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.

During 1961-62, when public school enrollment jumped to 40,007,912 across the nation, Texas ranked 26th in average teachers' salaries, 28th in per-capita expenditure by the state for education, 34th in total local and state per-capita expenditure, 38th in the number of eighth-grade students who have completed high school, and, for good measure, 29th in higher education per-capita expenditure.

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. In the median number of school years completed by residents age 25 or over, Utah had the high mark of 12.2 years, while South Carolina and Kentucky were at the bottom of the list with 12.1 years each.

Innumerable studies of the public school situation have been made, with most results pointing at the quality of teachers—the area where Texas ranks highest. One of the most recent studies, by Dr. James B. Conant, president emeritus of Harvard University, resulted in this three-point program to improve the quality of teachers:

1. There should be a very large jump in salary for teachers who have proven themselves after at least four years of teaching.

2. Older skillful teachers should be paid extra for providing on-the-job training for new teachers.

3. State funds should be used to insure that the best teachers available supervise college students on their practice teaching assignments.

As in most studies, money is made the answer to all of public education's problems. Whether we like to admit it or not, money is probably the biggest hindrance to a more successful Texas public education system, bue we wonder if a more aroused public feeling could not achieve almost the same results.

The idea for Public Schools Week is an admirable one, but, on the other hand, it is discouraging that our schools are visited only on special occasions and not more frequently. Only an aroused, sincerely interested public can put Texas' public school program in the spotlight as one of the nation's best.

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 bechanged 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.

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CADET SLOUCH 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. Dr. L. H. Russell will speak and officers will be elected.

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 portrait made for the AGGIELAND '63 according to the following schedule. Portraits will be made in Class A winter uniforms.

Portraits will be made at the Aggieland 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
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— 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.

U. S. Army Material Command —Aeronautical engineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, chemistry, mathematics, physics and entomology.

NASA Flight Research Center-Aeronautical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and physics, BS, MS, PhD; mathematics, BA, MA, PhD.

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.

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— Sound Off —

Editor,
The Battalion:

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.

An example is the proposal to increase rent of College View and Project Housing apartments.

It is perhaps significant that the rent will not be increased in Hensel apartments.

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.

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.

So, it must have seemed logical to increase the rent on the popular Project Housing and College View apartments to balance the ledger.

Now, $10 per month may not seem like an unreasonable sum. But coupled with the increase in tuition (especially for non-resident students), this will [illegible] severe strain on the alre[illegible] budgets of married stud[illegible] this college.

It seems that a more j[illegible] of balancing the loss of [illegible] venue due to unoccupied [illegible] apartments could be fou[illegible]

At any rate, it should [illegible] the families who live in [illegible] View and Project Housing [illegible] ments, the one who can [illegible] ford a rent increase, wh[illegible] have to make up the defic[illegible] ed by the luxurious apa[illegible]

Paul A. Johnson

Read Battalion Classifie[illegible]

On Campus with Max Shulman
(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf", "The Mo[illegible] Loves of Dobie Gillis", etc.)

HAIL TO THE DEAN!

Today let us examine that much maligned, widely misund[illegible] stood, grossly overworked, wholly dedicated campus figur[illegible] the dean.

The dean (from the Latin *Deanere*—to expel) is not, as mo[illegible] think, primarily a disciplinary officer. He is a counselor a[illegible] guide, a haven and refuge for the troubled student. The de[illegible] (from the Greek *Deanos*—to skewer) is characterized chiefly [illegible] sympathy, wisdom, patience, forbearance, and a fondness f[illegible] homely pleasures like community singing, farina, spelldow[illegible] and Marlboro Cigarettes. The dean (from the German *Dean[illegible] macht*—to poop a party) is fond of Marlboros for the sa[illegible] reason that all men of good will are fond of Marlboros—becau[illegible] Marlboro is an *honest* cigarette. Those good Marlboro tobac[illegible] are honestly good, honestly aged to the peak of perfection, ho[illegible] estly blended for the best of all possible flavors. Marlbo[illegible] honestly comes in two different containers—a soft pack wh[illegible] is honestly soft and a Flip-Top box which honestly flips. Y[illegible] too will flip when next you try an honest Marlboro, which, [illegible] honestly hopes, will be soon.

There is not a dry eye in Yutah

But I digress. We were learning how a dean helps poo[illegible] troubled undergraduates. To illustrate, let us take a typic[illegible] case from the files of Dean S..... of the University of Y..... (Oh, why be so mysterious? The dean's name is Sigafoos an[illegible] the University is Yutah.)

Wise, kindly Dean Sigafoos was visited one day by a fresh[illegible] man named Walter Aguincourt who came to ask permission [illegible] marry one Emma Blenheim, his dormitory laundress. To th[illegible] dean the marriage seemed ill-advised, for Walter was only 1[illegible] years old and Emma was 91. Walter agreed with the dean, b[illegible] said he felt obligated to go through with it because Emma ha[illegible] invested her life savings in a transparent rainhood to protec[illegible] her from the mist at Niagara Falls, where they planned to spe[illegible] their honeymoon. If Walter called off the wedding, what u[illegible] would the poor woman possibly have for a rainhood in Yuta[illegible] The wise, kindly dean pondered briefly and came up with [illegible] brilliant answer: let Walter punch holes in the back of Emma[illegible] steam iron. With steam billowing back at the old lady, sh[illegible] would find a rainhood very useful—possibly even *essenti*[illegible]

Whimpering with gratitude, Walter kissed the dean's Phi Beta Kappa key and hastened away to follow his advice—and the results, I am pleased to report, were madly successful!

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 Yucca, 72. Walter is now the proud father—*step*father, to be perfectly accurate—of three fine, healthy boys from Agnes's first marriage—Everett, 38; Wilhelm, 4[illegible] and Irving, 55—and when Walter puts the boys on a lead and takes them for a stroll in the park on Sunday afternoon, you may be sure there is not a dry eye in Yutah.

And Dean Sigafoos? He too is happy—happy to spend long, 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.

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PEANUTS By Charles M. Sc[illegible]