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'No confidence' resolution stops short;

By STEVE REIS

Whether the resolution is accepted or not will be up to the individual but one point is clear: if passed it should include all student government positions. It should also be present on all referendums presented to the students. It would act as an indicator of student concern. When asked why the senators should not be included, general opinion holds that senators are of minor importance. Others feel that since it is more of a popularity contest, some would vote no-confidence just because it's there. This is an abuse that Student Body President Fred McClure deems likely. But are these suppositions true? Are senators important or useful in any way, the senator is the foundation on which it is built. They are supposed to be the voice of the students. They are supposed to represent their constituency's desires. Isn't this true? Don't they? If not, then why are they still in office? As for abuse — wouldn't it be just as likely abused on the presidential ballot as the senatorial? Why would someone abuse "no-confidence" one time but not another? The argument holds no water.

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Mondale looks happy carrying the can

MADISON, Wis. — On the day before the great debate, and the day after the Playboy-interview flap, Jimmy Carter was home in Plains and Fritz Mondale was "carrying the can" through Illinois and Wisconsin. Carrying the can is what vice-presidential candidates are hired for — the dirty, disagreeable work that the presidential nominees don't want to soil themselves performing.



David S. Broder

Mondale had seen his mentor, Hubert Humphrey, perform the chore for Lyndon Johnson, so the task was no surprise to him. And on this fall day, he was shouldering the load with a cheerfulness that would have made Humphrey proud of his protégé. He was asked how he liked the task of explaining Carter's controversial comments on love and lust. Mondale replied, with a smile, "It's a challenge." Then, turning to an aide, he asked: "Did I remember to say that it showed his candor? I thought I'd try that." Among some of Mondale's friends, the Playboy interview was further proof that the searching scrutiny Carter applied to his potential running mates might better have been used to test Carter's own temperament and judgment. But the only regret Mondale himself would voice, even privately, was that the Playboy caper — like the earlier Carter-provoked imbroglios over Clarence Kelley and the income tax reforms — was an unnecessary diversion from the Democrats'

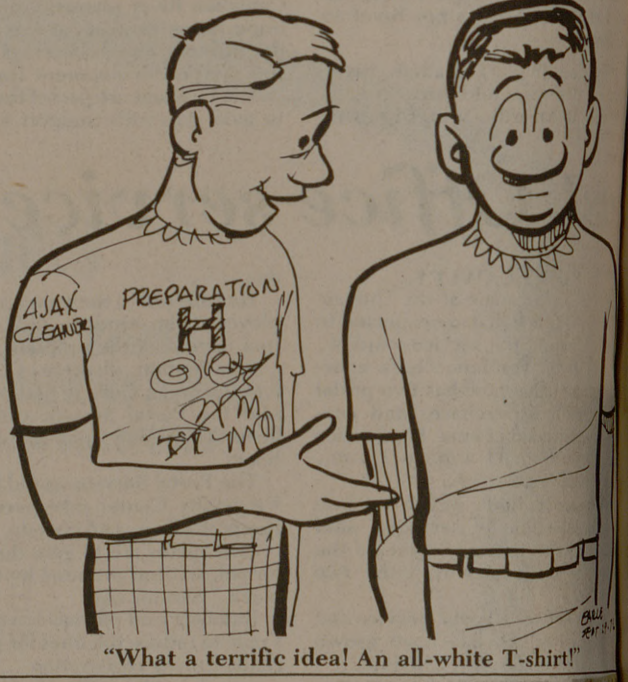
main line of attack. As the Democratic ticket's designated bitter for traditional allies — organized labor, the Jews, the blacks, the elderly — Mondale has a stump speech that whacks the daylight out of Republicans as parsimonious, cold-blooded enemies of the working folks. Like Humphrey, he's not above rather grandiose exaggerations in order to make a point. At the Illinois AFL-CIO convention, Mondale inveighed against the "insensitivity and heartlessness" of the Ford administration. He said that whenever there's a news report that somebody got a job, they meet in emergency session at the White House and all those great, warm-hearted persons, Alan Greenspan and Bill Simon and those folks who love human beings so much, get together and try to figure out how to prevent that trend before it gets out of hand." When a reporter asked Mondale if that didn't border on demagoguery, he said, cheerfully, "Well, I made that remark pri-

vately the other night, and I thought I'd try it in a speech and see how it went over." Then, turning serious, he added, "I've been with those guys like Simon and Greenspan and unemployment is not a very important factor in their lives." An argument that Republicans love unemployment is not going to persuade many undecided voters in this election. But that's not Mondale's job. His job is to steam up the troops in the Democratic heartland from Minnesota to Massachusetts — the liberal, labor crowd that finds it hard to regard Jimmy Carter as one of their own.

Party — its officeholders, its leaders, its allies in traditional interest groups — than it needs him. And among those groups, Mondale's credentials are in better order than Carter's. Mondale has fought his battles in Congress for 12 years and has a long protective cloak to wear as well. Thus, the success Mondale has had in becoming an important factor in the campaign forms this mission is something he declined to discuss in any detail. He has that a President Carter — with his own agenda for reorganization of government and reform of programs — need a savvy Senate hand to build a road on Capitol Hill. Previous vice-presidents, with a good credentials, have entertained same hopes. But Lyndon Johnson was shunted to the outer ring of the administration, and Humphrey was excluded in the Johnson years. Mondale prefers not to dwell on his willingness to listen and learn on a subject — from the CIA to the bishops. And he assumes that he will be excluded from real influence, as have been, by a White House palooka. His enthusiasm for his work is genuine and touching. He looks happy, carrying the can. © 1976, The Washington Post

Slouch

by Jim Earle



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Campus sidewalks need bicycle lanes

Listen Up

Editor: Allow an avid cyclist to react to Steve Reis's war stories (Battalion, Sept. 24). I think he did an excellent job and put his finger on a very sore spot indeed: campus traffic. I spent twenty-five years in Holland, bicycle territory par excellence. The hair of our administrators, traffic cops, and undertakers has turned grey over the issue. One of our conclusions — even the Queen tours the palace gardens on her two-wheeler — has been that bicyclists should be provided with their own lanes, where they can reach a safe minimum speed. It is easier to keep cyclists in a lane than pedestrians, who can lift their legs and cross curbs easily. A cyclist hates to dismount and we will have to take advantage of that. I have never observed a situation as dangerous as here on campus, and am convinced that handlebars are going to be bent — but not intentionally. Can you imagine spokes penetrating senior boots or umbrella's hooking into 10-speed mechanisms? I can.

Consider the psychologies of both cyclist and pedestrian, I doubt if more consideration is the key we are looking for. Rather, we need physical barriers that can sort out the traffic. We cannot impose walking regulations on pedestrians. They are liberals. Cyclists will not dismount for infantry: such is the nature of the rider. An example of a missed chance on campus seems to be the recently completed pavement that runs around Bizell Hall towards the MSC. The concrete was intended for bicycles, the pebbles for pedestrians. But somebody has forgotten the little curb in the middle and the result is chaos.

curbs or make the cycling lanes that much lower than the rest, enough to keep the users from climbing out on their wheels. Survival of the slowest and all that. Jeff Stuyt Ag Elementary Editor: Isn't it about time for Aggies to stop calling the University of Houston "Cougar High"? After Saturday night's results, if U of H is "Cougar High," then this must be "Aggie Elementary." Correct me if I am wrong, but I believe that the series, which dates back at least twenty years, is in fact now tied. The truth of the matter is that both schools are first rate universities, academically and athletically. It does us no honor to degrade such a worthy opponent. Robert Stout

Proud of band Editor: A loud "Whoop!" goes up from the crowd as the Aggie band marches onto the field at half-time playing the "Aggie War Hymn." Everyone marvels at the precision accomplished by the band members. I haven't met an Aggie yet who doesn't feel extreme pride and respect for his school at these moments. The band seems to embody the spirit of Texas A&M University. I would therefore like to thank all the corpsmen who work so hard to make the band what it is today. I hope that it will always be an important part of Texas A&M so that future Aggies can experience that same feeling of pride. Thanks again to the "Fightin' Texas Aggie Band." Susan Riff, '79

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