MIA's son gets award

William D. Biediger, a freshman at Texas A&M, has received the second annual four-year old $10,000 scholarship awarded by Purolator Services, Inc., New Hyde Park, N.Y.

The scholarship, awarded on the basis of scholastic merit to sons and daughters of Southeast Asia POWs and MIAs, was presented to Biediger today by J. Kevin Murphy, president of Purolator Services, and by Maj. Gen. John P. Flynn, Commander of the Air Force Military Training Center at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. The 1976 award was made in the name of Flynn, the senior prisoner who was held in Southeast Asia from October

1967 until the spring of 1973.

"We feel these scholarships are one small way of honoring Bill Biediger's father and the other men who died or were held as POWs or MIAs in Southeast Asia for many years," Murphy said. "Purolator will continue the scholarships until all children of POWs and MIAs have passed college age, approximately 1995." The program was begun in 1975 and provides up to $2,500 annually over a four-year period.

Biediger is the son of Mrs. Julie Stewart of Universal City, Texas, and the late Col. Larry W. Biediger, an Air Force officer who was shot down in January 1967 in an

F105 over North Vietnam and was declared deceased in 1974.

His grandmother and Col. Biediger's mother, Mrs. Alton Moak of Castroville, Texas, also were present for the scholarship award with young Biediger's two brothers, David, 17, and Matthew, 13, and sister, Amy, 16. Biediger is a graduate of Samuel Clements High School, Shertz, Texas, and is studying pre-med at Texas A&M.

VA adopts tougher student-aid policy

The Veterans Administration has adopted a new policy requiring all students attending college on the GI Bill to maintain satisfactory academic standards or risk losing their government benefits, Gen Ormond R. Simpson, Texas A&M University's assistant vice president for student services said.

Simpson warned that eligibility may be lost, if a veteran is on two consecutive semesters of academic probation, as determined by his or her academic dean. Then the veteran must meet with VA regional officials to determine whether benefits will be reinstated. The regional office for this area is in Waco.

Eligibility may also be lost if a veteran's cumulative grade point ratio drops below 2.0 and is not raised to 2.0 within one calendar year.

Veterans may lose benefits if they withdraw twice from all courses for any reason or after two changes of major (defined as change of academic colleges).

Academically troubled Ags get aid in 'survival' course

The College of Liberal Arts presents "Academic Survival," a short course in how to make it, academically, at Texas A&M. The program is sponsored by the Dean's office and the Liberal Arts Council.

Distinguished students from last year still enrolled at A&M will serve as Student Advisors. They will share with freshmen, transfer students and students having academic trouble techniques and tactics that have worked for them.

Five sessions will be held in the Harrington Education Center, 108. The program is free to all students. Sessions will be held as follows: 7:30 p.m. today: Coping with 100 pages a night, or how to take good reading notes. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14:

Keeping up, or how to manage your time. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21: What's that again? or how to take lecture notes. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5: Cruising through the midterm crisis. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26: Help! and where to get it.

Dean Diane W. Strommer, assistant professor of English and associate dean, College of Liberal Arts, said, "I have observed that many students get into academic trouble their first semester and they really shouldn't. Some of the Student Advisors have been on academic probation themselves, and are glad to help students keep from making the same mistakes they made," she said.

—Peggy Emerson

Hassle-Free program concept has grown

"Good morning, Mrs. Switzer. You are looking at Texas A&M University's off-campus students. Their enemy, isolation from the campus, is keeping them sadly ignorant of campus activities. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to sponsor a program that will relieve them of their miseries. Should you or any of your IMF workers get caught or killed, the secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions. Good luck."

Karen Switzer, student development coordinator at A&M, did have good luck. The Hassle-Free program, of which she is the sponsor, has grown aiding off-campus students since the fall of 1975.

The program involves 10 apartment complexes in the area: Casa del Sol, Country Place, Fairway, Old College Main, Plantation Oaks, Scandia I and II, Tanglewood South, Travis House, Treehouse and Willowick.

Hassle-Free operates with the help of volunteer representatives. The job of these "reps" is to report to campus students about various campus activities and to act as a liaison between the students and the University.

Also, they distribute a monthly newsletter which gives specific information about campus living. It is delivered either door-to-door or through the apartment managers.

Getting the program started was unbelievable, Switzer said. "People

said to me, 'It's not going to work, Karen.' " And while Hassle-Free has not grown much in size, it has grown a lot in concept, she explained.

The program has had a positive effect on intramurals. "There were almost twice as many off-campus intramural teams last year as the year before," Switzer said.

Before Hassle-Free existed, there had not been much input from off-campus students to the University.

"But now, for the first time, I know how to get a quantity of input from off-campus students," said Switzer.

Hassle-Free has also programmed more apartment activities for the students. For example, they held a Casino Night at Plantation Oaks last year, which Switzer said was a big success.

Switzer said that for the program to work, more one-to-one contact between reps and students is needed. One of the future aims of Hassle-Free is toward getting more people to help.

For those interested in becoming reps, a training program is being held on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 16 and 17. You can sign up tomorrow in YMCA 108.

For more information, call Karen Switzer or Tommye Morehead, coordinator of the program, at 845-1741.

—Pattie Westman

December graduates face Friday application deadline

Texas A&M students planning to graduate in December have until this Friday to make application for the degree.

Registrar Robert Lacey issued the reminder, applicable to undergraduate and graduate students. Application is the student's responsibility.

After paying an $8 graduation fee in the Fiscal Office in the Coke Bldg., undergraduates apply in room 7. Graduate students present the fee receipt at the Graduate College 209.

Lacey stressed that later degree

application does not assure receiving one's diploma at the Dec. 11 commencement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 2, 1976

NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 49)

Repealing Sections 49-d and 49-d-1 of Article III of the Texas Constitution, S.J.R. 49 amends Section 49-c of Article III of the Texas Constitution to provide for and authorize an additional $400 million in Texas water development bonds that may be issued on approval of two-thirds of the members of each house of the Legislature for such water development purposes as the Legislature may prescribe.

The amendment contains a specific prohibition against the use of state funds for the development of water resources from the Mississippi River and also requires that before any single water development project may be undertaken requiring the expenditure of more than $35 million in bond proceeds, it must be approved by resolution of the Legislature.

The amendment removes the constitutional requirement that certain revenues must be used to retire water development and water quality enhancement bonds and removes the constitutional interest rate limit on such bonds.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing an increase of $400 million in the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued on approval of two-thirds of the legislature; amending and consolidating provisions of Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1 of Article III of the Texas Constitution; and repealing Sections 49-d and 49-d-1 of Article III of the Texas Constitution."
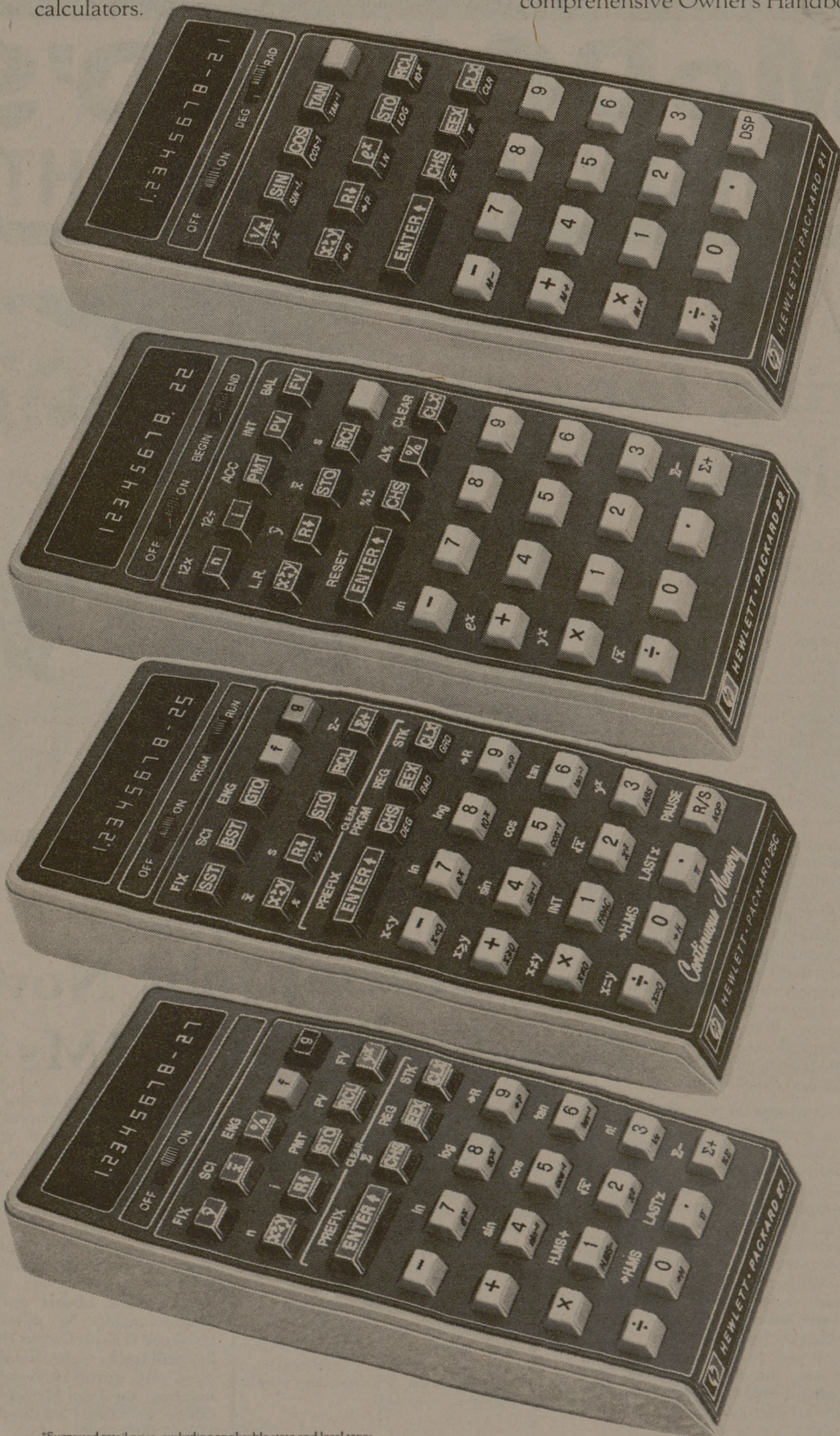
NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 99)

H.J.R. 99 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to increase from $100 million to $200 million the aggregate principle amount of Texas water development bonds which may be issued and outstanding by the Texas Water Development Board to provide grants and loans for water quality enhancement purposes as established by the Legislature.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"A constitutional amendment to increase from $100 million to $200 million the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued for water quality enhancement purposes."

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