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Carter creating a monster: chancellor

DALLAS — According to Texas Christian University's chancellor, a Cabinet-level education department proposed by President Carter would lower the quality of education by creating an unneeded bureaucratic "monster."

Carter has given high priority to creation of a Department of Education that would encompass public and higher education. Bills differing slightly from his proposal have been passed by the Senate 72-21 and by a House committee 20-19.

Both House and Senate versions would build the new department around the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Division of Education, adding the Defense Department's overseas dependents' schools and a few programs from other agencies.

Also included would be the Labor Department's high school equivalency and college assistance programs for migrants, HEW's vocational rehabilitation services, health professions student aid, educational activities of the Office of Civil Rights, college housing, law enforcement scholarships and internships, and certain National Science Foundation programs.

But TCU's chancellor, Dr. J.M. Moudy, says "federalization" of education will lead to "lock-step approaches to hiring, never being able to fire, an entrenched bureaucracy in Washington and an entrenched teaching force in the schools."

"What we have can be improved, but federalization has never worked to improve anything," he said.

An education department bill was passed by the Senate last year, but died in the House in the rush for adjournment. The bills were passed again in May despite concern among some congressmen they would create a new and bigger bureaucracy.

Moudy agrees, noting that such a bureaucracy would bring more restrictions and higher costs to education.

Mayor decries coal price increases

SAN ANTONIO — Angry Mayor Lita Cockrell Monday termed "an outrage and an insult" the Interstate Commerce Commission's latest approval of rate increases — this time a 1 percent hike — for shipping Wyoming coal for use in generating the city's electricity.

The increase, approved by the ICC last Friday and effective immediately, was the second in the past five months totalling 46 percent.

The federal agency last December had allowed the railroad to hike its rate from \$12.42 to \$17.01 a ton, adding \$13.7 million a year to utility bills. At the time the federal government was encouraging utilities to shift from natural gas to coal to fire electric generators.

Mrs. Cockrell and City Public Service Board chairman Eloy Cuenca announced at a Monday news conference they were appealing to

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, to protest the latest rate increase, and added she would seek help from Republican Gov. Bill Clements.

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Muniz appeal vetoed

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Muniz, however, is not likely to be executed in the near future since he could yet pursue further state or federal court appeals.

The Supreme Court acted over the dissents of Justices Thurgood Marshall and William Brennan, who oppose all capital punishment.

Muniz was convicted after a trial in Georgetown, Texas, of the Dec. 20, 1976 rape and beating death of Janis Carol Bickham. He allegedly followed the young woman into an abandoned bathhouse where he assaulted her, then later hid her battered body under a pile of driftwood.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals upheld his conviction and death sentence Nov. 1, 1978.

In his appeal, Muniz argued that the sentencing phase of his trial was flawed by testimony of a psychiatrist employed by the state's attorney, who ostensibly interviewed him in jail to determine whether he was

mentally competent.

However, the psychiatrist testified during the punishment phase of Muniz' trial that he was an anti-social person who would commit future acts of violence. That question was a factor in determining whether Muniz should get the death sentence.

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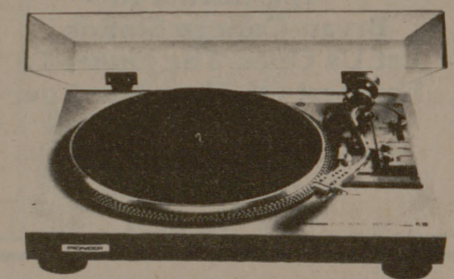
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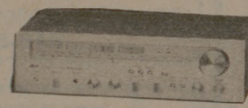


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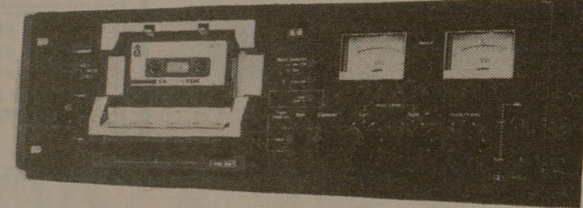


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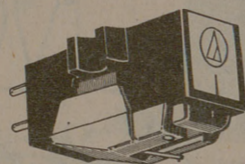
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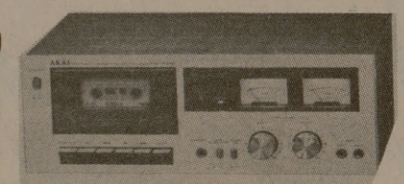
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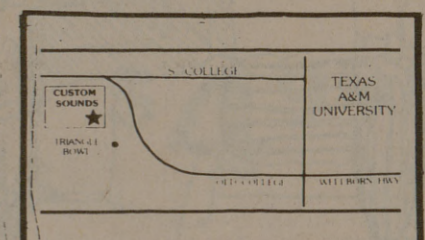


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