

Readers' forum

# Lead us astray?

By CASEY ZESCH  
Every mother has been conveniently equipped with enough reasons to sufficiently argue that her children are far superior to other children.

Though the wives of the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates have no plans to formally debate the issue of which one has the best children, both Rosalynn Carter and "First Mama" Betty Ford have touched on the issue through the mass media.

The boasting, however, does not follow the traditional "my child's better than your child" routine, but relies on a new "my child has less morals than your child" motif.

Mrs. Carter recently tried to numerically defeat the Republican first family by announcing that her three sons have tried marijuana. Poor Mrs. Ford has only one daughter who may have had an affair and one son who has smoked pot.

To complicate matters, the Fords have a son who wants to be a minister

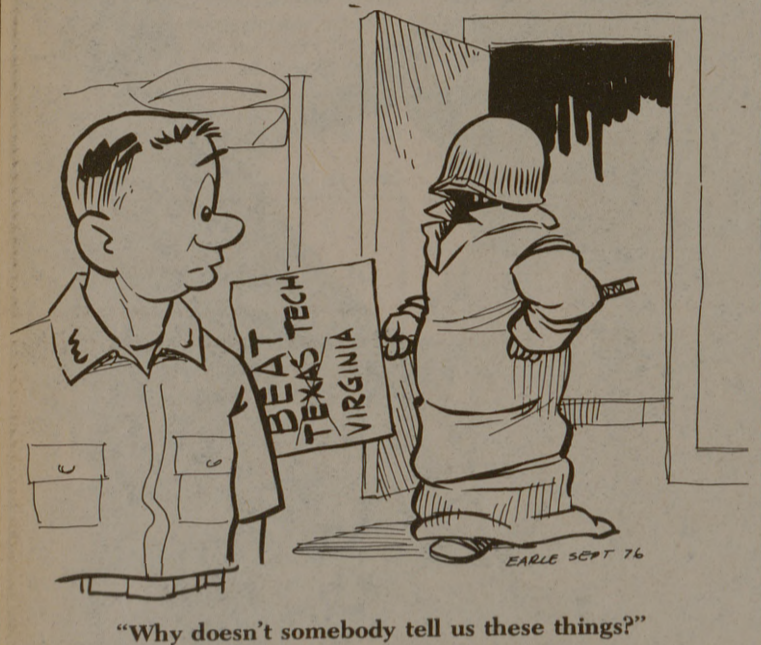
— an unfortunate strike against the First Lady. But the Carters' daughter proposes an equal drawback by being too young to have an affair. To make matters worse, she captured the hearts of television viewers during the Democratic convention.

So the score is hopelessly entangled, as are the minds of Americans who may look to national figures for guidance in moral affairs in addition to political affairs.

The Ford and Carter children may certainly be "good kids," and probably no harm will come to them as a result of their mothers' statements. The harm comes to those who hear the bull session that should be kept between two mothers.

Slouch

by Jim Earle



"Why doesn't somebody tell us these things?"

## Let's show manners

Editor:  
This letter is being written to those who do not understand. I am an asthmatic. This is an allergy, not a disease. I am writing this letter to inform those who don't understand because I am tired of being stared at when I am wheezing or using my medihaler. A medihaler is a little device I carry around to give me quick relief. It is like what you see in the commercials. To me it is no big deal when I use it, but many people look upon me as some sort of freak. I'm really just as human as

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the next person except that I have an uncomfortable allergy. I'm used to it, and it is really a hassle to have more than anything else. So to you people who I am addressing this letter to, give me a break. If you wonder what I'm doing, don't be afraid to ask, just please don't stare.

Name withheld by request

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## Hearing delayed

ers said they could not change their precinct lines to comply with College Station's ward lines as they had already submitted their lines to the Justice Department for approval.

If the ward proposition is upheld, College Station will have to draw up its own voter registration rolls to correspond with the ward boundaries. The cost of this has been estimated to be \$10,000.

Judge Davis asked both lawyers to limit their briefs to several legal questions rather than rehashing statements made in yesterday's testimony.

Among the questions Davis suggested were: 1) would entire election be invalidated if one part were ruled invalid?; 2) would the absence of a directive to turn the page be a significant factor according to state law?; 3) is wording of the issue so misleading, confusing or ambiguous that the average voter could not understand how he was voting?; 4) did some people who wanted to vote for the charter change vote against it?; 5) did holding two elections (city and school with voting booth for each) in the same room affect the turnout on the charter change proposition in that if a person failed to find the proposition on one ballot, he might think it would be on the other ballot?; and 6) would a combination of any of these be enough to affect the tabulations on what was the will of the majority?

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To register to vote in Texas, clip this registration form, fill it out and mail it to Raymond Buchanan, Brazos

County Tax Assessor, County Courthouse, Bryan, Oct. 1 is the deadline for registering to vote Nov. 1.

## It's easier than you think

Voter registration can be a simple process, and completed by mail with the accompanying registration card. Some tips could make it even easier.

The address listed on the card should be the Brazos County address of the voter, not an out-of-

county home address. Also, be sure not to put a post office box number as a place of residence. The Brazos County tax assessor will not accept applications which list post office boxes as a place of residence.

The social security number is

not mandatory, but the voter must be sure to sign the card.

A relation may register for a son, daughter, husband, wife, and so on, but he must circle what his relation is and sign his name to the card, not the name of the person he is registering.

## Apathy is worst enemy

# Voter sign-up pushed

Combating voter apathy may be the toughest battle fought in November's general election, according to information released from the state capitol.

In an effort to reverse the declining number of registered Texas voters over the past decade, registration drives have begun throughout the state.

Raymond Buchanan, Brazos County tax assessor, reported that less than 27 per cent of the voters registered in Brazos county are expected to vote in the presidential election, Nov. 2.

"It's hard to get up their (the voters') enthusiasm to vote, even after they've registered," Buchanan said.

Buchanan is spearheading a drive in this area to register as many eligible voters as possible before the Oct. 1 deadline.

The League of Women Voters will sign up voters this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10-11. Members will spend Friday at Skaggs-Albertsons, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, they will be found at Food Town, 600 N. Main at 21st, in downtown Bryan from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Similar registrations will be held on the Texas A&M campus by the student government. Jerri Ward, vice president of external affairs, said the campus drive is tentatively set for Sept. 20-24. The voter fills out an application card and, within 30 days,

receives a blue voter's certificate.

On Nov. 2, the certificate is presented at the polls of the precinct in which the voter lives. This is printed on the card itself.

The certificate must be blue. If other colors are outdated. If the card is lost, the voter signs a sworn statement that he has registered. If his name appears on a master list, he will be allowed to vote.

Absentee ballots may be cast if the voter will be out-of-town on Election Day. These are available from the county clerk.

Those voters over the age of 18 may cast absentee ballots, no matter where they may be on Nov. 2.

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