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THE BATTALION

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100 % Is Too Much

The Texas legislature, in one of its bursts of misguided economy, has decided that the best way to get money for the schools is to soak the poor students, who generally have no organization for complaining too loud. Students can also be counted on not to complain at the polls in any great number.

The Texas Commission of Higher Education discovered last year that Texas higher education is woefully behind that of other states, and most of the trouble was traced to a lack of money.

As an example, recently the colleges of the state made their budget requests, based on how they thought a college should operate and how much it would take to do it. The requests totaled \$54 million. But the Legislative Budget board, which knows just how much money the state has, said that only \$29 million could be spared for higher education.

The lack of money is not a debatable fact; the debatable fact is whether or not the students should be expected to bear so much of the increase.

A&M has long been known as a "poor boys school", although it doesn't like to advertise the fact. Many students here are

just squeaking by, supporting themselves by student labor and other means. It is conceivable that some of these would have to drop out of school if the tuition were doubled.

The state has guaranteed education to all who wish it; it is the state's responsibility, not the students'.

Texas' tax and general financial structure is somewhat hodge-podge, but there are other possible areas for raising funds. For instance, the proposed amendment broadened the base of investment for the permanent university fund. This would increase the interest on this fund by about one-third.

Presently this fund can be used only for buildings, but the constitutional amendment that would change the investment method could also carry a provision allowing some part of the money to be used for educational purposes.

When the students understand that the raise in tuition would give them better schools, they probably will not object to it too much. But they will feel that they should not carry so much of a load.

A slight increase in tuition, plus an additional source of income, would be a better solution to the problem.



Charles M. Hardin
Political Lecturer

Visiting Professor Serves For Week

Dr. Charles M. Hardin, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, is serving this week as visiting professor in the department of agriculture economics and sociology, and as guest lecturer for the Graduate School. He will hold seminar meetings each day of the week, and will give a graduate lecture at 8 p.m. in the biological science building Tuesday, according to Tyrus R. Timm, head of the agricultural economics and biology department. The daily seminars, from 3-5 p.m. will be in the social room of the Memorial Student Center.

More than 15 million Americans have hearing impairments says the American Hearing Aid Assn.



— LAST DAY —
CinemaScope — Technicolor
"DESIRE"
Jean Simmons — Marlon Brando
— SECOND ATTRACTION —
"DREAM BOAT"
Clifton Webb — Ginger Rogers

Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle



IE To Have Meet

An industrial education conference, sponsored by the industrial education department and the engineering extension service will be held Feb. 25 and 26. Registration will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, and meetings will be held in the MSC and the mechanical engineering shops.



Today thru Saturday

DANGER ROAMS THE KOREAN SKIES!
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE
William Holden
Grace Kelly
Fredric March
Mickey Rooney



RE Week

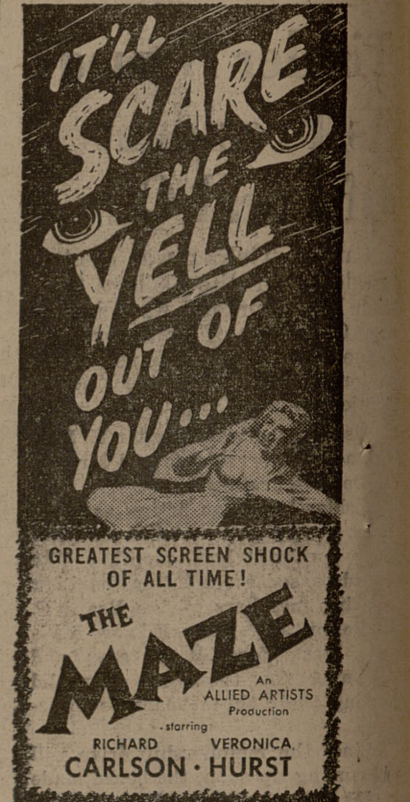
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Waco, will live in Puryear hall and will lead the discussion groups for Puryear, Law and Mitchell halls. The meetings will be in Puryear lounge, and Watson will be available for conferences during the week.

Watson received his AB degree from TCU and his BD degree from Brite College of the Bible at TCU. He is director of youth work, conference director and secretary-treasurer for district 10 Christian churches and is the area representative for the Christian Evangelist. He has served the Richfield Christian church for four years.



TODAY & WEDNESDAY



MSC Committees

Council Names Heads

The Memorial Student Center council last night named two new committee heads and heard a special study report on the MSC directorate.

Named to committee heads were Bob Cannon, camera committee, and Wayne Leverkuhn, special electronics committee.

The special study report on the directorate, prepared by Dick Wall and the dance committee, is an evaluation of the directorate and its activities.

One of the points proposed in the report is that the directorate should have more power, without

all of its action being subject to approval by the MSC council.

A full story on this report, including the results of a dormitory poll taken, will be in The Battalion later this week.

J. Wayne Stark, MSC director, reported that 70 colleges had entered the National Intercollegiate Bridge tournament, sponsored by the MSC. He said he expected a few more entries.

Stark, who is also secretary-treasurer of the council, reported that the Recital series had \$47,533 in its fund; the Great Issues committee, \$1,143.67; and the Film

Society committee, \$102.64.

Council President Charles Parker announced that the council's annual meeting and banquet would be April 28.

He also said the council's nominating committee would meet every night from March 1 to March 9 to consider nominations for next year's chairmen of the directorate committees. The council will act on the nominations soon after March 9.

The council will meet again at 5 p.m. Friday to consider more committee appointments and the new MSC constitution.



BOY SCOUT WEEK — College Station's Troop 102 has erected this tent village at the North Gate, near Walton hall, in honor of national Boy Scout week. The sign hung high in the right background says "Troop 102, College Station, Home of the Texas Aggies."

The Battalion

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What's Cooking

TUESDAY

5:00—Laredo hometown club, front of new Administration building.

Dallas A&M club, front of new Administration building.
7:30—Sigma Delta Chi, "J" shack.

Pre-Law society, room 3C MSC, business meeting.

ASCE, CE lecture room, speaker: Bill Jensen of the placement office.

Agricultural Economics club, 304 Agricultural building, election of officers.

Accounting society, MSC, short business meeting.

Geology club, 140 Geology building, speaker: O. G. McClain on "A Geologist Indulges in Some Philosophical Thought".

Fish and Game club, 3rd floor Agriculture Engineering building, refreshments.

American Foundry society, ME shop foundry.

Cooking tests at Penn State show that venison, if properly cared for after the deer is killed and if properly prepared, can be as tasty as beef.

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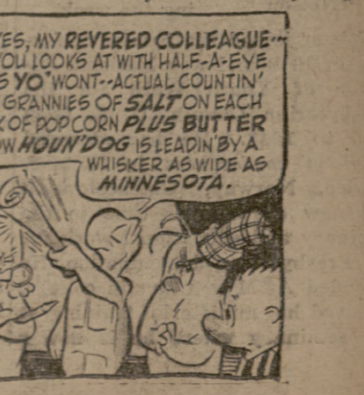
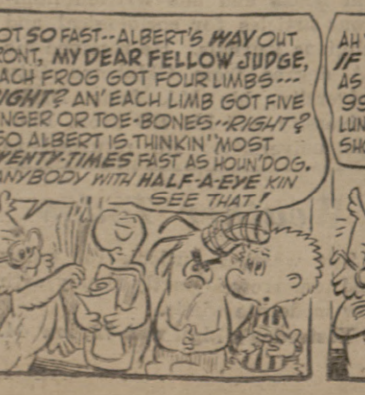
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