



**The sexual revolution . . . at A&M?**

Not exactly, but this seemingly co-ed restroom on the first floor of the Oceanography and Meteorology Building has created that impression. The permanent sign outside the women's restroom lost its first two letters and a paper sign

was taped on the wall until the letters can be replaced. Instead of shared facilities, observers say both sexes seem to avoid this restroom.

Battalion photo by Ava King

**BVDC views proposal, grants**

**Caldwell hospital plan gets OK**

By ROY BRAGG  
Battalion Reporter

The Brazos Valley Development Council Executive Committee Thursday gave a favorable review to a proposal for a new 33,000-square-foot hospital addition in Caldwell.

The hospital, still in the planning stages, will cost \$2 million and will provide for the majority of the medical needs for the residents of Caldwell, said Glenn Williams, administrator of T.L. Goodnight Hospital in Caldwell.

Williams said that after a loan for the addition was requested from the Federal Housing Administration, the review by the BVDC was necessary before the hospital could apply to the Health Services Administration and the Health Facilities Administration for permission to build the addition.

In other action, the committee also applied for a \$30,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning to go along with \$15,000 in local funds to supply the BVDC with matching funds for the next year.

Federal and state grants for organizations in the seven-county area served by the BVDC are matched with local funds. These were contributed by Robertson, Leon, Madison, Brazos, Burleson, Washington and Grimes counties.

The committee also decided to turn over the titles of \$109,000 worth of teletype and radio equipment currently using the machines.

The teletype machines are currently used by police in Bryan, College Station, Navasota and Hearne, as well as sheriff's offices in Burleson, Leon, Madison and Washington counties. The radio equipment is being used by police in Bryan, College Station and Caldwell, and sheriff's offices in Brazos, Grimes, Burleson and Robertson counties.

In other action, the committee reviewed a Brazos Valley Community Action Agency request for a \$225,000 HEW grant for use in Headstart programs.

The Headstart program is for

pre-school students who come from underprivileged families. It is a classroom-type curriculum which exposes the children to educational and recreational programs.

Debbie Callaway, regional drug abuse and alcoholism coordinator for the BVDC, said the funds would be used for approximately 150 children in the program.

The committee also voted to accept a \$3,000 grant from the Governor's Committee on Aging (GCOA) to be used for the BVDC's Area Agency on Aging (AAOA). The funds are to be used for training staff workers and volunteers to work with elderly persons in the program.

The executive committee also decided to ask the GCOA if leftover funds from previous years' AAOA programs can be diverted to help fund transportation for the elderly

currently involved in AAOA programs.

The surplus in funds, which totals \$22,000, resulted from overestimates in previous years by the AAOA.

**State races please top ERA supporters**

WASHINGTON — Women's rights supporters are looking beyond losses on two state "test" referendums to improved chances for ERA ratification in Oklahoma and Florida, as a result of some shakeups in state legislative races.

Phyllis Schlafly, leader of the Stop ERA group, said overwhelming rejection of two women's rights referendums in Florida and Nevada Tuesday "demonstrated clearly that the American people reject the Equal Rights Amendment."

She said Stop ERA expects a net gain of votes in Illinois, Nevada, North Carolina and other "critical states."

But pro-ERA groups disagreed. ERA supporters said they lost a couple of seats in Arizona in a GOP sweep of the state, called it "basically unchanged" in Illinois, and said a conservative swing in Nevada on all issues — including defeat of a non-binding state referendum on whether the legislature should approve the ERA — left the ERA "in" in those areas.

But pro-ERA groups were pleased with Oklahoma and Florida. Florida rejected a proposal to amend the state constitution to outlaw sex discrimination, but ERA backers blamed that vote on a public that wanted to vote "no" — and did so — on eight other proposed changes to the state constitution. Nevertheless, Kathleen Curry of

ERAmerica and Ellen Malcolm of the National Women's Political Caucus said ERA forces scored a major victory in Florida when Pat Frank, a Democrat from Tampa, beat anti-ERA Republican David Ray for a Florida senate seat.

Schlafly had campaigned for Ray in what was a nearly single-issue race.

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