

What Others Say

Kiss Vs. Tooth Decay

From the University of Miami comes news which may revolutionize the dating habits in America.

Dental researchers there have discovered that tooth decay is a highly contagious disease rather than a hereditary defect.

At first, this may seem insignificant. However, upon closer examination, who would not destroy his ivory smile or earn himself a premature set of false teeth simply because he had been kissing the wrong girl?

Dr. Doran D. Zinner, one of the researchers, confirmed that tooth decay was caused by certain types of mouth bacteria. The dentist-microbiologist asserts that these bacteria are transmitted by direct contact, using case histories of rats, hamsters and humans to prove it.

A person will now need to check a prospective date's dental history as well as other vital statistics. The question arises of how this may be done without arousing suspicion.

Zinner announced that the best tooth decay protection comes from the use of flourides. Here is a positive area for discrimination. Once a person knows where his date is from, he need merely check his pocket guide of flouridated water supplies in the United States. If the local supply is flouridated, then he can be sure by subtly plying her with water.

With this social problem exposed, one can with proper precaution be sure before saying "Pucker up." — The Louisiana State University Daily Reveille.

Lost Freedom

For all practical purposes, the members of the U. S. population under 21 have lost their freedom.

Freedom is defined as Salado De Madariage defined it: "He is free who knows how to keep in his own hands the power to decide at each step, the course of his life and who lives in a society which does not block the exercise of that power."

Are the U. S. government and the mass media, inspired by the chauvinistic tensions of the American people, sacrificing the freedom of a huge portion of the younger generation? We think so.

Last year the Berkeley protestors (Free Speech Movement) were given fines and sentences for exercising civil disobedience.

The peace march on Washington in December, made up mostly of students, was labeled by the mass media, carte blanche, as "fringe radicals" and "pinkos."

That burning of draft cards, a symbolic gesture of disagreement with the administration's policy in Viet Nam, can now be punished by five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

A young Texas airman was sentenced to two years at hard labor by a military tribunal for participating in a peace march, even though he was off duty and in civilian clothes.

Reader's Digest, Look and Life magazines have efficiently assured the American patriot that the whole Viet Nam protest movement is controlled by Communist agents.

The whole American ideal confirmed the right of the individual to speak his mind and pursue his own reality, as long as he was not threatening someone else's right to do the same. What has happened to the ideal?

We are free as long as we keep our mouths shut, stay in step and join a few clubs.—Colorado State College Mirror.

Value Of Grades

The times is at hand when the high school graduate in the lower half of his class will encounter great difficulty in finding a major college that will accept him.

Most colleges want to help the youngsters who want to be helped, and they know that some low grades among high school graduates are due to laziness and unconcern which are inexcusable. Then, too, it is reasonable to expect that those who made the best grades in the secondary school will be most able to receive higher education.

Further than that, it is believed by many that students who make high grades will be the benefactors of society throughout life, but this is not always the case, and the Standard raises a question about the wisdom of allowing grades to be the primary determinant in selecting students for college work.

Evidently the native intelligence of a student does not always show up during his school days, and it is even more evident that demonstrated intelligence and high I.Q.'s are often over-rated in modern education circles. The young man who has intelligence and nothing else is frequently a danger to society. The world has suffered too often from undisciplined intellectual ability. The current idea that an education for everyone will cure the ailments of this generation is absurd.

Learning the what, the why and the how of material matters makes mean people more dangerous and good people more helpful. The value of educating the masses, then depends on two things: What they are before the education and what kind of an education they receive. . . . The Baptist Standard.

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By Glenn Dromgoole

It's sometimes quite amusing to read the publicity releases sent by organizations ignorant of A&M's nearly all-male status.

The latest chuckle came from the typewriters and mimeograph machines of Cypress Gardens, Fla., where the fourth annual Miss Cheerleader USA contest — scheduled April 10 — was advertised for entries.

A \$200 scholarship will be awarded the winner and she will receive a trip to Cypress Gardens during Easter vacation along with the four other finalists.

Too bad, Joe. Last year's winner, according to the release, "was judged on both her ability to lead cheers and enthruse a crowd."

If those were the only requirements, you'd have a chance. But you weren't blessed with the right qualifications required of entrants.

The way things are going, A&M will have to wait 'till next year or not long thereafter.

With air travel soaring to popular heights (no pun intended), American Airlines has developed a special plan for youth.

The program offers half-fare travel for anyone age 12-22 that purchases an identification card from the airlines for \$3.

This is how the plan works:

1. Students must purchase Youth Plan Cards from an American Airlines ticket office or write the airlines' Youth Plan Headquarters at 644 Third Avenue in New York. Legal proof of age must be validated before the cards may be used.

2. Card holders may purchase a ticket, at half the jet coach fare, for travel anywhere on the airlines' nationwide route on a standby basis — in other words, they may board after regular revenue passengers and military standbys.

3. Youth Fare plan will not be in effect on a few days of the year when heavy passenger loads cut the availability of seats for standbys, including April 7 (Thursday before Easter); Nov. 23 and 27 (Wednesday before and Sunday after Thanksgiving Day), and Dec. 15-21.

The plan is a good one, both for the airlines and the student. It offers students a cheaper, faster means of transportation, and provides the airlines with potential adult customers.

Other airlines have possibly arranged similar programs. One that has been in effect for several years on a smaller scale is offered by Trans-Texas Airlines for in-state travel.

In case you're interested in a law enforcement career, the Texas Department of Public Safety is looking for young men between 21-35 for the Highway Patrol, License and Weight Division, Motor Vehicle Inspection and Driver Licensing branches.

Trainees attend a 16-week program at the Law Enforcement Academy in Austin and receive a salary while training.

June 6 is the deadline for receipt of applications for the June 11 examination. The next training school opens August 9.

Further information can be obtained from: Personnel and Training, Texas Department of Public Safety, Box 4087, North Austin Station, Austin.

The draft, one of today's hottest campus conversation pieces, receives special notice Saturday when CBS Radio carries a national telephone call program, "Ask CBS News About The Draft."

The program, scheduled from 3:05-4 p.m., will host Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, and Douglas Edwards, CBS News Correspondent.

College students will be invited to telephone CBS in New York collect during the program and question Gen. Hershey about any aspect of conscription.

Students of the University of California at Berkeley will assemble in the Student Union building there, and two student leaders — one representing the anti-draft faction and one supporting the system — will speak for the group.

Draftees in Viet Nam will also question Hershey and the Berkeley student leaders.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough says Texas has received more than \$41 million in funds for the War on Poverty. Included in this total are:

—\$14 1/3 million for 147 Neighborhood Youth Corps Projects. More than 28,000 Texas youth have been given training through the projects.

—\$1,600,000 for Adult Basic Education Programs which provide reading and writing lessons for low-income adults. More than 43,000 Texans have participated in the program.

—Almost \$2 million for 1,100 loans to low-income farm families.

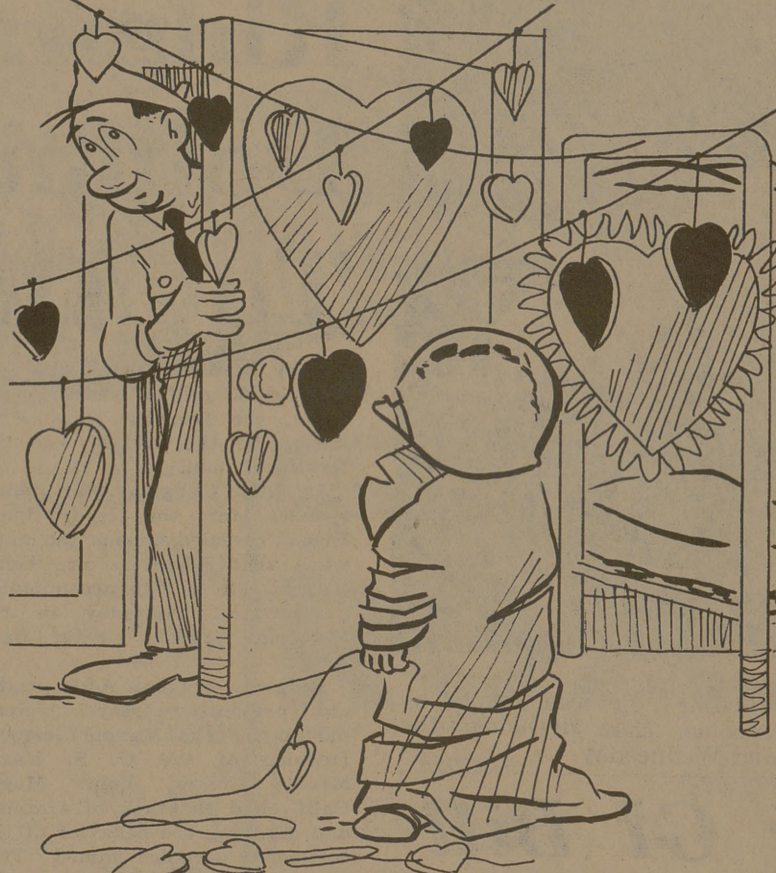
—Almost \$20 million for Community Action Programs including 170 Head Start Programs for low income children entering the first grade.

According to Yarborough, Texas is not receiving its share of poverty funds.

"Texas ranks number one in the nation in the number of poor, but we rank only fifth in the amount of funds we have received," the Texas senator said.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Surprise! When I'm through you'll have th' only room on th' campus decorated for Valentine's Day!"

State Capitol Roundup

By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association AUSTIN — Floterial districts! You'll hear these two words used often between now and the November election. And probably a long time thereafter.

What are floterial districts? They are voting areas created by combining counties, or parts thereof, to comply with the Supreme Court's edict that all states must have districts of equal population.

In Texas, this has resulted in rural counties sharing representatives with metropolitan coun-

ties, or vice versa.

A three-judge federal court at Houston has just upheld the 1965 Reapportionment Act of the House of Representatives, with the exception of 11 floterial districts.

These floterial districts are areas around Austin, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Tyler, Waco, Sherman-Denison, Lubbock, Abilene, Temple, Odessa and Angleton.

So this November, voters will select representatives on the basis of the original reapportionment draft.

Lani Presswood

Tech Incident Distasteful

Texas A&M has more enemies than Napoleon Bonaparte in his heyday and the incident at the Tech basketball game Tuesday night played right into their hands.

I walked away from that game, on the surface a tremendous victory for A&M, with a lousy taste in my mouth.

When you think of the gallant legions of honorable fighting men A&M has produced, the sight of that mob trying to steal a bell from a handful of visiting students has to make you a little sick.

Some of the state's top sports-writers witnessed that fine scene, as did other visitors to the campus. It chalked up a big black mark both on the A&M Image and on our page in the SWC Sportsmanship Committee record book.

Actually, to me the word 'image' has become one of the shabbiest in our language and for all I personally care the "sportsmanship committee" can award their shiny trophy to the Folsom Pheasants.

No, it's not how the episode 'looked' that really bothers me, but instead, why the thing happened at all.

The word 'sportsmanship' has been kicking around for some time now but maybe that sounds corny to some of our super-sophisticates.

To them I'd like to say one thing: When we get to the point where sportsmanship becomes a secondary consideration, then it's time to hang up our uniforms and get out of competition.

All through football season, the A&M student body symbolized genuine spirit, and not poor sportsmanship, better than at any other time since I've been here.

Then basketball season rolled around and with it the old routine of yelling during enemy free throws and blasting the horse laugh into the referee's ears whenever one of his decisions against us appears obviously mistaken.

You think of creating a roar

of noise and distraction during free throws is an Aggie tradition? Talk to some of the local people who have followed basketball here over the years. It's a comparatively recent innovation, and a regrettable one.

It's no excuse to point to other schools and say "look how we've treated over there." When the conduct of other schools determines A&M's actions then our claims of individuality and leadership ought to be summarily tucked away in moth balls.

Ironically, this year's Aggie basketball team is very likely the cleanest in the league, yet that doesn't keep them from being a scrappy, hustling ball club which comes to play and play hard.

We're fortunate to have a squad like this representing us and we ought to try to keep our standards as high as theirs.

Admitting these things is a bitter dose for some but not for anybody who genuinely cares for the school and its future.

There is also most definitely another side of the coin and it's the first to admit it. Unfavorable incidents involving Aggies over the years have been exaggerated, distorted and some have even been outright fabrications.

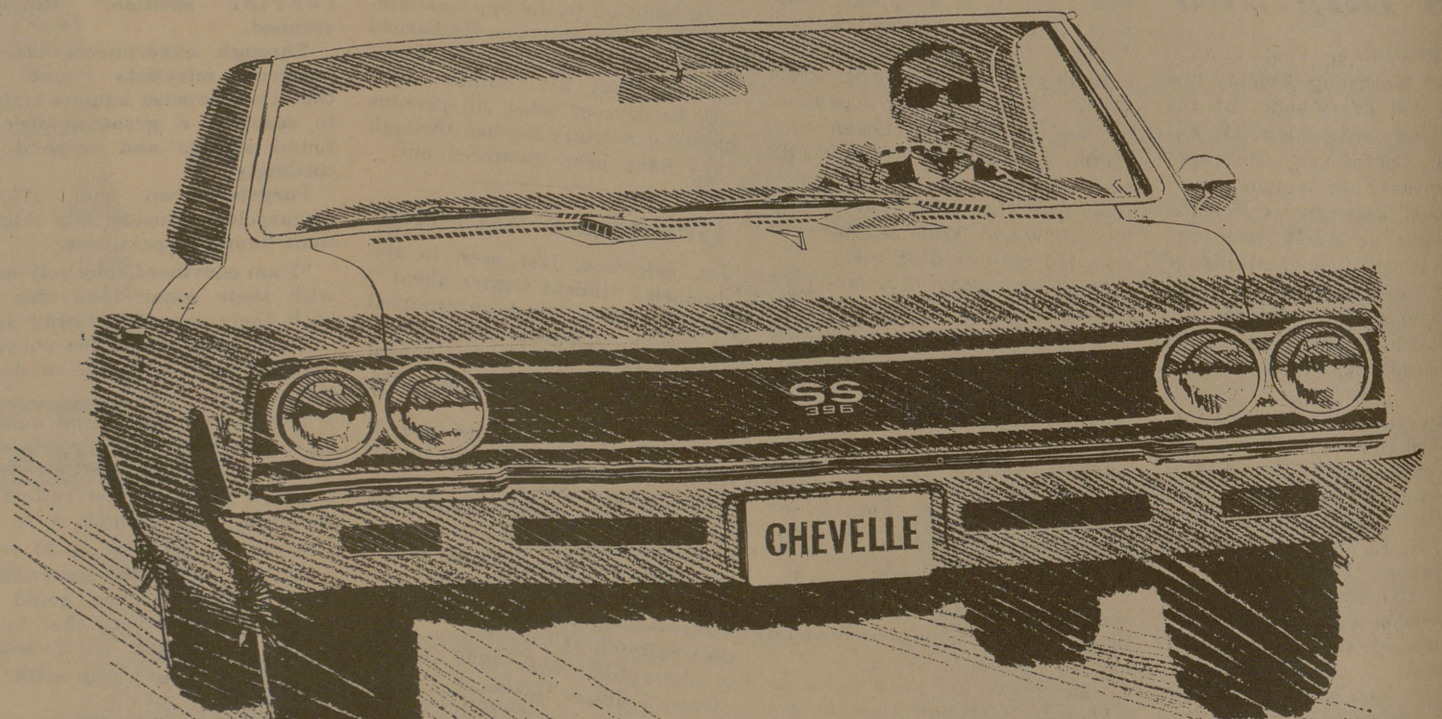
In the last couple of years we've been falsely accused in print of killing Baylor's bear, TCU's horned frog, and SMU's pony. The instances of shoddy treatment we've received at the hands of other schools forms a mighty long list, but one which most outsiders like to ignore when they indignantly rail about A&M's behavior.

So be it.

Their continuing and irrational hostility toward A&M in itself shows that there is something of substance here, something which has endured and which is strong to be ignored.

That intangible something called the Spirit of Aggie. It can't be precisely defined or described, but it's real, very real. And it's far too great a blight on us to ever allow the blight of poor sportsmanship to tarnish it.

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Now take a curve, surrounded by a machine that delights in crooked roads.

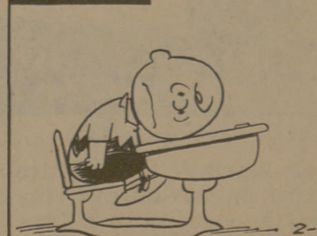
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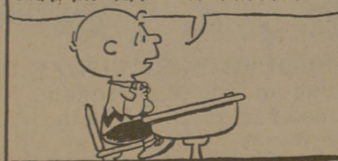
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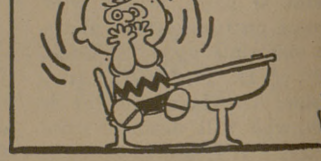
YES, MA'AM? ME? WHY DID I HAVE MY HEAD ON MY DESK? YOU DON'T KNOW? YOU'RE ASKING ME WHY I HAD MY HEAD ON MY DESK?



BECAUSE I BLEW THE STUPID SPELLING BEE, THAT'S WHY!!!



OH, GOOD GRIEF! NOW, I'VE DONE IT!



By Charles M. Schulz

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