

## Budget Decision Due Soon

A decrease of \$20.2 million in budget requests from the general revenue fund for Texas colleges and universities will be reconsidered next Tuesday by the Texas Commission on Higher Education.

This decrease includes a cut of \$2.2 million in the 1964-65 appropriation for A&M.

The commission's reconsideration comes after several protests last week when the budgets were released. Itemized budgets have not been made public.

Two budgets are considered by the commission—one by individual colleges and the other by a commission staff. Total budget request by the colleges total \$216.3 million, compared to a staff recommendation of \$199.5 million. These funds include the general revenue fund, tuition, fees and others.

The legislature appropriated \$111.6 million for the 1962-63 biennium. The '64-65 increase is primarily from the University of Houston's addition as a state-supported school. Houston requested \$15.7 million, but the staff recommended \$13.7 million.

A&M is receiving \$5.8 million for this year, but requested \$16.6 million for '64-65. The commission staff recommended a \$14.4 million appropriation.

This trend generally held true for the other larger state schools. All college requests for the '64-65 biennium were considerably higher than last year's, with the commission staff's request a slight bit lower.

In no instance did the staff agree with a school's request. Once the commission's budget is finalized, more steps will still loom between each school and the actual cash. Separate budgets will also be presented to the legislature by the legislative budget board and the governor's budget office.

## Your Coffee Is Coming

Dear Company D-3 Fish:

We at The Battalion recognize the seriousness of your coffee problem. Having been freshmen ourselves at one time or another, we realize that serving coffee with the evening meals does accomplish two things.

First, as you stated in your letter, coffee does complement a meal and it most certainly does create a more congenial mood on the table and in the upperclassmen.

And, as someone noticed several years ago, "a happy table is a well-fed table."

Secondly, a good dose of caffeine would also make it easier to stay awake during Call to Quarters—the three-hour period when Fish eyelids flutter faster than a hummingbird's wings.

As you pointed out, being able to stay awake during CQ just might pay off additional grade points.

The Battalion asked J. G. Peniston, supervisor of the dining halls, when coffee would be served with the evening meals.

He said it depended on the arrival of cooler weather. Peniston said an experiment several years ago showed that in hot weather most of the coffee would end up being thrown out.

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## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle FOR RECONCILIATION



"... I had no idea they'd take the game so seriously or I wouldn't have let them listen on my radio!"

## Job Calls

The following firms will interview graduating seniors in the Placement Office of the YMCA Building:

Wednesday  
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Petro-Tex Chemical Corp.—Chemical engineering and chemistry, BS, MS.

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## Reds Pay Back Visit

By GENE KRAMER  
WARSAW, Poland (CP)—Wladyslaw Gomulka's current visit to East Germany seems to be a Communist bloc answer to French President Charles de Gaulle's September journey of reconcilia-

tion to the Bonn Republic. The Polish Communist party chief is to address a session of the East German Parliament Friday. Warsaw citizens wondered where Gomulka would speak in German, as De Gaulle did fluently throughout his tour of West Germany.

De Gaulle's comradely approach to the former enemy dismayed Poles, many of whom had considered France their best friend in the West.

Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz, who accompanied Gomulka to

East Berlin, has described De Gaulle's visit as a grimace and shock.

Walter Ulbricht, Communist chief of East Germany, recently has long wanted the leaders to return his 1959 visit to Warsaw. The Communists, well known popular aversion here in many—East or West—seemed in no hurry.

De Gaulle's trip to East Berlin has convinced them of solidarity with their West was overruled.

## Future Dates

TODAY

Great Issues, William L. Shirer, Guion Hall  
Junior College Conference  
Ross Volunteer Initiation Banquet

WEDNESDAY

Town and Country Church Conference

THURSDAY

President's reception for faculty and staff  
South Texas Milk Producers Association  
Freshman football, Baylor, there.

FRIDAY

Town Hall, Smothers Brothers and Leon Bibb

Executive board, Association of Former Students  
Farmer's Home Administration Conference

SATURDAY

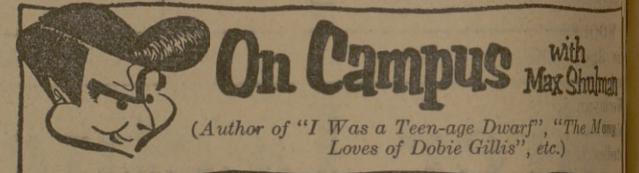
Cafe Rue Pinalle  
Football, TCU, here  
All-College Dance  
Advisory Council, Accounting Conference

SUNDAY

Instrumentation Symposium  
Steering Committee  
Management Seminar, Texas Power and Light Co.

MONDAY

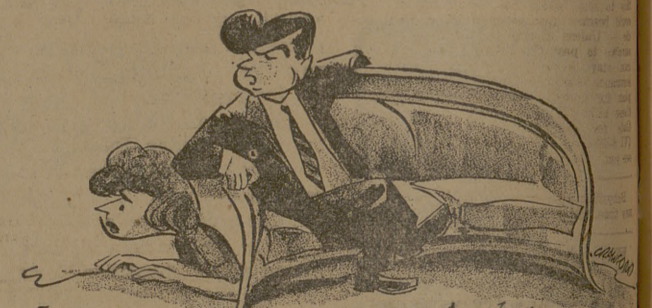
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Municipal Police School.



## HIGH TEST, LOW TEST, NO TEST

Just the other night I was saying to the little woman, "Don't think the importance of tests in American colleges is being overemphasized?" (The little woman, incidentally, is not, as you might think, my wife. My wife is far from a little woman. She is, in fact, almost seven feet high and heavily muscled. She is a full-blooded Chiricahua Apache and holds the world's hammer-throw record. The little woman I referred to is someone we found crouching under the sofa when we moved into our apartment several years ago, and there she has remained ever since. She never speaks, except to make a kind of guttural clicking sound when she is hungry. Actually, she is not too much fun to have around, but with my wife away at track meets most of the time, at least it gives me somebody to talk to.)

But I digress. "Do you think the importance of tests in American colleges is being overemphasized?" I said the other night to the little woman, and then I said, "Yes, Max, I do think the importance of tests in American colleges is being overemphasized." (As I have explained, the little woman does not speak, so when we have conversations, I am forced to do both parts.)



Actually, she is not too much fun to have around.

To get back to tests—sure, they're important, but let's not allow them to get too important. There are, after all, many qualities and talents that simply can't be measured by quizzes. Is it right to penalize a gifted student whose gifts don't happen to be of the academic variety? Like, for instance, Gregor Sigafoos?

Gregor, a freshman at the New Hampshire College of Tannin and Belles Lettres, has never passed a single test; yet all who know him agree that he is studded with talent like a ham with cloves. He can, for example, sleep standing up. He can do a perfect imitation of a scarlet tanager. (I don't mean just do the bird calls; I mean he can fly South in the winter.) He can pick up B-B's with his toes. He can say "Toy boat" three times fast. He can build a rude telephone out of two empty Marlboro packs and 100 yards of butcher's twine. (Of all his impressive accomplishments, this last is the one Gregor likes to do best—not building the telephone, but emptying the Marlboro packs. Gregor doesn't just dump the Marlboros out of the pack. He smokes them one at a time—settling back, getting comfortable, savoring each tasty puff. As Gregor often says with a winsome smile, "By George, the makers of Marlboro took their time finding this fine flavor, this great filter, and by George, I'm going to take my time enjoying 'em!")

Well, sir, there you have Gregor Sigafoos—artist, humanist, philosopher, Marlboro smoker, and freshman since 1939. Well the world—so desperately in need of talent—ever benefit from Gregor's great gifts? Alas, no. He is in college to stay.

But even more tragic for mankind is the case of Anna Livia Plurabelle. Anna Livia, a classmate of Gregor's, had no talent, no gifts, no brains, no personality. All she had was a knack for taking tests. She would cram like crazy before a test, always get a perfect score, and then promptly forget everything she had learned. Naturally, she graduated with highest honors and degrees by the dozen, but the sad fact is that she left college no more educated, no more prepared to cope with the world than when she entered. Today, a broken woman, she crouches under my sofa.

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