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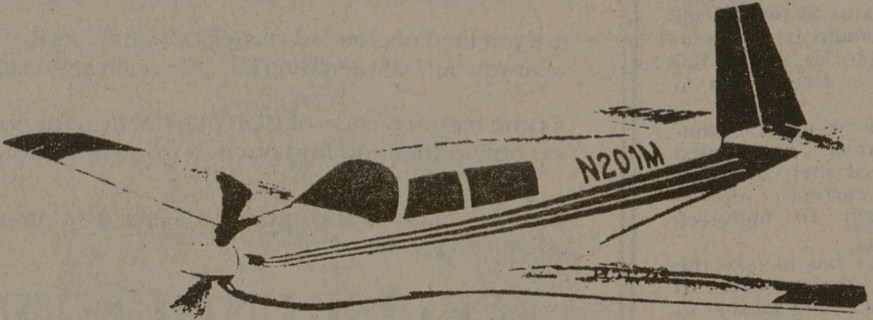
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## Texas GOP focuses on four jobs

**Associated Press**

BROWNSVILLE — Texas Republican leaders set their sights on four statewide offices when they met this weekend and snubbed the idea of separate presidential primaries and non-partisan judicial elections.

The State Republican Executive Committee met Saturday for its quarterly meeting.

The GOP leaders said they reached an informal agreement to focus on recapturing the governor's office, ousting Attorney General Jim Mattox and Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, and winning the seat on the Texas Railroad Commission being vacated by Democrat Buddy Temple.

Houston oilman Rob Mosbacher, the GOP's state finance chairman, said concentrating on a handful of races is an attempt to thwart a united Democratic Party effort.

"By selectively targeting our opponents, we feel we'll be able to more effectively use the resources we'll have," he told the Dallas Times Herald.

Other GOP leaders said they consider Mattox ripe for an upset because he served 18 months under a felony indictment before his recent acquittal on a commercial bribery charge.

The committee also passed a formal resolution opposing a Democratic proposal to conduct split presidential and state party primaries. The resolution said that splitting the primaries would cost the taxpayers an extra \$10 million.

As for the non-partisan election of judges, which is strongly favored by bar associations, the SREC said now that Republicans are being elected to judicial posts, it is no time to change the system.

## Around town

### Nominations for student award opened

Nominations are currently being accepted for the George W. Kunze Award for meritorious service to graduate students. The award is presented annually by the Graduate Student Council. Any graduate student wishing to submit a nomination should do so by contacting their GSC representative before March 25 or by mailing the nominations through campus mail to Martha Miller in the Department of Chemistry. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. today.

### Anthropology society sponsors seminar

The TAMU Anthropology Society is presenting "Pleistocene Extinctions... A Seminar" in 301 Rudder from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. tonight. The seminar concerns debate over two theories of large mammal disappearance, those who favor human involvement and those who would argue that environmental factors were responsible. This seminar will address this topic.

### Student 'Y' cabinet applicants must file

The filing deadline for 1985-86 Student 'Y' Cabinet positions is Wednesday. Applications are due to Janie at 213 Pavilion by 5 p.m. There will be a brief informational meeting today at 5 p.m. in 211 Pavilion. Candidates will be introduced and allowed to campaign at the general Student 'Y' meeting on Thursday.

### Housing sign-ups begin for fall semester

Current on-campus residents should complete the Fall 1985 Housing sign-up process with your hall staff today through Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. each evening. Students not returning to a residence hall for the Fall semester should also complete this process to insure accurate processing of their deposit refund. Detailed information will be distributed to each room.

### Group sponsors tax assistance program

Beta Alpha Psi will be sponsoring a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Wednesday through Friday and April 1-5, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the MSC lobby. Anyone in Bryan-College Station needing help completing their form 1040A or 1040EZ should come by. There is no charge for assistance.

## TDC cheaper than hospital

## Longer terms for retarded

**Associated Press**

HUNTSVILLE — The Texas Department of Corrections has about 4,000 mentally ill or retarded inmates and prison officials say they are likely to serve longer sentences than other convicts.

"Every place else I've been with indeterminate sentences, I'd say they serve twice as long as the average guy," said TDC Director Raymond Procnier. "Your best bet is that Texas is no different than any place else."

Parole officials agree. While many prisoners are paroled before their sentences are up, retarded or mentally ill inmates are more likely to stay in prison for their full sentences, said Mike Roach, spokesman for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

TDC officials estimate that nearly one out of every nine Texas prisoners is either retarded or mentally ill.

About 1,000 need inpatient care, the Houston Post reported.

Texas prisons now house more than 37,000 inmates, Dr. Walter Quijano, TDC's administrator of psychiatric services, says it is cheaper and easier for society to put a mentally ill person in prison than in a state mental hospital.

"If a community wants a rest from somebody who is a nuisance, the place to send him is TDC," Quijano said. "A community learns quickly that the maximum commitment to a state hospital is usually 30 days, 90 days. But in the case of a nuisance, they stick him with crime and send him to TDC, and we have him for three years."

Quijano said the cost of treating a person in a mental hospital is often weighed against the expense of putting him in prison.

## Abortion rights group protesting judge's order to stop an abortion

**Associated Press**

SAN ANTONIO — A state district judge has come under fire for issuing an order restraining a woman from having an abortion.

Members of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League gathered outside the Bexar County Courthouse Saturday to protest the ruling by state District Judge James Onion.

"We wanted to express our shock and dismay over Judge Onion's restraining order prohibiting a woman from exercising her constitutional

right," Pat Smothers, a member of the league's board, said.

The restraining order was issued earlier this month in response to a motion by the woman's estranged husband, who is seeking to prevent the abortion.

A hearing in the case is scheduled for Wednesday and Smothers said members of the league will attend.

"We of course hope that the restraining order will be dissolved immediately," she said.

The judge has said he expects constitutional questions to be raised at the hearing.

Smothers said the judge's order increases the potential danger to the woman because abortions become riskier with time.

"It's astounding to everyone that he could make a decision like this," she said.



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