

Exemplary coach opposes White on no pass, no play

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AUSTIN — A coach singled out Tuesday by Gov. Mark White as an example of the success of no pass, no play says the rule is unfair and should cost White his job.

"I oppose the governor," said Belton High School football coach Dick Stafford.

Stafford was mentioned by White earlier Tuesday during a news conference discussion about a possible organized effort by coaches to defeat White next year.

Under the no pass, no play rule, approved by lawmakers last year and backed by White, students who fail a

course are ineligible for extracurricular activities.

Some no pass, no play foes say the idea is solid, but the six-week suspension period for failing students is too long.

"It punishes people that don't do bad," said Stafford, citing good students whose football seasons were disrupted because of mass failures by opponent.

White is sticking by the rule and the six-week suspension.

The Texas High School Coaches Association is talking about an organized push to beat White because of it.

"I don't think there's ever been a need for us to get so involved in politics," said association president Gregg Sherwood of Plainview. "But when we see things being done that are not good for kids, we have no choice."

Asked about opposition from coaches, White said, "There are always a few that are reluctant to (support the bill) because it means a change in their pattern."

"We are asking for major changes in patterns. We are saying kids are going to learn first and then we'll play."

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police through Monday:

MIDEMEANOR THEFT:

- An HP-41-CX calculator was stolen from MSC Food Services.
- The front grill was stolen from a 1981 Chevrolet Camaro parked in Parking Annex 40.
- Eight hubcaps were stolen from cars parked in the Firemen's Training School area.
- A tail gate was stolen from a Chevrolet pickup parked in PA 40.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:

- A bouyancy compensator jacket, a white mask with black snorkel, a white power Plane fins with black straps and a pair of swimming trunks were stolen from DeWare Field House.
- An IBM computer was stolen from the Sterling C. Evans Library.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:

- A Seiko watch was stolen from a Moses Hall dorm room.

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:

- Someone stole the T-top from a Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 parked in PA 40.

ASSAULT:

- A woman went to Dorm 10 to talk to a man whom she said had dated her in the past. The man told police the woman then began slapping and kicking him.

The man said he tried to make clear to the woman that he does not want to see her again. Investigation continues.

- A man said he heard a woman at the Texas A&M-Arkansas football game in Kyle Field make insulting comments about one of the players. When the man expressed an opposite opinion, he says a woman pulled his hair and poured a cold drink over his head. The incident has been referred to the Department of Student Affairs.
- A man walking on Lubbock Street passed a pickup and said "Howdy" to two men who were sitting on the tailgate of the truck and drinking beer. The man kept walking as one of the two men yelled "Hey you." The first man says the two men ran after him, threw him to the ground, kicked him and said, "Nigger boy go home." Investigation continues.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

- Someone attempted to remove four hub caps from a Mercury parked in the Firemen's Training School area.
- Someone defecated on top of a tool box in the bed of a truck parked in the Firemen's Training School area.
- A Coca Cola vending machine between Davis-Gary Hall and A-1 lounge was turned onto its side.
- A lock was broken off a door of a Quonset Hut.
- A group of Dunn Hall residents were yelling dorm cheers in

front of Schuhmacher Hall. Schuhmacher residents began yelling at the Dunn residents. A Dunn resident then threw an object through the window of 301 Schuhmacher.

- University Police caught a student letting air out of the tires of a 1979 Oldsmobile parked in PA 40. After being arrested, the student said, "I didn't mean to do it."
- Someone shot three arrows at the Goodyear blimp which was tied down at Easterwood Airport.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT:

- A nude man was seen near the jogging trail in Hensel Park.
- University Police arrested a man who was throwing rocks and walking in and out of buildings in the Married Student Housing area. When asked by police what his name was, the man replied, "No savvy." The man did not appear to be intoxicated but was incoherent and police said he did not know where he was other than being in Texas. The man was taken to the emergency room of St. Josephs Hospital where his mental health was evaluated. The man was transported to the Austin State Hospital.

INTOXICATION:

- There were two reports of driving while intoxicated and one report of public intoxication.

TERRORIST THREAT:

- A woman living in Hensel Apartments said someone called her and threatened to blow up her house.

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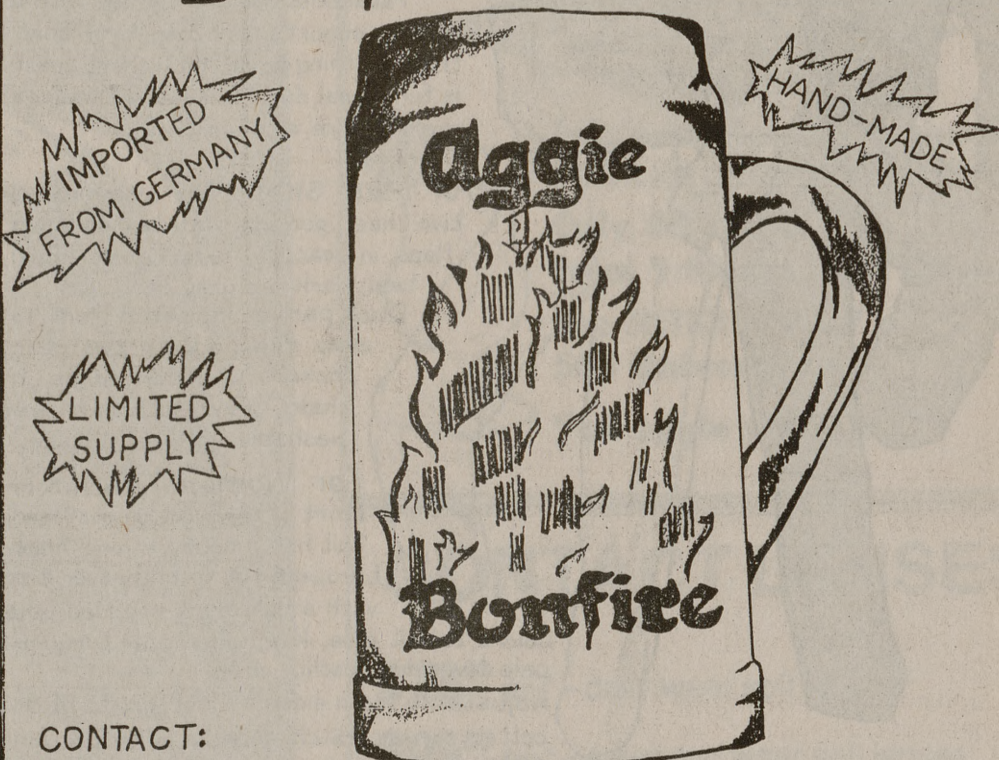
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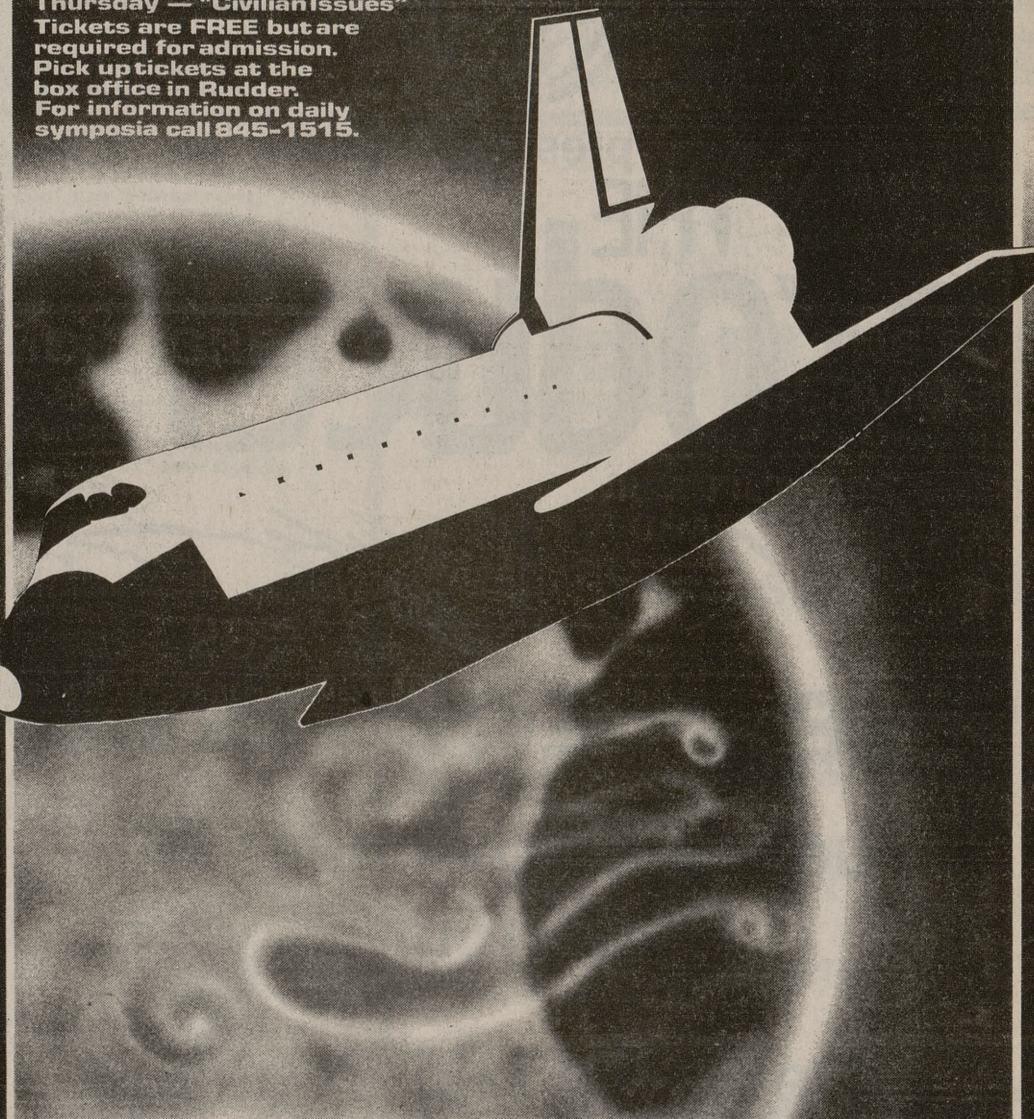
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