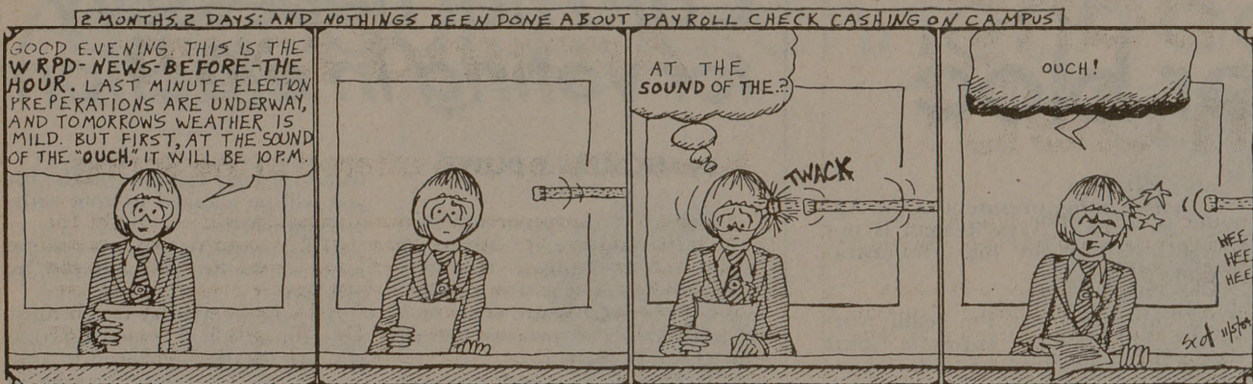


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Adoption group forming

COAC comes to area

By KATHERINE HURT
Staff Writer

"The best thing about the Council on Adoptable Children is support for each other and for the kids," Sandra Dush, treasurer of the Austin chapter of C.O.A.C., said Friday night to a gathering of adoptive parents.

"C.O.A.C. is a good support group for my husband and me, but also for our kids... they can find others their own age to share things with," Dush said.

Dush and Margie Hoelscher, past president of the statewide C.O.A.C. organization, were in Bryan Friday night to organize a C.O.A.C. chapter in the Bryan-College Station area. C.O.A.C. is a statewide group that exists to provide information on the benefits and problems faced by

adoptive families and adopted children.

Hoelscher and Dush stressed that though inevitable problems arise, the satisfaction of raising adopted children is well worth the effort.

Dush said, "Although there are problems and days you wonder why you're doing this, the good outweighs the bad."

Hoelscher said, "There are a lot of joys that go along with the problems."

Dush has 12 children, 10 adopted and two biological, ranging in age from four to 21. She said her adopted children are from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

"Every six months we added a new child," she said. When asked why she and her husband adopted so many children, they just say,

"Gee, we don't know."

Judi Williams, Department of Human Resources recruitment officer for foster and adoptive parents, estimated that 100 children, ages three and older, were available for adoption in a 30-county area surrounding Bryan-College Station.

"You may have to wait awhile for an infant, but there are plenty of kids available," she said.

"Sometimes older kids fit into the routine of an adoptive family faster than younger kids that have to readjust."

Beverlee Herrick, a 20-year-old from College Station, was adopted in her childhood. She came to the C.O.A.C. meeting to offer encouragement to adoptive parents. "I'm a grown-up version of what they're talking about," she said.

Voters to determine amendments' results

By JAMES WALKER
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On November 6, voters will decide the outcome of eight proposed amendments to the Texas constitution.

The amendments involve automatic increases in expense allowances for legislators, deregulation of banking laws, reorganization of state university funds and abolition of two county offices in the state.

Since the adoption of the Texas constitution in 1876, Texans have approved 263 out of 419 proposed amendments to the constitution.

Amendment proposals to the constitution first must be approved by a two-thirds vote of all members of each house before the Texas voters decide on the matter.

Amendment 8 would raise the daily expense allowance of state legislators in session from \$30 to \$75, a level which is equal to the maximum deduction allowed under federal income tax law for state legislator's per diem expenses. The amendment would automatically increase the per diem allowance to whatever the maximum federal deduction is on Jan. 1 of that year.

If passed it would raise the amount of money a legislator receives for business expenses during the legislative session from \$900 to \$2,250 a month. The amendment also would set future increases in accordance with a federal law and deprive voters from controlling part of the elected representative's compensation. Members of the legislature now receive \$600 a month.

Amendment 1 would allow "state banks the same rights and privileges as national banks." If approved, state banks may open branch offices if federal legislation is passed repealing the 1927 McFadden Act allowing national banks to branch only where state banks expressly were permitted branching powers.

Amendment 2 will restructure the Permanent University Fund if passed. Used exclusively by Texas A&M and the University of Texas, the fund would include other components of the university systems

such as Moody College in Galveston and UT at Arlington.

It also would authorize the use of bond proceeds for more than just new construction — for repair projects, capital equipment purchases and library books.

Also it would raise the overall bonding capacity of the fund from 20 percent to 30 percent to accommodate additional institutions while reducing the portion A&M receives from 33 percent to 10 percent, and the University of Texas' portion from 66 percent to 20 percent.

For institutions outside the two systems, the state legislature would

Joan Wilson at the county clerk's office, the position of treasurer is no longer needed since the clerk's office can handle the duties of both offices.

Amendment 5 would revise the procedure to fill a vacancy of the lieutenant governor's office by requiring the president pro tempore of the Senate to call the Senate together within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

If passed, the Senate would be required to elect one of its members to perform the duties of the lieutenant governor until the next general election.

The constitution now authorizes the president pro tempore to automatically assume the lieutenant governor's office until the next general election.

Amendment 6 would allow the use of public funds for the payment of premiums on insurance policies issued by mutual insurance companies.

The constitution prohibits the acceptance of bids from mutual insurance companies, because holders of mutual insurance policies are technically considered to be owners of the company with which they have insurance.

"Ownership" by elected officials of companies that do business with the state could be considered a misuse of public office. The legislature has allowed voters to decide whether mutual companies can compete with non-mutual companies in the bidding process.

Amendment 7 would reorganize the 11-member state judicial conduct commission by replacing one current appeals court seat and district court seat with one from a municipal court and a county court law to broaden the representation of the commission.

It also provides additional grounds for removing judges from office as well as some less drastic disciplinary measures.

This amendment also would extend the commission's authority to all judicial officials who hear cases create a seven-member tribunal to review the commission's decisions.

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set aside \$100 million at the start of each fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1985. This appropriation could only be adjusted every five years by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.

Amendment 3, if approved by voters, will authorize the legislature to make assistance payments to the surviving dependent parents, brothers and sisters of state employees who die while performing hazardous official duties.

The state constitution already authorizes payments to surviving spouses and dependent children of such employees. Opponents say this amendment could cost the state a great deal of money since the legislature did not pass implementing legislation defining the scope of this amendment.

Amendment 4 would allow the residents of Bexar and Collin counties to hold a referendum on whether to abolish the office of county treasurer.

In Bexar county, current county treasurer Bill Fink ran on a campaign platform to do away with the office of treasurer. According to

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