

State of Texas
County of Brazos

College Station, Texas

A&M Consolidated Independent School District

Affidavit of Legal Residence

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I was not a legal resident of the A & M Consolidated School District on January 1, 1965, and therefore not subject to taxation for personal property in the A & M Consolidated School District.

My legal residence January 1, 1965 was _____

By _____

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19 _____

Tax Assessor (or deputy)

School Tax On Cars

A good many Aggies received quite a shock this week when they received school tax notices on their automobiles.

The A&M Consolidated School District mailed notices to all persons who purchased license plates at the Memorial Student Center last spring, including students.

The district levies school tax on personal property, but the tax was not intended for students attending A&M who are not College Station residents.

School tax assessor William R. Miller Jr. said an affidavit of legal residence (printed above) may be presented at his office to gain exemption from the tax.

Students are not liable for the personal property tax unless they are legal residents of the community.

The tax itself is quite legitimate. Articles 1037 and 7147 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas define personal property, and school districts may levy taxes on these items at their discretion.

The elementary and high schools of the city are important and should be supported by tax money. However, students who have little connection with the area should not be required to foot the bills.

The State of Texas pays the local public schools \$5,000 for tax exempt property and \$15,000 for taxable property on the A&M campus, which Miller says will finance the education of 133 pupils. A&M students have 150 children attending the A&M Consolidated schools.

The money that A&M puts into the community through payrolls and other funds should more than make up the difference.

'Bitch-Ins' A New Way To Achieve Harmony?

The University of Colorado has devised a very unique solution to student-administration strife.

A "Bitch-In on the Multiversity," a vocal referendum on the problems of student life, has been scheduled early this month.

The session will be modeled after the teach-ins on Viet Nam and will allow the students to air what they think is wrong with the university, why and what can be done about it.

There will be no speeches. All comments and criticism will come directly from the students themselves.

As each student enters the auditorium, he will be given a numbered IBM card which he will be encouraged to bend, fold, staple or mutilate. Then, in numerical order, each card holder will have five minutes to sound off. Only the ordinary rules of good taste will apply; subject matter and position will be wide open.

Sponsored by the national affairs commission of the Associated Students of the University of Colorado, the bitch-in is intended not only to allow the individual student "to get it off his chest," but to provide a set of goals and priorities for action on the problems of students.

Students who have praise for the university will also be allowed to speak, but not many are expected to.

Participation is open to every student and "no gripe is too small to be aired," a Colorado student said.

The entire session will be taped and later transcribed and the comments studied by the committee. A Boulder, Colo., radio station expressed interest in broadcasting all or part of the bitch-in tape.

Other schools will be watching with interest the success of the bitch-in.

The session, if not successful, at least should be interesting.

Mortimer's Notes

FOR THE RECORD: Will Johnny Cash be here Bonfire eve? The Town Hall committee says he will, but he is presently on \$1,500 bond on a charge of smuggling and concealing illegal drugs

The country and western singer was arrested in El Paso Monday night by police and customs agents. They said he had been to Juarez and that they seized 668 dexadrine tablets — pep pills — and 476 equinal tablets, a tranquilizer

Either count could carry a sentence of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine

Political clubs, a hot topic on campus about this time last year, is expected to break big in the very near future

Young Democrat and Young Republican leaders have vowed to gain recognition for their groups—one way or another

The Brothers Four return to A&M tomorrow night, and a packed house is expected

Two years ago on their first trip here, the Brothers sang before the largest Town Hall crowd in history

The report is out that "Death of a Salesman," scheduled by the Aggie Players for Nov. 8-13, may be one of the group's best ever

FACTS AND FIGURES: In Washington last winter, there were two transient purple grackles to every one important person

The 1895 Aggie football team was undefeated, untied, unscored on and unplayed against

OFF THE RECORD: It is better to cram the night before a quiz than the night after See Ya 'Round—MORTIMER.

'RESORT RELIGION' PROTESTED

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — A tendency among some Jews to bypass the synagogue in favor of casual religious services to "satisfy their minimum Jewish identity" as summer resorts, catering establishments and other public places has come under criticism of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

A report by the Conference's Committee on Decorum in Jewish Life said commercial resorts "which offer vacation opportunities during the High Holy Days, Passover and other Jewish festival periods conjoined with religious services" are in opposition to "the spirit of Jewish religious tradition."

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137 Hours: An Extra Term

By LANI PRESSWOOD

High School Harold graduated in 1962. Thereupon he enrolled the next fall at what is now Texas A&M University.

He thus became a member of the A&M class of '66 and went on to major in history. And if all goes well he'll be clutching a diploma come May, four years and 137 hours after he first arrived on the collegiate scene.

That's the score all right, 137 hours. It would be the same if the major was marketing, math or mechanical engineering. And every field of study in the College of Liberal Arts requires this many.

This is not news to you but the total number of hours required at other major colleges in the state may be.

You might as well start with the institution 90 miles to our west. Their requirement for a marketing, history or math major is 120 hours but for an M.E. major is 136 hours.

For a degree in Arts and Sciences from Texas Tech you need 122 hours, from SMU and TCU 124 hours and from William Marsh Rice — 120 hours.

TCU and SMU, by the way, also grant four hour's credit for the successful completion of four semesters of required physical education.

If you want to take it from a different approach, imagine that the above-mentioned Harold had a buddy in his graduating class who matriculated at Texas or Rice at the same time Harold was getting his first Fish haircut.

Now if both took a standard 15 hours each semester, Harold's buddy would be through in four years. But Harold?

He'd still be 17 hours short and would be forced to go an extra semester. That extra semester would mean graduating in January of '67 instead of May of '66 — a full eight months difference.

Now if you're trying to avoid the draft all this is swell but if you're motivated by any other factor other than staying out of the army you may find the setup something less than ideal.

An individual in his early twenties should be at the peak of his powers and productivity. The longer it takes him to complete his education delays him that much longer from realizing his ultimate goals.

With the Age of Specialization has come a mounting emphasis on graduate and professional study. As education becomes more widespread, it's the guy with the advanced degree who stands the best chance of success.

Graduate programs in schools all over the country are being streamlined so that the grad student will be able to complete his preparation in a minimum of time and can begin making whatever contribution he's going to make.

And you know what the funny thing is about this trend? Even though the amount of time required is being cut back, the level of education is continually increasing.

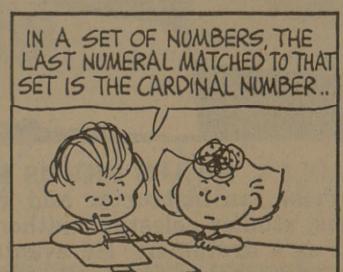
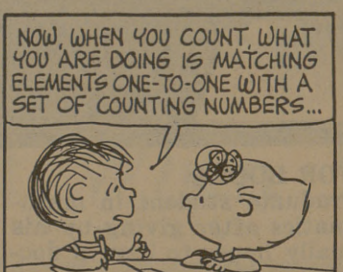
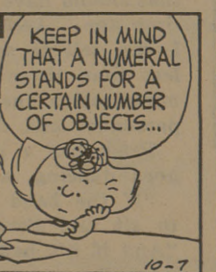
No, academic excellence is no argument for the present situa-

Short Snorts

Dist. Judge John F. Onion Jr. of San Antonio, who helped draft the new state Criminal Code, predicts its provisions will not affect pre-trial news coverage practices.

Parks and Wildlife Commission has amended its July 29 South Texas order prohibiting the possession of more than 50 catfish, none of which can be less than 11 inches long, but exempts catfish produced in private waters, so as not to outlaw operations of catfish farmers.

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It is an Aggie tradition to kiss your date after touchdowns, but I don't know about kissin' your date for th' touchdowns made during th' first three games that you didn't see . . . but it's worth a try!"

Tech Beauty, Aggie Mule And A Game Of Life

Herky Killingsworth

I'm beginning to believe I've been around this campus too long for memories are already beginning to return. Memories, for you underclassmen, are those haunting thoughts that return to you after all your buddies have graduated.

While I was out in Lubbock last week-end, many memories slipped into mind. It's one of the more important games for me because all of my high school friends go there. My home town is only 120 miles from Lubbock. Anyhow, I can remember when

I was a freshman and had this luscious brunette for a date. She was still a high school senior and I must admit she was fairly snowed with the impression of an Aggie cadet. After we walked Tech, (she couldn't understand our after point system) we went to a dance and I spent the

remainder of the night watching her dance with the upperclassmen.

The next year was even better. Played on our own Kyle field, the game ended with a sensational 102 yard run by Danny Melhaney in the last minute of play to win the game. I remember the run well although my date seems to have faded away. To think I thought that love was true, but the football team proved to be more dependable.

Besides the sensational run, I remember well how Zorro—al dressed up in his red and black uniform—tried to run down our yell-leaders. Everyone scrambled to safety but you could hear the hideous laugh high up in the end-zone seats. Revenge was just around the corner though.

Then came my junior year. That was the big year where we stole nearly every mascot in the conference. Old Tech Beauty was the first to be stolen. Now I don't know who stole him, but Tech accused A&M of trying to mate here with a mule. That's the tale I heard.

A friend of mine played Zorro that year and road here around the arena. He later told me that he was afraid of the substitutes and wouldn't ride her throughout the game.

The next two years passed without incident or maybe it's just that the memories haven't had time to form yet. There's a new Tech Beauty around but now they have to put shoe polish on the white forehead star. They guard her pretty closely but who knows, maybe someday she will get lucky and be mated to an Aggie mule.

Turn For Better In Viet Nam

That the war is not going too well for the Viet Cong is reflected in the rising number of defections from the ranks of the Communist fighting units.

Troop morale is an essential for victory. Other tools, regardless of their efficacy, won't get the job done unless there is a man of courage and commitment behind them.

Perhaps this is one of the major reasons why some of our generals are convinced there has been a definite turn for the better for South Viet Nam and its U. S. advisors — The San Antonio Standard-Times.