

Millican Dam funding termination requested

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The Environmental Action Council of Brazos County has voted to ask Congress to terminate funding for the Millican Dam project.

The Council (EAC) will soon send letters to the U. S. House and Senate subcommittees on public works asking for deauthorization of the project.

"What concerns us very much is the continued statements by the Brazos River Authority (BRA) that we need reservoirs on the Navasota River to meet water needs," said Cornelius Van Bavel, chairman of the EAC's water resources committee.

"It is evident that the cities (Bryan-College Station) have all the water they need, and that new reservoirs are not needed," he said.

Van Bavel supported his charge by referring to the dam that the BRA is building on the Navasota River, about 35 miles north of the proposed Millican Dam site. (The Millican site is located 12 miles southeast of College Station.)

Van Bavel said the other dam has not received much publicity.

That dam, which will form Limestone Reservoir, is about fifteen per cent completed. The reservoir is to be completed in 1978.

The 220,000 acre-foot reservoir, comparable to Lake Somerville, will be capable of providing 75,000 acre-feet of water a year for downstream use, Van Bavel said.

Texas Utilities, a conglomerate including Dallas Power and Light and Texas Power and Light, has contracted for 25,000 of the available 75,000 acre-feet, Van Bavel said.

This leaves about 50,000 acre-feet of unallocated water for downstream use.

"We have had a number of inquiries about it, and we are in the process of negotiating contracts for the remaining water," said Colonel Walter Wells, manager of the BRA.

"There's a need in the area of the Navasota River system for water for cooling purposes for power plants using the lignite in the area," Wells said.

He said subsidence (a lowering of the water table) in the lower Gulf area is also a major consideration for new reservoirs.

A new reservoir needs to be built as soon as possible to meet future needs, Wells said.

He said the 25,000 acre-foot of water contracted for by Texas Utilities will be used at two steam-electric generating facilities located about 10 miles from Limestone Reservoir.

The Texas Municipal Power Pool (TMPP), which is composed of Bryan and three North Texas cities, has mentioned the possibility of building a lignite-fueled electric-generating plant in the Navasota River Basin.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines is now conducting tests of the lignite beds in the proposed Millican Reservoir site. A report on the quality and amount of lignite in the reservoir is expected in June or July.

TMPP Board Member Lou Odle, also city manager of Bryan, said that if Millican Dam were constructed, the water would inundate some of the land which is being explored or leased by Bryan and TMPP. He said more than 10,000 acres have already been leased.

Ray Brogley, Millican coordinator in the Corps of Engineers, said the Corps has been studying alternatives to the Millican site for some time.

He said, however, that if the lignite could be mined within 40 or 50 years, the Millican site could still be filled with water.

Wells said the impression he got from the Corps was that the amount of time for mining and utilizing the lignite would be so extensive that it would be impractical to fill Millican afterwards.



Mazowsze

The Polish State Song and Dance Company, Mazowsze, delighted the audience in Rudder Auditorium Tuesday night. The group performed traditional songs and dances from Poland. Included

in the show were acrobatics and versions of the famous polonaise and mazurka. Mazowsze was presented by OPAS.

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Still no liquor on campus

'I won't recommend it and I'll never approve it' — Williams

By LeANN ROBY

If your throat is dry, you will still have to settle for the usual soft drinks and punch presently sold at the student center. Jack Williams, university president, said no alcoholic beverages will be sold on this campus at any time in the near future.

"I'm not going to get into some semantic exercise about whether we have whiskey on the campus or not," Williams said in an interview last week. "My own feeling about it is that we won't have it. I won't recommend that we do, and I'll never approve it."

"I haven't changed my mind on my opinion one way or the other on a pub on campus or alcoholic beverages being handled under the offices of campus organizations," he continued. "I don't count alcoholic beverages as being conversant with the purpose or the image of a university of higher learning."

The controversy over a student pub on the A&M campus was sparked last January

when Texas University completed a student pub on its campus. The issue was debated many times last year, but all results were negative.

At the time the attitude of administrators was the reason a student pub at A&M was such a slim possibility, said Bill Davis 1974-75 Memorial Student Center (MSC).

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president. He said people in the decision making process don't feel liquor belongs on campus.

Davis also said that he would like to see liquor sold on campus and would continue to ask for it. However, he felt efforts at that time would be "fruitless" and added, "Maybe next year."

Next year has arrived but efforts to open a pub on campus still seem to be fruitless.

"There are all sorts of things sold and purveyed very legally in the business world," Williams said. "I don't think that some of them belong under the business arm of a campus, though. This is one that I don't think belongs here."

Williams said that he does not drink "to speak of" but said he does serve liquor to guests at his home. "I'm not interested in debating one way or the other about that," he said as he agreed that his house is part of the campus.

"That house is my home where my wife and I and my family live with our dog," he said. "I don't count that as the student center or a classroom or a public building."

Williams said he does classify dorms as public buildings, and when questioned about the lax policy towards liquor in the dorms he said that the school doesn't condone it or "wink" at it.

He went on to say, "We don't have the

mechanism if we want to do it, to run around caving in the doors of the dorms to find out if the students have liquor or not. I imagine I would find quite a lot if I did, though," he added.

"But that doesn't mean we are going to take the rule off the books anymore than it means we'll take the rule off the books that you can't smoke in bed in a dorm," Wil-

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iams said. "When some person is severely injured in a drunken brawl, I want to have the rule available in case it's needed."

Williams agreed that the consensus among other schools in Texas having pubs on campus is that if the students are going

to drink it is better for them to drink on campus and walk back to their dorms than drink off campus and drive back to them.

"My feelings about this are that at A&M three-fourths of the student body lives off campus. Here, it would be worse to have all of them drive to campus to drink than it would be for the few on campus to go to a local bar," Williams then added that there are many places within walking distance of the campus where students can buy liquor.

Jeff Dunn, student body president, said he feels this point to be one of the main reasons the administration is against having liquor sold on campus. He said that most people in Student Government (SG) are in favor of a campus pub, and that SG tries every year to open one but the administration always blocks it.

Aside from the administration's point of view, Dunn added, there are many students who feel liquor does not belong on campus, especially in the MSC. He said they do not wish to see liquor served there

because they look upon the MSC as a memorial and a place to be treated with respect.

Last year Greg Moses, 1974-75 Battalion editor, ran a survey through the Battalion

"If it passed us, it would only be killed during the next stage." — Jeff Dunn, A&M student body president

to find out how the students felt on the subject of a campus pub.

"There was almost no response to the subject either pro or con," Dunn said. He then added that the light student response is one of the main reasons SG has not pursued the issue to any great extent this year. "If the students aren't interested, why should we push it?"

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Demo nomination becomes giant game of political chess

Associated Press

BOSTON — Sen. Henry M. Jackson's victory in Massachusetts has turned the contest for the Democratic presidential nomination into a giant game of political chess — and the next move is up to the liberal side of the board.

Jackson succeeded in checking the front-runner's gambit of former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter — at least for a week. That's when they meet again, in Florida, in a three-way test with Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

Jackson won in Massachusetts with 23 per cent of the vote — quickly overshadowing Carter's victory over two other candidates in Tuesday's Vermont primary.

While they campaign for Florida's match at the ballot box, the Democrats who style themselves as progressives and liberals have some maneuvering to do.

It begins with Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana, virtually wiped out by his seventh-place, five-per cent showing in Massachusetts.

Bayh was conferring today with his campaign strategists in Washington. "We're going to together determine what role I should play as we continue to pursue the goal of electing a Democratic President," he said.

The role could hardly be that of a candidate, at least not a candidate with a fighting

chance. And Rep. Morris K. Udall, who emerged from the Massachusetts primary with clear title to the liberal lead, claimed "a victory beyond reasonable expectations" in losing to Jackson while running a near deadlock with Wallace for the second spot.

President Ford swept to victory in Vermont, where he was alone on the ballot.

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with 84 per cent of the vote; and in Massachusetts, with 62 per cent to Ronald Reagan's 35 per cent.

Both were on the ballot, although neither campaigned personally. But there was a \$200,000 Ford advertising and telephone campaign in Massachusetts.

Ford said he was pleased. Campaign manager Howard H. Callaway said he had gained momentum for the rest of the race. President and challenger meet headon in Florida next Tuesday, and in successive weeks in Illinois and North Carolina.

Democrat Udall proclaimed himself a friend and a fan of Birch Bayh, clearly hoping that the Indiana senator would withdraw and endorse him. An endorsement wouldn't be all that valuable among voters, but it could be priceless for Udall in the April 6 New York presidential primary.

The Arizona congressman said if Democ-

rats are to have a wider choice than Carter, Jackson and Wallace, "then only the Udall campaign offers that choice."

But it wasn't quite that simple. For one thing, Sen. Frank Church of Idaho is poised to enter the campaign on March 15, with what he calls a late-late strategy.

"This strategy is based on the supposition that a number of candidates will knock themselves out of the race and the opportunity will open up for a late entrant."

Church said he might enter a half-dozen late season primaries.

Furthermore, both Sargent Shriver and Oklahoma Sen. Fred R. Harris were vowing to campaign on, despite defeats in New Hampshire and Vermont, and twin, eight-per cent showings in Massachusetts.

Shriver said it wasn't time to leave the liberal field to one candidate. Harris professed optimism, although it was hard to see why.

And wherever they run, they cut into the liberal vote Udall might otherwise be able to claim.

Carter had moved to the top of the class with his win in New Hampshire's first of the primaries. But he couldn't make his professed goal of a top-three finish in Massachusetts. "I was overly optimistic there," he said.

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THE FORECAST for Wednesday and Thursday is mostly cloudy mornings, partly cloudy afternoons. Continued warm and windy both days with temperatures in low 80's.

Officials watching out for fraudulent shuttle bus passes

By DENISE EDMONDS

Fraudulent bus passes have become more popular on the Texas A&M Shuttle Bus System this semester.

Signs on bus windows warn "Show your whole pass," or "No pass, no ride."

"We have asked bus drivers to be a little more observant," said E. C. Oates, shuttle bus committee chairman in a recent interview.

The mock bus passes are easily distinguishable, said Oates, because each pass is designed differently. The common trick is to color last semester's white pass with a pink felt tip pen, but the information on the card is in a different place from one semester to the next.

The deceiving method of pink coloring has been too bright and the bus design on the card has changed from maroon to black since last semester, said Oates.

"We try to get drivers to be as firm and decent as possible," said Oates.

Bus drivers chuckle when telling of the attempts made on them. As bus driver Mike Hudsonpillar said, "One tried a pink junior activity card, but it didn't go too far."

"They'll put it under a dirty picture folder in their wallet," said Dennis Klesel. "One tried a 1973 fee slip," added Hudsonpillar.

"Or they cut them in two and leave half in the billfold," said Klesel.

This semester, 3,950 bus passes were sold compared to the 4,950 last fall.

Also, more \$1.50 ride books which allow 10 rides, have been used this semester. There have been 600 individual ride passes collected so far, said Oates.

In the past, persistent checking of passes only lasted the first two weeks, and a book or two of rides lasted a passenger for a semester, said Oates.

But now, people have to tear the passes out of their ride book when boarding, said Oates.

The number of routes for this semester differs from last fall.

Last fall, only three routes existed including the north, south and east. This semester, the South route was divided into two: the Doux Chene and Scandia, said Oates.

There are still 14 buses, which average 10 hours a day, 7 a.m.-10:40 p.m., but this is expected to change, said Oates.

Some plans, Oates said, for next fall are: increase supply to 16 buses, divide the Plantation Oaks Apartments route into two and possibly extend the transportation hours if the increase in student population forces 7 a.m. classes.

Have you registered to vote?