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Let's welcome a new President

Candidate Jimmy "Cahtuh" was patronizing, two- (or more) sided, overbearing, wishy-washy, hypocritical, lustful and basically very hard to take.

President-elect Carter, on the other hand, is soon to be President of the United States. Enough said.

Regardless of what the candidate peanut farmer may have been to many people, he is no longer an all-promising seeker for public office, he has the office.

President Ford may have made a good president. He may even have made an excellent leader for the United States. But that is idle back-looking conjecture. The choice is no longer present. The man from Plains, Ga. will take his oath next year.

The A&M campus came out almost 80 per cent in favor of President Ford, indicating an Aggie dislike for the smiling governor from Plains. The more than 50 per cent Aggie



Steve Reis

voter turnout indicated that the students of Aggieland cared about national affairs, although their favored candidate did not win.

So Ford and Carter will go on vacation, and the American public will have to accustom itself to reading and hearing about President "Carter."

Soon, a Mayflower van will be backing up to the White House back door and a new "first family" will enter the national goldfish bowl.

Mr. Carter has a difficult job ahead of him; that of becoming a president. And although only 51 per cent of the voting public supported the candidate, the President will need 100 per cent support.

Servicemen who may have voted against Carter and his seemingly weaker defense policy must be satisfied that they will have a new Commander-in-Chief.

Those who may have cheered on Mr. Kissinger's attempts at global peace must face the fact that Carter will probably get rid of him.

The highly-religious voters who fear that Carter is some kind of anti-Christ will have to live with their fears for at least the next four years.

Regardless of the many reasons that people may have had for voting against the Southern President-elect, all Americans must soon admit that he is the President.

He will probably try to do the best

job he is capable of doing while holding his position. And in spite of the fears that the whole world will come crashing about our collective ears, he will probably be a relatively decent president.

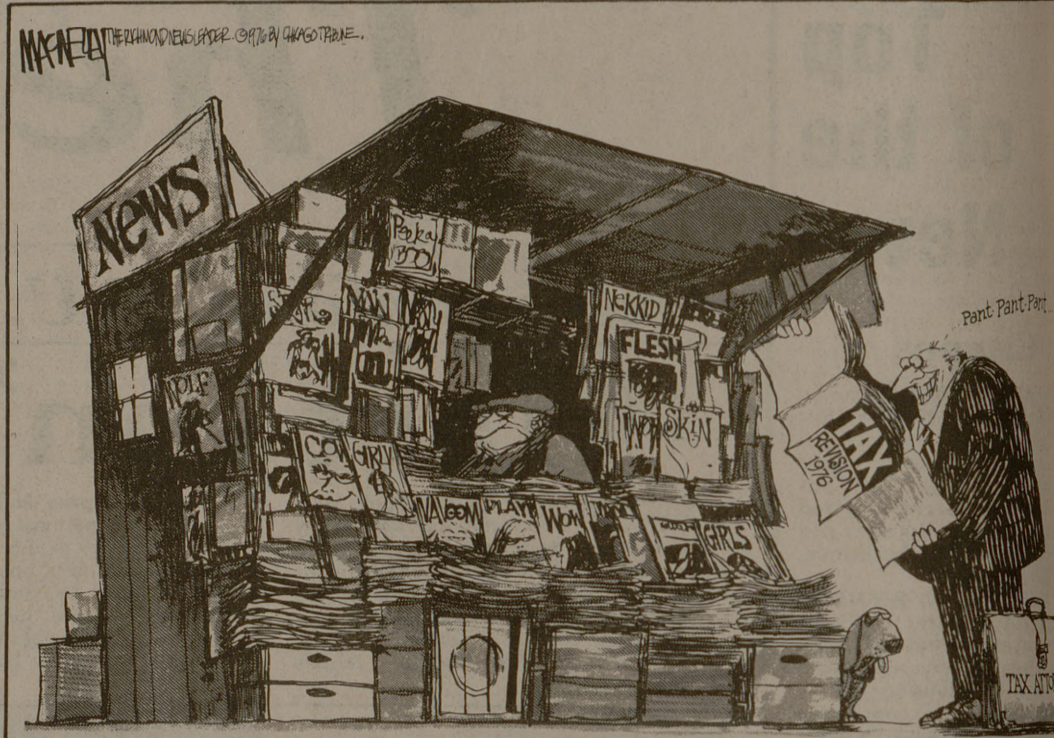
It is unlikely that he will create an isolationist United States. It is hard to imagine that he will be able to offer jobs to all blacks by putting whites out of work. It is difficult to foresee our country becoming a socialistic state because of a guaranteed wage.

No, Carter and Fritz probably will not disrupt the American way of life.

The term of Carter-Mondale undoubtedly will be different, but not radically so. They will attempt some changes, but nothing the American public will not be able to accept.

The candidates may have been undesirable, but by the virtue of our democratic process, Carter deserves the respect and support of the country.

And except for the possibility of White House visitors having to buy lemonade on the White House lawn, Carter's term will not be bad.



Student needs books, notes back

Editor: On the night of Nov. 3, 1976, I went to the University Library to study as I usually do. I entered the

library around 8 p.m. I then proceeded to the third floor, where I went to the restroom, depositing my pack on the shelf in the restroom. Approximately 5 minutes later I returned to pick up my books. I was stunned when I noticed they were missing, pack and all. In the pack was every note for every class I have.

Whoever ripped off my books, I wish you would return them to me. I had every note from the first day of class up to the recent date this semester recorded in the two notebooks that were in the pack. Everything in the pack was well identified with my name and dorm

room number written on it. All is that whoever ripped me off, return my notebooks and pack. This incident has made me lose respect of the respect that I have had for fellow Aggies. Please help me store respect. Just return my pack to Crocker Hall 215 questions asked.

Kirk McKnight

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Over the wall

Tech renovates pass-fail

By LEANN ROBY
Battalion Staff

After a year's worth of controversy and debate, the Faculty Council at TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY voted to endorse six proposals regarding the pass-fail system there, which will now go to the office of the president for final approval.

The policy suggests that undergraduate students may take up to 13 semester hours toward their degrees on a pass-fail basis. No more than nine hours can be used to satisfy general degree requirements, and a student may be restricted from taking a course pass-fail if it is a prerequisite for another course.

Courses taken in the declared major or minor shall not be taken pass-fail unless required by the department. Also, a student may change to a letter grade basis no later

than 30 days prior to the first day of final exams.

One of the better recommendations of this policy is that the

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name of the student taking a course pass-fail will not be made known to the instructor. The student would be treated just like the rest of the class and there is no chance of an instructor grading a student more harshly because he is on pass-fail.

It would be nice if A&M had a couple of these same policies. If you began the semester on a pass-fail basis and had a high grade a month before the final, you could change to a letter grade basis and improve your GPR. As it stands at A&M now, once you register to take a course pass-

fail, you cannot change your mind.

It would be more beneficial to the student to be able to choose the basis for his grade, and would possibly be more incentive to work harder in the course.

Also under Tech's proposed system, the student has until the last drop date to declare his intent to take a course pass-fail. This would help a student who is doing poorly enough to lower his GPR but well enough to pass a course. Presently at A&M, a student must declare his intent to take the course on a pass-fail basis when he registers for the course.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS: The Travis County district attorney's office has obtained a dismissal of a possession of marijuana charge against UT geography professor Dr. Michael Sabbagh.

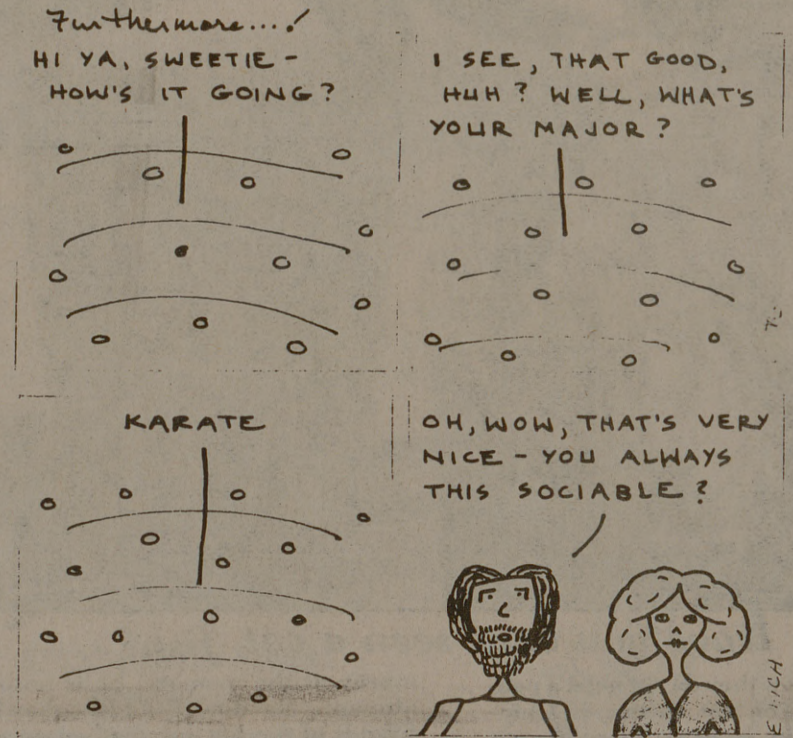
The dismissal became final in late October after Sabbagh passed a polygraph test concerning lack of culpability.

The professor was indicted by the county grand jury on Sept. 7 after the discovery of more than a quarter-acre of marijuana found growing on his property.

WRECKER CO. LOSES UT CONTRACT The company that tows illegally parked vehicles on campus has lost its university contract because the firm has damaged student's cars and was failing to pay for it. Until a new company is found, illegally parked cars will not be towed.

The action was taken after several students took their towing complaints to the Students' Attorney's office. In the last few months, between 10 and 15 students have sought help when the company, Walsh Service Center and Wrecker, damaged cars.

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