

Summer cattle sales rise due to drought

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Reporter

The number of livestock auctioned in August, September and October has increased 22 percent over 1983 because of the prolonged drought, Dr. Ray Dietrich, a livestock and meat marketing researcher at Texas A&M, said Wednesday.

The number of cattle slaughtered in the summer of 1984 has also increased. In the first week of August, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported 699,000 head of cattle slaughtered in federally-inspected packing plants as compared to 688,000 in the first week of August last year.

The increase in slaughter may cause beef prices at the meat counter to fall now, but rise again next spring because of a shortage of cattle being sent to slaughter at that time, Ray Riley, manager of the Meat Sciences and Technology Center said.

Dr. Edward Uvacek, an A&M livestock marketing professor, said beef consumption "is up this year because the price levels are down just a hair

part or all of their herds, he said. Ranchers have weaned and sold feeder calves that usually weigh 300-500 pounds at weights of 150-250 because of the grass shortage, Dietrich said.

The calves could not get necessary nutritional requirements to achieve maximum weight gain because cows were producing less milk due to reduced forage intake, he said.

The number of mature breeding stock sold has doubled for this time of year also, Dietrich said. Ranchers normally sell some of their older cows before going into winter. Now some ranchers are being forced to sell younger cows as well, he said.

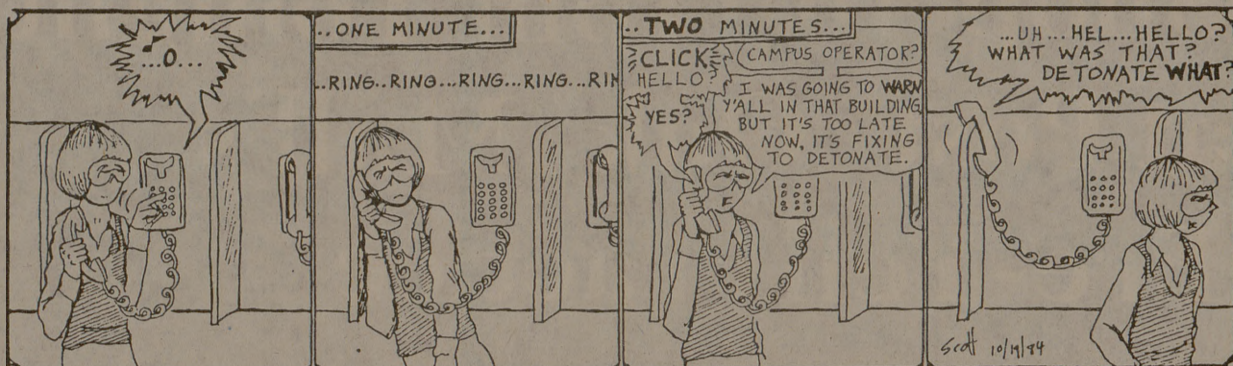
The increased supply of cattle on the market has forced ranchers to take lower prices for their stock, but prices have gone up \$1-\$3 per hundred weight because of recent rains, Dietrich said.

If South and Central Texas receive ample spring rains, ranchers will be buying heifers and young cows to replace those sold this fall, and prices will rise noticeably, Dietrich said.

Winter feed supplies have dwindled, forcing ranchers to sell

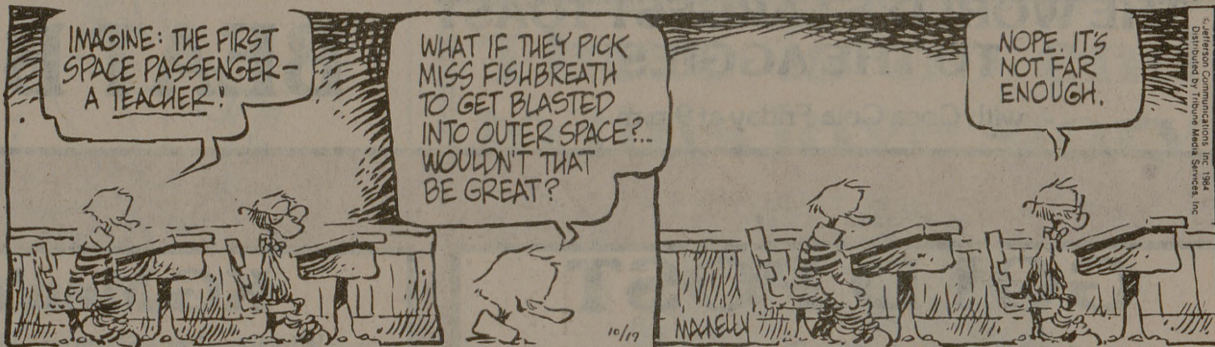
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Republicans victorious in Aggie mock election

By JULIA HARDY
Reporter

The Republicans captured 77 percent of the votes for their candidates in the MSC Political Forum's mock election Wednesday.

Registered and non-registered voters were able to vote in the election, and some students reportedly voted more than once. Some of the registered voters that voted in the

mock election are not registered in Brazos County; therefore will not be able to vote for some of the candidates on the mock election ballot.

Political Forum program director, said 3,145 Texas A&M students and faculty members voted. The only four positions listed were U.S. president, U.S. senator, U.S. representative and Texas representative.

The winners, all Republicans, are as follows: Ronald Reagan beat Wal-

ter Mondale with 86 percent of the votes for president; Phil Gramm beat Lloyd Doggett with 80 percent of the votes for U.S. senator; Joe Barton beat Dan Kubiak with 71 percent of the votes for U.S. representative; and Richard Smith beat Neeley Lewis with 71 percent of the votes for Texas representative. Proposition 2 was the fifth issue on the ballot. There were 79 percent in favor of the proposition, 15 percent

were against it and 6 percent were undecided, Wearden said.

Political Forum's Special Events Coordinator Tim Fitzgibbon said all students, regardless of age, were encouraged to vote.

"Hopefully, the mock election will increase the number of voters in the November election," he said.

Its main purpose is to inform students who the candidates will be in

the general election. Thus, students have time to make an accurate decision on who they want to elect, Fitzgibbon said.

"You don't want people that are voting to just recognize a name and know nothing about him," he added.

Voting tables were placed in the Commons, the Blocker Building, the Memorial Student Center and Sbsa Dining Hall. Voting was done be-

tween 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. The results came in Wednesday evening.

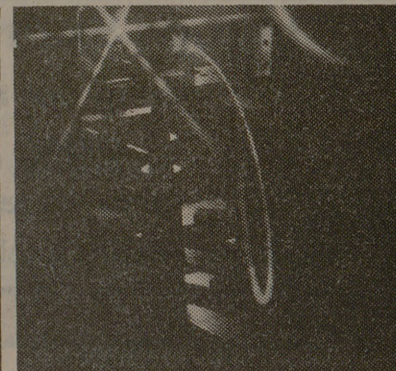
Candidate choices were marked on a scantron, like student elections. Maps of the precincts and polling places for the November election were displayed at the voting tables, Fitzgibbon said. Some organizations, such as the Aggie GOP, were present near the voting tables so they could distribute propaganda and give information to the students.

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- Candidates for MBA or technical degrees interested in marketing or systems engineering.

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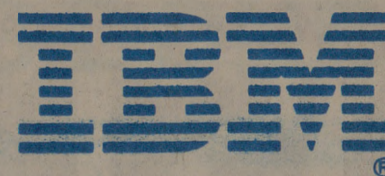
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