

LSU Takes Lead To Help, Encourage Profs

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY has set the pace with an idea for schools of the nation to take into consideration. They have established a way to:

- recognize outstanding professors of their school
give them pay raises
encourage the best instructors in the country to want employment there.

The Board of Supervisors set up a plan called "distinguished professorships." Any one getting the award automatically will receive a minimum pay hike of \$1,000, and their salary will not be less than \$9,600 a year.

President Troy H. Middleton of LSU expressed a sound opinion which struck home with a number of school boards and systems around the nation.

You Are Needed To Fill Quota

THROUGHOUT Texas, people are saying: "I would like to give blood today, but I've got my Christmas shopping to do."

The Texas blood bank and Red Cross officials say they are not getting enough donations. Most places holding blood drives are falling far below their quota.

Along with the "Christmas shopping" excuse, many Texans are complaining because "we've been hearing this story all year—more blood."

Texans, and other U. S. citizens, will continue to hear this plea so long as war continues in Korea. The blood which is donated during these drives is flown directly to the front.

A&M students and College residents who have not given this year will have an opportunity to contribute again Dec. 17.

The quota this time is 200 pints. Students will have a chance to register by applying with the dean of men's office. College Station residents also can make appointments by calling 4-5014.

Giving a pint of blood before Dec. 25 may make it a "Merry Christmas" for someone in Korea who might need it.

higher up in the system, and they will make the decision. The criteria recommended for consideration in the selections include everything from listing in Who's Who in America, American Men of Science, and other similar compilations, down to production record, books, articles, and other evidences of productive scholarship in the respective fields.

LSU has started something with its distinguished professorships which possibly could be a permanent part of every first-rate college's program. The Louisiana educators seem to feel that through a satisfied and well trained teaching staff, a better product and greater school will result.

A&M and other Texas colleges should take notice.

Late, As Usual

THE FISCAL Office could play Santa Claus to a lot of people if it would "get on a stick" and produce the payroll and student checks of last month.

"Some must follow, and some command, though all are made of clay."—Longfellow.

Study of Sex

THIS WEEK in the MSC and the YMCA, sex holds the spotlight. Monday in the 'Y' and tonight in the Center.

Lawrence Sullivan Ross and Gov. Richard Coke would have been shocked out of their boots and leggins had anyone suggested to them the proposal of a course in sex education, marriage and mental hygiene.

Many used to consider it private, and not part of a liberal education. Today, this can not and should not be thought of in the same manner.

At Dartmouth, an all-male college, a required course for freshmen discusses the human body, reproduction, heredity and marriage.

A&M, like many schools, surveys the field in a biology course and has an elective course about the family. Yet, no mention of the scientific nature of a family is included.

The methods of sex education now being used here with extra and outside courses helps considerably. They should be encouraged, and more study be given to the problem by the school.

The smell, the smoke, but no fire, How I hate this dadgum briar. I only wish that I might have A smooth tobacco, like a salve. But this I know, and you'll agree About the pipe smoking contest in the MSC.

It's tomorrow night and quite an affair You'll see my signals in the air.



Pipe Smoking Contestants Practicing

Wednesday
2 p.m.—Group Morgan, Room 2B MSC.
5-6 p.m.—MSC House Committee Coffee, Assembly Room MSC.
5 p.m.—Ross Volunteers, Room 3B and 3C MSC.
6 p.m.—Hillel Foundation, YMCA Cabinet Room. Program is by Cantor George Wagner of Temple Beth Yeshurun of Houston.
7 p.m.—Marital Relations, Assembly Room MSC.
Bowling Committee, Room 3C MSC.
7:15 p.m.—Aggie Christian Fellowship, Chapel of YMCA, Film "God of the Atom" will be shown.
Lufkin Club, Fountain Room MSC.
Browsing Library Committee, Room 3B MSC.
Executive Committee, Senate Chamber, MSC.
Hillel Foundation, Room 2C MSC.
7:30 p.m.—Air Force Reserve, Rooms 2A and 2B MSC.
AVMA Auxiliary, Social Room MSC.
Kiwanis Club Installation Banquet, Ballroom MSC.
7:45 p.m.—Dinner for Entertainers from Prairie View, Room 2D MSC.
Thursday
8 a.m.—5 p.m.—Petroleum Research, Ballroom MSC.
1-10 p.m.—Pipe Smoking Contest, Assembly Room MSC.
1:30 p.m.—Group Breazeale, Room 2A MSC.

Economy Is Reason For AF Change

Provisions of the new Air Force reserve permanent commission will be explained by Maj. Norris A. Hiett, of the 917th VART Group, at a meeting in the MSC of Air Force reserve officers in this area. "This meeting has been called to outline the advantages of the new permanent type commissions over the old system whereby the individual reserve officer renewed his commission every five years," said Col. J. B. Williams, commanding officer of the 917th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Group.

CA Elects Strange Planning Chairman

Don Ernest Strange, Junior from Abilene, was elected chairman of the planning commission for the regional Canterbury Association at the Episcopal Students Convention held in San Antonio Dec. 5-7.

Strange was among 28 A&M students from St. Thomas' Chapel who attended the meeting. The principal speaker was the Rev. John Paul Carter, Episcopal chaplain at the University of Texas.

The regional Canterbury Association will meet here Jan. 9-10. John C. Akard, junior from Dallas, is president of the association.

Pasture Class Sets South Texas Trip

The pasture management class will leave Thursday at 7 a. m. on a two day field trip to South Texas to study pasture improvement programs and related research, said Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, turf specialist and agronomy instructor.

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LPL ABNER Two Of A Kind



New Schools Require Only People's OK

By HARRI BAKER Battalion City Editor

The College Station school board has a new school building program all planned, including a bond issue and a tax raise, but the go-ahead signal will have to come from the people.

Nothing can be done until the registered, property holding voters decide in favor of the bond issue at the election Jan. 20.

At that time, they will be asked to approve a \$650,000 bond issue to cover the cost of the program, which includes the building of a new high school and an elementary school in College Hills.

If approved, the bonds will be sold to the lowest bidder, that is, the bonding company that agrees to accept the lowest rate of interest. School authorities would like to get a three per cent interest rate.

A bonding company will probably buy the whole issue, then sell the bonds to individuals. College Station people will be entitled to first option on them.

Unless the school board has enough revenue to assure interest payments on the bonds, bonding companies won't consider buying. This is why the school board will have to raise taxes. The proposed \$18,000 yearly increase in taxes will give them a total yearly revenue of \$105,000.

About half of this will be used to pay interest on the new bond issue and past bonds, and the rest will be used for maintenance and operation of the school system.

Asks Evaluation Raise

At the City Council meeting Monday night, the school board asked if the city would consider raising its evaluation to make it the same as the school board's increase. Since both taxes are assessed and collected by the city, having two different evaluation rates would considerably complicate tax gathering.

This would not necessarily mean an increase in city taxes, according to city officials. The city could cut back its tax rate proportional to the evaluation increase, so the city taxes would remain the same.

For instance, if the evaluation were doubled, the tax rate would be cut in half, cancelling the effect of the evaluation raise as far as city taxes are concerned.

The school board would also cut back its tax rate after the evaluation raise, but the rate cut would be adjusted to give a school tax increase.

Using the same example, if the evaluation rate were doubled, the school board might cut its rate by one-fourth, giving an increase in revenue without assessing the full rate allowed by the new evaluation.

Seeks Full Amount

The school board is now taxing the full amount allowed under the present evaluation. They have the power to raise the evaluation for school tax purposes whenever they feel the need, as long as the evaluation does not go over the property's actual worth.

The Texas Education Agency and the state Attorney General's office check school boards on financial matters of this sort.

The exact amount of the tax increase will not be decided until the bonds are sold. (See SCHOOLS NEED, Page 4)

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