

CAMPUS

Stadium work bids to be viewed

The Texas A&M University System board of regents will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday to consider bids for expansion of Kyle Field and construction of adjoining athletic and physical education facilities.

Student senate positions open

Texas A&M University's student senate has five offices open which will be filled in the fall elections. Spots to be filled include the graduate schools of Liberal Arts and Engineering, a graduate of campus position, an at-large place from Moody College, and a place from Walton, Melms, Schumacher and Hotard dormitories.

STATE

Airline to be wooed with land buy?

Officials in North Central Texas are proposing a bond issue to be used in part to fund the purchase of 300 acres of land in an attempt to lure American Airlines into relocating its headquarters from New York City to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Eight found dead in plane crash

No survivors were found Wednesday in the wreckage of a two-engine plane reported missing since last Saturday on its way from Fort Worth to Laredo, said Webb County sheriff's deputies at the scene.

NATION

Judge sets hearing on rail strike

Declaring he would issue no temporary restraining orders, U.S. District Judge Aubrey Robinson today scheduled an afternoon hearing on whether to try and halt the nationwide rail strike by court order.

Convicted killer denied parole

Richard Speck, convicted 12 years ago of the stabbing and strangulation killings of eight student nurses, was denied parole Thursday and will not be eligible to apply again for three years.

WORLD

U.S. soldiers die in war games

Three American soldiers on a NATO maneuver in West Germany have been killed in a traffic accident, raising the death toll to 16. The five-week war games began Sept. 7. About 300,000 soldiers from six nations are taking part in the 30 different exercises.

Botha new head of South Africa

Pieter Willem Botha, the hardline minister of defense who successfully argued for South African troop commitment in the 1975 Angolan civil war, was elected Thursday as South Africa's eighth prime minister.

WEATHER

It will be fair and warm today and for the weekend. Highs will be in the mid 80's and lows in the 60's. Winds will be north-northeasterly 10 mph. No chance of rain.

THE BATTALION

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Tired Carter seeing victories

By DAVID S. BRODER

COLUMBUS, OHIO - By the time he reached here on Saturday night after the Camp David summit ended, Jimmy Carter was so tired he seemed to have forgotten why he came. He spoke for 30 minutes to the fund-raising dinner of the Ohio Democratic Party and somehow neglected to utter a single quotable sentence of praise for its gubernatorial candidate (and his own longtime supporter) Richard Celeste.

When the President is tired enough to bobble such routine political chores, a prudent observer will conclude that it is not the best time for appraising performance. Nonetheless, the two days Carter spent campaigning late last week did offer some intriguing clues to his role in the mid-term election - and even a few hints about 1980.

HIS TRIP SUGGESTED that Camp David has gone a long way toward solving a problem that had previously stymied White House political advisers. The White House reading of election prospects - is that the Democrats are going to do quite well in the congressional voting. Their losses of seats - if any - will be small by historical standards and probably well below the level that would allow the Republicans to claim any repudiation of the administration.

The problem for the White House was

that there seemed no way to associate Carter with that prospective party victory or to use it to bolster his leadership position. For months, most Democratic incumbents had been putting distance between the President and themselves by publicizing their disagreements with whatever parts of his program were least palatable to their constituents.

They were planning to win reelection, as one senior White House aide put it, "by case work, communication and staying close to the district."

BUT THE MIDDLE EAST peace breakthrough has given Democrats a national talking point, and, on the evidence of last week's trip, there are many Democrats eager to share in the President's achievement. All but one member of the South Carolina House delegation crowded onto the platform with Carter in Columbia, S.C., and their eagerness was matched in other states he visited.

During the trip, Carter began testing the crowd reaction to the claim that he and the Democratic Congress have formed "a good partnership" - a direct refutation of the impression of continual squabbling built up over the previous 20 months. Some White House officials think that if the civil service reform, energy and tax bills are passed soon enough, there may be real mileage in that "partnership" theme for the final two

weeks of the campaign.

In short, the combination of a diplomatic breakthrough and the belated resolution of intractable legislative issues may give Carter a better claim on a share of the credit for the Democrats' likely midterm success than had seemed even faintly possible a fortnight ago.

AS FOR 1980, four brief and decidedly tentative impressions:

—Anyone who thinks it will be easy for another candidate to undercut Carter's southern base ought to think again. He is still at his best among his own people, as he was in Evill, N.C., and Columbia. The combination of piety and regional pride and patriotism he invokes in a southern audience is powerful political music. Even the rhythm of his speech, which sounds stilted in Columbus, Ohio, or Aliquippa, Pa., goes down just right in Dixie.

—Carter still has a lot going for him with blacks. The most excited audience of the trip was at a black housing development in Columbus, and Carter remains one of the few white politicians who can get cheers - and seem in character - just addressing blacks as "brothers and sisters."

—It's not going to be easy for anyone to sound more conservative than Carter on the stump, without going off into right-wing extremism. He will claim conservatism, especially on fiscal matters, as part

of his heritage as a southern Democrat. If inflation doesn't kill his hopes for successively smaller budget deficits, he may even make the claim stick.

—If there still is an area of vulnerability, it may, oddly enough, lie in Carter's own inability to communicate his real work as President - even his successes - to his constituents. His down-home campaign manner diminishes his stature.

Commentary

EXCEPT IN COLUMBIA, he brushed off the summit achievement so quickly in his speeches that he plainly left an unfulfilled hunger in his audiences for a feeling of vicarious participation in that high drama of his presidency.

Sitting now at the peak of power, Carter acts as if he still would be more comfortable in his old role as the outsider. Not to put too fine a point on it, a President who comes away a winner in two weeks of negotiations with Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin, only to tell a Tarheel audience, "I am not as sophisticated as some of you," risks a credibility gap of his own.

Somebody should tell Carter it is not unconstitutional for people to look up to their President.

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Shakespearettes

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON — Whenever a great national issue leaves me at a loss for words, I turn to articulation to the works of William Shakespeare.

Immortal Bard, don't fail me now! Q. Mr. Shakespeare, a burning controversy has arisen over the cheerleaders who cavort along the sidelines at professional football games. Have you ever watched them perform?

A. "I have a good eye, uncle. Paddling palms and pinching fingers."

Q. Then you probably are aware that the Redskinettes, who perform at games here, were told to sew an extra piece of cloth over the midriff of their costumes. Why was that?

Humor

A. "Too oft before their buttocks be disclosed."

Q. Well, if only their navels were exposed, the Redskinettes were modestly dressed compared to the Dallas Cowgirls. What are their costumes like after alteration?

A. "Chaste as the icicle that's curdled by the frost from purest snow."

Q. Cheerleaders for some of the other teams are said to be trying to emulate or out-do the Dallas cheerleaders. What are the Cowgirl costumes like?

A. "Like to a double cherry, seeming parted, but yet an union in partition — two lovely berries moulded on one stem."

Q. Are you implying they don't wear bras?

A. "Is it a world to hide virtue in? Na-

ture's above art in that respect."

Q. I get the picture. What effect do they have on male football fans?

A. "Hysterica passio! Thy two eyes, like stars, start from their spheres."

Q. Wooooee! You do have a way with words, sir. One of the San Diego Chargerettes was fired for posing for Playboy magazine. What sort of photograph did they take?

A. "Her wanton spirits look out at every joint and motive of her body."

Q. I'm gonna renew my subscription tomorrow. What kind of routines do the cheerleaders perform in their scanty costumes?

A. "As twinn'd lambs that did frisk i' the sun, and bleat the one at the other."

Q. What purpose does that serve?

A. "To purge melancholy. Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood."

Q. I see. What type of girl makes the best NFL cheerleader?

A. "A fair hot wench in flame-colour'd taffeta. An unseason'd girl, unshoo'd, unpractis'd. The chariest maid is prodigal enough if she unmake her beauty to the moon."

Q. Love that taffeta! What are the qualifications for being an NFL cheerleader?

A. "Beauty, wit, high birth, vigour of bone. Toes unplug'd by corns."

Q. They must be hard to find. Feminist leaders are highly critical of NFL cheerleaders and their costumes. Would you comment on that?

A. "Surmises, jealousies, conjectures. The venom clamours of a jealous woman poison more deadly than a mad dog's tooth."

Spoken like a true football fan and chauvinist pig. Thank you, Mr. Shakespeare.

Letters to the Editor

Editor: This letter is in reference to both the letter, "A Challenge" from the men of Dunn Hall (Monday, Sept. 25, 1978) and an incident which occurred about 10:15 p.m. Wednesday outside of Mosher.

After returning from a water fight with the north side of campus, the men of (I assume both) Dunn and Aston Halls came around Mosher for a panty raid. It is fine that the upperclassmen want to pass on the fun-loving spirit of the water fights and panty raids, but the tradition ends when a few guys take it upon themselves to get rude.

I saw and heard two guys "hump it" and yell a yell that was so obscene, that I was ashamed to hear it. That kind of "fun" is not my idea of an honorable Aggie tradition to be passed on to freshmen, or to anyone for that matter!

-Rebekah P. Keithly, '79

Promote A&M

Editor: Texas A&M Career Day '74 had a big effect on a lot of us present seniors. I know it left its mark on me and a small group of us from Junction, because most of us ended up going to school here.

This Saturday will be our Career Day '78 and those of us involved with it now would like to encourage others to join us. By spending some time with your department's booth or even by stopping to talk to them, you'll get a chance to show all those future Aggies just what we're all about. It might sound a bit trite, but we've got a hell of a lot of spirit here at TAMU.

We're aware of our school's reputation all over the U.S. for the hard-hitting kind of ball we play, but we're also as famous for the kind of enthusiasm we fans show, both in the stands and on campus. We are all

responsible for making sure that, as our numbers go from 30-40,000, we instill in others this same spirit that has been with us through the years.

This Saturday is a good time to start, to show prospective Ags what they are getting into - a school with a whole hell of a lot of pride!!

-Cody Jetton Ag Council member

R.S.V.P., Sbsia

Editor: Dear President Jarvis E. Miller,

In view of your comments in Wednesday's (Sept. 27) article entitled "Married students to get new housing," we would like to extend a cordial invitation to you to dine with us in the "virtually unlimited dining capacity" of Sbsia Dining hall between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. (if you can find a seat).

-David Bullock, '79 Tom Der Tatevasion, '80

Sludge grudge

Editor: We are writing this letter to show our appreciation to those men's dorms on the northside of campus who chose to take part in the Dunn Hall Water Fight of Sept. 27th. Dunn Hall is truly glad to see that you have finally come out of your holes and answered the challenge from our dorm.

While we commend your high attendance, we are also concerned about the quality of water the Northside is drinking, because it appears to have a thicker, darker, and smellier composition than what we are accustomed to drinking. Because of the herds of swine which descended on

Dunn in the wee hours of Thursday, some of us are worried that the pigs may have lost some of their best bedding.

We do not mean to gripe about the fecal matter because we did enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables that came with the swine waste. We also look at the advantages which include the beautification of the Dunn landscape, with the added fertilizer our grass will be much greener than the rest of the campus grass, and our cockroaches will grow to an even greater size making your meals at Sbsia so much meatier.

While there was no clearcut victor, it seems to us that anytime eleven dorms take on one there should be a winner. Dunn did stand firm and the Northside was forced across the street after a heavy slinging attack. In the end, Aggie Spirit prevailed with a very short yell practice.

To most the outcome of the fight is not as important as having a good time and enjoying the rivalry, but for those who take good fun so seriously as to resort to the throwing of rocks and bottles at fellow Aggies, you few are not invited back to the next water fight. This applies to anyone regardless of their residence on campus because hurting someone is not good bull.

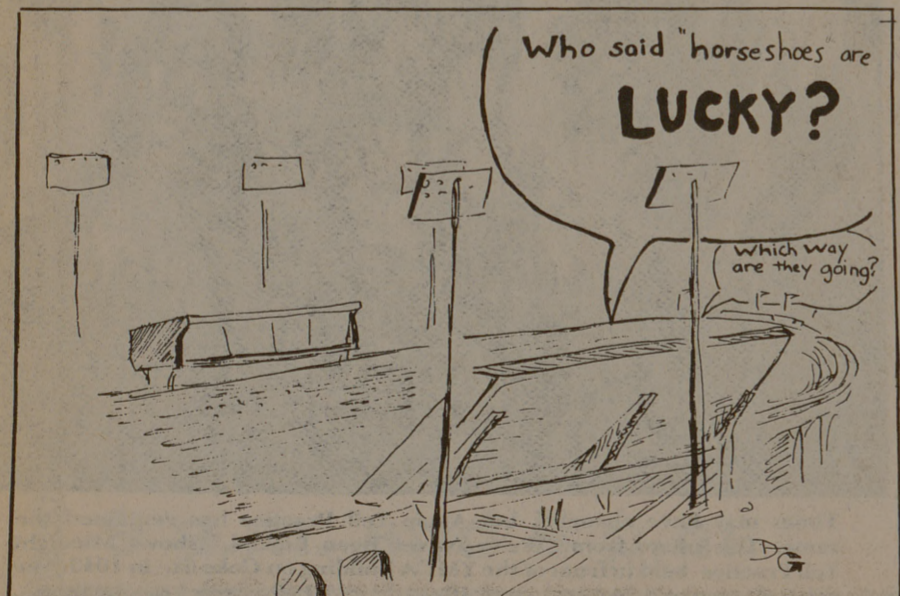
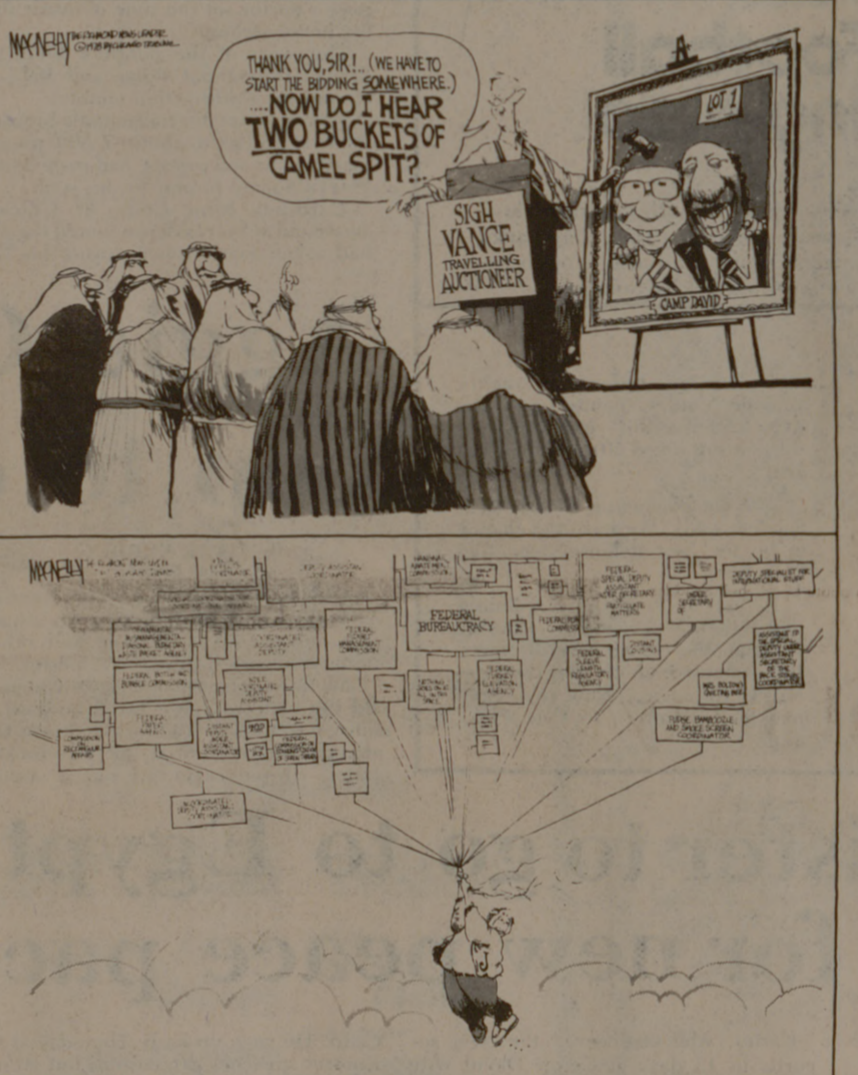
P.S. Next Challenge: Now that we know you can sling manure, can you swing an axe?

Question: Where were you fraston? -Mike Haines, '79 Jeff Stucker, '79

Editor's note: This letter was accompanied by five other signatures.

Correction

In the Friday, (Sept. 22) Battalion it was incorrectly reported the cement from the [redacted] Cement was pilfered from other sites, but not the school. The Battalion regrets the error.



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