

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Houston Can Benefit SWC Members

In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, unless he's a member of that burgeoning scarlet giant to the south that sports the nickname Cougars.

Then the young man's fancy greets the green with coffee klatches on Southwest Conference membership for the University of Houston. Citing state support, 17,000 students and a complete athletic program as reasons enough in favor of admittance, Cougar boosters bemoan the snobbery of the elite eight-member group that has kept them from membership and promises to maintain that stand indefinitely.

Despite Houston's declared intention of seeking SWC membership, the subject will probably not be discussed when the governing body meets in Lubbock Thursday. Through a bit of subterfuge on the part of Rice, UH will not have the sponsorship necessary to apply.

Rice informed the president of Houston that Rice was considering sponsoring UH, which would probably mean acceptance for the Cougars. Rice asked UH not to consider any other offers until Rice had given full consideration to the issue.

Monday, three days before the meeting, Rice pulled out. Rice has two reasons for opposition that apparently determines the conference stand. They feel the SWC is large enough, and two conference schools in the same city would create an unhealthy rivalry.

In the face of these two ethereal theories stand the facts:

1. UH is second only to Texas in enrollment.
2. UH is in the largest metropolitan area in the Southwest and would thus mean much money.
3. UH has an athletic program second only to A&M and Texas in the state.

Obviously Rice would suffer in several ways with Houston in the SWC. But the small Bayou City school is already complaining about not being able to compete with some of the larger schools.

So while Rice is suffering the pains of necessitated de-emphasis, Houston could be going through its four or five-year apprenticeship prior to becoming a title contender. And it would not be surprising if the advent of Houston put some life into the sagging Owls as well as supplying a fertile turnstile to other conference schools.

In any event, UH would strengthen the conference and should be admitted. (J. M. B.)

Solons Discuss Civil Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders of both parties discussed Tuesday what they called "purifying amendments" in the first step of their effort to agree on changes they will push for in the civil rights bill.

Some progress was reported after the two-hour closed session attended by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., assistant majority leader and floor manager of the bill.

A second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Senate, in its 48th day of debate on the measure, pushed toward Wednesday's expected start of voting on a string of amendments to provide

jury trials for contempt of court.

The first to be voted on is by Sen. Thruston B. Morton, R-Ky., to provide jury trials under all provisions of the civil rights bill. But some Senate leaders privately expressed concern that they would not go on to other jury trial proposals and clean up that issue this week, as they had originally hoped.

The stickler is that President Johnson leaves Thursday morning on a tour of the Appalachian region and one of the Senate leaders said he understands the chief executive invited senators from the five states he will visit to accompany him.

It is normal practice for members of Congress to accompany the President when he visits their areas.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Welsh Holds Field



"These new dorms can completely kill hall hockey!"

Cuban Boycott Continues Despite French Sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U. S. campaign to tighten an economic boycott around Cuba will continue despite a new setback: the sale by a French firm of 20 diesel locomotives to the government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

That was the word Tuesday from Undersecretary of State George W. Ball, who said the boycott policy has been succeeding and will be pushed further to make it more effective.

Short of war, Ball said in a speech to the National Advertising Council, "most effective by far is the effort to seal off Cuba economically — a policy of economic denial."

A State Department press officer, Richard I. Phillips, said

earlier that the boycott policy is considered to be succeeding and he added: "Our efforts to persuade other governments of the utility of this government's policy will continue."

Phillips told newsmen the United States expressed "serious concern" to France about the locomotive sale before the contract was concluded. Informal protests were made to senior French officials here and in Paris.

Bulletin Board

THURSDAY

The Brazoria Hometown Club will meet in the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Dallas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.

The El Paso Hometown Club will meet in Room 3-B of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

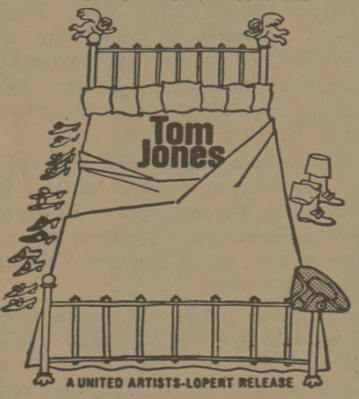
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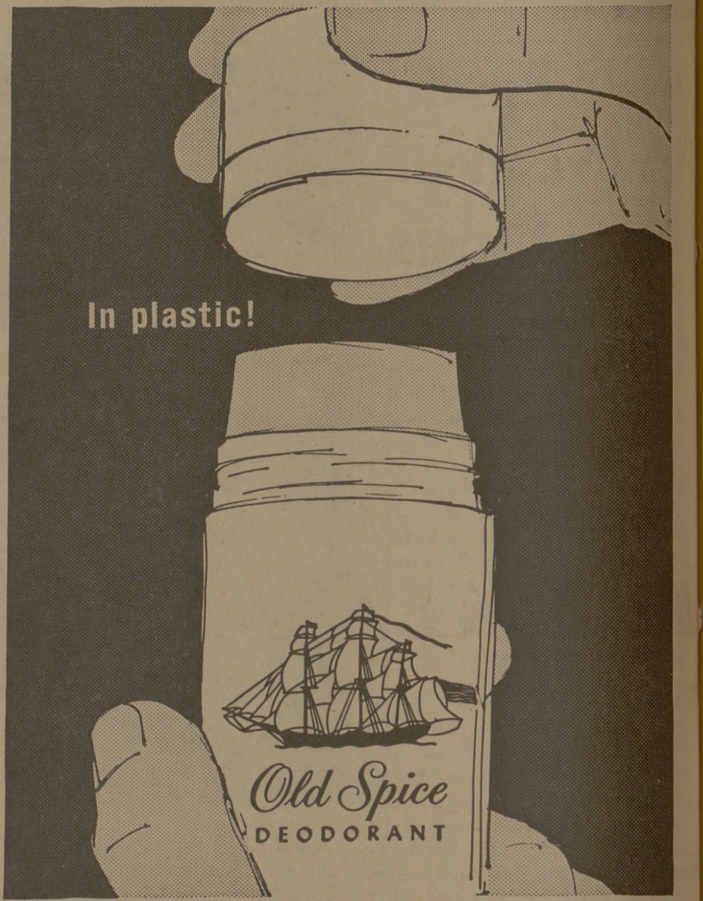
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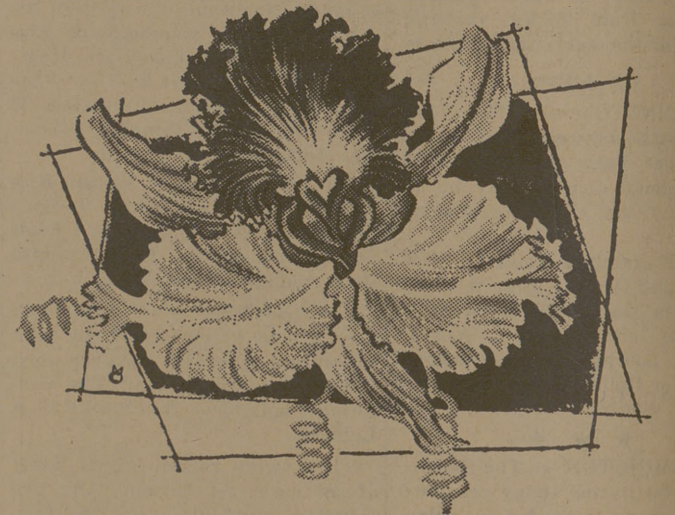
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