

State Capitol Roundup

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AUSTIN — A facelifting of the Texas road-side scene is about to take place.

Gov. John Connally has pledged full cooperation with the Federal government in connection with the new Highway Beautification Act. A

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legislative council committee here now is considering the legal steps necessary in Texas to enforce provisions of the Act. This to prevent loss of U. S. funds.

State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer is outlining an initial plan of compliance with the Federal law which proposes control of scenery-spoiling billboards and junkyards and general scenic enhancement along 17,589 miles of Texas' Federal-Aid highways alone.

Texas Highway Department, Greer reports, already is taking steps to put into effect an expanded program of landscaping and beautification at a cost of about \$10,000,000. Program will cover a two-year period and will include planting projects, rest areas, irrigation systems and possible scenic easements at selected overlooks and natural-beauty spots.

Greer anticipates Texas will get about \$6,000,000 a year in federal funds for this work.

He has called for a complete inventory of junkyards and large outdoor advertising signs and devices within 600 feet of highways.

Some of the junkyards, Greer emphasized, will be screened by plantings, fences and other means in the near future.

Meanwhile, information from the inventories will be used in studies of needed state legislation, including zoning of industrial and commercial areas along the state highway system as called for in the beautification act.

Criminal Code

Texas' much-maligned new code of criminal procedure was defended by State Bar official, Fred Erisman of Longview, at a three-day institute to study its provisions here.

Erisman said code brings Texas criminal statutes in line with modern-day decisions of U. S. Supreme Court. It means little to law enforcement, he maintained, to obtain convictions, only to have Supreme Court set the defendant free because of unconstitutional procedures.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"We should have a bonfire every month! Nothing creates a greater appreciation for class!"

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

HOUSTON

The University of Houston is again striving for the recognition that they feel they deserve as a large university.

A stump speaking program that is patterned after the University Texas' program went into effect last Thursday.

The campus also is still caught in the middle of anti-anti-U. S. policy demonstrations. Sigma Nus erected a sign pledging their support, and car owners were reported to be painting their windows with appropriate slogans.

Cougar Aggie Joke: Did you hear about the Aggie that wanted to burn his draft card and forget to take it out of his pocket?

MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippian reports: Last year it was the sculpture cut for men, complete with hair dryer, hairnet, mudpack, and everything. This year, along with the hairdos it's ruffled shirts and lipstick for men.

But I guess that beats the draft. Nothing could blow the Army's mind any more than somebody, reporting for a physical wearing lipstick, a pink ruffled shirt and a pair of high heels.

CHAPMAN

The floating campus of the Seven Seas Division of Chapman College, the M. S. Seven Seas, left New York Oct. 20 on a 108 day voyage around the world.

The Seven Seas will travel to Europe, then through the Mediterranean to the Near, Middle and Far East before returning to Los Angeles Feb. 4.

The 300 students from 41 states carry a full load of college courses with classes held daily aboard ship.

TEXAS WESLEYAN

"The Rambler" from Texas Wesleyan College says: Engineers calculate the number of blasts that will come from the auto horns in a traffic jam as equal to the sum of the squares at the wheels.

TWU

The Daily Lass-O of Texas Woman's University has been running more than its share of news concerning the Aggies. During one week when stories were run on the Aggie Players, a post-game story, a pre-game story and a column ran, one advisor remarked, "What are you running, an Aggie paper or a TWU paper?"

Another Look At Viet Protests

Tim Lane

A judge, ruling on a charge against members of a student protest group in Austin several weeks ago, said something that seems to have been scarcely noticed. I don't think it deserved to be buried in the bottom of stories stuck on page umpteenth of most newspapers.

The students I am referring to had been demonstrating against the administration's Viet Nam policy, after being refused a parade permit by Austin city officials because of the nature of their demonstration.

The judge, whose name I wish

I remembered, expressed his vehement disagreement with and disapproval of the purpose of the demonstration, but dismissed the charges, saying:

"It would be strange indeed if, at the very moment some of our young men were fighting to protect the rights of minorities to freedom of speech and opinion, we censured you people for daring to express an opinion, however objectionable that opinion might seem."

This, to me, gets right down to what our country is really all about in a way that people who wave their patriotism in front of their own eyes, until they get blind spots, cannot see. It, for example, is a strange

piece of logic to say that Joe College, because he thinks the President and his administration are making a mistake by waging a containing war in Viet Nam, is disloyal to his country or to the men who are fighting that war.

If he honestly thinks it is a mistake for his country to be fighting in Viet Nam, it would be more disloyal for him not to say so.

And saying so cannot in any logical way be construed to mean that he is being disloyal to the men fighting there — although this twist of double-think is performed by some weighty official every time such a demonstration is held.

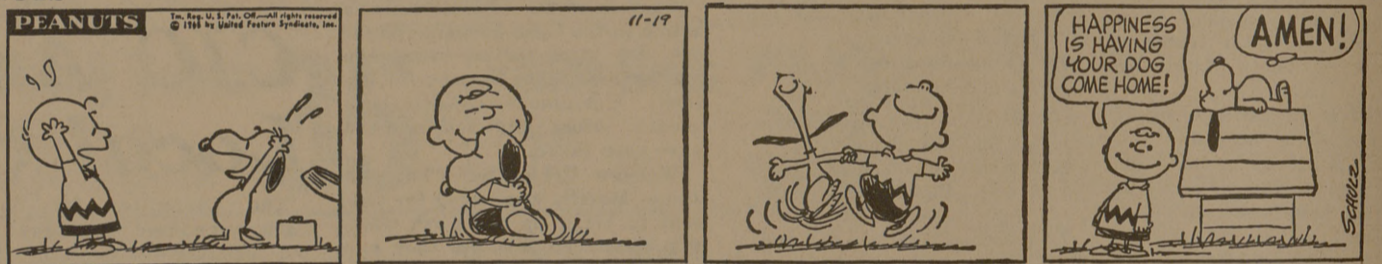
The young men fighting in Viet Nam, like GI's anywhere, have orders to follow. And any good enlisted man can tell you that the Army requires that he must do things, not that he must like to do them. It would seem "strange indeed" if the men who were fighting for a right were allowed to have that right, while those for whom they were presumably protecting it were not.

The right to freedom of expression, in some people's 1965 version, is beginning to be interpreted as "freedom of expression if you're right," or something similar.

Freedom of expression either includes the right to be wrong or it is not freedom.

By Charles M. Schulz

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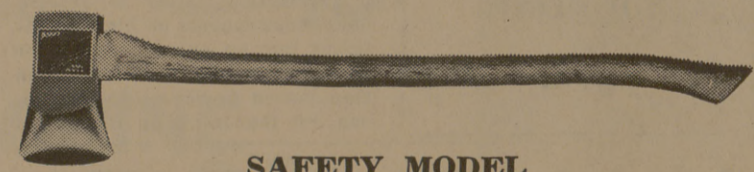
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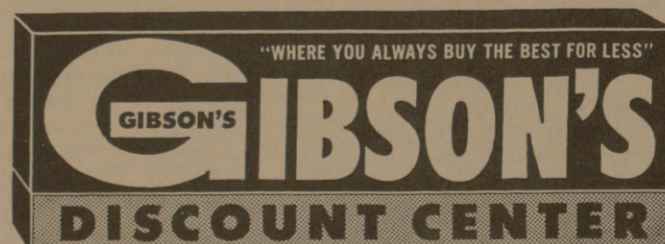
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