

State candidates carry on

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Rep. Alan Steelman, R-Tex., seeking the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate, has called for legislation that would give Congress a mechanism for reviewing and overturning rules and regulations set by federal agencies and departments.

"We must maintain the integrity of legislation passed by the representatives of the people," Steelman said Tuesday in Odessa. "What we have now is, in effect, legislation without representation when federal agencies turn our laws around to fit their preconceived pigeonholes."

Meanwhile, incumbent Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., told work-

ers at the General Dynamics plant in Fort Worth that the F16 fighter plane, made at the GD plant, will help keep the U.S. defense arsenal ahead of the Soviets.

"This low cost, high performance aircraft will help the United States and her NATO allies begin to offset the numerical superiority in fighter planes of Russia and Russia's allies in Eastern Europe," he said.

One of Bentsen's opponents in Saturday's Democratic primary, Phil Gramm of College Station, announced in Amarillo the support of Dr. Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University. "I commend you for your outspoken opposition to

federal fiscal irresponsibility and the annually increasing federal deficits which contribute so greatly to the inflation which besets us," said McCall.

Another hot statewide race is that for a seat on the powerful Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the oil and gas industry.

Lane Denton of Waco, one of the Democratic candidates, told a news conference in San Antonio that "the only way to reduce utility rates in Texas is to regulate the price of natural gas. Texans should not have to pay more for natural gas than their neighbors in the rest of the country . . . Alternative energy sources must be developed, but we must have price regulation on natural gas now as a means for immediate relief."

Jon Newton of Beeville, another Democratic candidate for the commission, reminded voters Tuesday that they cannot vote in the primary of one party Saturday then switch and vote in the runoff election of another party.

Readers' forum

Sororities, fraternities defended

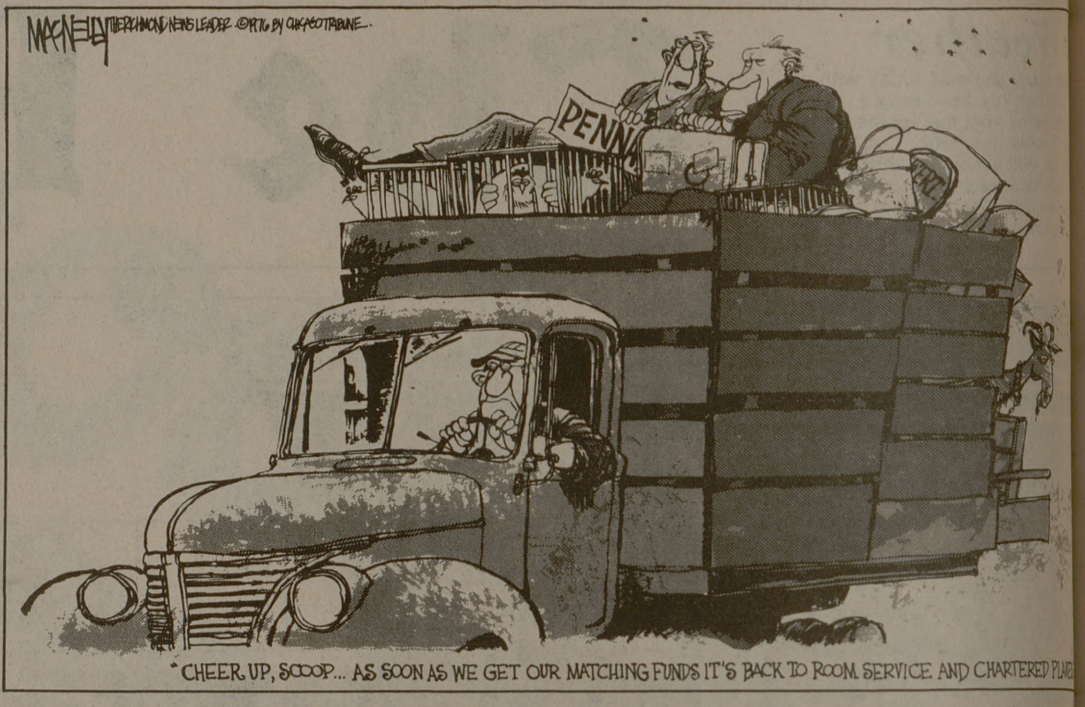
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Realizing that tradition strongly dominates activities on the A&M campus, the thought of fraternities being affiliated with the university is absurd. Apparently, this is the thinking of numerous persons involved with A&M.

But, the fact remains that no two instances in time are exactly the same. Attitudes and interests are constantly changing with the new trends.

Everybody seems to be down on you as soon as you say you belong to a fraternity. All of a sudden they think you are here just for a good time. Now, don't get me wrong; we in the fraternities do have a good time, but we came here to get an education. The desire to exceed has become a serious business which has robbed us of some glamour. Accordingly though, we have increasingly stressed the need for scholarship and academic excellence. Files of courses and instructors have been provided which assist us in scheduling and succeeding in classes. We realize that graduate school is necessary for success and that good grades are needed to get in.

Joining a group in numerous occasions helps students at large universities to adjust to the new environment. Fraternities offer to students a sense of belonging. The yearning to



Listen Up

Rudeness a tradition?

Editor:
As current students at TAMU we are shocked at the discovery of a new tradition — RUDENESS. Oh, not every student complies with this tradition, and we are certain that, overall, TAMU students are proud of a friendly atmosphere with our polite "howdys." The reason for our sarcasm is that one unfortunate girl from Texas Tech now believes this new tradition of rudeness to be true. Recently she was on the A&M campus for the first time to visit her sister. While her sister was attending to some business, she decided to view the bandhall; that was her mistake.

While crossing a field on her way to the bandhall, she heard a voice demand, "Get off of the drill field." Seeing no one in sight, she continued until hearing the same demand three times more. It was then that a senior corps member approached, and commanded her immediate departure from the field, his use of language being more typical of a Marine drill sergeant than of a gentleman. He informed her that the

field was off limits, and then she politely told him that she was a visitor. Instead of showing consideration, he became increasingly rude when she asked where the limits of the field were, and why there were no signs posted stating that the field was restricted. She then turned and continued in the direction of the bandhall when the senior yelled, "Get her wet — she ain't running." Instantly she was drenched by approximately ten members who then ran off laughing.

By whose authority is this person given the power to order a visitor and female off of a particular campus area, and in doing so displaying complete rudeness and lack of manners? We would only like to offer our thanks to this egotistical corps senior for his use of highly picturesque language in his commands to this young lady, and for his undying display of rudeness. We hope she does not view all Aggies as such upstanding people.

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