



'Sound of Music' tickets on sale

Town Hall will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. in the Rudder Auditorium. Tickets are on sale in the Rudder Box Office from 9 a.m. Monday through Friday and will be available at the door the night of the performance. Prices are \$4.50, \$5.75 and \$7 for Texas A&M students and their dates.

Show raises money for diabetes

Charli Tight, owner of Charli's Boutique, said approximately \$700 was raised for the American Diabetes Association at a spring fashion show held Sunday at the Ramada Inn. Both professional models and Texas A&M students appeared in the show.

Moody offers new program

A new degree program in maritime administration will be offered this fall at Moody College, the marine and maritime resource unit of the Texas A&M University System. Dr. George Carter, coordinator of maritime administration, said the new program includes instruction in business and science fields in addition to an in-depth study administration and the maritime industry.

Students plan to travel to Idaho

A group of 12 Texas A&M University nuclear engineering seniors plan to go to the Idaho Falls Nuclear Engineering Laboratory in Idaho Falls, Idaho March 8-16 for hands-on experience with reactor simulator. Faculty adviser Dr. Rion Causey will accompany the students. The trip coincides with spring break.

## STATE

Man arrested for pot plane load

Harris County sheriff's deputies arrested a Dallas man accused of flying a 500-pound plane load of marijuana into Lakeside Airport Sunday. Ernest Lee McComb, 47, was jailed on \$150,000 bond Monday after deputies found \$60,000 worth of marijuana aboard a single-engine plane abandoned at the airport.

## NATION

Mobil to ration gasoline supplies

Mobil Oil Corp. officials announced in New York Tuesday that it will join the list of several other major oil companies — Exxon, Continental, Texaco, ARCO, Shell and Chevron among them — that have decided to allocate gasoline supplies to retailers because of high demand and the chaotic market situation created by the shutdown of Iranian oilfields. Another reason for the decision to keep gasoline deliveries at 1978 levels is a Department of Energy order forcing Mobil to give up 500,000 barrels of its own crude oil supply to smaller refineries.

Ore carrier burns off N.C. coast

The "St. Chris," a 729-foot bulk ore carrier with 40 people aboard, was reported on fire and in danger of sinking Tuesday off the coast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., the Coast Guard in Elizabeth City, N.C., reported. A spokesman for the Coast Guard said there were no reported injuries aboard the ship, which radioed a distress call at 9:30 a.m. A C-130 cargo plane was on the scene and a Coast Guard cutter was on its way to the boat. The St. Chris, believed to be of Liberian registry, reported that all holds were on fire and that the crew was on the aft section of the ship.

N.J. pickets move to Houston

Striking members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union Local 8-638 moved their wandering picket line Tuesday from Texaco's Port Arthur refinery to the company's local headquarters in Houston. A spokesman for the New Jersey group said that the pickets were moved to maintain good will with Texas members of the OCAW. Texas OCAW members signed a new contract with Texaco several weeks ago, but honored the New Jersey picket line. After the picket lines were removed, the 4,200 refinery workers were allowed to return to work. The New Jersey workers planned to set up pickets at Texaco facilities in El Paso and Amarillo also.

## WORLD

2 arrested in plane hijacking

Police in Stockholm arrested a man and a woman after they threatened to blow up a hijacked Soviet Aeroflot jetliner in exchange for political asylum. Police Tuesday still were negotiating with two other hijackers on the plane who were believed to be accomplices of the two arrested. None of the 34 passengers or crewmembers of the TU-154 jet were injured in the hijacking. The plane was en route from Oslo, Norway, to Moscow when the hijacking occurred.

Iran cancels foreigners' permits

Iran's Revolutionary Council has ordered police not to renew the work or residency permits of foreigners still in the country in another attempt to purge the country of foreigners, diplomatic sources said Tuesday. The action followed the arrest and subsequent release of an American and three Britons seized by Moslem militiamen Monday.

## WEATHER

Cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of showers. High today of 60 and a low of 50. Winds will be South Easterly at 10-15 mph and a 20% chance of rain.

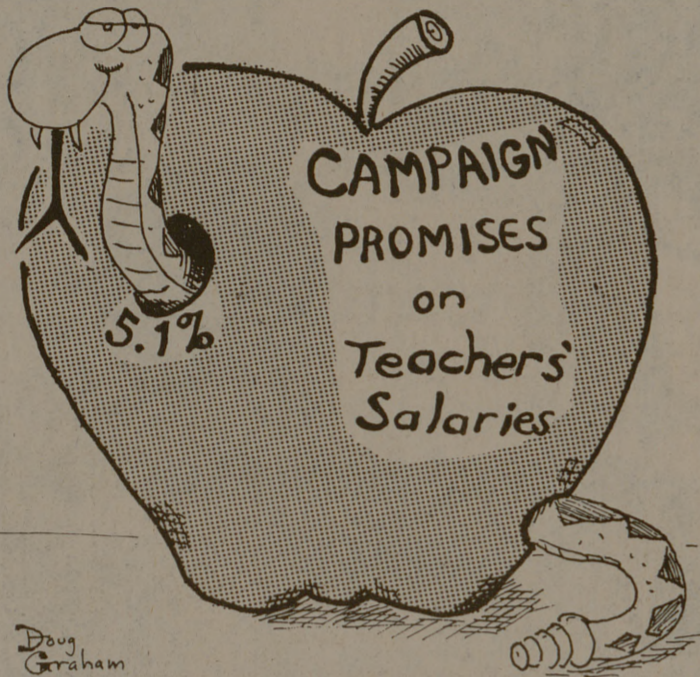
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## Clements: the teacher's pet?



## False advertising

Teachers are screaming at Gov. Bill Clements after his announcement Monday that he wants to eliminate a proposed 5.1 percent teacher pay raise from his budget recommendations. This is after inflation took a 9 percent bite out of their wages last year.

Small wonder they're mad. Back when Clements was campaigning in November, he paid for advertisements (that also appeared in The Battalion) saying he considered improving Texas' educational system his "number one priority."

To quote from his ad in The Battalion Nov. 3 (four days before the election):

"Teachers should receive raises so they are on the same pay scale as other state employees.

"We must cut back rampant growth in our state bureaucracies and redistribute these funds in our schools."

Clements' ads said he's "noted for his ability to streamline the bureaucracy and cut away fat."

Clements, however, has been pushing for improvements in the Governor's Mansion — \$2 million worth. One legislator was quoted as saying that you could build four governor's mansions at \$40 a square foot for that price.

The larger matter concerns the never ending cycle of politicians spouting off campaign promises, then not following through with action.

Clements is now facing the hard reality of trying to own up to campaign promises — but who first?

Education seems to be at the end of the long list of promises he made while running for office.

Educators ought to sue for false advertising. — K.T.

## Letters to the Editor

# Late Fromholz show only a 'rip off'

Editor:

This is an open letter of complaint. The complaint concerns the performance of Steve Fromholz at Grin's on Sunday night. I realize that Grin's paid good money to get Mr. Fromholz to appear. However, I am reasonably sure it was anticipated that he would appear in shape to perform.

If he was in shape to perform, he sure fooled me (and many others there, too). To start things off with a bang, he arrived one hour and 15 minutes late. This was not so bad, except that he spent an additional 20 minutes giving an incoherent explanation of why he was late.

My girlfriend was upset. However, she sat there patiently while I clung to the hope that something of value might surface. During the first set (which consisted of four songs, each with 10 minute or longer introductions), Mr. Fromholz politely asked the audience to quiet down.

I realize that noise can disrupt a good performance, but after relecting upon this matter, I feel that Mr. Fromholz's performance disrupted the various conversations within the audience. He acted as though he was doing the audience a favor by coming. Perhaps had he come for free it could have been a favor, but this was not the case.

I must admit that I do slightly admire his candid honesty. He readily admitted that he was more drunk than most of the members of the audience. After three songs into the second set we decided to leave. Out of a guilty conscience (for not saying something then), I later returned to verbalize my complaint to the employees at Grin's.

Although the initial reaction to my complaint was that they too were surprised at his behavior, I was ultimately given the explanation that these were some of the reasons Mr. Fromholz was famous.

If this is fame, I want no part of it. Some may feel this is an unjustified opinion, but if more people spoke up about such things, we wouldn't be ripped off so much.

—Kenneth E. Hagin, '79

## Delay library move

Editor:

Since coming to Texas A&M in Jan. 1978, I have witnessed many interesting, odd and sometimes even archaic phenomenon involving the academic, administrative, athletic and social affairs relating to this university and its traditions. I have refrained from comment in the past. However, I can no longer remain silent after reading the Feb. 22 Battalion article regarding the "new" plans for the library move.

While the "new" library move scheme will leave the books on the shelves for the present time, the plan is still highly unresponsive to the needs of the students. A great deal of inconvenience and confusion will be created still. Library users will have to locate their needed material then transport it into the new section for a place to study.

However, once the material is in the new section it will be left there and not returned to the proper location. The library staff will not be able to keep all the books reshelved because it presently takes a long time for much of the library material to be properly reshelved. Therefore, the library user will be forced to spend extra time looking for needed books with a reduced chance of locating the material. This new plan will also greatly increase the chance of library materials becoming misplaced or lost.

The library administration has acted irresponsibly in their decisions concerning the library move. TAMU is suppose to be

an institution of higher learning. Our university is one the country's leading institutions in areas in this regard.

Therefore, the library's primary role and concern should be aimed toward full cooperation in fulfilling the university's goals of research and educational excellence. The students and faculty's needs should be given first priority, not the library's concern for what is least inconvenient to them.

The library administration should delay the move until mid-May, as previously proposed, in order to fulfill its responsibility to the students and faculty of this university.

—J.P. Dean  
graduate student  
Wildlife and Fisheries Dept.

## Good job, SCONA

Editor:

During my recent visit to the Texas

## Reader's Forum

# Solutions start at home - even at A&M

By JOSEPH E. BEAUDETTE

I would like to respond to an article in The Battalion, Feb. 19, concerning a speech by President Jarvis Miller to the 24th Student Conference on National Affairs. According to the article, Dr. Miller said that the attitudes and inspection procedures of government agencies in areas such as safety and energy are killing the country. I think this attitude bears examination.

The government has done poorly in regulating industry and the products of industry, but industry has done much worse. Government regulations usually come about because a problem has existed for a long time and the private sector has been unable or unwilling to respond to the problem.

The voice of profit seldom asks for the effects of products on workers and the public at large — just if they will buy it.

And notice that industries and institutions (whether IBM or Texas A&M) are selective in wanting government to stay out of their business.

Where is the industry that has refused a government subsidy? Has the university that has refused the type of special government support

typified by the Permanent University Fund?

The forces opposing efforts by government to regulate industry are much better organized and financed than the general populace and are more successful in influencing legislators and in restricting legislation.

In an article in the Dallas Times Herald, Feb. 19, Adlene Harrison, Environmental Protection Agency regional administrator, spoke of the EPA's efforts to reduce automobile and industrial pollution in Texas. She said the effort "has met with widespread opposition from industry ... from citizens who have been reluctant to form carpools or take the bus."

She goes on to say that a concentrated effort by industry and lack of interest by environmentalists (oops, dirty word) and the population at large could lead to the clean air act being "gutted" in this session of Congress.

Texas A&M is a reflection of this whole concept. We are an insular community with political and physical control concentrated within the University community. This provides an unusual opportunity to deal with the problems of this community, but we blow it, doing little

A&M campus, I derived two unequivocal gains: an invaluable experience from the 24th Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA), and a superior impression of the Aggie student body.

My sincere thanks for the commendable program that your university provided.

—Chuck Bentley  
Student Body President  
Baylor University

## Correction

In the Tuesday, Feb. 26 Battalion article about upcoming MSC Arts Committee film incorrectly stated that a short film, "Bridges Go Round," will be shown later this semester. The film will be shown Monday, Mar. 5 at 8 p.m. in conjunction with a Luis Bunuel film "That Obscure Object of Desire" at Rudder Theatre. The Battalion regrets the error.

except what is dictated by our immediate self-interest.

While decrying government interference, we seek government favor. While selling our science and technology around the world, we seem incapable or unwilling to apply it to our city and campus. In the face of future certainties and common sense, our master planners talk of more parking lots, two story parking lots, as we struggle to get our two-ton, single passenger vehicles within 20 feet of where we are going, every hour, 8 to 5, Monday through Friday.

We study how to conserve energy, then throw our aluminum cans in the trash where maybe someone with a different value system will pick them up.

You spoke the truth, Dr. Miller, when you said, "We must develop real solutions to these problems." The problems, however, aren't with government agencies and regulations in Washington, and neither need the solutions be.

Both are right here if we are willing to look beyond immediate convenience and self-interest to find them.

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