### Checkmate!

College students have always been an easy mark for door-to-door salesmen, and it seems the quick-buck activities in this community are proving the salesman's motto truer than ever.

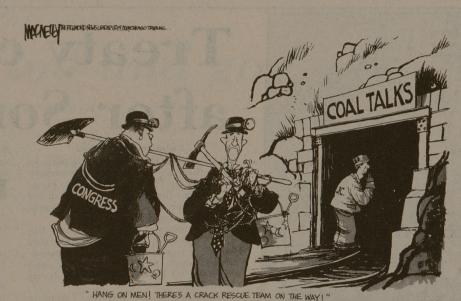
According to one area bank officer, a certain few door-to-door magazine salesmen have duped a fair number of students here to the tune of hundreds of dollars. They come into the home, putting on the charm and pressure; and in many instances the annoyed buyer writes a check just to get the salesman out of the house, thinking it a simple matter to cancel payment on the check.

Salesmen have been in the business long enough to know that trick, so they are handy at going the buyer one better. They have him make out the check to the salesman, himself, or his "supervisor" instead of the magazine company. The salesman then beats a hasty path to the bank, cashes the check and insures his commission on the sale. It turns out to be a very costly method of getting rid of a salesman.

Now, it seems, the salesmen have a slicker move — they have the buyer make out the check to "cash". It's as good as dollars in the hand

The law requires a 72-hour period for buyers to cancel checks MADE OUT TO THE COMPANY. It has no such period of reconsideration when the checks are made out to individuals. And so as not to be sexist, quick-buck salesmen in this town are women as well as men.

So you might take a hint and save yourself a surprise at the bank.



#### fan the flames Republicans try to

After the carpetbaggers of the Reconstruction took all they could and then fled, Texan fathers told their sons never to vote for another northern Republican. These

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sons followed their fathers' decree and never voted Republican, and then they passed the word to their sons. These grandchildren passed the word on down through the ages, and never a Republician was elected.

A political fairy tale that was told by some politician to his children. Not really, but then again the story almost went that

Texas had been until the early 60s, a pure Democratic state. Republicans either changed their colors upon crossing the Red River from Oklahoma or soon fled

But, times have changed. The urbanization of Texas has increased the number of Republicans by bringing in large numbers of immigrants from the northern states and the Midwest. These "imported" Republicans have re-established the party in the state and have raised it to the status of a contender to the dominant Democratic

Republicans are seriously running in nearly all the state wide political races this year, and included in this advarsery role is the competition for the Republican nomination in the Sixth Congressional District.

The Republican primary for the Sixth District consists of a smaller field than the Democrats. The two candidates, Carl Krohn of Bryan and Wes Mowery of Fort Worth, are running the usual low-key campaign that characterizes Texas Republicians in local primary races.

Mowery is the odds-on favorite in the race. The independent oilman was the

Republican nominee in 1976 and ran better than previous opponents of the retiring Olin Teague. The fact that Mowery was the nominee was a surprise. For the past decade, the perennial Republican opponent for Teague was Carl Nagliazzo. He never really expected to beat the undefeated Teague, but he was always on the

ballot in November.

Krohn is the race's political novice. A wounded Vietnam veteran and member of the Republican national committee, Krohn has never campaigned for a race in

But, who heard of a Republican primary before the Reagan-Ford battle of 1976?

Not many, not even the Republicans. Before this decade, most Texas Republicans voted in the Democratic primary for two reasons. First, the Democrats always had someone in every race, while the Republicans usually had competition in maybe one or two races. The other reason

general gubernatorial election.

Lightning struck in 1972. The Republican party had arrived in Texas and almost took the Democrats by surprise in the gubernatorial general election. Hank Grover was their candidate and his race built a spirit in the party that was bolstered by the '76 Reaganites and is still alive today

The Republician primary revolves around its gubernatorial race between former state chairman Ray Hutchinson and former Nixon confidant and assistant secretary of defense William Clements. This race may bring the GOP voters out for their own primary instead of the Democratic primary the same day.

While the Democrats are dividing up the spoils, the Republican candidates will try to consolidate their supporters for the November election. The general election seems to be the only election that gets Republicans to vote for Republicans.

# Jordan not exactly hit of the party

**United Press International** WASHINGTON - Presidential aide

Hamilton Jordan says he is afraid to look at a woman below the neck anymore. And press secretary Jody Powell, his longtime friend, is urging him to "stay out of bars."

#### Washington Window

Those observations do not sum up all the White House problems by any stretch of the imagination, but the issue of Jordan's social life has become a headache for him and others in the president's inner

Widespread publicity surrounding two incidents involving Jordan, who recently separated from his wife, have increased the volume of his mail. "And it's not fan e assures reporters.

The 34-year-Carter assistant, who is considered closest to the president, has had his troubles recently. Sometime ago it was reported that Jordan pulled at the dress of the wife of Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Gorbal and said, "I've always wanted to see the pyramids." He denied the allegations and so did Mrs. Gorbal.

Last Sunday, the Washington Post Magazine reported an unnamed woman had accused Jordan of spitting liquor down a woman's blouse at a singles bar last month, and she slapped him in return. ings. Whenever a major meeting has been announced on both domestic and foreign

dan's denials by issuing a lengthy affidavit from the bartender, and statements from two friends who said that Jordan had not done anything improper.

After the first incident, the word was passed that Jordan's power and duties at the White House and that the president had assigned him to preside at staff meet-This time, press secretary Jody Powell policy issues, Jordan's name has listed went to great lengths to substantiate Jor- among the chief advisers.

In the face of adversity, it appeared that Jordan still had the backing of the man who counts, and that does not seem to have diminished. There is a loyalty among the Georgia clan that cannot be denied The total support for former budget director Bert Lance, Carter's Georgia friend, who resigned under fire, is a case in point.

Carter is a man who believes in walking the straight and narrow. He does not appear to lower the boom on his aides. Essentially, they can live their own lives. But they are young and they are new to the

relentless spotlight. And they are groping on how to handle their celebrity status. Probably the pros in Washington would have advised Powell to grin and bear it. They would probably have told him it is almost impossible to answer allegations of such a nature without magnifying them.

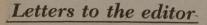
When his defense of Jordan's reputation was brought up at a news briefing and was described as "Zieglerian," a reference to press secretary Ron Ziegler of the Nixon era, Powell said:

"I am concerned about the situation because frankly I don't know how you deal with a situation in which a person in public life is subject to incorrect and vicious alle-

gations as they appear in print.
"I am not sure what an overreaction is when you attack someone's character and integrity," he added. "It is possible to publish material of that sort and then if someone has the termerity to set the record straight then you are faced with allegations that you are attacking the First Amend-

While his press notices have hardly been flattering, both Powell and Jordan believe that Jordan will survive the latest brouhaha concerning his social life. But right now the going is tough and he realizes he is fair game in the goldfish bowl that is Washington officialdom.

Older and wiser heads are probably passing the word for Jordan to keep a low profile for awhile, and right now he seems prepared to take that advice.



### Tech students take issue with Aggie athletics

THE USUAL, MR. JORDAN?

I would like to register a complaint with the students of Texas A&M concerning the conduct of A&M athletes in recent years. The incident prompting this writing occurred during the Texas Tech basketball victory over Texas A&M on Feb. 11. On this occasion, an elbow thrown by A&M's Willie Foreman broke the jaw of Red Raider basketballer Kent Williams. As a consequence, Williams was lost for the next two critical basketball games. Coach Gerald Myers and others saw the elbow as more than an accident, and Williams says Foreman did the same thing last year, though he did not break Williams jaw that time. If at first you don't succeed...

During the 1976 football game between

Texas Tech and Texas A&M, as Tech quarterback Tommy Duniven was leading the Raiders to victory, a well placed tackle promptly removed him from the season. Fortunately for Tech, Rodney Allison was able to step in and pick up the slack.

Ah, but Rodney's play that day and in subsequent games marked him as the next victim of Texas A&M's "Gorilla Warfare".

field in the first quarter. Now, perhaps Carl Grulich did not intend to break Allison's leg on that particular play, but the gloating of the Aggie players and the cheering of A&M fans as Allison was carried from the field was clearly evident. Texas A&M won that day, but did they?

Tech athletes are not the only victims of A&M tactics. One can recall a critical conference game in 1975 in which Texas quar-

goon squad.

It is a tragedy that an institution as respected as Texas A&M must be represented in athletics by a bunch of babies in uniform whose reaction when facing a superior team is to attempt to maim their key players. This kind of behavior is a disgrace to the reputation and traditions of Texas A&M, and your coaches are either blind to that fact or choose to ignore it. I don't believe the students of Texas A&M want to be represented in this fashion, but unless action is taken, the respect held for your school's athletic program will continue its decline. Thank you for your time.

— James L. Cromer Texas Tech Junior

Editor's note: The preceding opinion was signed by 15 other Tech students.

More letters

As this University constantly changes, for better or worse, the attitude of the students is constantly changing, too. The dif-

spite the efforts of some to keep A&M

The easiest way to find out the current mood of the University is to read the "Letters to the editor" column in the Batt. This column should be a place where alternate or supporting views can be put forth. What make this University so great is the people who go here and the attitudes and values they have. I can think of no other

A student body such as ours that includes a mix of rednecks, jocks, nerds, C.T.s, freaks, foreigners, and who knows what else should deserve more space to express their varied views, good or bad, than the limited space the column re-ceives. Your Monday, Feb. 22, expanded column was great! It is a lot more interest-

of people on any given issue. Why not make this expanded size the standard size from now on? It surely

ing to hear the views of more than a couple

couldn't cost that much more.



Editor's note: There's little doubt that "Letters to the editor" is a highly read section. But consistent with your point that "alternate or supporting views" should be published, we provide opinions from the national scene as well, since the controversies at Texas A&M are not all that affect our lives. However, even if we wanted to give "Letters" a full page each day, there would be more white space than print. It is extremely rare that we receive as much mail as we did last week. The normal amount is about four letters

## Clear and sunny today. High today mid-70s, low tonight near 40. Winds from the northwest at 5-10 mph.

in a conspiracy that led to the deaths.

### THE BATTALION

Top of the News

STATE

Grain explosion blamed on firm

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration Thursday to ommended a Galveston firm be fined \$116,000 for "serious a willful" job safety and health violations in a grain elevator explos

Dec. 27 that killed 18 workers and injured 21 others. OSHs suggested the Farmers Export Co. receive maximum penalties in the 17 violations. OSHA law also prescribes criminal sanctions for willful violation of the standard resulting in the death of an employee

and the Labor Department is investigating whether to recomm the Justice Department bring criminal charges against the company

NATION

Senate blocks treaty ratification

Sen. James Allen Thursday introduced the first of an expected

string of opposition amendments which Senate critics hope will complicate or block ratification of the Panama Canal treaties. The Alabama Democrat's amendment, believed to be unacceptable to Panama, calls on the United States to maintain military installations.

in the vicinity of the Panama canal after Dec. 31, 1999, if the presi

dent considers it necessary and so informs Panama. The treaty wo

turn over the waterway to Panama at the end of 1999. A White Hou congressional liaison official said the administration will fight amendments beyond the single amendment proposed by the Senate leadership to clarify U.S. defense and naval passage rights in timed

HEW may immunize elderly, ill

A national immunization campaign to protect elderly and chron

cally ill persons from the Russian flu was announced Thursday for

Washington by HEW Secretary Joseph Califano. The program of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare could begin in Augus and help states immunize about 17 million high-risk persons. It is far

smaller than last year's federal immunization of 45 million against

swine flu epidemic that never materialized. Califano said an effec

vaccine can be developed to combat Russian flu, which has appear all over the United States after sweeping Russia this year. The stra-causes mild symptoms but is highly contagious. If all states establishmunization programs during the next two flu seasons, Califa

said, another 16.8 million persons could be protected against Russi

B-1 program finally bombs out

The B-1 bomber fleet, planned to include 244 manned aircraft at cost of more than \$24 billion, is finally dead, months after Preside Carter decided to ground the project. The House Wednesday vote 234-182 to kill the program, joining the Senate in refusing to appr an additional \$462 million for two more prototypes of the low-ly

nuclear attack plane. The aircraft was designed to supplement I U.S. strategic force of land and sea-launched ballistic nuclear missiles. The president announced last summer he would keep licampaign pledge and ask Congress to cut off funding for the planes but backers of the project stubbornly tried to keep it alive by seeking

funding for two more planes, bringing the number of complete test models to six. After the House vote, White House press secretary Jody Powell said, "The president has asked me to say he was de-

Gutenberg may go for \$1 million

A two-volume set of the Gutenberg Bible — believed to be one of

only 13 rare first issues — will be sold at a public auction this spring by Christie's, the Park Avenue New York auctioneers. The set owned by the General Theological Seminary of New York, is expected by the General Theological Seminary of New York, is expected by the General Theological Seminary of New York, is expected by the General Theological Seminary of New York, is expected by the General Theological Seminary of New York, is expected by the General Theological Seminary of New York, is expected by the General Theological Seminary of New York and the Seminary of New York are the New York and the Seminary of New York are the New York are th

highest known price ever paid for a book. David Brathurst, preside

of Christie's, said Wednesday the school decided to sell the rare wor to establish an endowment fund for its library, described as one of the

finest theological libraries in the Episcopal Church and one of the best in the United States. The two-volume set is one of only 21 known.

complete copies left of the 185 copies believed printed between 1450

WORLD

Sadat vows vengeance in killings

President Anwar Sadat says Egypt will seek vengeance for the slaying of an Egyptian editor and 15 commandos, inflicting "10 blow for every single blow" delivered against his nation. Sadat delivered

angry address Wednesday at the burial of the commandos who w

killed by Cypriot National Guardsmen as they attempted to fr hostages held by two Palestinian terrorists. The two gume killed the Egyptian editor on Saturday. Sadat broke off all relation with Cyprus, charging President Spyros Kyprianou's government

and possibly the Palestine Liberation Organization, were involved

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and 1456, Brathurst said.

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