

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Space Fiesta Will Offer Opportunity For Everyone

The Memorial Student Center is the home of countless exhibits, but probably no exhibits of the past or future can compare with the space material now on display throughout the center. Ranging from a replica of the Mercury capsule to a full scale model of the Telstar satellite, the current exhibits are only a small part of the first Space Fiesta, which gets underway in full swing Wednesday.

On first seeing the present displays, we were stunned by the apparent cost of staging such an exhibit. Even more astonishing is the fact that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has 20 such exhibits being shown throughout the United States.

Regardless of the cost, however, the exhibits are certainly worth the expense and trouble and should be a must for every citizen, student or otherwise. Whether we like it or not, we are caught up completely in the race for space, and such exhibits as the one currently on display offer a wealth of knowledge and understanding which may prove invaluable in the future.

Also encouraging is the fact that seven private firms are sponsoring exhibits along with the government and the Air Force. And adding a touch of glamour to the Spaces Fiesta, a Congressional subcommittee will arrive Friday to view the proceedings and hear an address by Dr. Robert R. Gilruth, director of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. Other speakers will be Dr. Herbert Trotter of General Telephone and Electronics Laboratories Inc., Gifford K. Johnson of Ling-Temco-Vought Inc. and Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Maret.

To many students, the Space Fiesta may have slipped up during just-completed examinations as a complete surprise. Even if that be the case, the exhibits and upcoming addresses offer much to us all and provide a rare opportunity for every citizen and student.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

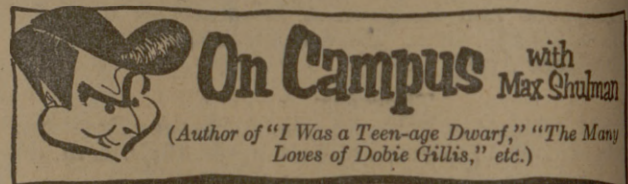


"... It appears that someone punched some new holes in these cards during registration!"

Future Dates

TODAY	Faculty-staff dinner date
Space fiesta exhibits, MSC	Chapel speaker, Dr. Smith
Varsity and freshman basketball, Texas, here.	Brazos Valley tax ass conference
Graduate lecture, Dr. Richard T. Arnold, Chemistry Building	FRIDAY
Executive development course	Space fiesta, Col. Maret
Plant protection course	Dr. Robert R. Gilruth
Municipal police school	SATURDAY
WEDNESDAY	Varsity basketball, TCU
Space fiesta, Lt. Col. Paul Maret and Dr. Herbert Trotter Jr.	Space fiesta exhibits
THURSDAY	Deadline for dropping course
Space fiesta, Col. Maret and Gifford K. Johnson	Texas Education Theatre association
Student Senate	Texas chapter, Special Liaison Association
	Texas Parachute Council

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THE CURSE OF THE CAMPUS: NO. 1

Hate me if you will, but I must speak. We college types are far too complacent. Sure, we've got plenty to be proud of. We've got atom smashers, we've got graduate schools, we've got new peaks in scholarship, new highs in academic honors. And yet, in the midst of these triumphs, we have failed miserably to make any progress in solving the oldest and most horrendous of all campus problems: we've still got roommates.

To be sure, all roommates are not bad. There is the well-documented case of Hilquit Glebe, a student at the Manhattan College of Agriculture, majoring in curds and whey, who admitted publicly that he actually liked his roommate—an odd admission when you consider that this roommate, Mervis Trunz by name, was frankly not too winsome a fellow. He practiced his tympani in his room, he kept an alligator, and he collected airplane tires.

But, on the other hand, Mervis bought two packs of Marlboro Cigarettes every day and gave one of them to Hilquit and—I ask you—who can stay mad at a man who gives you Marlboro Cigarettes? Who, upon tasting that flavorful blend of Marlboro tobaccos, upon drawing through that pure white Marlboro filter, upon exulting in this best of all possible cigarettes, Marlboro—who, I say, can harden his heart against his neighbor? Certainly not Hilquit. Certainly not I. Certainly not you, as you will find when you seerify to your nearest tobacconist and buy a supply. Marlboros come in soft pack or Flip-Top Box. Tobacconists come in small, medium, and large.



But I digress. Roommates, I say, are still with us and I fear they always will be, so we better learn how to get along with them. It can be done, you know. Take, for instance, the classic case of Dolly Pitcher and Molly Madison.

Dolly and Molly, roommates at a prominent Midwestern girls' school (Vassar) had a problem that seemed insoluble. Dolly could only study late at night, and Molly could not stay awake past nine o'clock. If Dolly kept the lights on, the room was too bright for Molly to sleep. If Molly turned the lights off, the room was too dark for Dolly to study. What to do?

Well sir, those two intelligent American kids found an answer. They got a miner's cap for Dolly! Thus, she had enough light to study by, and still the room was dark enough for Molly to sleep.

It must be admitted, however, that this solution, ingenious as it was, had some unexpected sequelae. Dolly got so enchanted with her miner's cap that she switched her major from 18th Century poetry to mining and metallurgy. Shortly after graduation she had what appeared to be a great stroke of luck: while out prospecting, she discovered what is without question the world's largest feldspar mine. This might have made Dolly very rich except that nobody, alas, has yet discovered a use for feldspar. Today Dolly, a broken woman, squeezes out a meagre living making echoes for tourists in Mammoth Cave.

Nor has Molly fared conspicuously better. Once Dolly got the miner's hat, Molly was able to catch up on her long-lost sleep. She woke after eight days, refreshed and vigorous—more vigorous, alas, than she realized. It was the afternoon of the annual Dean's tea. Molly stood in line with her classmates, waiting to shake the Dean's hand. At last her turn came, and Molly, full of strength and health, gave the Dean a firm handshake—so firm, indeed, that all five of the Dean's knuckles were permanently fused.

The Dean sued for a million dollars, and, of course, won. Today Molly, a broken woman, is paying off her debt by walking the Dean's cat every afternoon for ten cents an hour.

We, the makers of Marlboro and the sponsors of this column, will not attempt to expertize about roommates. But we will tell you about a great pocket or purse mate—Marlboro Cigarettes—fine tobacco, fine filter, fine company always.

No Informing Hurts Student Governments

(By the Intercollegiate Press)

Athens, O. Communications is the main problem facing student government organizations at Ohio University in procuring students to screen for positions on campus. This was the general feeling at a special meeting of dormitory, fraternity and sorority presidents and activities chairmen called recently to discuss the indifference of students about screenings.

Student Cabinet screening chairman Regina Stanford, who also served as chairman of the meeting, pointed out that only two or three people usually apply to screen for campus chairmanships, and recently she had to reopen applications for a position because she had received only one.

Several ideas, including the possibility of mock screening committees that would visit all the housing units, were offered as solutions to the problem. "The basic purpose of the mock screening," said Miss Stanford, "would be to educate and interest students in screenings."

She said that too often students are afraid to screen for positions because they have never screened and do not know the procedure, or they do not know enough about the position for which they want to screen.

MILITARY'S PROMISE PONDERED

Will Peru Really Conduct Elections?

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Will Peru's military bosses permit general elections next June as they promise?

Or will they find a pretext to remain in power?

Peruvians are pondering the question even as they register to vote for the election scheduled June 9.

The country has been ruled by a military junta since last July 18 when the armed forces cut short a crisis over the returns in a regular presidential election by overthrowing the government of President Manuel Prado.

Every chance it gets the junta emphasizes that, come what may, elections will be held June 9. And

it insists, rumors to the contrary, that none of the junta's members has any political ambitions.

Yet despite such repeated assurances and without any tangible evidence to support their views many Peruvians are openly skeptical.

Some say that they just cannot believe that the military, having tasted such power and prestige, will give up a good thing.

A lack of enthusiasm over the scheduled election is seen in the slow pace of registrations. Only a relative handful of the nation's

estimated 1.7 million eligible voters has registered so far as the Feb. 12 deadline nears. Peru has a population of 11 million.

The head of the junta, Gen. Ricardo Perez Godoy, is a man who looks much like the Soviet Union's Premier Khrushchev—bald, round-faced and stocky. But there the resemblance ends. Perez Godoy is anti-Communist, anti-Castro and pro-United States.

Representative Questions Records Of State Planes

(Special to The Battalion) AUSTIN, TEX. — Rep. James Cotten of Weatherford — one of the most militant members of the 58th Legislature — is examining the flight records of state-owned planes.

Cotten is concerned about what he considers frivolous use of state property — namely, three airplanes which the Department of Public Safety is supposed to use for transporting officers to distant scenes of crimes, or to attend law enforcement meetings without missing too many duty hours.

Cotten says he has discovered these planes have been used: For rushing a representative home for the weekend; for ferrying a state senator home to make a speech; for transporting the state librarian to a monument on the coast "to get ideas on how

to set up displays." Cotten wants to know: "How much did these junkets cost?"

State pilots haven't answered, but Austin airport authorities guess the cost at \$26 to \$75 an hour — depending on which plane is used — plus pilot's time.

Now the representative from Weatherford is talking about grounding all passengers except those who are entitled to use state planes for necessary, official business.

He plans to introduce a bill that would forbid legislators from hitch-hiking rides aboard the planes unless they were on official business.

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