

Trimester System: Pro-Con

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

With the School of Veterinary Medicine making final plans to begin trimester instruction, we were more than a little interested in a recent report from the University of Florida, where the trimester system is being used for the first time.

After a full trimester, the report contained the following findings and opinions:

1. Quiz grades are approximately the same as in the past.
2. The amount of material covered in the new courses is about the same as in the past.
3. Some faculty members complained of having trouble getting through all of the material.
4. Exam schedules are too rushed.
5. A more serious academic atmosphere was noted on the campus.
6. Educators predicted the trimester system would cause students to take lighter loads.
7. Extracurricular activities are expected to lessen because of the more academic atmosphere.



"... I wish they'd post these grades alphabetically instead of in descending order!"

The Student In Education: Is He Really Learning?

HUNTSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—Are college students who prepare to teach weaker academically than those who plan other careers, as some have questioned?

Do students take education courses as "grade point" courses? Do prospective teachers load up with "how-to-teach" courses and neglect "what-to-teach"?

Based on a recent study at Sam Houston State Teachers College, the answer is no to these questions.

Dr. Suler Ryan, associate dean of the college at Sam Houston, reached this conclusion after an analysis of records of 804 students awarded bachelors degrees.

Teachers' certificates were earned by 372 of the graduates, while 432 students did not choose to qualify for certificates.

Students preparing to teach excelled in grades earned in all course work with a 2.60 median grade point average on a four-point system, compared to 2.15 for the non-teacher group.

The teacher group scored higher on the School and College Ap-

titude Test when they entered college. The teachers were in the 79 percentile and the non-teachers scored in the 68 percentile group.

Ryan selected four academic fields: biology, English, history and mathematics, and compared records.

The records show 133 graduated with majors in these four fields. Eighty-two qualified as teachers. Fifty-one did not qualify.

After comparing the two groups Ryan concluded:

1. The non-teacher group, on the average completed only the equivalent of one three-hour course more in their major field than did the teacher group.

2. The teacher group had significantly higher entrance examination scores, higher overall grade point averages and higher grade point averages in their major fields.

3. Grade point averages in education courses (excluding student teaching) were slightly lower than in the students' major fields.

4. Students do not load up with "how to teach" courses. The credits earned in education courses average almost exactly the requirements of the state's standards.

Records of the 82 teacher graduates show:

1. Completed an average of 28.8 semester hours in their major fields.

2. Earned a grade-point average of 2.94 in their major fields.

3. Completed an average of 18.9 semester hours in education.

4. Earned grade-point averages of 2.83 in education courses.

The 51 non-teacher graduates' records show:

1. Completed an average of 31.4 semester hours in their major fields.

2. Earned a grade-point average of 2.64 in their major field.

Ryan said this "higher caliber teacher" is being prepared at Sam Houston because of the state's program for teacher education and certification.

He said each college is made responsible for seeing to it that each teacher is well prepared, having at least 24 semester hours in his teaching field.

The college is also expected to admit to the teacher education program only those who show promise as teachers.

Ryan said, a teacher education admission board, composed of five people from different departments of campus, has been in operation at Sam Houston for four years.

A candidate for the teacher education program must first be recommended by his major and minor departments before being acted upon by the board.

"Of the students who applied to the 1962 board, 73.7 per cent were approved, 15.6 per cent approved with conditions to be improved and 10.7 per cent were rejected as not good prospective teachers," said Ryan.

He said these same conditions exist in varying degrees in other Texas colleges.

Bulletin Board

Petroleum Engineering Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Petroleum Engineering Building. New spring semester officers who will assume their duties at the meeting are Sara Edman, president; Wanda Mc-

Guire, vice president; Evelyn Whitley, recording secretary; Shirley Talash, corresponding secretary; Carolyn Arnold, treasurer; and Jeanie Hamilton, reporter.

Teague Nominates Five
College Station Congressman Olin E. Teague has nominated five Bryan-College Station boys for appointments to the military academy of their choice.

Receiving the nominations were Virgil N. Cordero, Gilbert E. Mayeaux, John F. Ferguson, Richard M. Owen and Ronald Scott Lemon.

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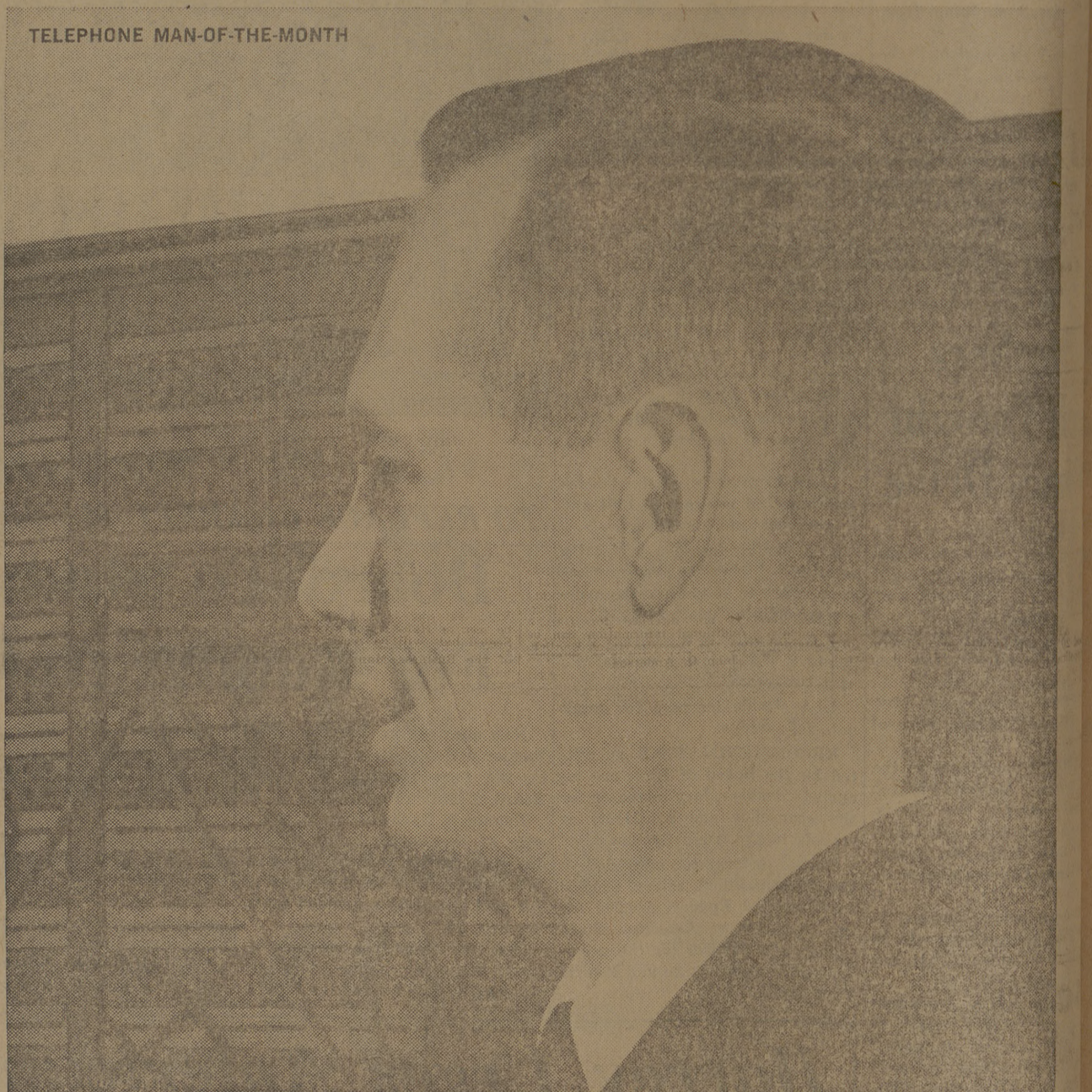
His outstanding performance soon earned him greater responsibilities. On one, he combated the problem of electrolytic corrosion to underground cable sheaths.

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PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz

OR WHY COULDN'T MCGOVY HAVE HIT THE BALL EVEN TWO FEET HIGHER?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "HEREFORD" AND A "POLLED HEREFORD"?

"POLLED" REFERS TO THEIR BEING BRED WITHOUT HORNS

REALLY? THAT'S VERY INTERESTING

I FULLY EXPECTED SOME REMARK ABOUT "POLLED BEAGLES!"

I'VE DECIDED TO BECOME A "POLLED HEREFORD" RANCHER

LOOK...HERE'S A PICTURE OF A BULL THAT SOLD FOR OVER FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS! ISN'T THAT TERRIFIC?

I COULD BECOME RICH! AND I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SELL VERY MANY OF THEM, EITHER...

WHY, LOOK HOW MUCH I'D MAKE IF I ONLY SOLD AS LITTLE AS ONE A DAY!

YOU'D MAKE A TERRIBLE RANCHER...

YOU'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN A COW! THE ONLY ANIMAL YOU'VE EVER BEEN AROUND IS SNOOPY HERE

AND HE IS HARDLY WHAT YOU COULD CALL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM!

SHE SAID IT... I DIDN'T!

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