

Editorial

Both University and state officials have discussed limiting enrollment at state universities for some time. Yet the legality of such limits has never been established.

A special committee appointed by A&M President Jack K. Williams made a number of recommendations last November on enrollment limits. The Board of Regents subsequently rejected those recommendations anticipating that the Texas Legislature will take some action on enrollment limits during its next session. During its last session the legislature authorized the State Coordinating Board to study and make recommendations on maximum enrollment for all state universities. The legislature will act on whatever recommendations it receives from the Coordinating Board.

Coordinating Board officials say they will not be able to submit any recommendations to the legislature before late this fall. The legislature will not convene again until January 1977 and

could not take any action affecting enrollment before fall 1977.

Basically this amounts to a game of hot potato. Setting an enrollment limit for universities supported by taxpayers is a hot issue and the Board of Regents, the Coordinating Board and the State Legislature do not want to get burned. In tossing the problem around these three have avoided establishing whether enrollment limits would be legal under the Texas Constitution.

State Attorney General John Hill has not delivered an opinion on enrollment limits at state universities. Officials in Hill's office said last week such an opinion could be delivered by mid-summer, well before the Coordinating Board completes its recommendations.

The Board of Regents should ask for an opinion on enrollment limits now. An opinion from Hill this summer could save thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours if limits are illegal. It would also help university officials make definite decisions on A&M's future. L.R.L.

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, February 24, 1976, the 37th day of the spring semester. There are 74 days until Final Review, 80 days until the last final exam.

On this date in 1965, a skirmish occurred "between insurgent athletes and loyalist members of the Corps of Cadets' squadrons 10 and 11. The unwarranted, unprovoked aggressions (according to the Corps) by the civilian terrorists came as the outfits were marching to their evening meal," reported The Battalion. "Armaments consisted of snowballs, handfulls (sic) of ice, and cadets. Second Wing officers

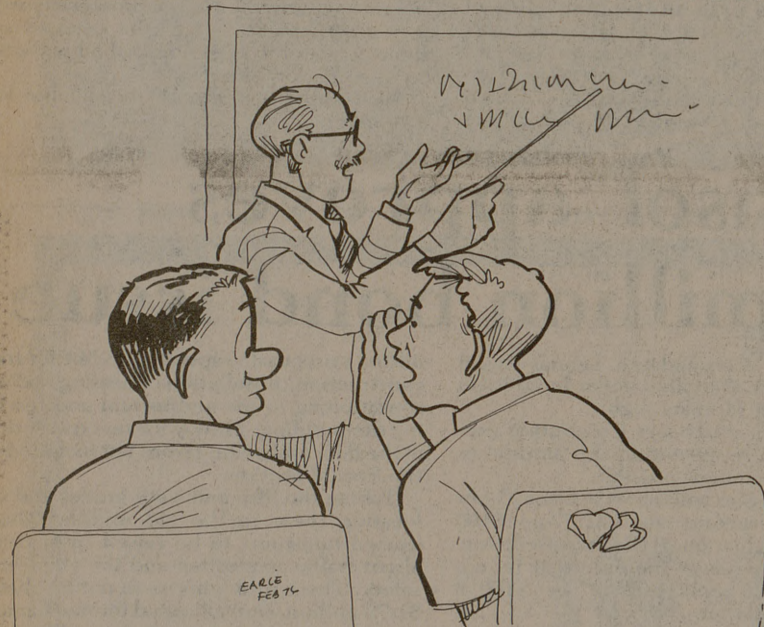
pledged that any further attacks would be met with the same swift retaliation."

"On this date in 1956, Aggie shot putters Bobby Jack Gross, Herman Johnson, Tom Bonorden and Harry Cox set a world record for combined distance by four men on a single team. Gross, Johnson and Bonorden all recorded heaves of over 54 feet.

On this date in 1942, members of the College staff were informed that they would be required to sign pledges stating they were not Communists in order to remain in the employ of the school.

SLOUCH

Jim Earle



"How can he be preoccupied with European History when two of our basketball team have been suspended?"

The Battalion

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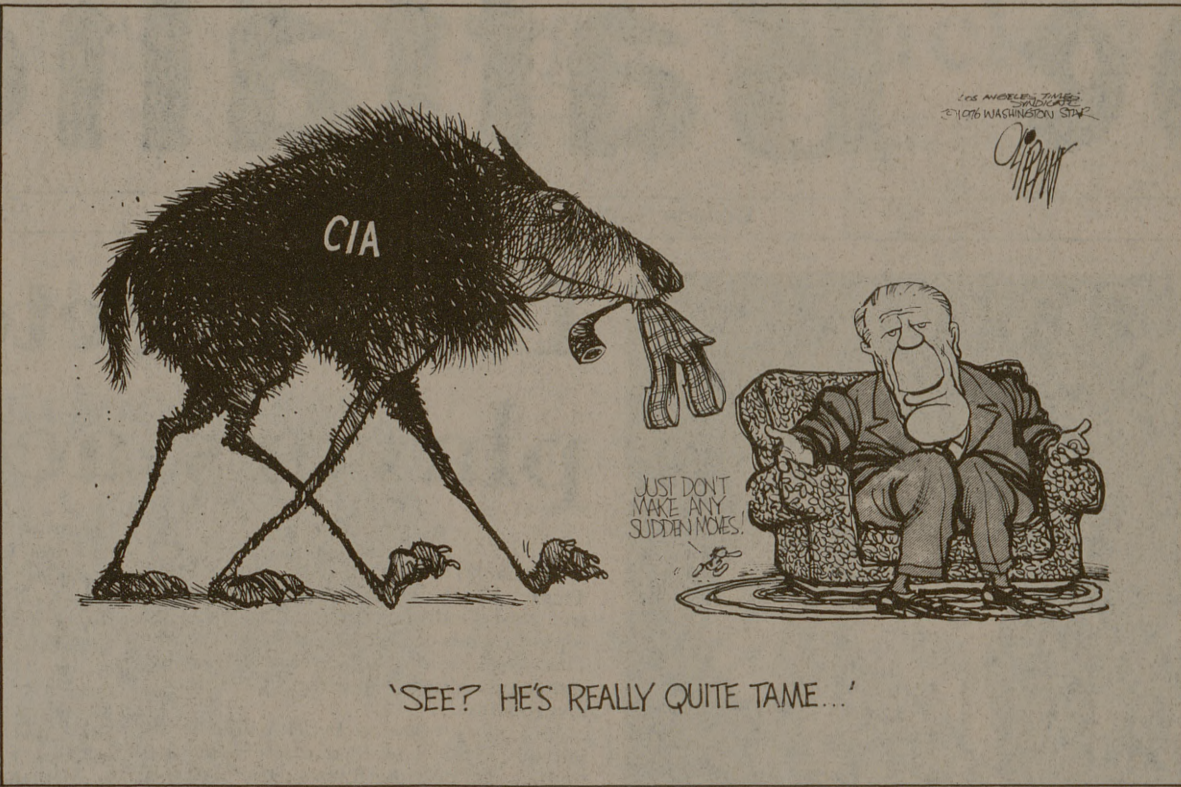
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