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Students can make a difference

Democracy is a process whereby the persons within a political environment are continually modifying that environment to reflect the political will of the majority.

If our "democratic" society cannot expect the students attending and graduating from our universities to vote and become involved in the political process, what can our society expect of the majority who are not "highly educated?"

We cannot much longer pretend toward democracy if even our college-educated are politically immature.

Those of you who say that you do not register and vote here because you really live and vote "back home" are only deluding yourselves.

A political consciousness is not something one puts on and casts off like a set of clothes according to the circumstances.

One makes it a habit to be politically aware and involved in any environment in which he is or he loses that awareness and involvement.

You can be sure that all the local landlords and businessmen will cast their votes, and they will vote for

someone who will protect their interests. But the student, as a transient consumer in this community, is at the mercy of those who would take advantage of him.

It is a fact of life that those who are weak and do not speak up are exploited and taken advantage of.

Some argue that students should not be on the council or should not be strongly represented because they are here only for a short time while the permanent residents will have to live with the decisions. This argument ignores the fact that students are here, have been here for one hundred years and will be here for many years to come.

And all of these students have to live with the decisions made by local government.

You owe it to all present and future Texas A&M students to cast your vote locally. If you are not satisfied with the way local government is being run, it is your duty to vote for someone whom you think will change it.

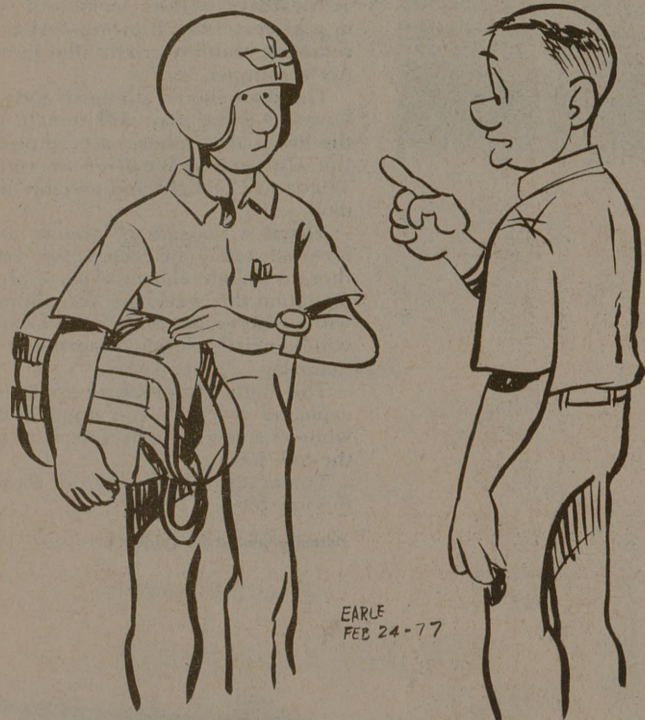
And, if you are satisfied with the way local government is being run, it is your duty to let those who are running it know that you do agree with them.

The democratic process is effective only as long as those who are governed exercise their responsibility to vote.

—Jerry Needham

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by Jim Earle



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"COULD YOU EXPLAIN ONE MORE TIME HOW THAT HELMET PROTECTS A SKY DIVER IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?"

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Voter registration ends Wednesday

March 2 is the last day to register to vote in the April 2 Bryan and College Station municipal elections.

Councilmen will be elected from districts 1, 3 and 5 in College Station. In Bryan, three at-large councilmen and a mayor will be elected.

This is the first year that the single-member district or ward system has been used in College Station, and there may be some confusion about the system.

It is a good idea always to be registered to vote, but you can use the

accompanying map to determine whether the district you reside in is voting for a councilman this year.

If you live in Bryan or in district 1, 3 or 5 in College Station, you are eligible to vote this year and can register by filling in the voter registration application above and mailing to: Raymond Buchanan, Brazos County Tax Assessor-Collector, 77801.

If you have moved since the last

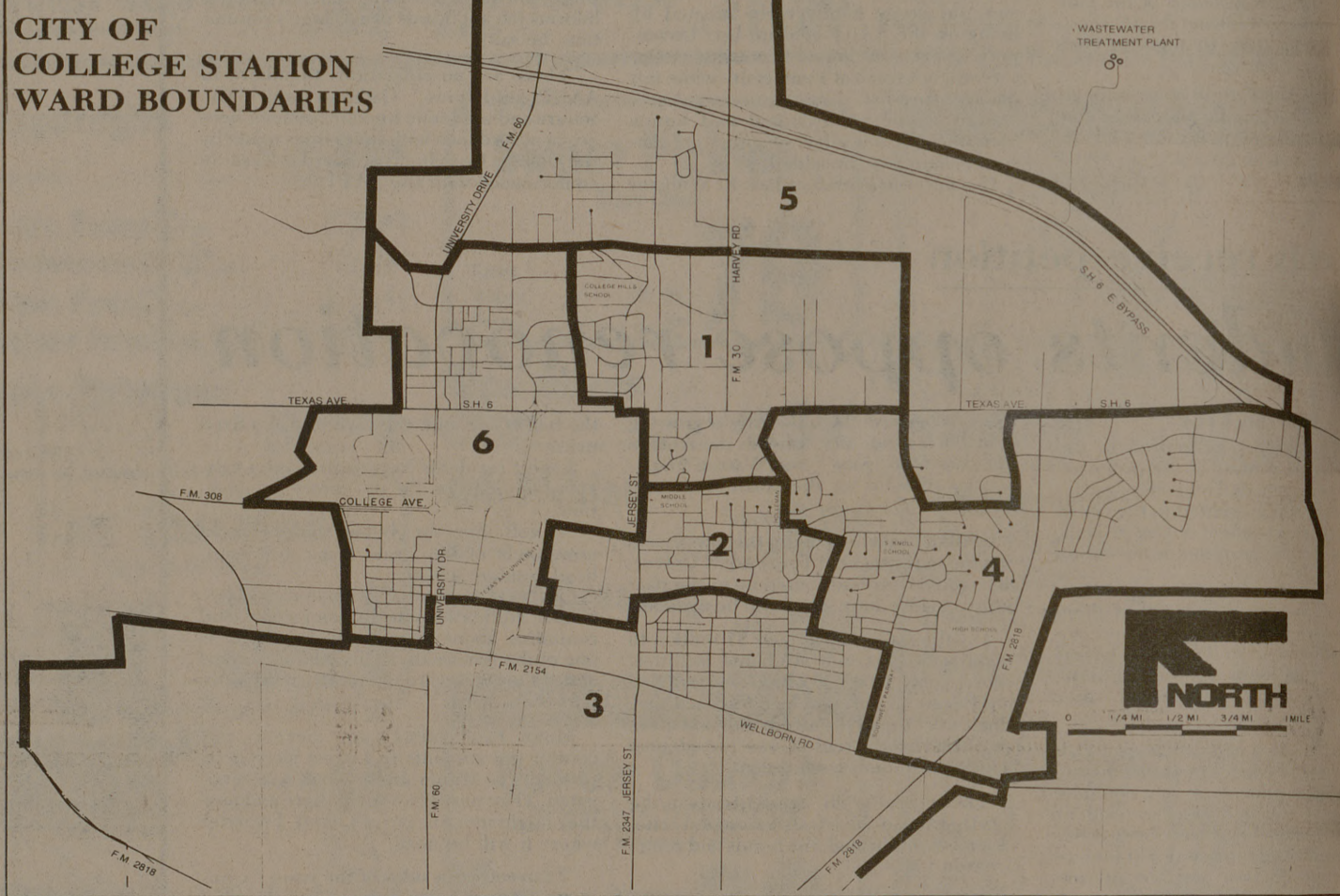
time you registered, you need to fill in your new address on the back of your voter registration card and mail it to: Texas Voting System, 205 29th St., Bryan 77801.

Those students registered elsewhere can change their registration to Brazos County simply by filling out and turning in the voter registration application form.

The candidates who have filed for positions as of yesterday are as follows:

In College Station, councilmen Gary Halter and Ringer have filed for districts 3, respectively. No one has filed for district 5. Anne Hazen is the incumbent councilman from district 1.

In Bryan, Victor Caudillo is incumbent Lloyd Joyce has filed for the position of mayor. Ray Smith has filed for Place 1, Bryan III for Place 3 and Gary Heiman for Place 5. Smith and Bryan are incumbents.



SCONA — a great educational experience

Last week I experienced one of the most thrilling times in my life. I honestly believe that when everything was over, I, along with all the other delegates to SCONA 22, gained so much by participating in such a great conference.

Meeting with students from all over the United States, Mexico, and Canada is an experience in itself,

but when one can take part in a discussion and get right down to the personal level, this is great. Representing Texas A&M as a delegate is the "icing on the cake."

Those delegates from other places could not stop marveling at our beautiful campus and friendly people. (Talk about pride, I had it!) Even a fellow delegate from Cougar High remarked, "You know, I just

had the wrong idea of A&M. You people really have something here." It is this kind of good will and understanding that only a conference like SCONA can promote, and I think that's a big part of the "individual in society."

Last, and especially, especially not least, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Van Steed, Chairman of the SCONA Committee; Mr. J. Wayne Stark, the MSC Director; and all the committee chairmen, workers, on

down to the hosts and hostesses making SCONA 22 the unforgettable experience it was. I also want to thank Dr. Joyce O'Rear, Chairman of Round Table "I," one man (and he knows who) who helped me get involved in a great conference. At the same time I encourage all students here to take advantage of this great event, involved however you can, wait until you're a senior to benefit of this wonderful event.

— George E. (Eddie) Ogden

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