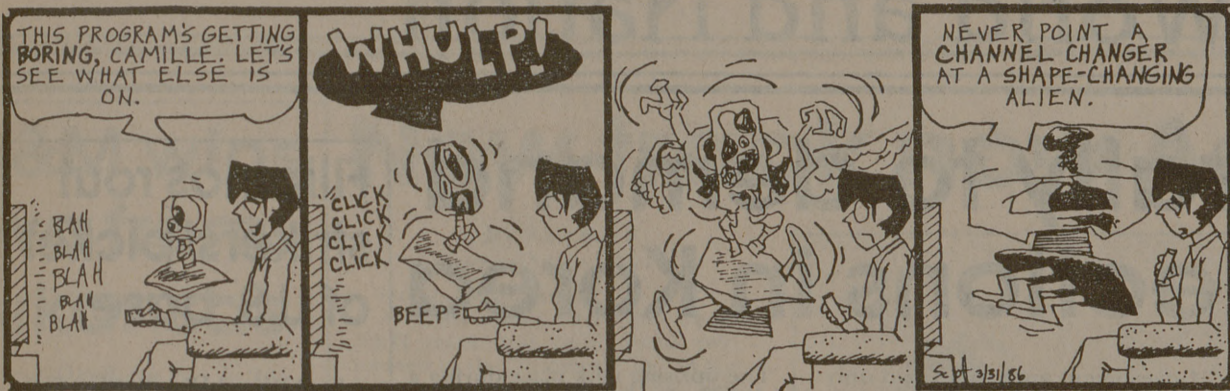


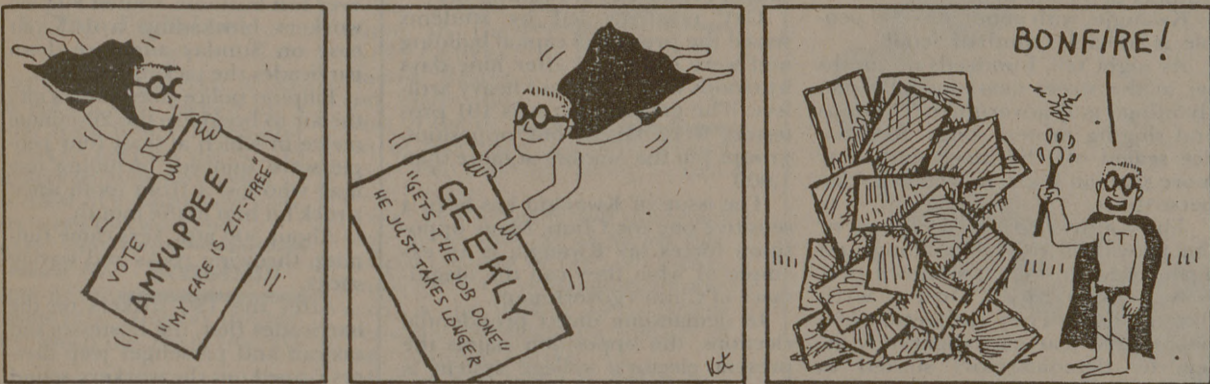
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Candidates offer diverse ideas

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personnel leave days and duty-free lunches for faculty and staff members.

Currently, she says, teachers are required to have lunch in the school cafeteria even if they're not technically on duty.

"Small classes are important, especially in the elementaries and in the junior high," she says.

Jessup's concerns, though, extend beyond such current reform issues as smaller class sizes.

"We need to have forward-looking people on the school board because we have to attract new people to Bryan," she says. "If you say, 'What is the very minimum Bryan can do to get away with having an okay school?' — that's not going to bring new people into Bryan. We have to go above and beyond what's expected."

Travis E. Nelson, the current board president, is also looking toward the district's future — but his emphasis, an administrative one, is on making sure the quality of education doesn't drop in the face of budget cuts.

Nelson, who is also a district clerk candidate, says Bryan is changing from a petroleum economy to a high-tech economy and education will become increasingly important.

Nelson has a background in finance and accounting that includes 18 years as the director of finance and accounting for the Bryan school district. He says this background will enable him to evaluate the district's budget needs.

After being released from active duty in the Navy, he returned to Bryan and built the Midway Motel. He ran the motel 13 years and sold it.

Nelson served as director of fi-

nance and accounting for the Bryan schools for 18 years before his retirement in 1982. He was elected to the school board the following year.

He and his wife have five children from previous marriages, and he has two school-aged granddaughters. He has been timing A&M home football games since the late 50s and is on the steering committees of the community action programs Leadership Brazos and Bryan Forward.

He's also the chairman of the board of directors of the Brazos County Appraisal District and a deacon at Central Baptist Church.

Though Nelson has been criticized for running in both the school board and district clerk races, he insists that there is no conflict between them.

"I kind of hear it at every corner, mostly from the media," Nelson says. "But actually had I been in a position where I was in my second year of the school board and was running for district clerk there would have been nothing said about it."

One of those opposed to Nelson's running for two offices is the third Place 1 candidate, E.N. Rutherford.

The 53-year-old piano instructor says there is a potential, not for conflict of interest, but for conflict of government.

"I oppose that because it weakens representative democracy," he says. "I am against autocracies or oligarchies of any kind, and allowing people to run for two offices at the same time will perpetuate those."

Rutherford's views on the school district are basically student-oriented. He has attended five colleges and two music conservatories.

Over the course of 11 years he has attended Lamar State College of Technology, the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music, The Houston

Conservatory of Music, Texas A&M University, the University of Chicago and the United States Armed Forces Institute in Madison, Wis.

In 1962 he graduated from Sam Houston State Teacher's College with a History, English and Russian language bachelor of arts degree.

Rutherford, who ran for the school board in 1971 and 1985, has been a substitute English teacher at Victoria High School, a reporter for the Bryan-College Station Eagle, a writer, a motel night manager, and a grocery store night manager.

A bachelor, he has lived in Bryan for 23 years. His hobbies include reading, writing and playing the piano.

He doesn't use air conditioning in his home, doesn't own an automobile and has never owned a television set, nor has he allowed one in his home for the past 14 years.

"I save 22 hours a week by not watching television — that's the national average," he says. "I learned seven different piano concertos that I never would have learned otherwise. When I say I don't allow TV's in my home and do not view it myself, I am not for censoring programs that you want to watch."

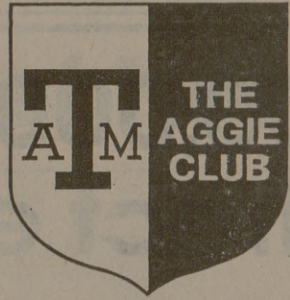
Rutherford says he expects to spend about an hour to two hours every day doing his homework if elected to the school board.

"At last count there were at least 50 educational psychology magazines and newspapers, and you should try to read at least 10 of them," he says.

Rutherford says the district needs a vocational high school and a technical high school west of Texas Avenue. These would provide 75 percent of the students that don't go to college with the adequate educational instruction for productive and constructive citizenship, he says.

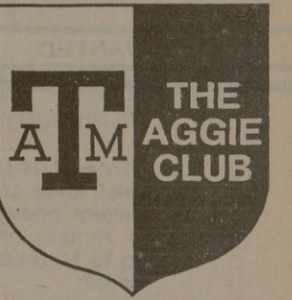
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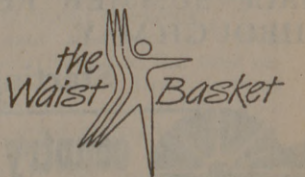
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