

TISA, So That We All May Profit . . .

Perhaps history was not being made in Austin Saturday, but many things happened which are noteworthy. In that city, as guests of Texas University, met delegates from schools of the Texas Intercollegiate Students Association, holding their executive council meeting.

TISA is a group formed of delegations from the student governing bodies of Texas schools (such as our Student Senate), who have united and formed this association to "encourage and promote government by students."

As a "cinderella" finish to the meeting, ratification of the TISA constitution by Rice late Saturday gave the group enough official members to meet their own requirements for an active and legal organization.

At last spring's meeting, twenty-one schools were represented. Stipulations were made in the constitutions that two-thirds of those schools present would have to ratify the constitution before it would become official. A&M ratified almost immediately after the 1949 convention in Denton.

One of the best advantages of this organization is simply getting to meet and talk to leaders of the various other schools of Texas. In this way, A&M's delegates can discover improvements which can be made here, and in turn can suggest other improvements which are already successful here to these other schools.

The TISA promises to become the most outstanding medium whereby colleges of Texas may further relations and abolish foolish prejudices, the results of which may be of great help both prior to and after graduation of an individual.

A&M was complimented last spring by having Dan Davis, now a sophomore student, elected vice-president of this state-wide organization. Our school has shown much interest in the association. There certainly is no reason why we cannot continue to do this, for it will be definitely to our advantage.

The TISA is a very young organization. It is an organization with high ideals and a great goal. From today's youth, from today's college men and women, will come the leaders of the nation tomorrow. This group can accomplish much towards developing these leaders from our state.

As a young group, it is not necessarily a weak group. The TISA will probably encounter many difficult and tiring problems during its organization as a representative body of future leaders. Many of these problems will probably appear at the 1950 spring convention in Waco.

Strongly organized, working together for a common purpose and for the good of all Texas colleges, the Texas Intercollegiate Students Association should be able to weather any momentary storm and progress on towards its goal.

The Pants Have One Less Patch Than Holes . . .

Did you ever see a man in a ragged pair of pants, with many patches variously placed, try to cover up all the holes but found he was one patch short? He'd have to shift a patch over a hole, then take off another patch and put it over another ragged tear that would have been more embarrassing than where the patch formerly was.

Uncle Sam seems to be in about the same predicament. He's got a pair of pants with lots of holes in them, but he is one or more patches short. The holes in Uncle Sam's pants are expenditures of the national government and the patches are the various taxes that cover up his spending.

Right now, there's a gaping hole in those pants which not a few embarrassed governmental officials call "deficit spending". Really, a patch of about five or ten billion dollars would cover this hole just fine.

But instead of covering this hole, there is talk of tearing off another patch, and

further expose our dear old Uncle Sam to the elements, and other nations to see. This patch is the wartime excise taxes (on hair oil, cosmetics, bus and train tickets, ad infinitum) and some outspoken congressmen have no claims about their feeling that this patch should be ripped off.

Off hand, we'd say, "Sure, fine, let's have more tax reductions." But, we begin thinking about poor old Uncle Sam and his ragged pants.

If the anti-excise tax Congressmen have their way and tear off the excise tax patch, they must be expected to roll off several yards of the fine new income tax cloth for patches. After all, the holes in Uncle Sam's pants are of a given area, and a given amount of cloth is required for patches to cover the holes.

Our selfishness keeps us from saying, "Let's give everything to Uncle Sam so he can have a new pair of pants." Instead we'll keep the old gentleman in new patches.

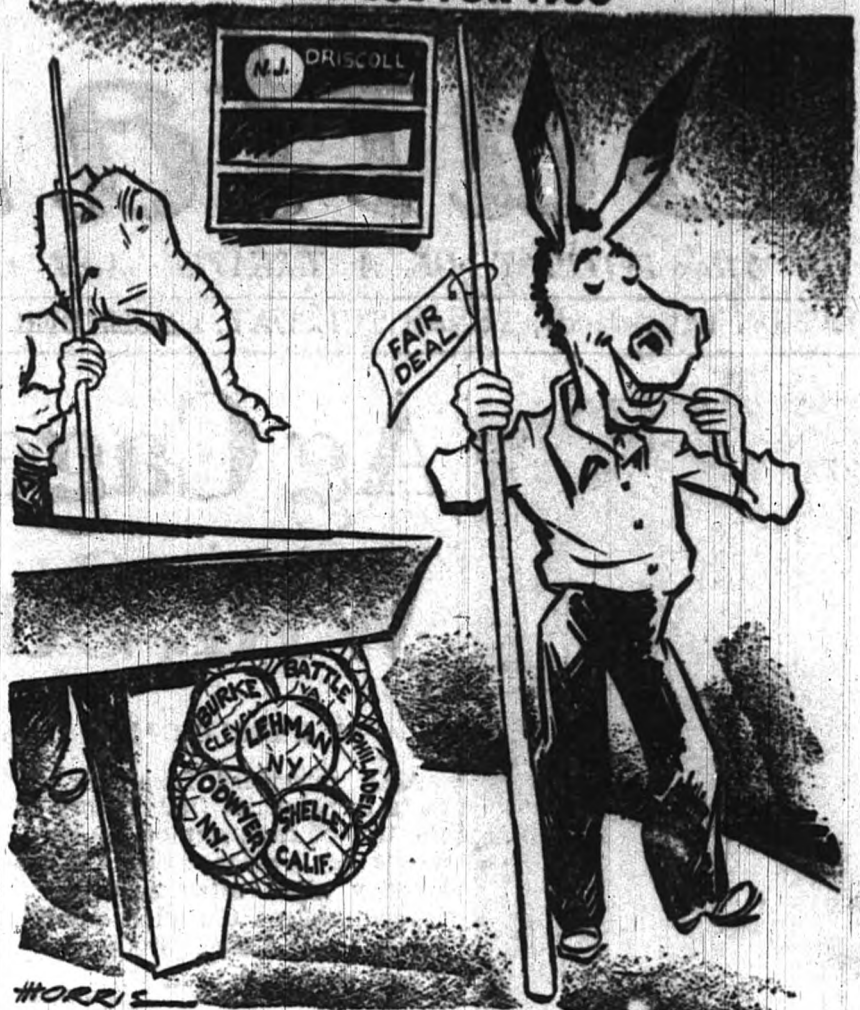
In Passing . . .

That wonderful season of mistletoe, tinsel, the decorated evergreen tree, and gifts has descended upon us.

Possibly it is because of increased department store campaigns exploiting the Christmas spirit of giving, that each year we become aware a little bit earlier of the season's fast approach. These merchants climaxing their year's advertising with mammoth Christmas campaigns have

taught us to think in terms of "how many more shopping days before . . ."

Through their only natural efforts to make money, however, many of us have lost the true conception of what giving and good will and Christmas mean. Giving should not be a matter of what a person is obligated to do. Rather, it should be a matter of what a person wants to do.



What's Cooking

- ASHVE, 6 p. m., Tuesday, Fin Feather Club. Guest speaker and Singing Cadets.
AGRICULTURE SOCIETY, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, Lecture Room, Animal Industries.
APPLICANTS FOR MEAT JUDGING TEAM meeting in Room 203 of Animal Industries Building Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m.
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB meets Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p. m. in the E.E. Bldg.
AUSTIN CLUB, Tuesday night, December 13, 7:30 p. m. Room 108 Academic Building. Plans for Christmas party to be discussed.
BIOLOGY CLUB, Tuesday night 7:30 p. m. in Biology Lecture Room. Science Hall.
BUSINESS SOCIETY, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, YMCA Chapel. Discussion of AggieLand '50 picture.

Official Notice

- Will the students having the following I. D. numbers please come by Dean Barlow's Office, Rm. 210 Petroleum Building, 7:30 a. m. or call 4-5744.
49, 74 Brunson, 287 Wood, J. F., 425 Morten, J. L., 436 Lancaster, 449 McDaniel, 485, 504 Nelson, 505 Maesey, 557 Wallace, 583 Oradai, 586 Gradat, 607 Yater, 617 Lynch, 712 Cloninger, 715 Schmidt, 722 McDaniel, 727 Ficker, 759 Johnson, 766 Goodwin, 769 Anderson, B. J., 782 Martin, C. D., 786 Maesey, 797 Franklin, 820 Elyon, 828 Farnas, 832 Potts, 871 Phillips, 875 Rice, J. R., 880 Meyer, 922 Simpson, 935 Sullivan, 936 Rice, J. E., 941 Nauer, 960 Sattou, 967 Perry, 970 Sullivan, 977 Patterson, 983 Frisco, 991 Nauer, 1013 Scott, 1024 Pigott, 1026 Stevenson, 1028 Mitchell, 1032 Rabb, 1033 Stanford, 1035 Pyle, 1042 Reeves, 1046 Strain, 1050 Collier, 1057 Piggott, 1059 Schmidt, E. J., 1060 Sparks, 1061 Stevens, 1062 Savage, 1064 Pape, 1065 Swartz, 1068 Russell, 1069 Smith, 1069 Simmons, 1077 Singleton, 1078 Spalding, 1084 Sparks, 1086 Sinclair, 1099 Frazier, 1101 Russell, 1102 Siegel, 1107 Patterson, 1112 Russell, 1119 Shelton, 1120 Schroeder, 1125 Rychnik, 1130 Droid, 1139 Spodgrass, 1150 Stephens, 1160 Skyles, 1166 Davis, R. B., 1173 Price, W. S., 1175 Coulter, 1176 Ragland, 1178 Dieckman, 1181 Crow, 1183 Darby, 1184 Campbell, 1186 Stockard, 1197, 1202 Fehrmann, 1206 Foster, 1217 Ross, 1225 Fuchs, 1227 Sinclair, 1228 Cooper, 1233 Duhon, 1237 Elliott, 1240 Darby, 1250 Feneas, 1254 Dolive, 1252 Francis, 1254 Dixon, 1257 Stubblefield, 1259 Humphries, 1294 Davis, C. E., 1296, 1316 Enloe, 1327 Hughes, 1328 Pringle, 1335 Johnson, J. E., 1332 Hinckley, 1336 Kirkpatrick, 1371 Flanagan, 1379 Guthrie, 1380 Daniel, 1382 Herring, 1399 Holman, 1387 Hauser, 1403 Hudgins, 1411 Johnson, R. B., 1414 Gann, 1419 Hoy, 1423 Holloway, 1428 Gobel, 1434 Gould, 1438 Riddle, 1439 Hubert, 1442 Fairchild, 1444 Horation, 1452 Jewell, 1453 Holcomb, 1458 Jones, R. L., 1466 Hayes, 1474 Gordy, 1475 Hatcher, 1478 Hand, 1483 Fleener, 1487 Knapp, 1489 Garney, 1491 Goff, 1493 Hauser, 1500 Holland, 1529 Dawson, 1540 Kosarek, 1560 Holmes, 1568 Smith, 1563 Miller, Roy, 282 Garcia, 3177, 3178, 3322 Goodyear, 3402, 3412 Lotz, 3442 Price, C. F., 3443, 3610 Robbins, 3851 Johnson, J. E., 3960, 3941 Green, 3969, 4016 Jones, 4028, 4190 Smith, 4198 Johnson, E., 4308 Jones, E. Gaylon, 4322 Miller, Wallace, 4479 Anderson, 4482, 4561, 4673 Gray, J. D., 4795, 4850, 4898, 5079 Jones, 5214, 5216, 5295 Price, 5441 Smith, C. H., 5613 Thompson, 5649 Cox, W. H., 5574, 5722 Price, C. F., 5810, 5921 Wright, Bobby, 6303, 6316, 6372, 7051 Wilson, Wm.

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'Twas the Week Before Christmas

BY FRANK SHEFFIELD (Editor's Note—The following poem was submitted as a letter to the editor by the author.)
'Twas the week before Christmas The season of Yule Not an Aggie was home They were still in school.
The cadets in their uniforms To classes did mope For in old Santa They had given up hope.
Their stockings were hung By the radiators near While visions of sugar plums Danced in their beer
The spirit was falling All seemed to be lost What they wanted for Christmas Was beyond a cost
The mistletoe hung No one had a date Who wanted to stand under it With their damn roommate.
The grade points were decreasing Aggies knew of their doom Not a slip stick was slipping In one single room.
They called a yell practice To fight for the cause And to spell it out For Old Santa Claus.
As the cadets sadly sang To the tune Jingle Bells Even old Sully Seem to feel like Hell.
Then from the new area There came such a clatter Everyone rushed on over To see what was the matter.
And then they realized Their wish wasn't in vain For there was St. Nick And his tiny mule train.
He stood in his sleigh With a twinkle in his eye He yelled well, old Army As he took off his tie.
A wildcat arose And when the noise broke Some guy in the rear Yelled tell us a joke.
But Santa continued To search for the clue For just what had happened And why the Aggies were blue.
All the Aggies in the past From all over the world Wanted their stockings full Of a Live Varga girl.
A "fish" volunteered To step forth and say What we want for Christmas Is more holidays.
"Will you didn't you say so" Said Santa with a gleam "I'll go have a conference With the profs and the deans"
"Now look here you guys," Said Santa so rough "These Aggies are tired Of quizzes and stuff"
They all need a rest You'll all best agree Or you'll get no presents On your Christmas tree.

Texas Engineer Hits Research

New Orleans, (AP)—A University of Texas Petroleum engineer criticized today the petroleum recovery research in oil-state universities.
The professor, Dr. G. H. Fancher, termed it "Penny-wise and pound-foolish."
Fancher spoke at the Interstate Oil Compact Commissioner's winter session.
He said about 2,500 students are studying petroleum engineering in those institutions each year. "They need the benefit of teaching inspired by research and of obtaining perhaps some research experience themselves to better serve the country in increasing oil recovery," Dr. Fancher said.
The Pennsylvania Legislature is the only state law-making body appropriating money for either fundamental or applied oil recovery except in pitifully inadequate amounts despite the recognized importance of petroleum production to oil-state economies, Fancher said.
He said that except in recovery research, petroleum engineering education facilities are adequate in most cases.

Ag 429 Required For Smith-Hughes

To qualify for teaching under the Smith-Hughes Act all students majoring in agricultural education must take agricultural education 429 and do two weeks of practice teaching, according to Henry Ross, professor in the Agricultural Education Department.
While the students are practice teaching, the library, supervised farming program, workshop, visual aid equipment, and the arrangement of the classroom are studied closely.
According to Professor Ross, the students doing practice teaching this week are P. C. Hamlin, T. G. March, and I. M. Burns at Hondo; Steve Lindsey, Sterling Lindsey, and D. White at Pearsall; M. Cernik, I. Q. Sewell, and F. N. Copeland at Moulton; G. A. Frank, and O. L. Fuchs at Luling; and C. R. Moss, M. T. Parr, and C. R. Lowe at Hearne.

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