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Candidate says railroads neglect safety measures

By **Jamie Russell**
 Staff Writer

"How long will our luck hold out?" Rep. Clint Hackney, a candidate for the Texas Railroad Commission, asked about the safety of railroads in Texas.
 Hackney expressed his concern about the neglect of railroad safety, especially as trains travel into the 21st century carrying hazardous waste, toxic materials and nuclear waste. He spoke Tuesday afternoon at a sparsely attended press conference at the College Station Ramada Inn.
 "Right now, about 10 percent of all cars that travel on our (Texas) land, passing through cities and rich farm land, contain toxic materials, hazardous materials and nuclear waste, in some cases," Hackney said. "And every month we have more than one derailment."

run through the middle of A&M, increasing the chances of railroad-crossing accidents.
 Hackney said he wants to help prevent the number of railroad-crossing accidents at A&M and throughout Texas.
 "I pledge to do everything I can to see that the tracks through A&M are lowered," he said.
 Lowering the tracks will make crossing easy and, more importantly, safe, he said.
 The Texas Railroad Commission met with University and railroad officials in November and asked them to resolve the situation, *The Battalion* reported Jan. 18. A committee of state, city, University and railroad officials was formed to examine alternatives for improving the disputed section of the tracks.

So far, Texas has been fairly lucky to escape disasters such as derailment of railroad cars carrying toxic and flammable materials, he said. But Hackney is worried that a severe accident will have to occur before something will be done to help prevent such accidents.
 Hackney also is concerned about accidents at railroad crossings, which occur more frequently than derailments.
 "I don't think it's hard to bring that home to the people of Bryan-College Station," the Texas A&M graduate said, referring to the two accidents that happened several years ago, both within a day of each other.
 The railroad crossings were not a main concern when Hackney attended A&M in the early '70s, he said, because the tracks ran through the back of campus. Now the tracks

In January, Carol Zeigler, Texas Department of Highways engineer, presented to the College Station City Council a proposal to lower the tracks and Wellborn Road into a 26-foot trench. The plan won commitments from council members and was favored by the Highway Department. But no action has been taken, and the plan has not been formally accepted or rejected by University officials.
 Hackney, a member of the state legislature for the past four terms and an attorney in Houston, said improving rail safety is a priority. One way to do this, he said, is to design a better transportation system for the future.
 "I want to bring our private companies to the same table as the Texas Railroad Commission at no cost to the taxpayer, with our (Texas) university researchers, and design a workable, more efficient, transportation system," he said.

Dallas survey reveals ethics thought rare among businesses

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas business people say they believe ethics is important in business but many will resort to unethical practices to get ahead, an informal survey conducted by the *Dallas Times Herald* indicates.
 The survey results, released in a *Times Herald* copyright story published Monday, show that 47 percent of the 259 people who mailed in responses say they are aware of recent instances of bribes or kickbacks in their industries.
 Thirty percent say they would be willing to trade stock on inside information, and 38 percent say they know of colleagues who have done so.

But 97 percent of the people who responded indicated that "good ethics is good business."
 "In business, when it comes to ethics, people talk a much better game than they play," said Thomas Donaldson, a professor of ethics at Loyola University of Chicago.
 By a wide margin, bribery and kickbacks were the most common unethical practice cited.

What's Up

Wednesday

ENGLISH CLUB: will discuss interpreting plays for the modern audience at 8:30 p.m. in 503 Rudder.
GREAT COMMISSION STUDENTS: will present "Christian Enemy No. 2 — The Flesh" at its monthly rally at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry.
STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will have an organizational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 407A-B Rudder.
OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB: will meet to discuss the spring trip at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 10 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 158 Rudder.
PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA: will have a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 003 Reed McDonald.
RACQUETBALL CLUB: will have a team/club meeting at 7 p.m. near court seven in the Read Building.
CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will have elections for committee chairmen in 504 Rudder.
MSC JORDAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS: will have a committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION: Ray Grossman, vice president of Human Resources at St. Joseph's Hospital, will speak at 7:15 p.m. in 155 Blocker.
TAU KAPPA JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY: will have an information session for interested sophomores at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.
TEXAS A&M STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in the 12th floor map area of the Oceanography and Meteorology Building.
CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a mini course on the book of Revelation at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. There also will be a discussion group meeting at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the quad. There also will be a midweek study break at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.
MSC TRAVEL: has one space available for spring break Cancun trip. Call 845-1515 and ask for Stacy or Bobby.

Thursday

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: Novelist Gordon Weaver will read from his forthcoming novel "The Eight Corners of the World" at 7:30 p.m. in 204C Sterling C. Evans.
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION/INVESTMENT CLUB: will have a guest speaker from the Chicago Board Options Exchange at 6 p.m. in 150 Blocker. Business attire is requested.
GREEN EARTH SOCIETY: will have a public forum on "The Economics and Safety of Nuclear Energy" at 7:30 p.m. in 201 MSC.
DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Penzoil will present information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.
AMERICAN HELICOPTER SOCIETY: Yan Drees will present "A Look at Tilt Rotor into the Next Century" at 7:30 p.m. in 110 Harrington.
CAED GALLERY: will have an opening reception for the exhibition "Popular Art in Ecuador" at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Langford Architecture Center.
TEXAS A&M CYCLING TEAM: will have a team meeting at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.
AGGIES FOR BUSH: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.
WRITING OUTREACH MINI SESSION: will present information on how to write effective resumes and letters of application at 6:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker.
AGGIES FOR GEPHARDT: will meet at 7 p.m. in 027 MSC.
ODESSA HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 4 p.m. at the Dixie Chicken. Midland students are welcome.
 Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Police Beat

The following activities were reported to the University Police Department from Feb. 22 through Feb. 24, 1988.
MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
 • Five bicycles were reported stolen from various places on campus.
 • A student reported that someone removed her pink purse and contents from her 1981 Chevrolet Citation that was parked in the lot behind Davis-Gary Hall.
 • Someone removed a tan Panasonic two-line, 28-station Easa-phone from 306 Academic.
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:
 • A student reported that someone entered his black Chevrolet Z-28 while it was parked in the fish lot and removed his stereo system.
BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:
 • A 20-inch gold herringbone necklace was stolen from the dorm room of a resident of Hobby Hall.
 • It was reported that someone entered the computer graphics lab in Zachry and removed an Apple Macintosh II computer system and an Apple RGB color monitor.
CRIMINAL TRESPASS:
 • A resident of Leggett Hall reported that she observed a male in the third floor shower room of Leggett who apparently was preparing to peep in on an unidentified female taking a shower. The subject ran from the area when the resident entered the room.
FELONY THEFT:
 • A 1st Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps reported that someone removed three flight helmets from a CH 53 Delta transport helicopter belonging to the Marines, which was parked on the tarmac at Easterwood Airport.

Detective finds living 'corpse' in search for dead girl

FORT WORTH (AP) — Detective Mike Garvin is usually all business, but when a "corpse" he was photographing turned her head, the caring person behind that gruff facade quickly emerged.
 Until a CareFlight ambulance helicopter arrived to take 13-year-old Ashley Dozier to the hospital, Garvin, 43, remained on his hands and knees next to her, consoling and comforting her.
 "Garvin told her she was the prettiest thing he'd ever seen and she just smiled through all that caked blood," Sgt. Paul Kratz said.
 "Every time she said she was cold, officers stripped off their coats to cover her," he said. "When she said she was cold again, they were peeling off their shirts. Even the senior deputy chief (B.J. Kirkpatrick) was down in the ditch holding the IV pack, taking orders from the nurse."

But it was Garvin who stayed by Dozier's side. A crime scene photograph shows him crouched in the ravine with the back of his hand tenderly pressed against her cheek.
 Kratz said of Garvin, a 21-year police veteran: "This guy never smiles. But for two hours afterward, he never quit grinning."
 Dozier, of Benbrook, was found in a gully nearly 24 hours after she was kidnapped and brutally assaulted. She was in stable condition Tuesday at Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center.
 Meanwhile, Garvin continued to question witnesses, process evidence and compile the case against a 16-year-old arrested in the case.
 Hours after his arrest Saturday, the teen-ager led Garvin to the ravine near where Interstate Highways 20 and 30 meet in east Parker County. The teen had told police the

girl was dead and, from the description of the beating, they didn't doubt him, Kratz said.
 "He took me down there, pointed to her and walked away," Garvin said.
 "Garvin established a rapport with him (the 16-year-old), and he agreed to show us where she was," Kratz said. "We went out there with no doubt in our minds that she was dead. He had described what he did to her and said she was dead."
 "We were kind of down that we were going out there to see this pretty little girl and see what he had done to her. And to find her alive ..."
 Kratz said Dozier was able to talk a little and said, "I thought I was going to die, but then I knew I couldn't."
 Dozier lay on a bed of gravel

banked by eroded dirt walls nearly 6 feet high. Her blond hair was matted and her pale face caked with dried blood and dirt.
 She was partially clothed and had been beaten with rocks, sticks and possibly a tire tool, Kratz said.
 "I got the camera and she didn't blink when the flash went off," said Garvin, who has a 19-year-old daughter.
 "I go to within about 4 feet of her and then she turned her head and looked at me."
 Garvin was assigned the case early Saturday morning, after Dozier had been kidnapped Friday night behind a pizza restaurant in Fort Worth. The 16-year-old was arrested the next day after one Dozier's classmates identified his car.

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