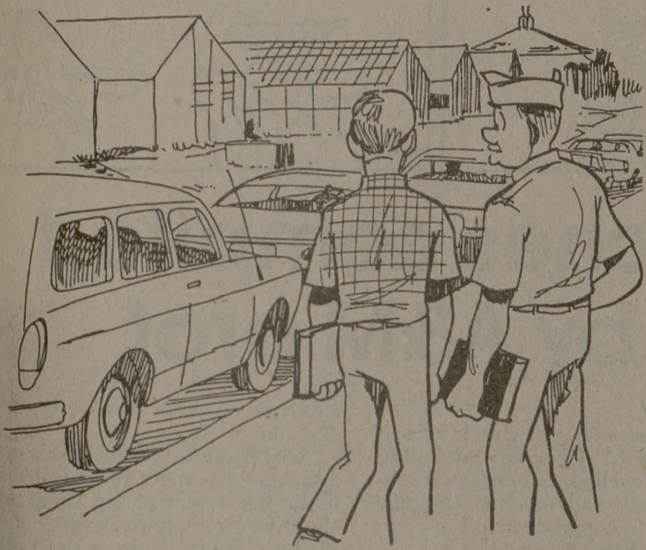


# State and Local

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By Jim Earle



"If all the cars of the world were laid end to end, it would happen on our campus!"

## Two National Guardsmen die in Hill Country flooding

Associated Press

The body of a National Guardsman who drowned when his military ambulance was washed away by flood waters was recovered, ending a 24-hour search.

Sgt. Marcus A. Mackey, 27, was found one mile east of State Highway 36, near Henson Creek, at about 11:30 a.m. Sunday, said Maj. David Cottom, a National Guard spokesman at Fort Hood.

Mackey's body was about two

miles downstream from where the ambulance left the road, Cottom said.

Pvt. 1 Johnnie L. Hendrix Jr., 21, also was killed in the accident. His body was found at 4 p.m. Saturday on a creek bank about one-half mile from the ambulance, Cottom said.

Both were victims of flash flooding that moved through South, Central and East Texas during the weekend after heavy rains.

## Debate to be held on water plan bill, funding proposals

By JENS B. KOEPKE  
Staff Writer

The Texas Water Bill, House Bill 2, and its accompanying constitutional amendments, Proposition 1 and 2, will be the subject of a debate Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

Ned Fritz, chairman of the Texas committee on natural resources, and Steve Sagner, executive director of the Texas Water Alliance, will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the water package in a debate sponsored by the Texas A&M Regional Studies Club, The Sierra Club and Greenpeace. Dr. Wayne Jordan, the director of the Texas Water Resource Institute, will mediate the debate.

"We're trying to get people to get out and vote, or at least, become a little more aware of the water situation," said Lance Freeman, president of the Regional Studies Club.

House Bill 2 is a comprehensive water plan dealing with conservation, development, flood control and quality protection of the surface and underground water resources in Texas. The bill also provides for mechanisms to finance the water plan. These financing mechanisms will be voted upon in the Nov. 5 election in the form of Proposition 1 and 2.

Proposition 1 would authorize the sale of \$980 million in state bonds to finance water projects (including dams and reservoirs, wastewater

treatment plants, desalinization plants and flood control projects), establish a bond insurance program to guarantee up to \$250 million in bonds issued by local governments and allow the Legislature to create special appropriations for water assistance programs.

Proposition 2 would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to sell up to \$200 million in agricultural water conservation bonds. These bonds would fund low-interest loans to farmers buying more water-efficient irrigation equipment. The bonds may be sold only after approval by the Legislature and only for four years after passage of the amendment.

If both propositions or only Proposition 1 is approved, then the bill will take effect immediately, but if only Proposition 2 passes, then none of the provisions of House Bill 2 will take effect and the Legislature will have to pass enabling legislation for Proposition 2 at a later date.

Texas voters have denied comprehensive water plans twice in the last 20 years, Freeman said. In both elections West Texas voters overwhelmingly approved the plan, while East Texas voters convincingly voted it down, he added. Freeman said that it will be interesting to see if this demographic dichotomy holds true in this election. The increased voter turnout in Houston due to the coincidental mayoral election may also play a major role in the propositions' success, he said.

## First Amendment subject of debate tonight

### Correction

In Friday's paper, The Battalion incorrectly reported that beginning today students no longer will be charged for computer time when working on class assignments. It should have read: Students will no longer be charged for autobatch computer time when working on class assignments.

Autobatch is a classification of programs that consists of student-type jobs that run 3 seconds or less.

The Battalion regrets the error.

The coordinator of the Moral Majority of Texas and a Texas A&M philosophy professor will debate the effects of the Religious Right on the First Amendment tonight at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

Fred Mason, coordinator of the Moral Majority of Texas, and Dr. Larry Hickman, associate professor of philosophy, will participate in an informal debate sponsored by the Political Science Society and Pi Sigma Alpha.

Topics that will be discussed range from book censorship to prayer in schools, says Neena Sinha, student coordinator for the debate.

"The validity of the Religious Right and an interpretation of the First Amendment is the focus of this discussion," Sinha says.

She says the two also will discuss what the Religious Right is trying to do with the First Amendment.

Hickman, who received his degrees from Hardin-Simmons Uni-

versity and the University of Texas is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union and People for the American Way, but he is not officially representing these two groups, Sinha said.

Mason is the executive director of the Moral Majority of Texas.

He received his degree from Florida State University.

Admission is free and audience participation is encouraged, Sinha says.

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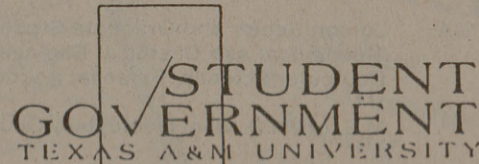
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