

Flight Ops for Groundhogs

Eagle Shows Ill Will, Judgement

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The great Eagle soared from his lofty mountain perch not long ago and surveyed his new kingdom nestled in the peaceful Brazos Valley.



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recruit enough fighters for his almighty patriotic cause. But he had a job to do, and being a highly determined eagle, he at last struck upon an idea which seemed a means to end all means.

He would convert groundhogs to his cause. He would teach them how to fly. He would tell them of the honor and glory of flying like an eagle, and they would fall in step to the pound of his drumming. Perhaps receive the Eagle's Cross. Then he could fly back to his for service Above and Beyond the mountain with all the recruits, and call of duty.

Groundhogs Did Not Want to Fly

Trouble at once invaded the peaceful valley. For some strange reason which he couldn't comprehend, the groundhogs didn't want to fly. Only a fourth of them fell to the tune of the drum beat.

However, the strong headed Eagle relentlessly indoctrinated his groundhogs at assemblies he called together.

He told them how stupid it was not to want to master the air, that if they didn't join in the fight, the Bear would pounce on them after he conquered the mountain.

Displeasure Turns to Forceful Anger

Growing more displeased with each day's failures, the Eagle came upon his last and most horrible means of accomplishing his mission. He would threaten the groundhogs.

And naturally if he threatened them, he would be forced to back his word. For he was an Eagle First Class, and he had gained the title through compliance to orders and holding to his convictions.

He assembled the groundhogs and declared, "I have the power and authority to use any means available to persuade you groundhogs to fly. I haven't resorted to this yet, but if you persist in being

The Eagle even gave each of his recruits a wing so the other groundhogs would see how proud and exclusive their brothers were.

Still the stubborn groundhogs refused to go away with the Eagle. They told him, "We don't want to fly away with you. We'll be gone four long years from our happy home in the valley."

But the ever-wise Eagle replied, "Alright. You stay here and run and play. Feed on the bountiful grass and herbs in this peaceful valley and enjoy your ill-won life of ease. He left.

obstinate, I'll make you sorry you ever saw me." The foolish unsuspecting groundhogs didn't listen. They thought it was just another wind-blown exaggeration. There were no new recruits.

In fact some of the groundhogs who had already signed up with him became afraid of the Eagle and withdrew their names from his ranks. The Eagle was furious. Again he left.

He was extremely confused, and his threat was nothing. Absolutely empty. If only he had possessed the foresight to look a little farther up the valley, he would have seen thousands of little sparrows just begging to join in the fight and take to the air. But the Eagle, through the orders of the great white Eagle, had declared that a certain amount of these sparrows must stay on the ground.

The Eagle who needed recruits so desperately would not turn around and accept the many requests from the tiny but powerful sparrows. It was too simple. But these small birds grow in size as their numbers increase, and a few will soon make the many, and this many will eventually comprise the power which he so blindly demands.

SHSTC Honor Roll Names Two CS Student

Mrs. Segred Belcher and Juanita Murray, both of College Station, were among the 140 students named to the honor roll by Sam Houston State Teachers College for the fall semester.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U of T Prof's Plans Cause Careful Reading

Editors, The Battalion:

An item you carried in the Feb. 20 issue was so amazing I had to read it a second time to catch the full significance of it. In the first place, the headline, "UT Prof to Teach Graduate German Here," is misleading, since there are no students here who are qualified to take German courses on the graduate level. The body of the article correctly states "courses to graduate students preparing for the examination in foreign languages."

So accepting the release for publication, did it not occur to you that you were becoming party to a plan to damage our own department? We have a German department which offers four basic courses and also makes available courses for "graduate students preparing for the examination in foreign languages." Furthermore, we also give the examination!

It is not my purpose here to discuss the merits of Prof. Pollard's teaching methods. On the other hand, I assure it to be the height of presumption and arrogance for a department head to travel all day long to pick up a little extra money at the expense of other people's dignity and livelihood and to do so on the very campus where these other people teach!

The least which some of us in the department expected from The Battalion upon receipt of the release was to contact us to ascertain our feeling on the matter.

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Department

Roth Slated To Address AAC Today

George A. Roth, personal aircraft research center, will speak this afternoon to the Agriculture Aviation Conference in the MSC. He will speak on the "Preliminary Measurements of Rice, Seed and Fertilizer."

Nationally known aircraft engineer and designer, Fred Weick, is chairman of the conference. Weick is supervisor of the A&M wind tunnel at Easterwood Airport. The Ag-1, latest airplane for agriculture use, is being displayed at Easterwood Field in connection with this conference. Weick was designer, builder and tester of the plane.

Various firms have displays pertaining to the conference on the second floor of the MSC. Shell Chemical Corporation has a display on their contribution to cotton insect control. Dupont and American Chemical Paint Co. are advertising their efforts towards "brush killers," while Southwestern Supplies Division and Mitchell Industries Inc. show advancement in aviation accessories.

Meriwether, '23, Named Plant Superintendent

H. Ross Meriwether, '23 who received his degree in civil engineering, has been named general superintendent of glass making departments at Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company in Shreveport, John Goodwillie, factory manager announced.

Safeguard Academic Freedom

Communism Search to Aid Colleges, Jenner Asserts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 — (AP) — Chairman Jenner R-Ind. said today the Senate internal security subcommittee's search for communism in the schools is designed "to protect and safeguard academic freedom," not attack it.

"There can be no academic freedom until this Soviet conspiracy hidden in our schools and colleges is exposed to the light and the rule of Moscow over its adherents in the education world is broken," he said.

Jenner's statement was prepared for the subcommittee's resumption of hearings today and obviously was intended as a reply to recent criticisms of congressional investigators invading the educational field.

Four Witnesses Called

Four witnesses, not named in advance, were called to testify today. Three were described as professors from the New York City area and the other as from Washington.

Earlier, Jenner had called Sen. Taft of Ohio, the Senate Republican leader, "rather naive" for remarks he made in a speech in Chicago on Saturday.

"The record of this committee, when we complete our hearings, will be a complete answer to anything of that kind," Jenner said of Taft's speech.

Taft had said congressional investigators have the right to expose Communist teachers. But Taft, who is a member of the corporation of Yale University, also said, "I would not favor firing anyone for being a Communist unless I was certain that he was teaching communism and having some effect on the development of the thought of the students."

Overwhelming Evidence Seen

Jenner's statement today said his subcommittee has "overwhelming evidence . . . that there is a small but dangerous group of teachers in our public schools and colleges . . . This net work is operated from Moscow through the Soviet disciplinary organs in this country . . ."

"The first line of defense against this conspiracy," Jenner continued, "lies in our private schools and colleges and in the local government officials responsible for tax-supported institutions."

But he said they are struggling against "a world-wide conspiratorial organization" and cannot meet the threat alone. The function of Congress, he said, is to help them by dealing with "the national and international aspects of this conspiracy."

Summey To Speak Student Activities Fee At Hillel Meeting

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Dr. George Summey Jr. will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Hillel Foundation tomorrow night at 7:30 in Room 2-C of the MSC. Dr. Summey will speak on the ethical teachings of Baruch Spinoza, a 17th Century philosopher.

Spinoza frequently called "The God Intoxicated Man" was persecuted during his life for his views on God, man and the universe. He is acclaimed today for being a great liberator of human thought. His fundamental theory was that God is not part of the universe but living and moving in man and the universe at one time. Dr. Summey will discuss Spinoza's theory of an all-pervading God.

Alvin Golman, student president of the Foundation, extends an invitation to all who are interested.

The president showed how the medical fee (one-third of the \$15 paid at A&M) is a necessity: "If a boy gets sick in the dormitory with a contagious disease, we would have to take him to the college hospital for protection of others—whether he had paid the fee or not."

In relation to actual cost to the student, he said, "on a voluntary basis, I think every boy would want at least two or three of the items and he would probably have to pay as much for those items as he would for the entire program when all are participating."

"It would be hard to deny a boy participation in intramural athletics and recreational programs because he had not paid his activity fee, and yet those who did pay should not bear the cost for all."

The President said he did not know of a single student at A&M who had to drop out because of the required activity fee in the last five years.

"Only 20 hours of student labor are necessary to earn a boy enough money to pay the fee," President Harrington told the committee. "We have people begging for student laborers but we cannot get boys who need the money badly enough to take the jobs."

"I do not think a required student activity fee will keep any boy from getting his college education," the President concluded.

Money collected from the activity fee at A&M goes to the college hospital, athletic department, MSC, The Battalion, The Aggiegland, Intramural athletics and the college swimming pool.

A similar bill expired in October after a five-year term.

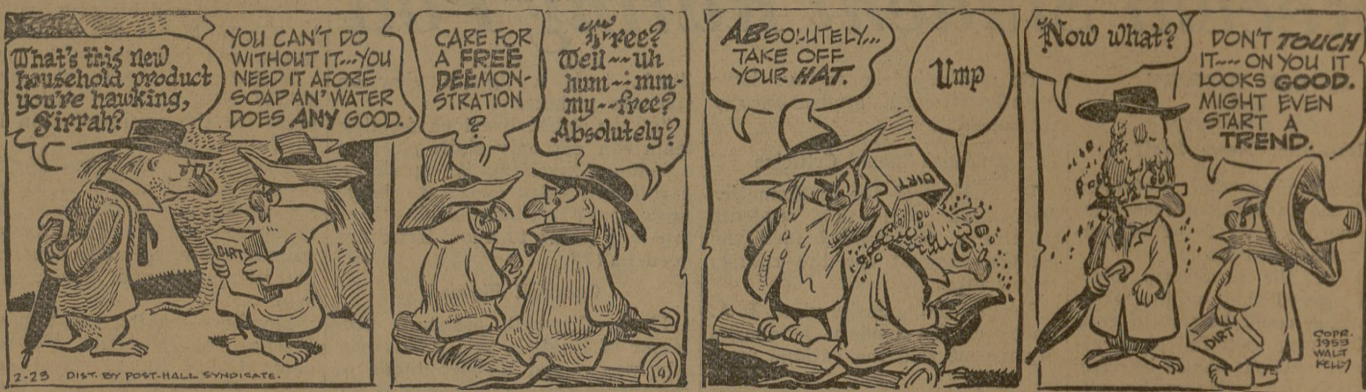
Irvin Will Speak To AAUP Tonight

Barlow Irvin, athletic director, will speak to the American Association of University Professors at 7:30 tonight in the YMCA.

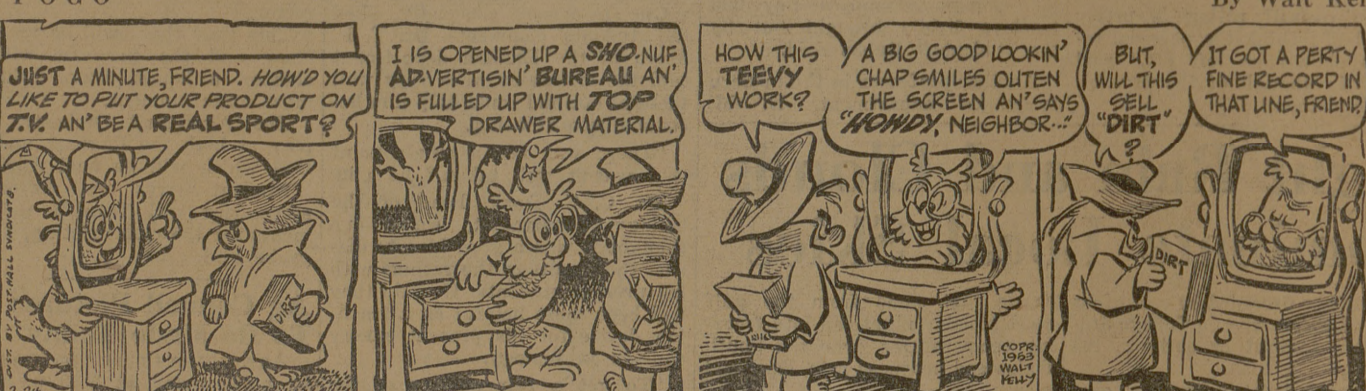
Irvin will talk on "Major Problems in the Administration of College Athletics." C. W. Crawford, head of the mechanical engineering department, is program chairman.

Local membership of the AAUP is 175 and the meetings are open to any interested persons. Daniel R. Davis, associate professor of rural sociology, is president; Dale F. Leipper, head of the department of oceanography, is vice-president and William F. Adams, associate professor of electrical engineering, is secretary-treasurer.

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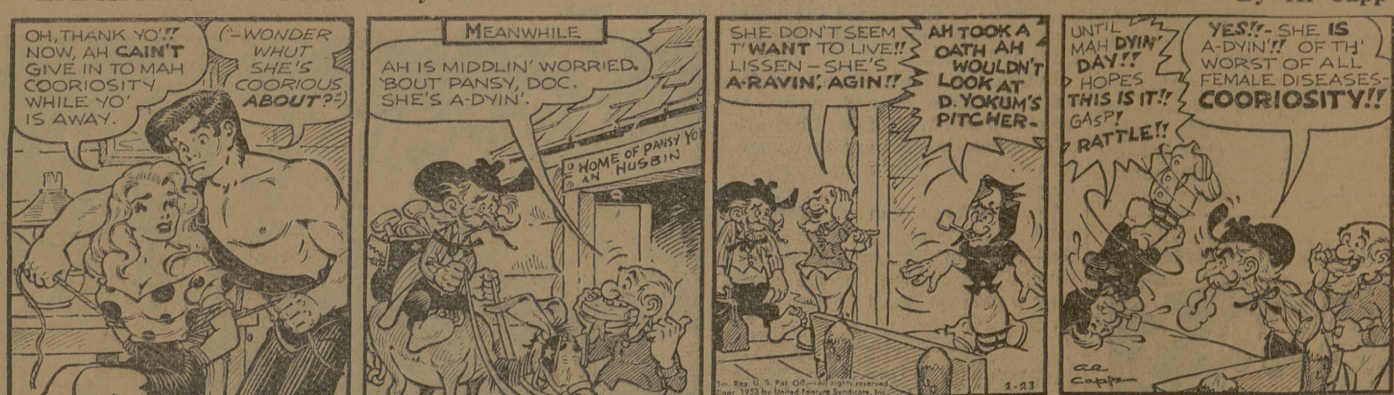


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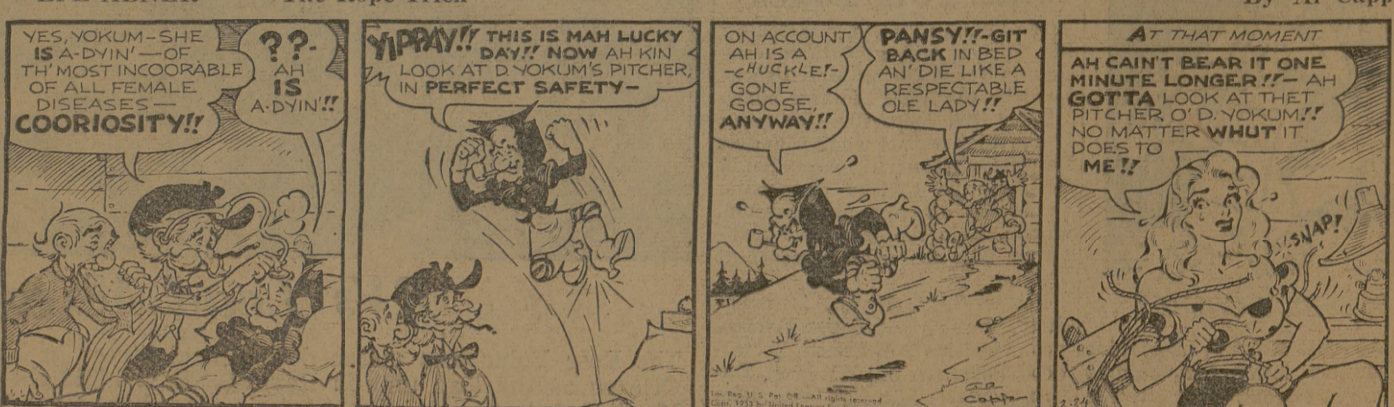
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