

## The Spiritless Of Christmas

**Herky Killingsworth**

Old Christmas's shot to heck! Those white holidays around the fireplace are gone forever and only their Christmas Carols live on.

Nor is there a Christmas day. Today it's Christmas month. The streets of Dallas were decorated with Silver Bells and Santa Claus a week before Thanksgiving. Evergreen trees went on sale the day after Thanksgiving. And everywhere people are scurrying to do their last minute shopping with 17 days to go.

I say everyone everywhere is preparing for Christmas. That's not entirely true. Back in my hometown of Podunk Flats people hardly know what Christmas is. The streets are decorated mainly because the lights never come down.

Any day now the people will go out on the prairie and chop down an old mesquite tree which will later be painted white or purple to depict the Yuletide spirit. Fires burn there for it's cold during Christmas and a true holiday spirit should prevail. But it's spoiled because to this day Santa has never been able to find Podunk Flats.

Last week I went to Austin to buy a raincoat to get me through the holidays. Not a snowcoat, but a raincoat. In Austin I found the biggest mess one town could possibly have. It looked like a Corps Parade after the Aggies had just passed.

I couldn't even drive a car downtown for the people running from one store to the next. Everyone wanting the same thing now before the rush begins. Women fighting over the

same dress, shoplifters finally getting it.

The fighting over items looked like such fun that I myself undertook a battle with this girl over a sweater. What a fight!

Maybe with everyone buying so much, so early I'll get something this year. All I want is a Jaguar XKE, a coed, a 2.95 G.P.R., a bear skin rug complete with 18-year-old baby, etc. . . . Also I'd like to take that quiz over that I took Friday.

But Austin isn't the only place going Christmas crazy. It's like that everywhere. People are beginning to drag out records they haven't played since last year. Bing Crosby becomes famous once again.

The English professors dig out their Dickens books to tell the freshmen all about Tiny Tim and Uncle Scrooge.

Holly wreaths go on the door, mistletoe above the door (or on a stick so it'll be handy), and Aggies everywhere start looking for a sock without a hole in it to hang on the fireplace to restock their dwindling supply of cherry bombs.

Soon underclassmen will begin singing their annual Christmas Carols, if you call it singing. It's really a beautiful tradition and as the Senior sheds a tear we have really the spirit of giving oneself, for if the words go wrong oneself will be given to

sacrificial juniors to teach them the glory of Christmas. It's actually funny to think that they will be singing of a White Christmas in shirt sleeves.

Speaking of a White Christmas, who ever saw a white Christmas here at A&M unless in a hospital with white sheets, white nurses, and white padded walls. Irving Berlin definitely wasn't from Texas. The only white Christmas I've ever seen was in Colorado and the next day was black, because of a skiing accident.

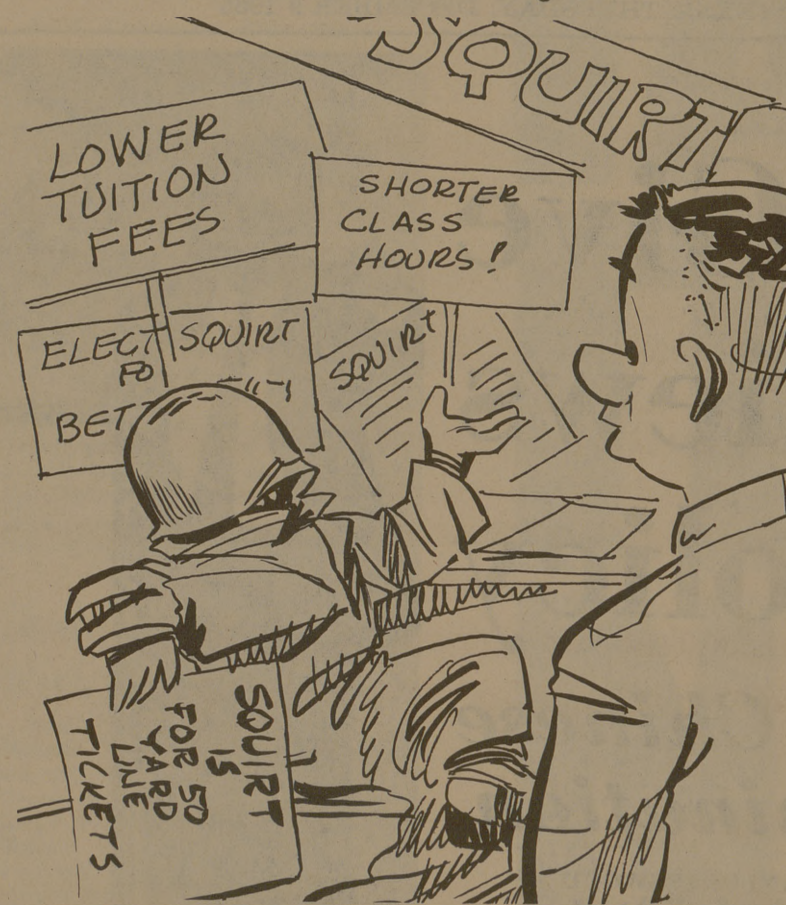
With the weather around here, people don't even know what a fireplace or sweater is for. They think a sweater is for pin-up girls, (ski-pants also) and a fireplace to depict the Spirit of Aggeland before the tragic Thanksgiving day game.

Well for your information freshman, a fireplace is one of those brick hole-in-the-walls in which you put logs and set afire. You can't smoke it and it's only good for heat and watching, if you have a girl. Otherwise it's only good for heat.

The times are a changing. The Christmas Holidays are no longer the time of mirth as they use to be. Now it is the symbol for an extended vacation in which you get away from it all. Soon legend will have it that Santa has gone Space Age and drops from out of a Gemini capsule to bring goodies and winning ballgames to all good little Aggies and Maggies. Eggnog will flow in its more original contents and there will be parties for all.

But don't worry Mortimer, Santa will rise again.

## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... Why should campus politics be more restricted than real politics?"

## ON OTHER CAMPUSES

### OKLAHOMA

Feelings are many and mixed upon the Oklahoma University campus following the Monday announcement of head football coach Gomer Jones' resignation.

Gene Cagle, OU's quarterback and top rusher, said "a lot of pressure has been put on Coach Jones. Even though he didn't have to, he probably felt it was best to resign. We made the mistakes, not him."

Most of the members of the team echoed this view. The student body was of a different mind.

"I think that we can find a better coach," stated Dave Dryden, Tulsa freshman. "Jones isn't forceful enough and doesn't work the players to their full capacity. It's hard for students to understand why a team would win under Wilkinson and not under Jones."

The resignation followed an OU defeat at the hands of Oklahoma State University which had not beaten the Sooners since 1945.

The Oklahoma Daily had this to say, editorially:

"He could have continued and tried to prove what his close friends and staunch admirers

knew, but the critical wave was too strong and threatened to hurt the chances of his team's future. He started and finished with his boys' dedication and admiration. There can be no higher tribute than this."

### TWU

TWU has created another tradition. Columnist and Managing Editor Carolyn Raeke tells about it:

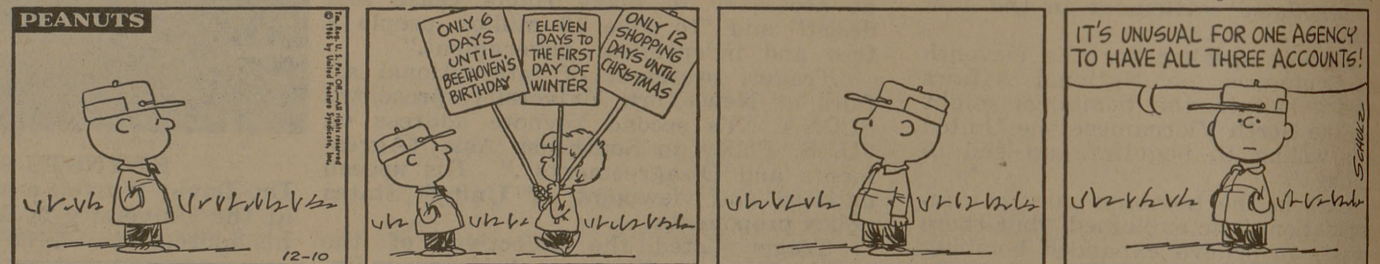
"The shut-eyed students standing about are part of the TWU 'Great Bear' tradition. Having gone into hibernation with the first blast of cold air, they now sleep through everything including classes."

The Tennessees will host their annual Christmas dance Saturday night in the Student Union Building Ballroom. If you have been invited, the dress is formal optional. That means tux for the fratrats from North Texas and Class A's or dark suits for the Aggies. White socks should be worn.

A pre-Columbian world map showing "Vinland" adds to archeological evidence that Vikings visited North America before Columbus's voyage.

By Charles M. Schell

### PEANUTS



## Coed Limitation Questioned

**Tim Lane**

It is the same old question, with all its vulnerable simplicity, asked by hundreds of thousands of small children daily, I know.

I have seen months, years of vague debate full of vague pros and cons; I have waited, like others, patiently. I have always tried to remind myself "They are dealing with a ticklish problem," and to restrain the countless angry questions that have come to mind in reaction to the endless groping for, the over-emphasis of, and the recurrent evasion of the problem.

But now there is one question that must be asked.

In all the heated arguments among students about coeducation the past couple of years, there is always at least one person ready to swear he got it straight from the horse's mouth that A&M's board of directors is secretly strongly in favor of full, unlimited coeducation. And there is also always at least one person ready to swear the opposite. So nobody really knows for sure.

Or, that is, they didn't know. But, when the board "clarified" its policy on coeducation last week in a special letter of the president, a member of the board, in one of his discussions of the letter and the problem, was quoted by several newspapers as saying that he was sure that 75 per cent of the members of the board were very much against full, unlimited coeducation at A&M.

Although he did not say whether his estimates were based on an official tabulation, a straw vote of some sort, or on his personal opinion, his estimate cannot be ignored—he is, after all, on the board.

So, eternally childish as it may seem, the question has to be asked.

—Because we know the reasons some of the students are against coeducation, and we know the reasons of those in favor of it—we ought to as often as they've

been reshaped. But we do not know the reasons for his saying the board opposes coeducation. So: Why?

If the board is against full, unlimited coeducation at A&M, obviously the board has reasons. It is equally obvious that the students of Texas A&M and the other taxpayers of Texas should hear them along with the rest of the "policy clarification."

So, once more, like a naive child that really expects to get an answer: Why?

### BAYLOR STUDENTS NOT CHARGED

The Dietz Memorial Company of Waco has decided not to press charges against four Baylor men involved in the theft of a tombstone from the company.

"I understand it was just a practical joke," said Travis DuBois, dean of men. The men supposedly took the stone as a prank on a friend. It was to signify his death upon becoming engaged to be married, the men said.

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