

And so the Spring Semester has begun. With the exception of this tragedy, Doomsday seems to have passed quietly on the campus.

(For the uninformed, a whole raft of world-ending calamities were supposed to happen last weekend when, according to the Hindu religion, the serpent Raha slithered across the heavens and swallowed the sun. The sun was swallowed in a brief eclipse visible in the South Pacific. But—no calamities)

And so the Spring Semester has begun. A look at the bright side: only 107 days 'till final Review; only 114 days 'till summer, and (heh-heh) only 116 days 'till the first summer session begins.

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 Might as well face up to this one. A member of the senior class walked into a local restaurant a couple of weeks ago—not to eat, to buy a pack of cigarettes. Put his 30 cents into the machine and found he had six songs coming. It's all right, he says.—He's given up smoking for the Twist anyway.

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 We received in the mail the other day a book. Inside the book was a card which read: "We take pleasure in sending you this book for review. The price is \$1. Publication date is Feb. 5." Name of the book was "It's A Dog's Life, Charlie Brown," by (you guessed it) Charles M. Schulz.

We read the book and found a touching story of a boy and his dog. The dog is schizophrenic. The boy is paranoid. Everybody seems to dislike the boy, but, likes the dog. This causes the boy to say things like "Beagles on the grass, alas!" and the dog to think (dogs can't talk) "I ain't no stupid Beagle!"

So much for Schulz's latest collection of "Peanuts" in book form.

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PARTING SHOT—Lead story in Tuesday's "Skiff," student newspaper of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth: "If it were up to telephone conversations, no TCU student would ever get married," groaned a frustrated coed after missing her third call for the evening."

But says TCU's business manager, private line phones are being installed as fast as possible. In dormitory rooms.

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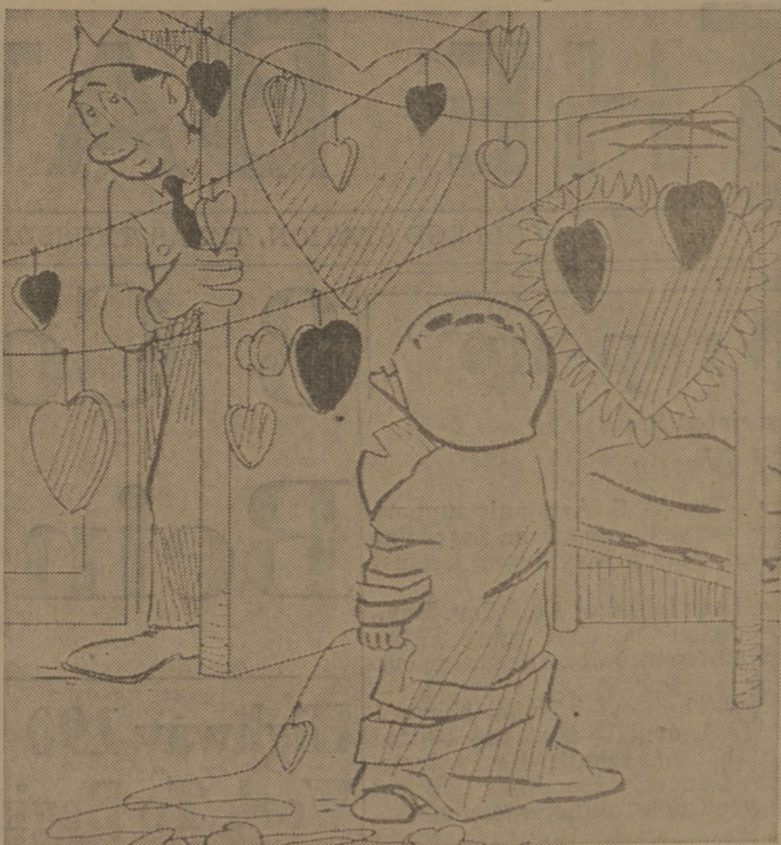
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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Surprised! When I'm through you'll have th' only room on th' campus decorated for Valentine's Day!"

Kennedy Won't Permit Harassment Of Censors

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Kennedy said Wednesday he will not agree to permit congressional "harassment" of Pentagon employees who censor military speeches.

Kennedy told his news conference that if necessary he will invoke his power of executive privilege to prevent a Senate subcommittee investigating "muzzling" charges from questioning individual reviewers about their motives in striking matter from speeches they screened.

Earlier Wednesday the special Senate investigating group voted to challenge the refusal by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara to let his staff tell who censored specific speeches.

Kennedy said he stands firmly behind McNamara.

The President, with a note of exasperation in his voice, said McNamara had gone a long way toward trying to meet the requests of the senators.

Bulletin Board

Hometown Clubs
 The following hometown clubs will meet tonight in the YMCA Building:

Sam Houston club at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers, plans for picture and sweetheart will be discussed.

South Plains club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Cashion Room.

Galveston Island club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room.

Waco-McLennan club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Gay Room.

The following hometown clubs will meet tonight in the Memorial Student Center:

Pasadena club at 7:30 p.m. in Room 125.

Angelina County club at 7:30 p.m. in the coffee shop.

Snyder Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207, Academic Building.

Special Mass Set By Catholics Today

A special mass in honor of the Holy Ghost has been scheduled this afternoon at 5:20 at St. Mary's Catholic Chapel.

As is the custom, each semester the Rev. Charles Elmer, chaplain for Catholics at A&M offers a mass to ask the Holy Ghost to

guide and enlighten the students in their endeavors during the semester.

All Catholics associated with the college, whether students, faculty, or staff, are urged to make a special effort to attend this mass, Elmer said.

The Great Wall of China twists across north China from Shan-haikwan on the Yellow Sea to the desert fortress of Kiayukwan, a distance of some 1,500 miles. The wall's winding, looping course actually covers nearly 2,000 miles.

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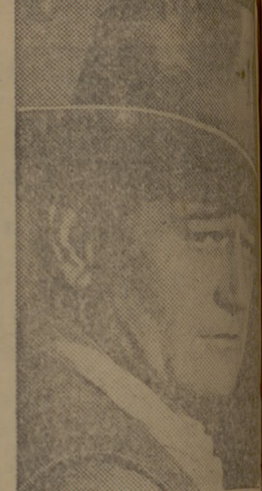
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