

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Dormitory Janitor Jobs To Aid Working Students

The administration decision to expand a program of student janitor service in college dormitories should come as good news to many of the A&M students who find it necessary to hold a part-time job while in school. Now still another avenue of possible employment will be open to the sizeable portion of students seeking some form of employment on or near campus.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan and Walter H. Parsons Jr., head of the Department of Buildings and Utilities, announced last week that a pilot experiment conducted this semester had been successful and that more student jobs would be available during the spring semester.

The fact that the initial experiment was a success should be just as encouraging as the disclosure that more positions will be available. Hannigan and Parsons both praised what they called "student cooperation" during the experiment this semester, when two students worked for three floors in Dorm 13.

Positions opened for the spring semester will be in Law and Puryear Halls. The number of daily hours a student janitor works will depend upon each student's amount of free time. The two students who worked during the fall semester spent an average of 18 hours a week on the job.

How many positions will be available is still unknown, but the work can be divided into as many jobs as possible. Also unknown are plans for possible further expansion. At present, the trend seems to be to use student janitors in dorms with ramps and not long hallways.

Of course many other small technicalities are still to be worked out, but the program seems to be off to a good beginning and surely deserves full student support.

BY BOTH U. S., BRITAIN

French - German Pact Viewed Dimly

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of Germany has signed a group of accords with France at a moment when both Britain and the United States would have preferred that he delay.

Nevertheless, he is reported to have persuaded President Charles de Gaulle to think some more about the possible consequences of his attitude toward those countries. At least he did some of the bargaining the U. S. and Britain desired.

De Gaulle seems to think that if he can maintain sufficient ties with Germany he can ignore the wishes of the smaller members of the Western European community, and bar British and American influence from the continent.

But Germany is not with him

on that point, and the new protocols themselves depend for their ultimate value not on their written word, but on the spirit in which they are applied.

Both De Gaulle and Adenauer can remember clearly the Locarno Pacts of 1925, by which, among other things, nearly all the countries of Europe set what they thought was a historical precedent by renouncing their national right to make war. It turned out to be a cruel and useless gesture.

There is a belief in Europe now that European negotiations with Britain over her Common Market entry will last far beyond Monday, when De Gaulle originally intended to break them off. If they are broken, Adenauer and many West Germans who oppose any diminution of their ties with Britain and the United States

CADET SLOUCH



"... I thought I told you to keep quiet about our quiz file!"

by Jim Earle State's U. S.

Institutions Rank Second

WASHINGTON (AP) — A recent report by the House government operations committee details the extent of the government's huge holdings in Texas.

There are 762 federal installations in the state—second only to California, which has 949. Total value of all federal property in Texas, land and improvements, is \$2.4 billion. But California is first with \$5.5 billion. And, because of Atomic Energy installations, Washington state is second with \$3 billion and Tennessee third with \$2.5 billion.

The government's 2,735,515 acres in Texas, which cost \$206,187,000, is large compared with holdings east of the Mississippi River but much less than what Uncle Sam holds in many public domain states in the west.

Federal holdings in Alaska, for example, total 365 million acres at a cost to the government of only \$1,638,000. The better territorial lands went to Alaska when it became the 49th state to displace Texas the biggest state.

The report said the government's 29,869 building in Texas have a total value of \$1,188,811,000.

Military real estate owned by the government in Texas totals 684,325 acres, which costs \$1.8 billion of the total. The Army controls 523,548 acres, the Navy 19,735, and the Air Force 141,042.

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CALPURNIA, HERE I COME

Now, as the college year approaches its mid-point, one fact emerges clearly: you are all going to flunk everything.

There are two things you can do about it. First, you can marry money. (I don't mean you marry the money itself. I mean you marry a person who has money. Weddings between people and currency have not been legal anywhere in the United States since the Smoot-Hawley Act. Marlboro Cigarettes, on the other hand, are legal everywhere and are, indeed, smoked with great pleasure and enthusiasm in all fifty states of the Union. I bring up Marlboro Cigarettes because this column is sponsored by the makers of Marlboro, and they are inclined to brood if I omit to mention their product.)

But I digress. I was saying you can marry money but, of course, you will not because you are a high-minded, clean-living, pure-hearted, freckle-faced American kid. Therefore, to keep from flunking, you must try the second method; you must learn how to take lecture notes.

According to a recent survey, 123.6% of American undergraduates do not know the proper way to take lecture notes. To illustrate this shocking statistic, let us suppose you are taking a course in history. Let us further suppose the lecturer is lecturing on the ruling houses of England. You listen intently. You write diligently in your notebook, making a topic outline as you have been taught. Like this:

- I. House of Plantagenet.
- II. House of Lancaster.
- III. House of York.

Then you stop. You put aside your pen. You blink back a tear, for you cannot go on. Oh, yes, you know very well that the next ruling house is the House of Tudor. The trouble is you don't know the Roman numeral that comes after III.



(It may, incidentally, be of some historical interest to point out that Americans are not the only people who don't know Roman numerals. The Romans didn't know them themselves. I suppose they could tell you how much V or X were or like that, but when it came to real currencies like LXI or MMC, they just flung away their styluses and went downtown to have a bath and take in a circus and maybe stab Caesar a few times. (You may wonder why Rome stuck with these ridiculous numerals when the Arabs had such a nice, simple system. Well sir, the fact is that the Emperor Vespasian tried like crazy to buy the Arabic numerals from Suleiman the Magnificent, but Suleiman wouldn't do business—not even when Vespasian raised his bid to 100,000 gold piastres, plus he offered to throw in the Colosseum, the Appian Way, and Charlton Heston.)

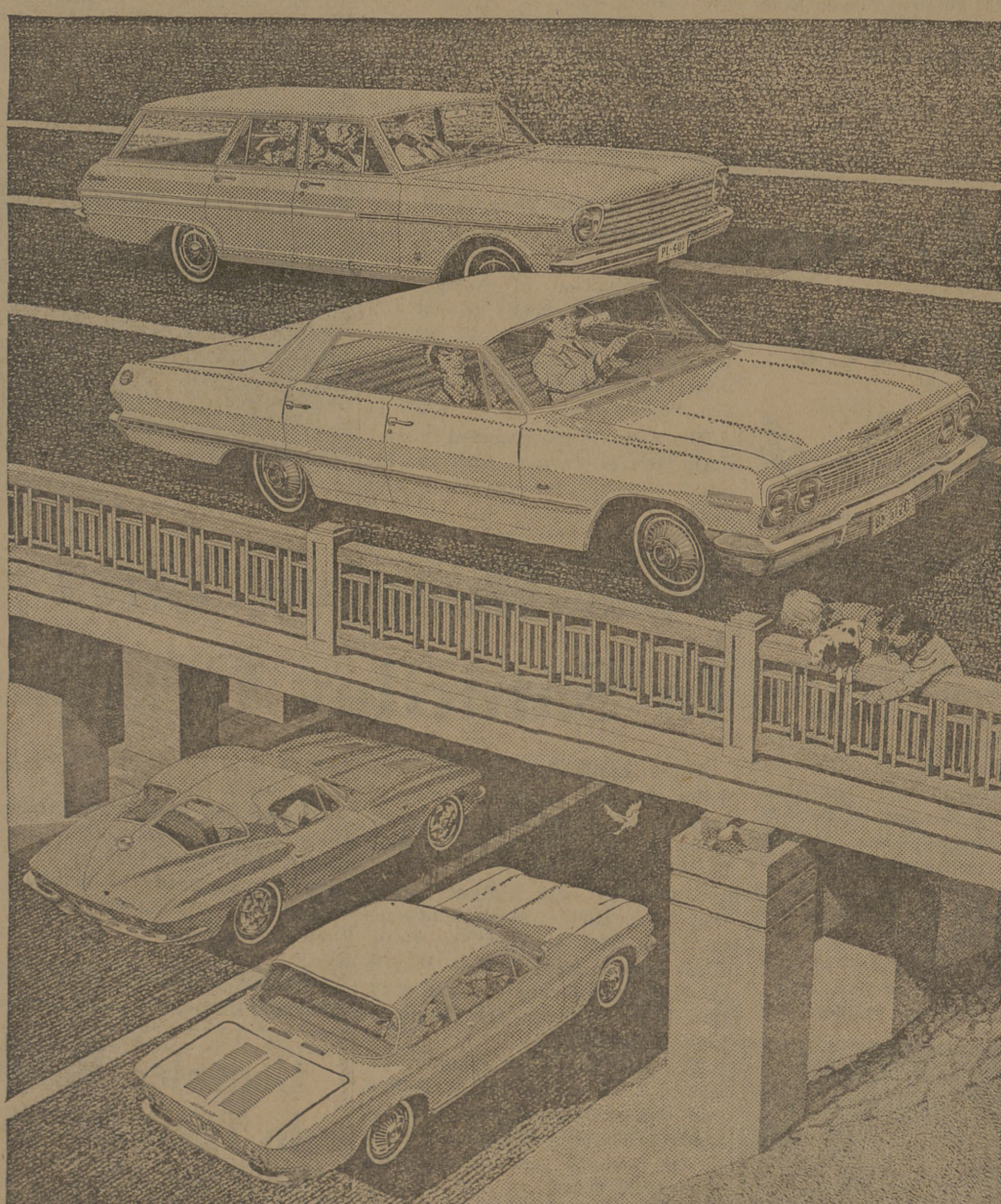
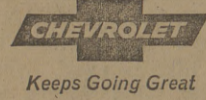
(So Rome stuck with Roman numerals—to its sorrow, as it turned out. One day in the Forum, Cicero and Pliny got to arguing about how much is CDL times MVIX. Well sir, pretty soon everyone in town came around to join the hassle. In all the excitement, nobody remembered to lock the north gate—and wham!—before you could say pecca fortiter, in rushed the Goths, the Visigoths, and the Green Bay Packers!)

Well sir, that's the way the empire crumbles, and I digress. Let's get back to lecture notes. Let's also say a word about Marlboro Cigarettes. The makers would be so pleased! And it is not fitting that we should please these honest tobaccoists—these fine men, fond of square dancing, water sports, protein, and tattoos—these tireless perfectionists who spend all of their days trying to please us—searching everywhere for the best of all possible tobaccos, aging them with patience, blending them with tender, loving care? Marlboros are available in soft pack and flip top box. You will find XX cigarettes in each package.

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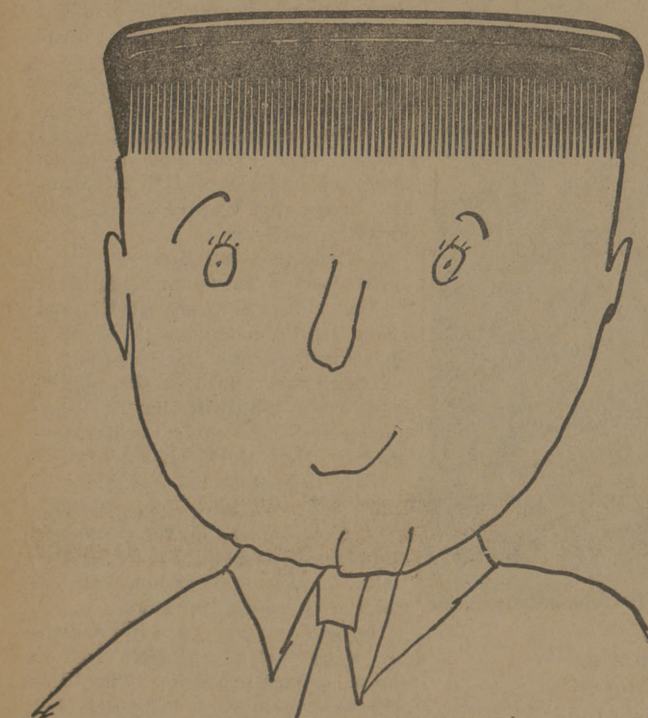
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