

Smoker's Dilemma Big Family Game

Smoker's Dilemma. This favorite game of cigarette manufacturers and smokers features from two to two hundred million players, can be played day or night, and has a proud 300-year tradition.

Like monopoly, everytime the player passes Go he receives 40 cents for another pack of cigarettes.

The big board includes many family favorites. With an easy role of the dice 12-year old Johnny can buy Emphysema, while dad, if he rolls seven or eleven, can buy Cancer, real cheap.

A good player who can pass Go several times, say three packs a day, can also wheel and deal for Irritated Eyes, Smoker's Cough, and Heart Disease—prized properties in the marrow of smoking America.

A player who lands on Chance, gets to take a card which tells the player about the latest medical findings. The player would miss out on the big prizes if he plays too cautiously, so most players remove the card from the game.

A player who lands on Community Chest gets a free x-ray which he can use to pass Go again if nothing deadly shows.

One of the hottest properties on the game board is Status. In order to afford this one, the player must always smoke with his hand in the air, smoke only the long length brands, inhale deeply, display a stained index finger, flick ashes and cigarettes on the game board, frequently bum cigarettes, and smell like an old cigar.

But the games' manufacturer's have made the game much tougher since it was first played and invented.

They've increased the number of brands from which to choose after you pass Go from 40 to 140 in the past three years. Fortunately there is a game spinner which can point to flip-top or regular pack; red, blue, green or gold packaging; coupons or no coupons; 100 millimeter, 101 millimeter or short length; menthol and non-menthol; brown or white filter, filters with charcoal or filters recessed, Turkish or American tobaccos and high or low nicotine and tar content.

Like pool, cards or sports, to be a big winner takes practice. Most parents who raise game winners start their children early by first demonstrating the technique for several years.

The game develops an appreciation of being mature adult, of a unique and constant dependence and crutch for social and personal problems, and an overwhelming love of 10-minute intermissions.

We recommend this game for the whole family. After all everyone is doing it. P.S.—Don't forget to bring the matches.

Charles Rowton Hunt For An Identity

Yesterday's edition of The Battalion carried a letter from Griff Venator, Civilian Student Council president, and three civilian student senators. Their letter was in reference to pre-Christmas discussion in "Sound Off" concerning proper dress, primarily while eating in Sbis.

Their opinion is that clothing regulations have no place in a true university. By the definition they offer, a university should welcome new and different ideas and allow its students the freedom to learn both in the class and outside the class, in addition to being the last institution to judge a man on such things as length of his hair or whether he is barefooted or wearing socks.

Venator has invited all students to attend the Civilian Student Council meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3D of the MSC where the question of clothing regulations will be discussed.

Whether or not we feel these students have a valid argument is not important. What is important is that someone has definite ideas about something and is trying to do something about it.

It has been too long since students saw something they didn't like and decided to do something about the problem.

Some students will immediately discount the value of such a movement, saying that some non-reg is trying to get his name in the paper or attract some attention. It seems apparent that A&M is headed for a greater degree of co-education and a smaller—and, therefore, less influential—Corps, like it or not.

With this in mind, civilian students had better start thinking about the future and taking an active part in all campus activities.

It's an accepted fact that the majority of leaders at Texas A&M are members of the Corps. Ever wonder why?

It's because they don't spend all their time playing the pin ball

machines at North Gate, drinking coffee all hours of the day, or standing on the corner watching the cars go by. Granted, there's the few in every crowd that defy the rule, but on the whole more Corps members become involved in extracurricular activities.

The letter in "Sound Off" expressed the idea that all students should adhere to: Some have charged that student government is merely an echo for administration policy, but this need not be the case. To affect a change, however, the student body must be interested enough to take part in its own government.

Presnal To Run For Legislature

Texas A&M graduate and staff member Bill Presnal will announce his candidacy for the states' 18th legislative district post.

The district of Brazos, Grimes and Madison Counties is presently represented in the lower state house by David Haines, who has said he will not seek re-election. Presnal, 35, said he will resign his post as student counselor at A&M before filing and getting his campaign under way.

The 1953 graduate is a Brazos County native and resides in Tabor, where he dairy farms.

Presnal is member of the Brazos County Democratic Executive Committee and Democratic Party precinct chairman.

The former West Texas State University faculty member graduated from S. F. Austin High School in Bryan in 1949, studied dairy science at A&M and served in the Air Force, principally in Florida as an interceptor control and Civil Air Defense instructor.

Presnal completed master degree requirements in dairy science in 1959 and has 15 years as an active and reserve Air Force officer.

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"Now that we know what they have in mind, I see no reason why we can't give them an extension in 1968!"

Simmons Sentence May Be Commuted

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Dykes Askew Simmons, a Texas laborer convicted of slaying three prominent Mexicans more than eight years ago, stands a good chance of getting his death sentence commuted, informed sources reported Wednesday.

The sources, who have been in touch with Simmons in his Monterrey jail cell, say he has agreed to a petition of commutation being submitted when the Nuevo Leon state legislature reconvenes in April.

But, they added, Simmons still maintains he is innocent of the roadside killing which took place more than eight years ago, and looks upon his petition for commutation in no way as an admission of guilt.

Simmons, now 39, is the first American ever sentenced to death by a Mexican court. He entered Mexico from Laredo, Texas, 45 minutes behind a Monterrey dentist named Raul Perez Villagomez. About 43 miles south of the border the dentist's car broke down and he went for help. He left his younger brother and two sisters behind.

When he returned he found his brother and one sister dead. His other sister, Hilda Gomez, had been shot seven times but was still alive. She later died, but not before identifying Simmons as her killer, although the description she gave police at first was nowhere near that of Simmons.

Bulletin Board

TODAY

The Bell County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205 of the Academic Building.

The Houston Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Physics Building.

The Galveston Island Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggeland at 8 p.m. on the steps of the Memorial Student Center.

The Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will elect a club sweetheart at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Memorial Student Center.

The Aerospace Engineering Wives Club will meet at the YMCA at 8 p.m.

The Fort Bend County Hometown Club will meet in the Lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Abilene Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggeland at 8 p.m. on the steps of the Memorial Student Center.

The San Angelo—West Texas Hometown Club will meet in Room 108 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

Moscow Leaders Protest Treatment Of Russ Writer

MOSCOW (AP)—Moscow's leading cultural and academic figures have complained that the closed trial and year-long imprisonment beforehand of writer Alexander Ginsburg has caused alarm among the Soviet people.

Copies of a petition signed by 31 literary, cultural and scientific leaders have been sent to the Soviet Communist party's general secretary, Leonid I. Brezhnev; Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, and President Nikolai V. Podgorny, Soviet sources reported Wednesday night.

The trial of Ginsburg and three companions began in Moscow on Monday. Western newsmen and most of the defendants' families and friends have been excluded from the proceedings.

In a veiled reference to the years of Stalinist terror, the petition said: "This cannot contribute to making more healthy the atmosphere of our society, which not so long ago was wit-

ness to mass rehabilitation of those who had been condemned by false accusation."

Others on trial are poet Alexei Dobrovolsky, Yuri Galanskov and Vera Lashkova.

All are accused of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda, which under Soviet law is a crime carrying a maximum penalty of seven years at hard labor.

The scarlet ibis, a dazzling native of northern and eastern South America, has found a home in the Sunshine State.

A&M Grad Named Scholarship Head

Bobby Johnson, former Texas Agricultural Extension Service representative, has been named scholarship supervisor at Texas A&M University, announced Robert M. Logan, student financial aid director.

Johnson, who assumes the newly created position January 1, received a master's degree in agricultural education from Texas A&M earlier this year. He earned his B.S. in animal husbandry here in 1954.

Prior to returning to Texas A&M, he served 11 years as Martin County agent and assistant in Stanton, between Midland and Big Spring.

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