

CAVE COMMENTS

GLENN DROMGOOLE

Today we delve into the Halls of Knowledge for an interview with Professor Gotta Teachum.

CAVE: Professor Teachum, I understand you have been with this institution for more than 40 years.

TEACHUM: Yes, I have been here for more than 40 years. I've even been here for more than 50 years.

CAVE: What would you consider your greatest contribution to education?

TEACHUM: Teaching Aggies the cultural things of life.

CAVE: What sort of "cultural things?"

TEACHUM: Well, once I remember organizing a panty raid on Allen Academy. Then there was the time I treated my students to a beer bust on the Brazos River. Oh, yeah, (chuckle, chuckle) one time we even set fire to the president's home.

CAVE: And just how do you imagine these events have helped your students?

TEACHUM: Helped 'em! Hell, they didn't help 'em none. Aggies don't wanna be helped. They don't come here to be helped; they want an education. So that's what I try to give 'em — a well-rounded education. At least I used to.

CAVE: Used to?

TEACHUM: Yeah. Nowadays things are different. I'm getting older and there's a new breed of students today.

CAVE: How would you describe this "new breed?"

TEACHUM: Well, back in the old days there was more hell-raising. Today everybody seems to be interested in academic excellence. Now there's an over-used phrase. But anyway, everybody's interested in it.

CAVE: What else have you contributed to the advancement of education at A&M?

TEACHUM: Pop quizzes.

CAVE: How did this advance education?

TEACHUM: Pop quizzes keep Aggies on their toes. Also, it helps improve their vocabulary.

CAVE: Improve their vocabulary?

TEACHUM: Sure! You've no idea some of the words I've heard when I announce a pop quiz.

CAVE: Well, uh, yeah I guess so. Now, sir, what do you expect to contribute in the next few years.

TEACHUM: Nothing.

CAVE: Certainly you don't mean that.

TEACHUM: Sure I do. Man, I've been contributing for over 50 years. I'm gonna start receiving in the next few years.

CAVE: You mean receive the benefits from younger instructors?

TEACHUM: Oh, no. I mean receive retirement pay. I'm an old man.

CAVE: Surely in your many years of teaching, you have acquired a pet peeve. Would you mind telling me what it is?

TEACHUM: Oh, it's no secret. One of my students could tell you that I despise whispering in class. I don't care if they talk, you understand. I just don't like anyone whispering. I mean if someone has something to say, I want to hear it. That's just a standing rule in my classes. You'd be surprised of some of the good jokes I've heard by enforcing that rule. Want to hear some of 'em?

CAVE: I don't think we have any more time. Just one more question: If you could relive your life, what one thing would you change?

TEACHUM: I'd go to college. Then maybe I could be an administrator. They make all the good money.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Look, you're Aggies—aren't you? And Civilians too? Well, not only are you invited, but it's your duty to attend th' Civilian Weekend!"

Viet 'Volunteers' No Bluff

An (AP) News Analysis

A real threat exists that thousands of "volunteers" will enter the war in South Viet Nam on the Communist side — not Chinese or Russians, but men from Red North Viet Nam.

Both the Chinese and the Russians have mentioned the possibility of sending their own men to Viet Nam. But the Soviet hint was vague, and the Chinese have shown no sign of hurry about getting so deeply involved. This talk of "volunteers" seemed intended by both primarily to impress other Communists in the continuing quarrel between Moscow and Peking.

But the Chinese evidently are prodding Hanoi to infiltrate into the South thousands of young men who can claim South Vietnamese origin. Their presence in the South would be a political as well as a military factor, should there be any lull in the war to permit negotiations.

A recent statement from Peking, under the auspices of "National Front for Liberation of South Viet Nam" representatives stated there, said Hanoi would have every right to send such men southward.

It referred to these prospective reinforcements for the Viet Cong as "the sons and daughters of South Viet Nam who have regrouped to the North in

observance of the cease-fire agreement, and who have every right to return to their native places to take up arms once again to defend their own homes and families."

This refers to the 1954 agreements, after the French were defeated in Indochina. Many Southerners remained in the North, just as many Northerners remained in the South. By use of documents issued under the French colonial rule, those of Southern origin easily could demonstrate their status. Their presence in large numbers in

Solons Pass Dropout Law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A new law aimed at easing Texas' high school drop out problem was written by state legislators Wednesday.

The Senate passed on voice vote a House-approved measure JB51 that will raise the age for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 17 years. The bill goes to the governor for signature.

Supporters have claimed that forcing 17-year-old dropouts to return to school would be a long step in decreasing juvenile delinquency.

The Senate also finally passed and sent to the governor a House-passed bill HB150 that would hold up certification of the election of House members until the day before each Legislature begins. The practical effect would be to keep outgoing representative on the \$4,800 a year payroll until a new session starts. At present, due to a technicality in the payroll bill, winning House members are certified about the middle of November and can take their oath of office immediately.

Another House action got a swift rebuff in the Senate. The House passed 138-4 a bill SB-407 that would take Arlington State College out of the Texas A&M System and put it under the University of Texas.

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The original Senate bill had to be sent back to the Senate for approval of House amendments — which the Senate refused to give by a 11-17 vote.

Sen. Don Kennard, Fort Worth, said he will make another attempt for senate concurrence with the House amendments in a few days.

Attention Aggie Seniors
Candidates for Vanity Fair for the Aggieband '65 can be entered at the Student Publications Office, Y.M.C.A. basement. A portrait (8x10) head and shoulders and 1 snapshot full length with vital statistics should be included. The deadline for turning in pictures will be April 23rd.

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

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-B of the Memorial Student Center.

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Biological Sciences Building.

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

Mid-County Hometown Club will meet in Room 206 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

Abilene Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 208 of the Academic Building.

Bay Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 125 of the Academic Building.

Pasadena Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the MSC.

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