

CAVE COMMENTS
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Texas, like most other states, faces the problem of reshaping its state legislature.

The redistricting that lies ahead for the state is a result of a ruling by the Supreme Court last summer that representation in state legislatures must be based strictly on population.

"One person, one vote" is the essence of the reorganization method suggested (or demanded) by the Supreme Court.

Already the Texas legislature has begun discussion on the measure, with the urban and rural representatives lining up for and against the court's decision, respectively.

It appears now that the only way to stop the court's plan from going into effect is by amending the U. S. Constitution. And this has been proposed.

Rep. Bill Parsley from Lubbock brought up a resolution in the House Wednesday asking Congress to call a convention to propose a constitutional amendment which would allow one house to be based on population and the other on area or some other measure.

The State Senate unanimously adopted the resolution Tuesday.

Parsley ran into immediate opposition from his urban con-

temporaries, and vote on the resolution was postponed until Thursday.

The urban-rural fight concerning redistricting is only natural, since cities stand to gain representatives and smaller towns and farms stand to lose.

But the purpose of a bicameral legislature would be somewhat distorted if both houses were based on population representation.

Rural rule of the state legislature has not been ideal, to say the least, and many long-needed reforms have fallen by the wayside because of the usually conservative rural majority.

But the rural dwellers deserve a voice in the government, and their voice would become hoarse and feeble if redistricting is completed according to the Supreme Court's demands.



"Sir, you've been mentioning geology all week! This is geography isn't it?"

—SECOND OF A SERIES—

Higher Education

By MANUEL PINA Jr.
Special Writer

Texans must recognize the relationship between quality in education and quality in the economic and cultural environment in which they live. The future progress of this state is dependent upon the adequacy of educational opportunity beyond the high school.

These are a few of the findings released recently by the Governor's Committee on Education Beyond the High School.

The problems of Texas College education were narrowed down to three by the 25-men committee with one outstanding problem. This was the changing pattern of four-year institutions. Many of the four-year institutions were created for specific purposes which have changed since the institutions were chartered. Other four-year institutions were originally junior colleges and developed into senior colleges and universities.

The naming of institutions has complicated the image of institutional responsibility, the committee said. Texas has an abundance of institutions operating under the title of "university," which are organized according to "college" patterns.

The second problem pointed out was the limited role of the public junior colleges. Most junior colleges have evolved as adjuncts to high schools, as private institutions subsequently taken over by the state, or as local two-year institutions created to meet local demands.

Lack of state support of the technical and vocational education

to meet crucial needs for systemizing all higher education. The Board would possess recommending, approving and initiating powers with regard to policy for education beyond the junior college through the university and reject or accept institutional proposals for modification of role and scope, determine the number and level of operation of each public educational institution.

to both the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Commission on Higher Education for their accomplishments within the area of their responsibility, the committee came to the firm conclusion that in order to achieve the goals outlined nothing less than a strong central coordinating board, established by the Legislature and clothed with the authority to carry out its responsibilities, will serve.

This coordinating board would assume the duties of the present agencies as they relate to education beyond the high school, it is hoped and believed that, in making appointments to the new board and its staff, representation from the dedicated members and staffs of these agencies would be considered.

The members are to be individuals of stature in the state who have a wide variety of education, managerial, industrial, and professional experience; who are vitally interested in the needs of Texas; and who have faith in the potentialities of education to meet these needs.

The members are to represent all the people of Texas without regard to a specific institution, agency, geographic region, or special interest, political or economic. The members will receive neither salaries nor remuneration beyond the regular expenses determined by the state for all commission, board, or committee members. They are also to serve six-year staggered terms, be eligible for reappointment, and accept a mandatory retirement at age of 70.

The Board will be vested with powers and functions designed

the junior colleges, the committee's report indicated has influenced the pattern of institutional development and created an academic dominance to the exclusion of technical and vocational programming.

The third and the most important problem was that of coordinating education beyond the high school. The Texas Education Agency serves as the state agency for systemizing the junior colleges. Authorization of new districts, approval of academic programs for which state funds are allocated, and administration of the technical and vocational programs constitute the primary responsibilities of the Texas Education Agency in maintaining a junior college system for Texas.

Since 1955 the central agency for the state-supported senior colleges and universities has been the Texas Commission on Higher Education. Certain specific powers were given to the Commission in an effort to provide coordination and prevent overlapping and duplication at the senior college and university level.

However, most of these powers are advisory in nature and leave this agency with far less than would be required for overhauling and streamlining our higher educational system. It should also be noted that the Commission has no authority to enforce its program decisions, no effective means to sustain its budget recommendation, and no jurisdiction over the public junior colleges, the report said.

The state administration of the junior colleges has therefore been completely unrelated to the state administrative agency responsible for the state senior colleges and universities.

Despite the efforts of both the Texas Education Agency and the Education, the problem of z:SP9 Texas Commission on Higher Education, the problem of coordinating education beyond the high school has become increasingly complicated.

Regardless of the high quality of the members chosen to serve

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. John Connally said Wednesday night he is "very encouraged" over prospects of putting his 10-year teacher pay raise program into effect.

Connally told newsmen he already has 50 senators and representatives agreeable to co-sponsoring his salary hike plan — "including some who have already signed the Texas State Teachers Association plan."

The governor talked with reporters a couple of hours before public school teachers from 19 Central Texas counties gathered to hear their spokesman boost that TSTA \$45 in '65 legislative plan — reportedly signed by more than 90 house members.

"My bill does not offer as much raise for the beginning teacher as the TSTA bill but it does more for the more experienced teacher and for the teacher with the master of arts degree," Connally said.

The governor complained several times about what he called "misinformation" distributed by the TSTA about his bill.

"To correct this," he said, "I'm going to talk to reporters at

least once a week. We are preparing a number of charts, and graphs and such to send to any person who has a question. Then I hope in the next several weeks to be speaking on this subject to everyone I can and everywhere I can."

Teachers and laymen from Bastrop, Bell, Bosque, Burnet, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Llano, McLennan, Milam, Navarro, Robertson, Tarrant and Williamson counties were invited.

The TSTA's legislative program includes a demand for \$45 per month increase in the state minimum salary schedule which starts at \$4,014 for a beginning teacher. Estimated cost of the proposal in the first two years is \$73 million, including extra money for teacher retirement.

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Matagorda County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge of Hart Hall.

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

Arkansas Homestate Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 2-B of the Memorial Student Center. Officers will be elected and Aggie-land pictures will be taken.

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

Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the MSC. Club sweetheart will be selected.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.

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Picture Schedule Aggie-land '65

Individual pictures for the Aggie-land will be made at the Aggie-land Studio according to the schedule below.

Coats and ties will be worn.

CIVILIAN JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES
Feb. 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

PICTURE SCHEDULE
1965 Aggie-land WHO'S WHO

Appointments must be made with the Aggie-land 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 Aggie-land staff has announced that the last date for scheduling Athletic Club pictures for the 1965 Aggie-land will be Feb. 10, 1965. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Student Publications Office, YMCA Bldg.

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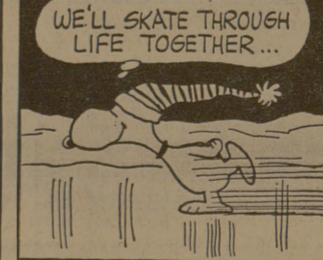
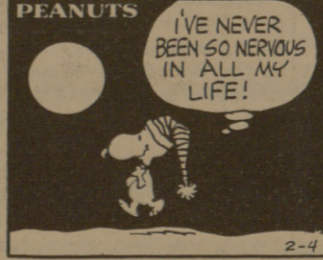
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