

Life Can Be . . .

Proposed Course Boon to Students

By FRANK CUSHING

A conspicuous absence is to be found among the crowded curriculum of A&M. Students are constantly bewailing their lack of knowledge about professors. Rarely does a day pass that some student does not gnash his teeth and state in a strained voice, "I'll be damned if I can figure that prof out."

To provide for this existent need, a course should definitely be added around this establishment. For lack of a better name, Psychology of Professors 101.

The desired study might be termed this course as "A 4-credit hour course concerned principally with the scientific study of the physical and mental makeup of instructors. Frustrations, inhibitions, and all other eccentricities affecting their behavior are stressed in this work."

Anyone could easily see the possibilities of such a class. Obviously the theory periods would first deal with the descriptive nomenclature of teachers.

A familiarization study would be made of medals commonly found displayed upon the customary key chains. After such aid, a student could readily identify Phi Beta Kappas and the significance of other such keys. Thus fortified, a G.P.-Beaver could make a glowing reference to the correct society in the presence of the member professor and assure himself a certain A.

Through instruction of different type lecturers would be a boon to note takers. By studying the minute characteristics of different speakers, one could easily sift the



C. M. SMITH, El Paso sophomore in C Troop Cavalry, checks over the locator file in the dormitory 12 guard room. Completely new furnishings were added recently to the room.

Aerodynamicist To Address AIS Club

A. I. Sibila, assistant chief aerodynamicist for Chance-Vought Aircraft Co., will speak to the Institute of Aeronautical Science Club tonight according to an announcement by chairman C. L. Turner.

A Duchess will be selected to represent the IAS at the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball. Anyone intending to nominate someone for Duchess should bring her picture to the meeting.

The club will meet Tuesday, February 15, at 7:30 p. m. in the Petroleum Lecture Room.

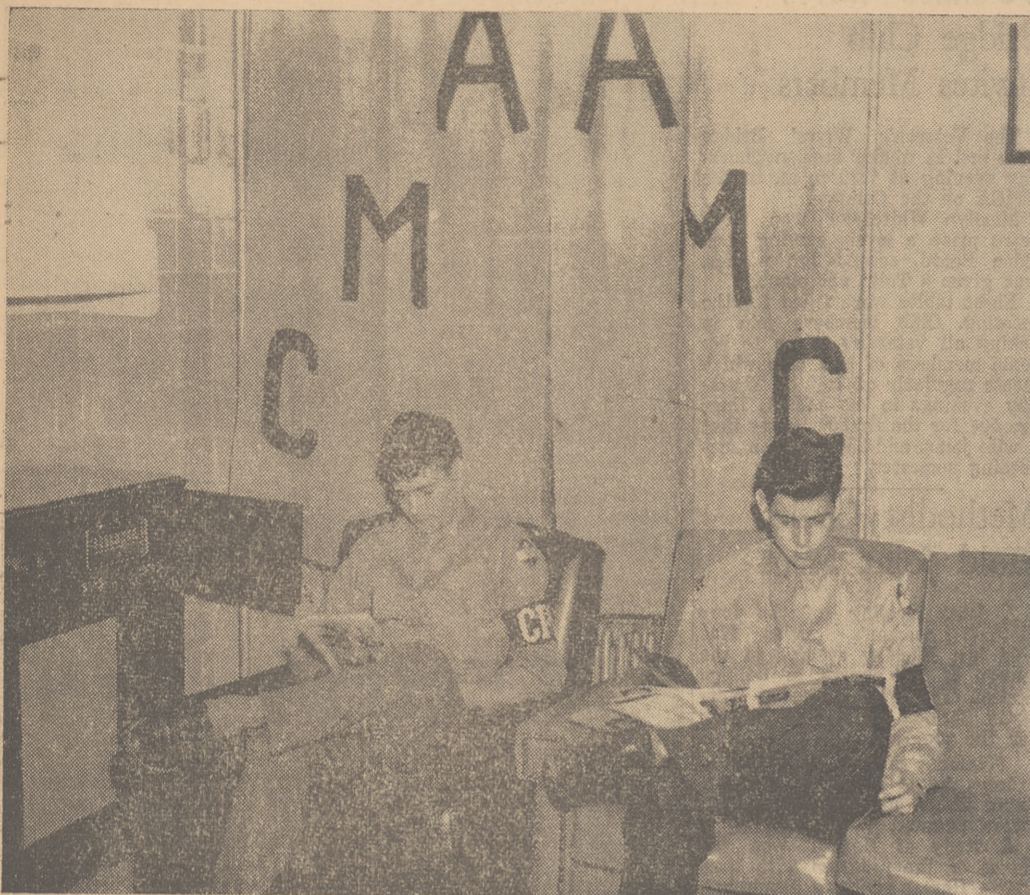
non-essential material from the instructor's talks. Specific data should be given to enable a student to recognize the "voice-drop" type for instance.

The "voice-drop" speaker is the very common species who employs a very subtle technique in keeping students from passing his quizzes. When a topic of extreme importance is reached in his course, one

that he knows in advance will be featured upon a coming exam, he drops his already low voice and hurriedly mumbles through his speech. In that way the instructor assures not even those located in the front have an inkling of what has been said.

The study would delve deeply into the subject of professors subject to a "Joe Miller" frustration and how to correctly react to them. In the lab periods extremely stale jokes would be read and the members would practice sincere sounding laughs. A valuable attribute to have indeed.

The potentialities of the course are many. Undoubtedly the student's life would be far bettered by Psychology of Professors, 101.



Deeply engrossed in their duties in the newly decorated guard room. A. A. RHODES, sophomore from Woodville, and T. H. BOOTH, a sophomore from San Antonio make good use of the new guard room furnishings. Both cadets are in C Troop Cavalry.

Demise of Practical Joker Whose 'Humor' Isn't Funny

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — There's a fellow missing from the contemporary scene.

But there's some doubt if very many people miss him much. The fellow I'm talking about is the big ha-ha man of yesterday—the practical joker.

He was some prankster. At the office he'd leave a faked summons from the boss in your typewriter. He'd have his girl friend write a mash letter to your home signed "with all my love, Molly." He was the fellow who anonymously advised 30 different life insurance salesmen you wanted to buy a policy. And he saw that they all called on you at the same hour.

In the old days he carried a loaded cigar in his pocket. He also had some kitchen matches to give you the hotfoot. If a bum asked him for a coin to buy a cup of coffee, the practical joker always managed to have a Canadian dime ready

to drop into his hand. When he threw a party, he slipped you a glass with a hole near the top—so the drink dripped all over your new suit.

Well, somewhere along the way that kind of nonsense went out. There was no widespread rebellion among the victims of the practical jokers. But somehow his jokes, by and large, just quit being funny.

The trouble with the practical joker was that he usually put somebody on the pan. And a generation that has weathered a major depression and two world wars probably just got tired of seeing anybody on the pan. It ceased to be funny.

Life became too practical for impractical practical jokes.

The world has grown up too much to enjoy the cruel and hurtful practical jokes of the past. When the last practical joker is buried, it would be pleasant to put him under a nice tombstone bearing this epitaph:

"Having wonderful time. Wish you were here."

Nobody would begrudge him this last laugh—as long as we were sure it was his last one.

Student Senate Elections to Be Held February 23

Elections to fill student senate vacancies from the College View and the annex apartment areas will be held February 23, according to Keith E. Allsop, chairman of the student senate election committee.

These vacancies were caused by student's moving at mid-semester.

In order to get their names on the ballots, which will appear in the Battalion Monday, February 21 the candidates must file their applications at the student activities office, Room 201 Goodwin, before 5 p. m., February 18, Allsop said.

The ballots should be clipped from the Monday Battalion and mailed or brought to the student activities office before 5 p. m. Wednesday, February 23, Allsop concluded.

UN Council Seeks Understanding By Student Letters

An opportunity to correspond with Japanese students is being offered by the United Nations Council of Philadelphia, G. A. Raymond, council publicity director, said today.

Japanese students are eager to discuss questions and exchange ideas about democracy, social life, beliefs, moral standards, or any other topic, Raymond said.

Letters from the Japanese students will be in English.

"Students who are interested in corresponding with Japanese students should write to: Letters Abroad, United Nations Council of Philadelphia, 1411 Walnut St., Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. Simply give your age, whether you prefer to write to a man or girl, and state your chief interests," said Raymond.

No fee is charged, for this service is being extended by the UN Council as a move toward greater world understanding.

Letters from Sweden, Holland, Germany, England, France, Italy and Spain are also available on request, said Raymond.

Williams Attends Joint Conference

E. L. Williams, director, Industrial Extension Service of A&M College, who is also president of the American Vocational Association, is attending a joint conference between the policy committee of the AVA and the U. S. commissioner of education, in Washington.

Outcome of the discussions will be the establishment of policies to be carried out by the AVA legislative committee with regard to a program to be presented to the Appropriations committees of both the senate and the house, Williams stated.

The AVA, with a membership of approximately 30,000 is composed of teachers in the field of vocational education, Williams explained.

Arbor Day Affair Features Planting Native Texas Tree

Cooperation of the Texas Forestry Association in the observance of Arbor Day has been pledged by the Executive Committee of that organization, according to E. W. Wortham, Jr., president. The Executive Committee is considering ways to coordinate the tree seedling distribution with the observance of Arbor Day next year if the free seedling program for youth groups is continued.

State wide planting of the pecan, state tree of Texas, on Arbor Day, February 22 is urged by the Gardens Committee of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Observance of Arbor Day this year will follow much the same pattern as in 1948, according to Mrs. Sam Greer, Gardens Chairman.

The Arbor Day program received active support by many organizations and by Governor Jester last year. Equally enthusiastic support is anticipated this year.

One special feature of the Arbor Day plans of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs is the planting of pecan seedlings from pecans grown on the trees at the grave of the late Governor James Stephen Hogg in Austin. Pecans have been gathered from these trees and seedlings are to be produced at A&M College Experimental Station near Tyler. When two years old the seedlings will be ready for memorial planting.

Wichita Mothers Organizing Group

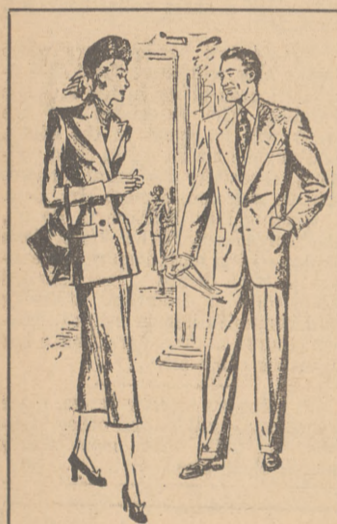
The formation of a Wichita Falls, Texas A&M Mothers' Club was planned at an organizational meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Gowdy, 1658 Wilson, Mrs. T. O. Banta, temporary publicity chairman, announced.

All mothers of the Wichita Falls area whose sons are Aggies will be eligible to become members of the club.

Organization is being directed by Mrs. R. E. Sparkman of San Antonio, who is extension chairman of the State Federation of A&M College Mothers' Clubs of Texas.

Mrs. Gowdy served as temporary chairman, and named committees and chairmen for forming the constitution and by-laws of the club. Officers for the initial term were elected.

Mrs. Gowdy will serve as chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee and will be assisted by Mesdames Phil K. Sheets, W. T. Wells, and Fred W. Barker. Mrs. H. E. Dungan was named chairman of the nominating committee, with other members, Mesdames W. K. Childers and M. G. Onstott. Mrs. T. O. Banta was made temporary publicity chairman.



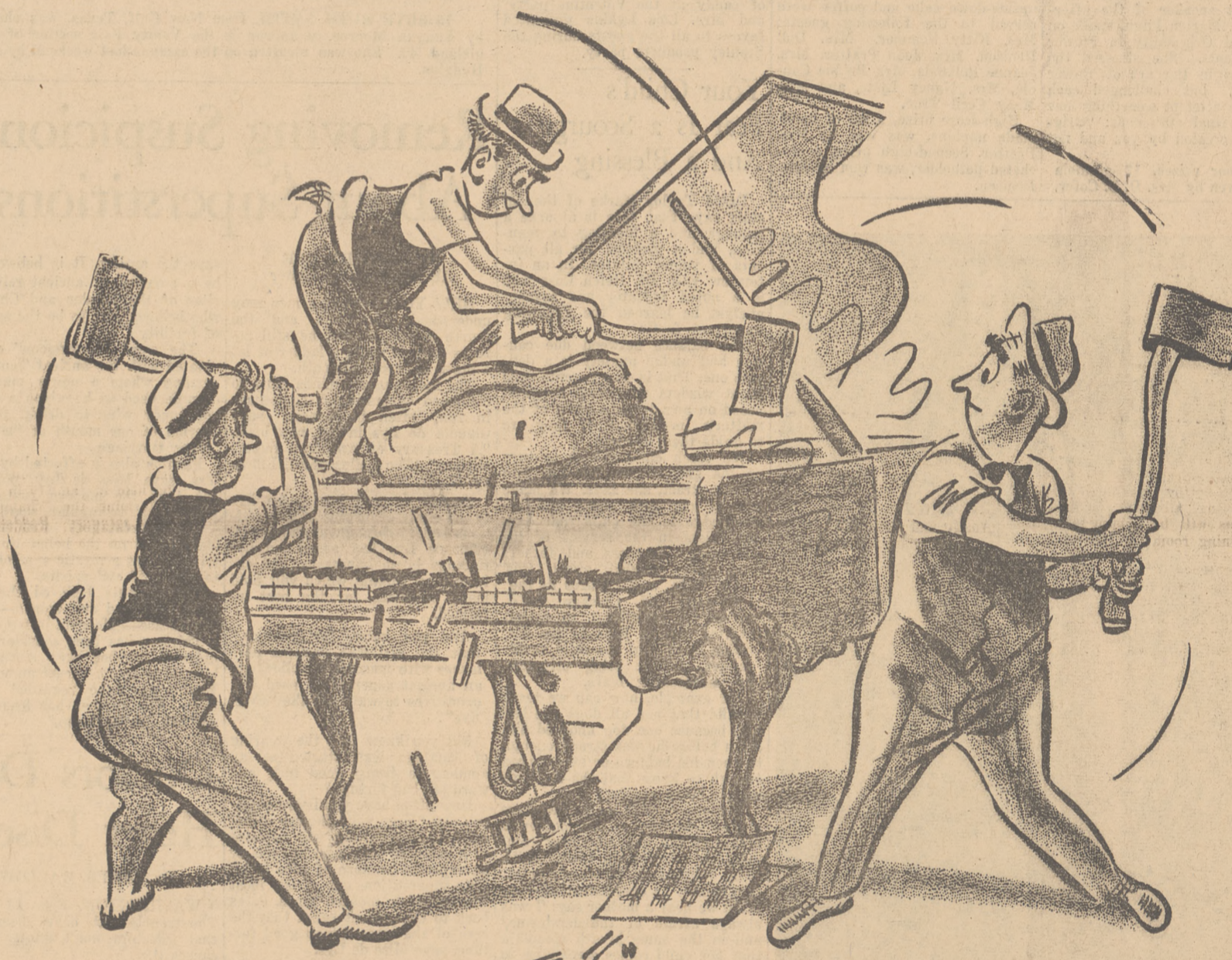
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How to tune a piano!

The piano is out of tune. So we'll chop it up. Then we'll get a tin horn instead.

Sure, these men are crazy. But they're using the same kind of thinking a lot of people have been using on the American economic system lately.

Our American way isn't perfect. We still have our ups and downs of prices and jobs. We'll have to change that. But even so, our system works a lot better than the second-rate substitutes being peddled by some countries we could mention.

It works better because of a few simple things. We are more inventive, and we

know how to use machine power to produce more goods at lower cost. We have more skilled workers than any other country. We believe in collective bargaining and enjoy its benefits. And we Americans save—and our savings go into new tools, new plants, new and better machines.

Because of this, we produce more every working hour . . . and can buy more goods with an hour's work than any other people in the world.

We can make the system work even better, too: by all of us working together to turn out more for every hour we work—through better machines and methods,

more power, greater skills, and by sharing the benefits through higher wages, lower prices, shorter hours.

It's a good system. It can be made better. And even now it beats anything that any other country in the world has to offer.

So—let's tune it up, not chop it down.

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