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Off the Cuff What Goes On Here

Last week while speculating about P. L. (Pinky) Downs' license number for 1957 The Battalion was wondering what would happen if Pinky came up with TU 04.

Well, yesterday Downs phoned the office and informed the paper that he now sports the license number TT 3421.

The 3421 digits in Pinky's license denote the score of the 1956 A&M-TU football game in Memorial Stadium.

Pinky went on to say that he didn't want, and wouldn't think of having a license with the "TU" prefix on his car, but would look at the 3421 every day when he got in his car and remember "that" Thanksgiving afternoon when the Aggies broke the jinx.

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Along the same vein—Pinky Downs had the tax assessor and collector people standing on their heads looking for his license plate, and refused to leave the office until they came up with the plate with the score on it he wanted.

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Barbara Boyd, the brunette who works over at the main desk in the MSC reports she came near to ending her job yesterday afternoon when the members of the Ballet Russe cast began registering for their rooms.

Our sympathy goes out to her as she stumbled through all 11 letters in Igor Youskevitch.

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Always trying to print both sides of the issue in question and to show The Battalion is not biased—

Local members of the Texas University Exes will hold their annual dinner Saturday night at 7 in the Maggie Parker Dining Room in Bryan.

Reservations for the affair are being handled by Mrs. C. A. Greer and Mrs. Coulter Hoppess.

M. K. Woodward, law professor at the University will speak.

Harrison Speaks To CS Kiwanians

Dr. Brian Harrison, professor of history at the University of Hong Kong, compared U. S. and oriental schools yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the College Station Kiwanis Club.

"The original idea which the British government formed the university for, was to attract Mainland Chinese," Dr. Harrison said. "Now, of course, the 'curtain' has fallen and we have to turn to Hong Kong and other oriental countries for our students."

The university is supported partly by the Hong Kong government and partly by the British government, he explained. About 99 per cent of the 1,500 students are Chinese, while almost two thirds of the faculty are European or American.

Conflicting Opinions Among Aggies

Students Wonder About Bill

By GAYLE McNUTT

Students across the state are concerning themselves more and more about the wisdom of our State Legislature in presenting a bill raising the tuition fee at all state-supported schools from \$25 to \$50.

Meanwhile, students at A&M show conflicting opinions as to whether the raise in tuition rates will benefit them or be just another \$25 out of the well-worn pocket-book.

Most Aggies do not seem to have a definite opinion. They say they do not really know enough about the proposed raise to express an intelligent opinion. General opinion is that if the schools will be directly benefited by the higher tuition, it is worthwhile. However, if the bill will merely lower taxes for the general public or allow more state money to be put elsewhere, while the students pay more, it shouldn't be passed.

Jim Christ, senior industrial education major from Rosenberg and member of "C" Infantry, said, "If it will help education standards and



WRECK AT EAST GATE—Campus Security Patrolman Morris Maddox surveys the wreckage of the two vehicles which collided yesterday afternoon at East Gate. Standing with Maddox is R. W. Downard, driver of the pickup truck, who was injured.

At East Gate

Wreck Injures Three

By JIM NEIGHBORS

For the first time in 10 years East Gate was the scene of an accident, as a car and pickup collided at that intersection yesterday afternoon, injuring three people.

Mrs. Katherine W. Prescott,

driver of the car, received a concussion and possible skull fracture. Riding with her in the car were her two sons; Stephen M., nine and Donald W., four. The oldest boy had four teeth knocked out when he was thrown against the dashboard.

R. W. Downard of the Mechanical Engineering Department, driver of the pickup, received minor cuts and did not require hospitalization. Both the injured members of the

Prescott family were taken to Saint Joseph Hospital in a Calloway-Jones ambulance. Mrs. Prescott was unconscious at the time and both children were suffering from shock.

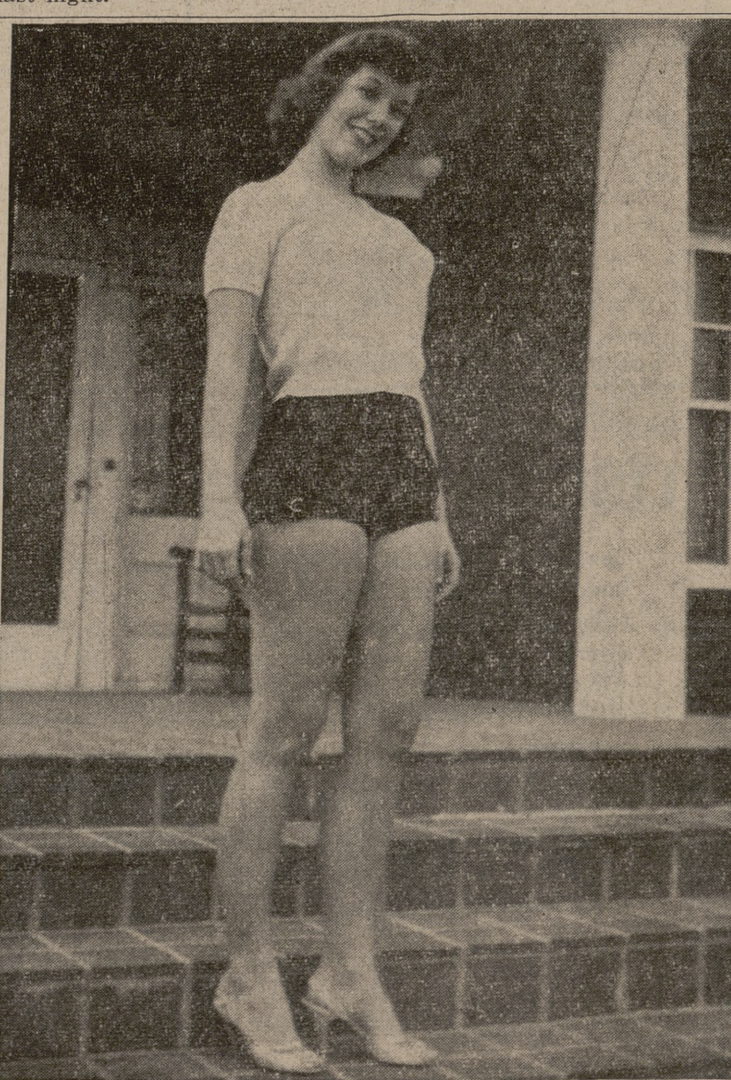
Apparently Downard entered the intersection and was turning left toward Highway 6 while on New Main Drive as Mrs. Prescott turned right onto the drive. They collided in the middle of the street and the Prescott car was swung around from the impact.

Damages to the two vehicles were extensive and both were towed away from the scene.

Morris A. Maddox, Campus Security investigating officer, said the accident was the worst one on the campus this year.

Mrs. Prescott's husband, an instructor in the Biochemistry and Nutrition Department, arrived at the scene of the accident in time to ride to the hospital in the ambulance with his wife.

Her condition was reported as "satisfactory" by hospital officials last night.



PROVOCATIVE DUCHESS Lorraine Miller of Waelder is one of the first entries in the annual Cotton Pageant to be held this spring. She is an eye catching preview of what is to come from future entries in the event.

Conroe Solon Charged With Taking Bribe

Flight Training Almost Certain Says Dittman

A&M's proposal to set up a flight training program is presently in the hands of officials at Air University in Alabama and little or no opposition to the plan expected.

"I feel confident the proposal will be acceptable to the Air University officials," said Col. Henry Dittman, professor of Air Science.

Dittman spoke with the officials yesterday and said later that they seemed to favor the proposal and that he "does not anticipate any trouble as to its acceptance." However, if there are any changes made in the proposal it would hamper considerably the chances for its acceptance.

Several other proposals had been made by the college, but each time they were turned down because of their high cost of operation. The latest proposal sets the lowest figure made on any of the previous ones.

If the proposal is acceptable and the flight training program is put into effect, A&M will be the 42nd school to do so. Only 43 schools in the U.S. have been certified for the program.

Pres. D. W. Williams, acting president of the college, has said his main interest in the program is to "let the boys that want to fly have the opportunity."

This semester only senior Air Force category I (pilot) contract students are eligible for the flight training, but in the future plans will be made to include senior army ROTC students.

Dittman's reaction to the flight program for senior AF cadets is "Gig'em and let's get those boys in the air!"

Tape Recorder Is State's Evidence

By DAVE CHEAVENS

AUSTIN—(P)—Rep. James E. Cox, 36, of Conroe was charged yesterday with consenting to accept a bribe to use his influence on a bill dealing with the practice of naturopathic medicine.

The warrant charged that Cox agreed to accept a bribe from Dr. Howard Harmon of San Antonio with the understanding that his "vote and influence" be given on HB274 "in a manner favorable to Dr. Harmon."

House Speaker Waggoner Carr said that the information on which Cox was charged was volunteered to him by Dr. Harmon who brought a recording of a conversation that allegedly took place in a hotel room here.

Dr. Harmon is president of the Texas Naturopathic Physician's Assn. The bill involved is one that would outlaw the practice of naturopathic medicine. It is pending in committee.

Internal security officers of the Department of Public Safety sought to serve the warrant on Cox at his desk in the chamber of the House yesterday afternoon, but he was not there.

While officers were looking for the legislator, Carr called newsmen to his office where he issued a statement detailing events that led to the filing of charges, and seeking to make it clear that the lawmakers were determined "to keep their own house in order."

Cox represents Grimes and Montgomery counties in the House.

He lists his profession as an accountant and insurance man. He is married and has a two year old son.

Carr Sets Bond

The charge was that as a member of the House of Representatives, Cox "willfully and corruptly did consent to accept a bribe from Dr. Howard Harmon, under an agreement with Harmon and with the understanding that the vote and influence of Cox should be given and made on HB 274 in a manner favorable to said Dr. Harmon, in violation of his duties as a legislative officer."

Watson set bond at \$5,000. In his statement, Carr said: (See SOLON CHARGED, Page 2)

Town Hall Features Ballet Russe Tonight

Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo will be presented tonight at 8 in White Coliseum by the Town Hall Series. The ballet team promises to give the Aggies a real treat with its gay, light ballets.

Gaiety extends from the can-can in the "Gaité Parisienne" ballet to the flirtation between the boys and girls in the ballet "Sombrosos."

The team has dancers from over the world including one from Poland, one from Australia, one from Russia and one from Fort Worth.

They have the reputation of giving the people "modern" ballet instead of classical. Modern ballet is like that being used on Broadway, in television and movies.

Board Accepts

A&M's Board of Directors accepted \$171,179.92 in funds for scholarships, fellowships, awards and in grants-in-aid for research at their meeting Saturday.

A&M College received \$121,939.92; the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station got \$48,850; and Prairie View A&M received \$400 plus miscellaneous equipment.

The company has been said to have the greatest group of male stars in ballet. This is a great compliment since male ballet dancers are few and hard to get.

Male dancers have not been starring in ballet for many years and are now showing the same, if not more, grace and skill than the ballerinas, many fans say.

The ballets to be presented are of a classical nature and have a period setting which makes them timeless and universal in theme. This type of ballet is said to be popular with most people since it tends to take people's minds off their worldly problems.

Admission to the ballet is by Town Hall season ticket or by single admission tickets which can be bought at the main door of the Coliseum.

Weather Today

Clear to partly cloudy is the forecast for the College Station area. High and low temperature readings yesterday were 63 and 42 degrees. At 10:30 this morning the mercury stood at 56 degrees.