

Kubiak: no property tax for college funds

by John P. Lopez
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State Representative Dan Kubiak said Thursday that colleges and universities outside the jurisdiction of the Permanent University Fund should be funded through general appropriations and surplus revenue — not a state property tax.

He said no new property tax would be needed if a permanent interest-drawing fund was set up over a series of years. Kubiak, a candidate for land commissioner, told a group of supporters at the College Station Ramada Inn:

"The matters in Washington are going to greatly impose additional tax needs on local

governments. You cannot continue to carry the burden on the property tax."

The land commissioner manages the 22.5 million acres of land and the revenue from that property from which the PUF is derived. PUF finances construction projects at the University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

"We should be working on ways to increase productivity in all our state offices and rely on our present tax sources rather than looking for new ways to reach into people's wallets for some of their hard-earned dollars," he said.

Two opposing candidates, Kubiak said, have called for a fund which would cost taxpayers \$1 billion by 1990.

"The state should stay out of the property tax business," he said. "People are already infuriated with skyrocketing local taxes."

Kubiak said that if the PUF is distributed to all colleges and universities, the fund would eventually be destroyed.

"If the fund ever gets that big, all schools would be reduced to mediocrity," he said. "The Permanent University Fund is the sole reason we have two universities in the state of Texas that are leading institutions in the United States. Without the fund, Texas A&M would be a skeleton of what it is today."

Kubiak said there aren't many changes he would impose if elected.

Lumberjacks to sponsor 'Skidadoo' competition

The Lumberjack Association will sponsor Skidadoo, a forestry competition, this weekend at the lake near Easterwood Airport.

Skidadoo will begin 9 a.m. Saturday and at noon Sunday. The forestry club's members will compete for prizes in physical and technical events, including log-rolling, log-chopping, pole-climbing, archery, tree identification, wood identification and aerial photography.

Winners of the events will compete April 1-4 in the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave in Beaver's Bend Park, Okla. The ASFC consists of forestry clubs from colleges throughout the Southeastern United States.

On Saturday a buffet lunch will be served. The cost for people not in the forestry club will be \$2.

The Lumberjack Association has been competing in the conclave for five years, winning the overall competition in Tennessee last year. The club also has won the sportsmanship award for the past two years.

Texas A&M University will host the ASFC Conclave in 1986. Forestry club members raise funds by selling Christmas trees in December, trimming trees and selling firewood.

Family goals to be subject of financial planning seminar

by Cindy Manicom
Battalion Reporter

Ways to plan and organize financial goals and how to succeed in reaching them will be discussed in a family financial planning symposium on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 305 Wellborn Road.

The symposium, called "Money Matters," will be sponsored by the Brazos County Extension Service and the American Association of University

Women. A \$2 registration fee is required and refreshments will be provided.

Programs include managing credit, investment strategies and common sense approach to financial planning which will focus on the basic building blocks of a financial plan.

Representatives from the First City National Bank of Bryan will talk about managing credit and the advantages of consumer credit.

Smart investments, tax

advantages and ways to enhance savings and investments will be discussed by Rose Van Arsdel, of A.G. Edwards & Sons, a Bryan financial consulting firm.

Investments and risks at each level of planning will be discussed by Patricia L. Shaughnessy of Alex Brown & Sons, a Dallas consulting firm.

Workshops on retirement planning, banking services and balancing a checkbook also will be offered.

City council denies zoning change on University Drive

by Charlotte Boyd
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A request to rezone an 8-acre tract on University Drive for 112 townhouse units was denied by the College Station City Council Thursday night during a 1½ hour meeting at City Hall.

Ronald M. Helton and Associates, Inc. from San Antonio, requested the rezoning to meet College Station's housing shortage for young professional families near campus and business areas. A spokesman for the developer said the average condominium in College Station costs \$53,000 to \$55,000. The proposed units would cost \$65,000 to \$80,000.

College Station resident John Crompton said prices are not indicative of quality. The developers are building at the expense of existing residential neighborhoods, he said.

City Planner Al Mayo said the request was denied because sewer lines in the area do not have the capacity for the proposed units.

In other rezoning requests, the council redesignated Emerald Forest Phases 4 and 5 as a single family district from an agricultural open district. The council also rezoned a .81 acre tract on Dowling Road and FM 2818 from a professional district to planned commercial.

Also rezoned was a 39.7 acre

tract near Rock Prairie Road and Texas Avenue from an agricultural open district to a planned unit development.

In other business, Mayor Gary Halter signed a proclamation designating March 2 as Texas Flag Day.

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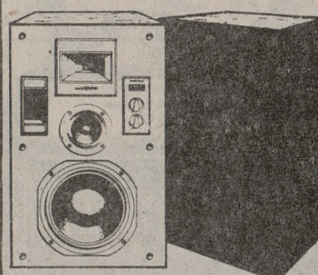
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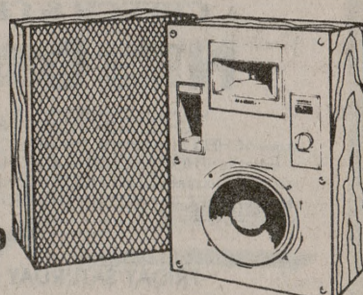
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