

Battalion Editorials

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Rule Violation Helps Thieves in Room Looting

Three freshmen have just confessed to thefts totaling \$2500.

Last month a junior was held at gun point by a robber he surprised in his room at night.

A non-military student in Mitchell hall awoke one night last semester to find a prowler lurking near his bed.

In October an armed bandit held up the Circle Drive-In Theater box office.

Yet the majority of cadet freshmen, sophomores and juniors can not lock their doors at night when they go to bed.

According to the policy of many corps units, only a senior may lock his room when he is inside. An underclassman risks punishment if he is caught in his room with the door locked. Many cadet units still follow this rule, although A&M is undergoing one of the worst outbreaks of thefts in recent years.

Once again "College Regulations" is being violated and no one in authority seems to care. The A&M rule books says "Each

student shall have the right to maintain the privacy of his room by keeping his door closed or locked, and by refusing admittance to any one except College or Cadet officers on official duty."

But this regulation is overlooked in the interests of class distinction and consequently the freshman, sophomore or junior goes to bed at night without knowing whether or not he will find his billfold when he awakes the next morning.

Anyone should have the right to protect his personal property at all times. Placing a chair against the door will not keep a determined thief out of a room. Hooking the closet doors together in front of the room entrance does not insure adequate safety. A door must be locked.

If cadet commanders value the safety of their men's belongings, they should allow them to follow the college rules. And if the administration values the college rules, it should see that the regulations are obeyed.

Mobiles in Your Home--IV

Cardboard, String Make Decorations

(Editors Note—This is the last in a series of four articles on the use of mobiles in home decoration.)

Want to make a mobile?

Here is how John Lynch, who has made thousands, says you can assemble a mobile of five pieces (pictured) out of cardboard, wire and string or thread:

1. Decide if you are going to use five simple, related shapes, or five complicated unrelated shapes; four simple and one complicated or other combinations. An uneven number of pieces achieves a more interesting effect.

2. Mark up and cut cardboard into chosen shapes. Let's use simple shapes: one small circle and four crescent variations of different sizes, the largest about nine inches across.

3. Stick straight pin into top edge of the shape at about its balance point. Punch small hole about 1/8 inch below pin and tie piece of string through hole. Remove pin and do same thing with other pieces. (Rings cut from wire and shaped by pliers can be used instead of string to fasten pieces.)

4. Curve lightly four pieces of wire of varying lengths (say 12, 19, 24 and 25 inches) and make loops at ends with pliers.

5. Tie stringed pieces 1 and 2 to loops of arm A. (Lynch emphasizes starting at the bottom outside and working in and up so the top will not be out of balance.)

6. Find balance point of arm by adjusting piece of string around approximate middle of arm until pieces balance. With pliers bend wire to form loop at balance point. (Remember, balance loop should always be made above the arm, attachment loops below it.)

7. Tie loop of arm B to balance loop of arm A. Tie piece 3 to arm B's unattached loop. Find new balance point with string as before, make balance loop on arm B.

8. Attach piece 4 to loop of arm C. Attach C's other loop to arm B's balance loop, find new point of balance, make balance looping arm C.

9. Tie piece 5 to loop in arm D, attach other loop to arm C's balance point, make balance loop in arm D.

10. Attach string to balance loop, suspend completed mobile where it will swing freely.

Zinn Tells AAUW About Duties

Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men, explained his duties as advisor to foreign students to the international relations group of the American Association of University Women at the home of Mrs. James G. Potter.

"Many students from other countries attend A&M on scholarships set up by the state department at a cost of several thousand dollars to our government for each student," he said.

"Obviously, it is necessary to select such students by careful screening methods, to help them adjust to their surroundings, and to be concerned with their welfare and academic progress," he said.

Of the 137 foreign students now at A&M, about 5 per cent pay their own expenses for their education; some are attending under the Point IV program of international exchange; others receive scholarship grants from private industries in their own countries.

In cases where the student is forced to find employment to finance his education, Zinn's office helps to find such jobs.

"To overcome deficiency in the English language, a special course is offered in the English department for the benefit of these students. Close relation is maintained with the Institute for International Education, through which grants are made for special study and travel," Zinn added.



Architectural Wives Use Valentine Theme

A Valentine theme was carried out at the first meeting of the semester of the Architectural Wives society.

The meeting, an informal party, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Parnell. Thirty guests were present.

New members of the club were welcomed by the old members. New members are Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson, Mrs. Peggy Carpenter, Mrs. Jody Elam and Mrs. Ed Wilmsen. Faculty members and their wives present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hornbeak, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rotsch and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vrooman.

The party began with a treasure hunt. Small objects were hidden throughout the rooms and the couples were paired off and given a list of the small objects.

The teams winning the prizes for locating all items hidden were Mr. and Mrs. Stalter and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter.

After the hunt, the guests played bingo. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Rotsch, J. C. Walden, Mrs. Vrooman, Mrs. Faye Parsons, Tommy Thompson and Ed Wilmsen.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated with a lined outwork table cloth. Centering the table were white candles mixed with ivy and pansies. Punch was served from a crystal bowl by Mrs. Dee Stalter.

The valentine theme was carried out in decorative punch and cake with candies placed at vantage

throughout the rooms. Later the couples watched television.

Hostesses for the evening were Mary Lou Lassen, Dee Stalter, Marion Simmons, Helen Parnell, Marsha Sharp, Ann Dudley and Bobbie Sholar.

Watts Will Lead Catholic Services

Father Caspar Watts will conduct services at St. Mary's chapel during Religious Emphasis week.

Father Watts is a member of the Order of the Passion of Christ, now with the Holy Name Retreat house in Houston.

Sunday masses will be at 8:30 and 10 a. m. After the last Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, continuing all day. At 7:15 p. m. the Rosary will be recited followed by a conference by Father Watts.

The schedule for Monday through Thursday will be Mass and brief meditation at 6:30 a. m. Rosary, Conference and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 7:15 p. m.

Father Watts has indicated he will speak on topics such as courtship and marriage and morality and sin. He has conducted Forty Hours Devotions and Days of Recollection in Los Angeles and Pasadena, Calif., as well as in the Oklahoma and Kansas City Dioceses.

Senate Must Elect Five New Members

An election to fill five recently vacated seats in the senate will be held Feb. 24.

The five seats were vacated by Leo Draper, senior representative; Paul Garcia and Don Dixon, representatives of the sophomore class; Seymour Smith, Bizell hall; and Wallace Birks, Mitchell hall.

D. D. (Buddy) Foxworth was elected election committee chairman replacing Draper.

According to W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, assistant manager of student activities, qualified students interested in becoming candidates, may file application in the office of student activities beginning Monday. Filing will close at 5 p. m. Feb. 22.

To be eligible to file for office a student must have at least a sophomore classification, a grade point ratio of 1.9 or better, and live in the dormitory or be in the class he represents.

News Briefs

MICHEL MOUSKHELY, authority on the Soviet and European political problems, will speak at 6:30 p. m. Saturday at the A&M Wesley foundation. He will speak on European political conditions.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS in fields other than religion can apply for scholarships in a series of summer seminars on "Christian Foundations for Teaching." More information can be obtained from the office of the dean of the college.

ABOUT 200 persons are expected for an Industrial Teachers conference here Feb. 26-27. The short course will be directed by Chris H. Groneman of the industrial education department.

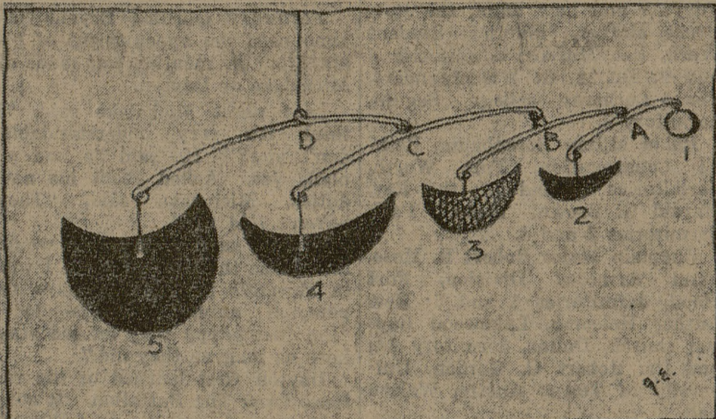
L. F. COLLUM, president of the Continental Oil company of Houston, will give a talk before the Executive Development conference

here Monday. Nineteen young executives from Southwest industries are attending the three-week conference.

"**SMOKEY**", the fire-preventing bear, was presented to Gov. Allan Shivers by Dr. A. D. Folweiler, director of the Texas Forest Service. The bear is the symbol of the cooperative fire prevention program.

EIGHTEEN LETTERS have been received by Charles N. Sheppardson, dean of agriculture, expressing thanks for a pasture short course taught by Dr. R. C. Potts of the agronomy department.

DR. R. L. SKRABANECK of the agricultural economics and rural sociology department, spoke to the Bellville Chamber of Commerce at their annual banquet last night on "Population Trends in Austin County and Their Implications for the Bellville Chamber of Commerce."



Job Interviews

● Feb. 15—The U. S. Naval Air Development Center will recruit electrical, aeronautical and mechanical engineering and physics majors at all degree levels.

● Feb. 15—Continental Oil Company will interview chemical, mechanical, petroleum and industrial engineering, chemistry, physics, business administration and accounting majors. They will interview for positions in the Manufacturing and Petrochemical Department, Land Department Controller's Department, Production Department and Marketing Department.

● Feb. 15—Trane Company will interview mechanical, electrical, industrial and chemical engineering graduates for positions in their home office and also in the field as application and sales engineers.

● Feb. 15-17—The Humble Oil & Refining Company will hold a Group Meeting at 1:15 p. m., Feb. 15, in the Ballroom of the M. S. C. to discuss job opportunities to graduates in electrical, chemical, petroleum, mechanical and geological engineering and physics. They will schedule personal inter-

views will be held in the Placement Office after the meeting. Those who cannot attend the meeting may schedule a personal interview in the Placement Office any time after 2:30 p. m. on the 15th.

● Feb. 16—The Chicago Bridge and Iron Company will interview civil and mechanical engineering graduates at all degree levels. They have an extensive training program to teach young engineers the practical side of their work before assignment to an engineering job.

● Feb. 16—Linde Air Products Company, a Division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, will interview B. S. and M. S. engineers, chemists and physicists—especially mechanical and chemical engineers—for work in research, development, design, production, sales and technical service.

● Feb. 16-17—Gulf Oil Corporation will interview chemical, mechanical, civil and electrical engineers and chemists for employment in the Port Arthur Refinery. All engineers will be hired into a training program of approximately two years.

● Feb. 17—Lion Oil Company will interview chemists and chemical

engineers, preferably Ph. D. men, for work in their Research Division.

Theft

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books at the north gate. Vitrano and Hardaway took their information to Lt. Robert Melcher, coordinator for the freshman regiment, and Captain David B. Cofer, jr., counselor in the freshman regiment.

It then was established that Cadet No. 2 was the one who had sold the stolen books.

Numerous meetings were then held at which the suspected cadets were questioned," the report said.

"Upon being confronted with the facts, Cadet No. 2 admitted taking insignia brass, a clip board, books and a large amplifier. Further questioning revealed that he did not remember all the things that he had taken, and it was decided to search his room.

"This search was made after supper and disclosed a number of articles which Cadet No. 2 admitted taking. "While Cadet No. 2's room was being searched, Cadet No. 1 was questioned. This interview revealed that Cadet No. 1 knowingly traded a telephone for a stolen transformer and that he knew Cadet No. 2 intended to steal an amplifier from Guion hall.

"Cadet No. 2 was originally questioned because earlier he had reported the loss of a camera."

"Meanwhile, Vitrano, in searching Cadet No. 2's room, gained information that implicated the two other cadets.

The cadets were questioned most of Friday, Feb. 5, all day Saturday and Monday until 11 p. m. The father of Cadets No. 1 and 2 were present during some of the questioning.

Students who played a leading role in the investigation in addition to Vitrano and Hardaway were: V. R. Kennedy, commander of the first composite regiment; Otis Templer, first composite regimental staff; J. M. Hickman, commander of the third battalion; and Bill Shepard, first lieutenant in company I.

By Popular Request

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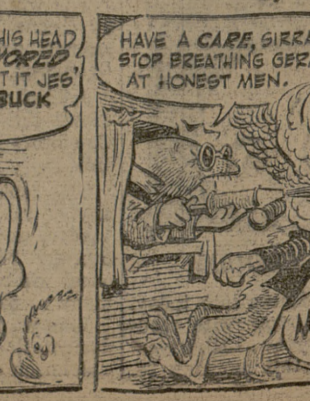
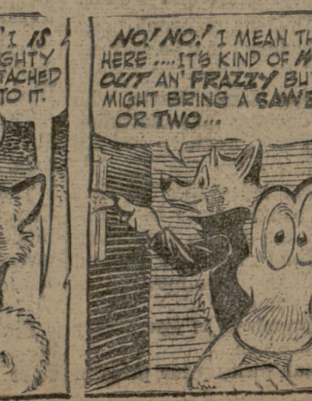
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