent to the Accounting Division. There it is considered and if found to be satisfactory is approved.

It must then pass through Freeman's hands to University President Jack K. Williams. Williams decides whether to pass it to the Board of Regents. If it is approved by the Board of Regents the money is appro-

riated and the construction begins. More than likely the contract will also be looked over by the Legal Department (another department under Freeman).

Working closely with the audits and accounting department is the budget department. Clifton W. Lancaster is the assistant vice president in charge of it.

The Budget Department sets the entire money plan for the Texas A&M University System each year. The money that A&M acquires from land investments, bank investments, and state appropriations are all taken into consideration.

"Last year Texas A&M System's total income was in excess of \$200,000,000," said Freeman. "State appropriations usually account for about 50 per cent of the total income."

Mr. Lancaster mentioned that some years the payroll for personnel will account for almost 75 percent of the budget. Texas

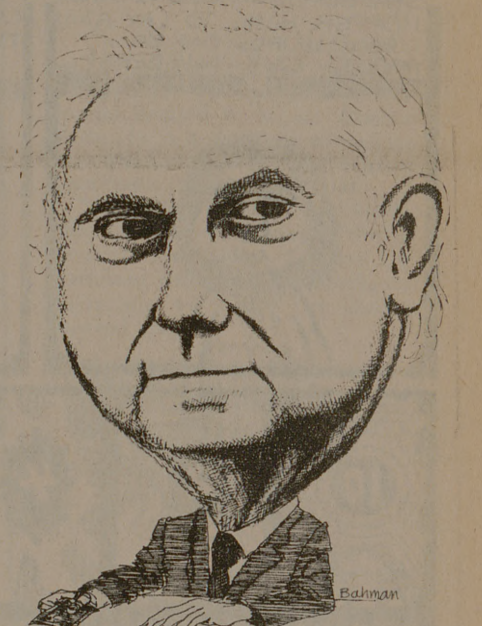
A&M, like the corporation, has a legal department, headed by James A. Amis.

The Legal Department represents both Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System. Almost all legal matters for the system are handled by this department.

There are some instances that do not allow the Legal Department to intervene, such as when resolutions must be made by the Attorney General or if the case involves a criminal matter. Amis made it clear that civil matters were the only ones handled by his department.

However, Amis said, "The Legal Department does assist the Attorney General in making decisions and in making resolutions that involve the University System."

Another job that the Legal Department handles is the examining of contracts dealing with property, investments, or construction.



## TOP OF THE NEWS

### Campus

OPAS GUILD BUFFET is scheduled Nov. 11 in the Rudder Tower at 6 p.m. The Pennsylvania Ballet will be the feature. Students with OPAS tickets may sent \$5 to Mrs. Frank G. Anderson, Jr., 743 S. Rosemary, Bryan, 77801. Student reservation deadline is Nov. 1.

THE CLASSES OF '76, '77 and '78 will sponsor a Halloween Dancefriday night in DeWare Fieldhouse from 9 to 1 a.m. The cost is 50 cents per person and the proceeds will be contributed to the Freshman Class. Music will be by Jack Bryant and students should wear costumes.

A HALLOWEEN DANCE sponsored by the Dairy Science, Horsemen's Association, Poultry Science, Range Science and Saddle and Sirlon Clubs will be held Friday, 8 p.m. at Lakeview. "Young Country" will be featured.

GIRLS ARE NEEDED to work exclusively with the A&M swim team. Girls interested should call Mary Ann, 845-6080; Laura, 845-7280; or Diane, 845-7064 to find out about interviews.

THE DATE FOR STUDENT Y Counselor Appreciation Hamburger Fry and Mixer has been changed to Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Grove. All counselors are asked to call 845-1626 and R.S.V.P.

A CHESS TOURNAMENT will be held Saturday and Sunday in Room 601 of the Rudder Tower. There is a \$2.50 entry fee, and prizes will depend on the number of entries. For information call Kermit Pittman at 846-8497.

"Z", presented by the Arts Committee, will be shown Monday at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. After the movie, a discussion will be led by Dr. Paul Parrish.

AGGIE SPIRIT is scheduled to be spotlighted nationally Saturday on the "CBS Evening News with Dan Rather."

A network film crew was on campus this past weekend to shoot student activities surrounding the game with Baylor.

The news team documented a wet but spirited "midnight yell practice," was on hand for the "spirit line" through which the players passed Saturday morning en route from Cain Hall to Kyle Field and then filmed the "Twelfth Man" in action in the stands. The newsmen also interviewed Coach Emory Bellard and yell leaders. KBTX-TV will show the clip on the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts Monday.

### City

THE BRYAN PARKS and Recreation Department is conducting basketball and volleyball leagues this season. Roy G. Ross, recreation superintendent has announced.

Managers' meetings for the leagues will be Tuesday night in the Medallion Room of the Bryan Utilities Building. Managers for Men's Open Basketball will meet at 7 p.m., Men's Church Basketball at 8 p.m. and Mixed Volleyball at 9 p.m.

BICYCLE SAFETY and Awareness Week ends Saturday with a Pedal Power Parade starting at 9 a.m.

Bryan residents should meet in the Civil Auditorium, 800 S. Coulter, and College Station residents should meet in the Redmond Terrace Shopping Center parking lot, 1400 Texas Ave. The parade will end at the parking lot of

Bryan High School, 3401 E. 29th St. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

### Texas

GOVERNOR DOLPH BRISCOE, in an address to the Dallas Salesmanship Club yesterday, renewed his opposition to the proposed state constitution which will be voted on Nov. 4.

SAN ANTONIO'S Northside School District trustees filed suit to block a Texas Education Agency order calling for pairing of six elementary schools. Attorneys will argue today whether busing should be used to attain racial balance among 1,800 children in the school district. The suit said there is no legal or educational basis for the TEA directive.

### National

THE THIRD AMERICAN in eight days was kidnapped by unidentified Lebanese gunmen in Beirut yesterday. He was identified as Clyde Huddleston, 47, of Fort Worth.

Meanwhile, Moslem gunmen appeared to gain the upper hand in Lebanon's civil war as they and their Palestinian allies overran the last forward Christian militia outpost in the downtown hotel district in Beirut and moved into the shadow of the 25-story Holiday Inn.

### World

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT announced in Madrid last night that it has transferred power temporarily from Generalissimo Francisco to his heir, Prince Juan Carlos, as Spain's new chief of state.



Vampires Dave Herrington (left) and Tom Vitek were among the spooks who turned out for the trick-and-treating among dormitory students Thursday night.

Staff photo by Steve Goble