

SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Now mind you, it all depends upon how construction comes along, but it could be that we could make a killing selling these to folks who have seats in the upper deck."

OPINION

Strong chancellor? There's a chance

Texas A&M has a chancellor once again. And one of the most asked questions on campus is whether he will be a figurehead — or the able leader the Texas A&M University System needs. Frank W. R. Hubert has the capability and experience to lead the system in a time of growth and progress. Unfortunately, the chancellorship has been used in the past to put old University presidents out to pasture — or quietly dispose of presidents who didn't agree with the Board of Regents. The pattern is clear. 1948 — Gibb Gilchrist was the first chancellor of the Texas A&M College System. He took the office in 1948 after serving four years as University president. Four years later he retired. 1953 — Next in line to be moved up to chancellor to await retirement was M. T. Harrington. Harrington served as president from 1950 until 1953, when he was appointed chancellor. In 1957 he became president again and held both jobs.

Earl Rudder became president in 1959 and Harrington waited, as chancellor, until 1965 to receive his pension. 1965 — After Harrington's resignation, the chancellorship received a new name — President of the Texas A&M University System. President Rudder became the first system president and was one of the most powerful and influential leaders the system has had. Rudder died in office in 1970. After the death, Jack K. Williams became president of both the University and the system. 1976 — After suffering a heart attack, the chancellorship was magically recreated and Williams took the position. During his term, he was gradually stripped of power until he resigned Jan. 23, 1979.

1979 — Hubert is the first chancellor who has not been president. Because the pattern has been broken, the chancellorship may be able to assume some power. The one nagging problem is Hubert's age, 64. He had planned to retire next September, but now says he plans to fill the new job without respect to his age. Mandatory retirement laws do not apply. But to some, his advanced age signals that the regents want a yes-man until a replacement can be found. According to his colleagues, however, Frank Hubert will not stand for figurehead status. If the regents did choose Hubert to be a yes-man, they will be suprised.

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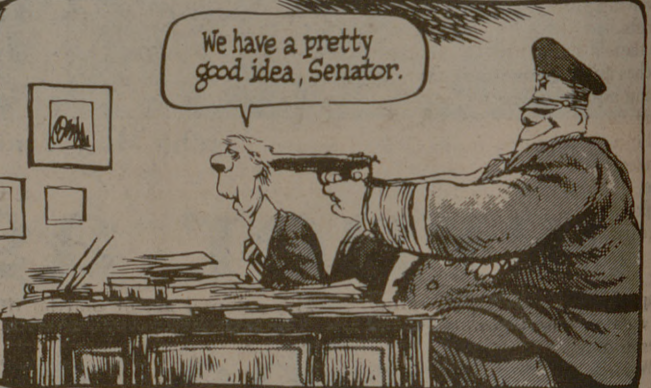
DICK WEST Governor, maybe — but never president he doesn't have his mother's permission

By DICK WEST
United Press International
WASHINGTON — Right from the beginning, Mums was dead set against my running for president. Governor, fine. Mums was forever predicting I would grow up to be governor. So it wasn't politics as such she was trying to steer me away from.
She simply had this premonition that if I became president something bad would happen. Not to me. To the country.
Mainly, her foreboding stemmed from the fact that I was a child of the '20s, whose formative years coincided with the administrations of Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover.
Mums feared that if ever I got to the White House I might turn out the same way.

"I won't have my youngest son growing up to be like Calvin Coolidge," Mums would vow.
She used to have nightmares in which I developed a New England accent and took to wearing celluloid collars and saying things like, "When a great number of people are out of work, large scale unemployment results."
Many a time she woke me up in the middle of the night and made me promise not to run.
As compensation, she held out the prospect of the Texas governorship. She even named me with that in mind.
When I was born, the governor of Texas was Pat Neff. Not Patrick Neff. Pat Neff. Pat was his legal name. So Mums had me christened with a diminutive, too.

She figured Texas voters would regard the abbreviation as evidence I was one of the good ol' boys and thus blessed with the common touch. It was a serious miscalculation on her part.
At about that time, Texas was entering a period of double diminution in naming male children. Every third male child, or thereabouts, was named Tommy Joe, or Jim Bob, or Billie Sol, or some such two-way abridgement.
Mums obviously was out of touch with the trend. Had she named me Dickie Jack, I might have made her prophecy come true.
But as it was, anyone with a single sobriquet was regarded as snobbish and didn't have a chance running for governor amid

all those Timmy Rays and Johnny Ales.
Besides that, it was apparent I was entered manhood that I was more dental than gubernatorial. I was unpopular. I could lift up dogs by the I bumped my head a lot and I seem to bring out hostility in rabbits. But I'm a crook.
Even so, old Mums continued to hold her consent.
"You're getting more like Calvin Coolidge every day," she would say, "and this country couldn't stand another like that."
Family loyalties mean a lot to me, though the pressure grows more every day, out of respect for Mums, I try to keep cool.
I do not choose to run.



Democratic congressmen should give Carter loyal

President Jimmy Carter campaigned in 1976 as one outside the Washington establishment, and from the way Congress has treated him so far this year it appears that he's still considered an outsider.
Thus it was no real surprise when the president turned on members of the House of Representatives following the embarrassing House vote which blocked implementation of the Panama Canal treaties.

But the question is whether President Carter's undisguised anger is going to change the attitude of House members. It will be fascinating to watch for signals in either direction.
Chastising House Democrats, the president said friends would be rewarded and enemies punished. And he left no doubt that friends vote the way the administration thought they should vote.

One House member reacted by saying such tactics only generate resentment.
For our part we can't fault President Carter for giving way to wrath. A Democratic president has every right to expect a large measure of support from Democratic members of Congress — especially if those members are not reluctant to ask the president for favors.
Since party loyalty doesn't seem sufficient

to make House members lean in the direction of the White House, all they can do is keep asking the president for favors.
Maybe President Carter will show some resentment by lashing out at certain members of the House. But what has he got to lose?
The Atlanta Journal

LETTERS Pointing out pointlessness: Some issues won't change, so quit arguing about them

Editor:
It never ceases to amaze me at the issues some Aggies find important. Once again, self-appointed experts have decided to argue such issues as homosexuality and the evolution vs. creation debate. Surely there are more relevant issues to discuss.
I'm not demonstrating apathy, I'm pointing out pointlessness. No amount of ranting and raving will make homosexuality go away or prove one way or another if evolution is wrong.
Unless attacking homosexuals makes the writer feel more heterosexual or preaching anti-evolution helps the writer feel more religious, I can see no point in continuing these debates.
— Cheney Coker, '82

Jane Fonda is qualified to talk about economics or even whether she should be paid for it. The reality is that Jane Fonda has a price, and that colleges want her services and are willing to pay it.
Student unions have the obligation to the student body to present thought-provoking speakers representing a spectrum of views, not just the few moderate or ultra-rightist speakers which appeal to YAF. If the student body objects to Ms. Fonda's appearance they may exercise two basic rights: the right to not buy a ticket or to elect a student government which will allocate their fees the way they want them to.
I never tire of "idealistic dissident," you or Ms. Fonda; they provide a constant source of amazement and amusement as well as a reminder that freedom of speech is the only assurance that the "ideas" which I hold dear, liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness and the greenback will be preserved.
This reply should serve Mr. Hallmark as well. They died to keep us at peace and free to speak our minds. Whether Mohammed Ali abused this right is not open to debate. He exercised it and no one

but the most foolish could be the worse for having heard him do it.
No, Mr. Hallmark, I have exercised my right to not buy a ticket. Why don't you join MSC Great Issues, and put your money where your mouth is.
— Max Triola, '81
Go to Austin
Editor:
I would like to say a few words to the "Bob"-sey twins who obviously don't think too awfully much of this school.
First of all, I'm not going to buy it. I'm really not going to believe that you two pessimists decided to come to TAMU just because "they have the top engineering school and the people are very friendly, and for that reason alone, I'm going to assume that you both are a little smarter than that — you both were accepted to go here, weren't you?
I guess my real beef with you guys is that you are attending the finest institution of knowledge in this part of the country, but you fail to realize it. And, like every campus in the world, there are certain written and unwritten rules that are laid out for every student. Parking, for example, is something that all of us have to put

up with and if your main concern here is the fact that you have to take steps across campus or that you can't see the blackboard over the "150" heads in the classroom, then you must pack it in. Those are pretty problems indeed.
It really amazes me that so many people down here are able to overlook those painful inconveniences or see their prof for some private help.
Pride in yourself as well as in your school might help a little bit. Now far from being a perfect campus and institution, including me, have throughout some of its shortcomings, yet crying couple of babies in this column about terrible it is to tell a friend about A&M warrants a very simple solution: off for that social play ground in Austin then brag to your friend back home how small that campus and those people are. There will be maybe one consolation what a great football team, huh? Better more important than ANYTHING else, right?
— Doug Graham
Editor's note: This is in reference to letter signed by Bob Lawson and Bob Das that ran in Wednesday's Battalion.

Bad taste in cartoon

Editor:
I would like to protest the cartoon which appeared with the article on the solar refrigerator in the Batt of 25 September.
It is bad enough that Arab peoples must continuously be stereotyped as "camel jocks" by those who know very little of the Middle East. But it is adding religious insult to racist injury to show Arabs, most of whom are Muslims, tapping into a keg of beer. Koranic law forbids the drinking of alcohol. Such a depiction is somewhat like a cartoon which shows a Jew eating pork. It is insensitive and in extremely poor taste. The editorial staff of the Batt should exercise more discretion.
— James Denny

Freedom of speech

Editor:
Ms. Dollinger, an economics major, has made a baldly fallacious and misleading statement. The question is not whether

