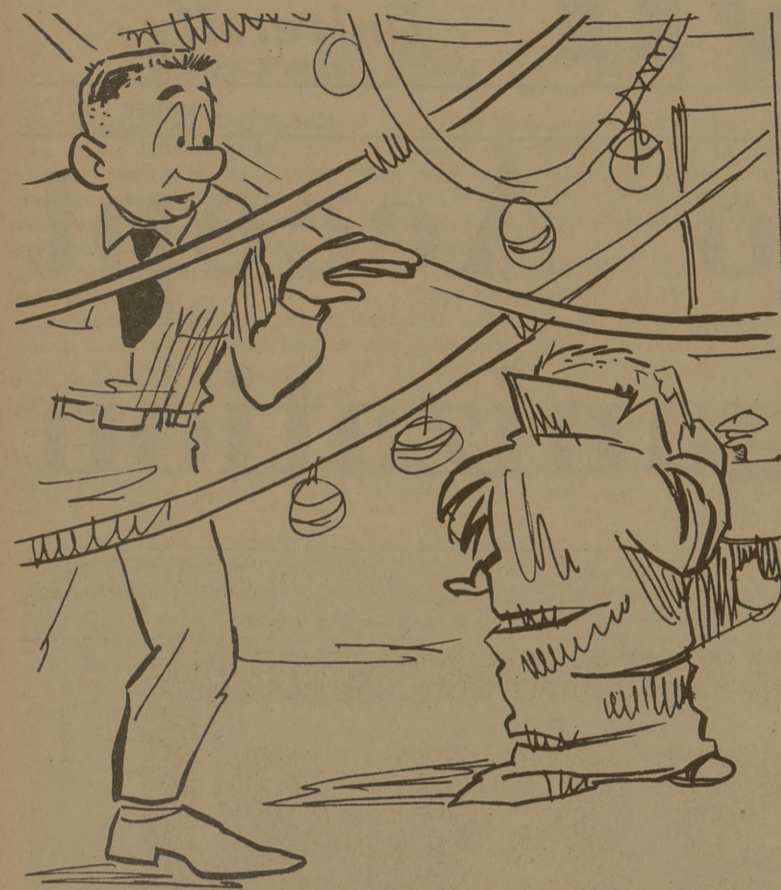


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Whad'ya say we think about takin' these Christmas decorations down!"

Congressional Debate Looms On Viet Nam Situation

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the threshold of renewed congressional debate over South Viet Nam, many senators share a sense of frustration and uncertainty over the course of the U. S.-backed war on communism in Southeast Asia.

Eighty-three senators spoke out in an Associated Press survey as Congress prepared for a

Indonesia Promotes Red Feud

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Red China and the Soviet Union made Indonesia a diplomatic battleground Wednesday. The Chinese backed Indonesia's decision to withdraw from the United Nations and the Soviets opposed it. Communist Chinese Ambassador Yao Chung-ming called twice on Foreign Minister Subandrio to communicate Peking's backing.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Yao obviously informed Subandrio about Communist China's solid support to Indonesia's stand, made earlier in Peking.

But the spokesman did not explain why Yao met twice with Subandrio — once in the morning and again in the evening.

Soviet Ambassador Nikolai A. Mikahilov got to Subandrio first. He called Tuesday night and urged Indonesia to remain in the United Nations, reliable diplomatic sources said.

Diplomatic quarters have expressed fear that Indonesia's withdrawal would further cement relations between Peking and Jakarta. They said the Soviet Union seems to share this view.

It was a day of intense diplomatic activity for Subandrio. U. S. Ambassador Howard P. Jones, and the diplomats of Pakistan, Czechoslovakia and Poland called on him. Jones was said to have sought reasons why Indonesia was quitting the United Nations.

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CAVE COMMENTS by GLENN DROMGOOLE

'Twas the season to be jolly. Now it is the season for some last minute cramming, grade point grabbing and after hours brown-nosing. But we must not dispense entirely with the jolliness.

The rattling of dominoes, shuffling of cards, watching teevee and flicks, and raising hell will certainly continue, but perhaps at a slower pace. This is the time for worrying about the grade point one isn't going to get, drinking gallons of coffee in preparing for the all-night study sessions, pacing the floor while waiting for papers to be graded, cursing profs for not giving the desired grades, and explaining to mom and dad why "little precious" didn't fare so well.

Church attendance increases as students converge upon the sanctuaries for their semi-annual final exam prayers, perhaps depositing a dime in the collection plate as payment in advance.

In all seriousness — these are the times that try men's souls. That's a good line; maybe it will become famous some day.

It is a time of reckoning: students reckon they will get A's or B's; profs reckon they won't. It is a time of decision: deciding whether to play cards tonight and study tomorrow or study tonight and play cards tomorrow or just forget about studying and have a good time. It is a time of meditation: meditating on what one is going to do with his time during the mid-term break or what his girl is doing or why she didn't write today of 43,682 other things.

As Shakespeare didn't say: beware of the ideas of January.

Peeking ahead at next semester finds these social events on the calendar:

- Feb. 1-10: Space Fiesta.
- Feb. 12: Town Hall — Al Hirt.
- Feb. 13: Band Dance.
- Feb. 15-19: Religious Emphasis Week.
- Feb. 20: Fish Ball.
- Feb. 22: Town Hall—Spoon River.
- March 5: Combat Ball; Intercollegiate Talent Show; Cafe Rue Pinnale.
- March 6: Spring Military Day, Military Ball.

- March 13: High School Career Day.
- March 18-24: Aggie Players — "Comedy of Errors."
- March 18: World Around Us Series — "Highlights of Brazil."
- March 27: A&M Invitational Drill Meet; Junior Banquet and Ball; Louisiana Hayride with Jerry Lee Lewis and George Jones.

You might want to underscore some of these events on your university calendar to remind you of a fun-filled, but long, second semester.

Michigan Says Freshmen Doing Better In English

By Intercollegiate Press Ann Arbor, Mich. — The University of Michigan is finding its freshmen better prepared in English than ever before. So pronounced has been this improvement that the University's College of Literature, Science and Arts recently announced reduction of the requirement of freshman English for its students from six hours to three.

This decision to require only one term of freshman English instead of two was made after long study, notes Dean William Haber. "Factors determining this decision included the continued and substantial improvements in programs of high school instruction, the increasing stringency of admission standards in the college, the improved performance of entering freshmen on scholastic aptitude and other tests, the rising grade average of the college pop-

ulation, the decrease in freshman dropouts, and the rising level of competence demonstrated by students in freshman English courses."

Dean Haber also reveals that the literary college's curriculum committee has released a report evaluating the present distribution system and posing possible alternatives. He points out that the committee's report was intended simply as the first of many such reports to be heard over a period of years.

Curriculum report excerpts: "The committee was confronted with a series of questions highly relevant to a review of the distribution system. Our present intention is simply to make the faculty aware of these problems and to explore opinion.

"First, the chairman of three science departments have pointed

out that their concentrators find it difficult to fit a demanding series of prerequisites into a schedule crowded with distribution requirements in the first two years.

"Second, we discovered that about one quarter of the students submit petitions for changes in their distribution pattern. The petitions suggest the existence of a de facto curriculum alongside de jure one. Finally, both students and departments have expressed a certain dissatisfaction with various requirements, particularly in the area of the laboratory science courses.

"Many discern an inconsistency in our curricular arrangements. One the one hand, there is an avowed aim to create liberal educated graduates who have some experience in the major subdivisions of knowledge

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THURSDAY

Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA Building. Aggieldand pictures will be taken.

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

San Antonio Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC.

Odessa Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA Building. Aggieldand pictures will be taken and the club sweetheart will be elected.

Laredo Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2-A of the MSC.

Bell County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205 of the Academic Building.

Johnson County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room of the YMCA Building.

Brazoria County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 225 of the Academic Building.

Jackson County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC.

PICTURE SCHEDULE

1965 Aggieldand WHO'S WHO

Appointments must be made with the Aggieldand Studio and pictures will have to be made before February 15 anytime between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

ATTENTION ATHLETIC CLUBS

The Aggieldand staff has announced that the last date for scheduling Athletic Club pictures for the 1965 Aggieldand will be Feb. 10, 1965. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Student Publications Office, YMCA Bldg.

ATTENTION Picture Schedule Aggieldand '65

Individual pictures for the Aggieldand will be made at the Aggieldand Studio according to the schedule below. Coats and ties will be worn.

- CIVILIAN SENIORS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**
- Jan. 6-7 A, B, C, D
 - 7-8 E, F, G, H
 - 11-12 I, J, K, L, M
 - 12-13 N, O, P, Q, R
 - 13-14 S, T, U, V
 - 14-15 W, X, Y, Z

- CIVILIAN JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES**
- Feb. 1-2 A, B, C, D, E, F
 - 2-3 G, H, I, J, K, L
 - 3-4 M, N, O, P, Q, R
 - 4-5 S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

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