

THE BATTALION BATTALION EDITORIALS

Goal For Public Schools Puts Burden On Public

In his official proclamation designating this week as Public Schools Week, Gov. John Connally commented that never before in our history has there been a greater need for educated leadership. The governor added: "Our goal is to make Texas public schools the finest in the nation."

During this Public Schools Week, parents and all other citizens should take full advantage of the opportunity to visit our schools and be particularly mindful of this formidable goal of making Texas' public schools the best in the U. S.

Unfortunately, visitors this week will more than likely find that our public schools could stand vast improvement, not only now but in meeting growing challenges of the future. In reality, Texas public schools rank no better than mediocre, at least according to an evaluation by the National Education Association.

The state was not without its bright spots, but overall the picture was not particularly encouraging. On the brighter side however, Texas ranked third in the number of elementary school teachers with master's degrees and fourth in the total number of teachers with at least a bachelor's degree.

The NEA report did not attempt to rank the states on education quality, but it did post some directional signs. It showed, for example, that Utah has the highest average education and tied for the lowest percentage of Selective Service registrants failing the mental test. South Carolina tied for the lowest average education, and led in mental test failures.

They Play... We Pay

What is known as the Texas legislature is now in session at the state capitol in Austin. The legislature is made up of legislators, elected representatives who are supposed to enact laws and lead the state to great heights.

Last month, however, a few legislators decided they were too overworked and needed time off for horseplay—specifically, to suggest that A&M's name be changed to the University of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical Branch at College Station.

The only throwback is that this "joke," as they call it, was not enacted during off hours, but during a regular committee session.

This means that while we were all laughing, we were also paying . . . if not for the lawmakers' time at that very moment, then possibly for the called sessions that such horseplay could eventually lead to.

LOOKING FOR Adventure? FLY TO EUROPE IN A LIGHT TWIN THIS SUMMER. A TWO MONTH EXPEDITION ON WHICH YOU WILL PARTICIPATE AS AN ACTIVE CREW MEMBER.

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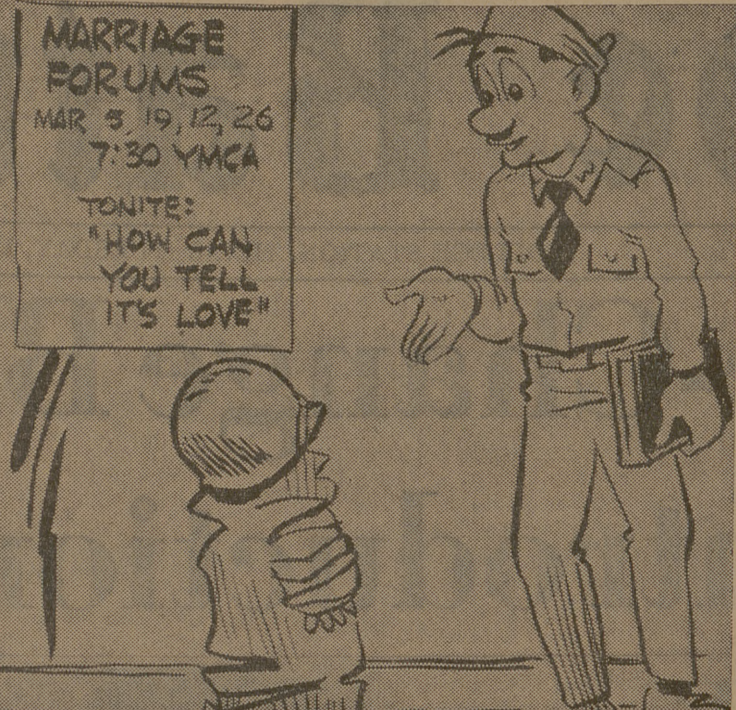
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by Jim Earle



... If we didn't go, we'd be admittin' to th' world we didn't have girls!"

Educator Says Soviet Schools In Big Crisis

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Soviet schools are involved in a serious crisis stemming from 1958 reforms which stressed vocational training at the expense of the humanities, an expert said Tuesday.

Nicholas DeWitt of Indiana University and formerly at the Russian Research Center at Harvard University said, "There is now a wide outcry among Soviet educators that preparation in languages and literature has been undermined and should be strengthened again."

In the pre-reform era, DeWitt said, the Soviet high school student spent about 50 per cent of this time on languages, literature, the humanities and social science, and about 9 per cent on technological subjects.

Since 1958, he added, only 20 per cent of the time is spent on the humanities, and 44 per cent on vocational education.

Bulletin Board

Wives Clubs Graduate Biology club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Pruitt's Beauty Shop at Southside.

Architecture Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room, MSC. Professional Societies Pre-Veterinary Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the vet school theater.

Freshman Engineering Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the geology lecture room. Officers will be elected.

Agricultural Economics Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 146 of the Physics Building.

AGGIELAND PORTRAIT SCHEDULE CORPS JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES All juniors and sophomores in the corps will have their portraits made for the AGGIELAND '63 according to the following schedule.

Portraits will be made at the Aggieldand Studio between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. on the days scheduled.

March 4-5 Sqdns. 5-8 March 5-6 Sqdns. 9-12 March 6-7 Sqdns. 13-16

PARDNER You'll Always Win The Showdown When You Get Your Duds Done At CAMPUS CLEANERS

Job Calls

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

- Wednesday Alcoa — Chemical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering and mechanical engineering. Phillips Petroleum Co. — Architectural engineering and civil engineering, BS; chemical engineering, electrical engineering and petroleum engineering, BS, MS, PhD; mathematics, BA, MA, PhD; chemistry, MS, PhD; geology, geological engineering, geophysics and industrial engineering, BS, MS; physics, PhD. Western Union — Electrical engineering and mechanical engineering, BS, MS.

CAMPUS LAST DAY "MYSTERY SUBMARINE" & "RANCHO NOTORIOUS" STARTS TOMORROW

ESCAPE FROM EAST BERLIN DON MURRAY CHRISTINE KAUFMANN

CIRCLE LAST NITE "PIGEON THAT TOOK ROME" & "THE JAY HAWKERS" STARTS TOMORROW

BESIDES MEXICAN FOOD ZARAPE RESTAURANT will serve from March 2 on - - - Mrs. Andert's Wiener Schnitzel, Chicken Fried Steaks and Austrian Style Fried Chicken.

PEANUTS cartoon panels: DEAR MR. PRODUCER, I WATCHED YOUR ANIMATED CARTOON SHOW ON TV LAST NIGHT. I MUST PROTEST.

The current trend toward greater selectivity in admission of students seems to have been adopted in a somewhat modified manner by the administration and board of directors of Texas A&M. However, instead of basing the greater selectivity upon the academic potential of students, it seems that availability of finances has become the criterion for admission and continuance in college.

Common knowledge makes it plain that the investment of large sums of money in building the Hensel housing was not a profitable one. The college has lost money year after year since construction of these apartments simply because few students can afford the \$65 per month rental.

When a man says "no" to life insurance, one of three things will happen . . .

- 1. He will buy it later and pay a higher rate for it because he will be older. 2. He will never buy, and his family (or his old age) may pay for it in sacrifices. 3. He will wait too long, and find money alone will not buy life insurance for him.

BERNIE LEMMONS 152 today or phone VI 6-5800.

PALACE Bryan 2-8879 LAST DAY "SKY ABOVE - MUD BELOW" STARTS TOMORROW THE GIANT STORY OF MODERN HAWAII! HESTON MIMIEUX CHAKIRIS NUOEN DARREN

PEANUTS cartoon panels: I THINK I'M LOSING MY FLAVOR! THE DRAWINGS ARE OFFENSIVE, AND YOU CONSISTENTLY PORTRAY ANIMALS AS BEING SILLY AND STUPID.

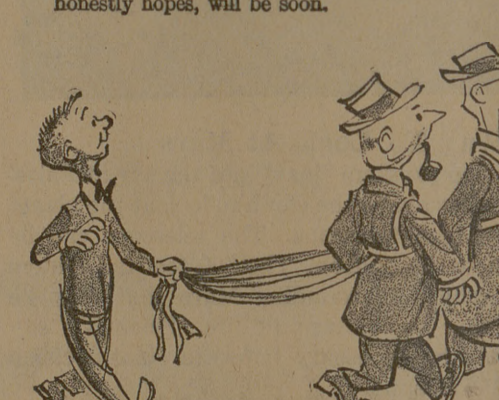
Sound Off

afford the \$65 per month rental. Yet all funds taken in from rental are lumped together, and the college must find some way to make up for the money lost from the unoccupied Hensel apartments.

Read Battalion Classified On Campus with Max Shingler

HAIL TO THE DEAN!

Today let us examine that much maligned, widely misunderstood, grossly overworked, wholly dedicated campus figure—the dean. The dean (from the Latin Deanere—to expel) is not, as many think, primarily a disciplinary officer.



There is not a dry eye in Yutah

But I digress. We were learning how a dean helps poor troubled undergraduates. To illustrate, let us take a typical case from the files of Dean S. . . . of the University of Y. (Oh, why be so mysterious? The dean's name is Sigafos at the University is Yutah.)

Wise, kindly Dean Sigafos was visited one day by a fresh man named Walter Aguincoort who came to ask permission to marry one Emma Blenheim, his dormitory landlady. To the dean the marriage seemed ill-advised, for Walter was only 21 years old and Emma was 91.

Today Emma is a happy woman—singing lustily, wearing her rainhood, eating soft-center chocolates, and ironing clothes—twice as happy, to be candid, than if she had married Walter. . . . And what of Walter? He is happy too. Freed from his unwanted liaison with Emma, he married a girl much nearer his own age—Agnes Yuca, 72.

And Dean Sigafos? He too is happy—happy to spend his tiring hours in his little office, giving counsel without stint and without complaint, doing his bit to set the young, uncertain feet of his charges on the path to a brighter tomorrow.

We don't say Marlboro is the dean of filter cigarettes, but we're sure it's at the head of the class. Get some wherever cigarettes are sold in all fifty states of the Union.