

Registration Trips The Surest Foot

The patter of little feet can be heard once more through the hallowed halls of Hart, Leggett, Milner, and Dorm 2. Shod in everything from shower shoes to military shoes to cowboy boots to tenny boppers, the patter can be detected in every office from architecture to zoology.

They are the feet of a mighty army. Some feet will pull hundreds of pounds of clothes, books, cabinets, and bedding to the fourth floor of this semester's "home" only to be told two days later that it's the fourth floor of another dorm where they're supposed to be.

Some feet are new. Most feet are very, very old; in fact on their third heel and sole.

At the South gate, the feet are assembling six across in marching formation. At the North gate, the motley clad feet are mobbing together.

But both have one destination, one path to follow, one course of action to tread — an all-out assault on floors of tacks at Sbsa Dining Hall for registration.

Only a week ago those same feet walked across coals set in their path by a cynical group of already callous-podded professors.

Those coals burned many. Some will barely walk again. Some will recover after many semesters of physical therapy.

And as the cadence goes, those feet "grabbed their ball and grabbed their chain and ran like H--- to the nearest train."

Propping feet up on soft footrests and soaking them in warm water helped to heal the many blisters of the fall semester.

While the student body was away, the staff, like a centipede, ran in all directions trying to prepare for the Desenex-protected onslaught to begin Friday.

But that mighty army of footwork will in the end be outwitted by the fancy footwork of Sbsa Army Regulars.

Their obstacle course could trip a cat. After standing and shuffling for hours, the hundreds of feet will enter upon the red hot floors of another semester, will exit sometime later and something poorer from registration, somewhat hopeful and relieved but already flatfooted.

Nixon holds a news conference in Manchester, N. H., on Friday, and on Saturday attends a Manchester reception with his wife and daughters and addresses a Nixon for President dinner in Concord.

Nixon's New Hampshire manager, State Rep. David Sterling had said he would file the papers in Concord to put Nixon's name on the ballot.

THE ONLY other major candidate on the ballot will be Gov. George Romney of Michigan, who returns to New Hampshire Sunday for a third campaign swing. There may be write-in campaigns for Gov. Ronald Reagan of California and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, both noncandidates.

Nixon has chartered a jet to fly him from New Hampshire to Wisconsin on Monday, where he has set up a news conference, television interview and dinner speech in Green Bay. On Tuesday he will breakfast in Appleton, speak to Wisconsin State University students in Stevens Point, and address a Lincoln Day dinner at St. Mary's School in Fond du Lac.

Nixon May Get GOP Nomination

NEW YORK (AP) — Everything points to it: Richard M. Nixon will announce Thursday his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, and leave immediately on a campaign swing through New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Oklahoma.

The three states afford the first tests of the strength of the former vice president, leader in all the polls of GOP voters. He carried, all three states in his narrow 1960 loss to John F. Kennedy for the presidency.

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S first-in-the-nation primary is March 12. The Wisconsin primary follows on April 2. Oklahoma holds the first GOP state convention on Feb. 24, to elect delegates to the August Miami Beach convention.

A spokesman in Nixon's New York headquarters said only that he will have a statement on his candidacy, but the campaign schedule left no doubt about its nature.

ON WEDNESDAY he will fly to Oklahoma City, where he will appear on a program with former Gov. Henry Bellmon, chairman of the Nixon for President Committee based in Washington. Bellmon is expected to announce soon as a candidate for the Oklahoma Senate seat held by Democrat A. S. Mike Monroney, and step down as Nixon chairman. His replacement hasn't been decided. Sen. John G. Tower, R-Tex., has been considered, and might be co-chairman along with the more liberal former Rep. Robert C. Ellsworth, 41, of Kansas, new executive director of the Nixon for President Committee.

State Pre-Med Group To Meet

The Texas A&M Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental Society will hold its annual banquet March 23 at Aggeland.

Dr. Howard L. Gravett, chairman of the Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental Committee, said a speaker probably will be named within three weeks.

Guests of the 130-member society will include representatives from Baylor Medical School, the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, and Southwestern Medical School at Dallas.

Gravett said a representative also is expected from the new medical college due to open next year in San Antonio.

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Panel Blames Astronaut Deaths On Complacency

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — A year-long Senate inquiry into the fiery death of three astronauts brought a conclusion Wednesday that "no single person bears all the responsibility for the Apollo 204 accident."

"Over-confidence and complacency" resulted from a prior successful series of manned flights in the earlier Mercury and Gemini projects, the Senate Space Committee said.

BUT THE usually unanimous panel, which supervises the multi-billion dollar space program, differed sharply in the degree of reprimands for top officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the prime contractor for the lunar landing project, North American Aviation, Inc.

Thirteen members, led by Chairman Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M., and Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, ranking Republican, urged that Administrator James E. Webb and other top NASA officials keep Congress fully informed on all its problems, including deficiencies of contractors.

BUT THREE committee members, Sens. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn., Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., and Charles H. Percy, R-

Ill., charged both the space agency and its prime contractor with failing to keep Congress and the public properly informed prior to the tragedy at Cape Kennedy, Fla., on Jan. 27 of last year.

Mondale said the lunar project "was in deep and perilous trouble" before the accident and Congress was unaware of that fact.

WHEN CONGRESS learned about a critical NASA report on North American through outside sources, Mondale said, there were "deliberate efforts to mislead committee members and evade legitimate congressional inquiries during an investigation of this nation's worst space tragedy."

"NASA's performance — the evasiveness, the lack of candor, the patronizing attitude exhibit-

Campus Salesmen Must Get Permits

Door-to-door salesmen soliciting on campus must possess a university-issued permit as well as a City of College Station permit, Texas A&M Security Chief Ed Powell warned this week.

Chief Powell said a magazine salesman was apprehended Monday in the College View-Hensel Apartment area for failure to possess a university permit.

The salesman had obtained a College Station permit, but said a document is insufficient for campus activities, the chief stressed.

Application for university permits must be submitted to the office of the dean of students, Powell added.

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IOWA CITY, (AP) — A church court found a professor and his wife guilty of "disrupting the peace and unity" of Iowa City's century-old First Presbyterian Church Wednesday and suspended them indefinitely from membership.

The four clergymen and three laymen, of a special commission sitting as judge and jury convicted Prof. Joseph E. Baker, 62, and his wife, Matilda, of charges that they disrupted the congregation with their campaign to prevent the 112-year-old brick church from being torn down to make way for a new one.

Baker immediately served notice of appeal to the Iowa Presbyterian Synod.

The judgment of the commission bars the Bakers from holding membership, church office or receiving communion. It specifies that they may be reconsidered for membership after a sufficient showing of "repentance."

Baker, an English professor at the University of Iowa, said it was strange to him to be judged by "a court that does not allow the defendant time to offer his defense, nor to be tried by a jury of his peers, nor to have an impartial judge."

An imaginary line connecting Bermuda, Florida and Puerto Rico encompasses about 440,000 square miles of open sea called the Bermuda Triangle. Though many ships and planes travel the triangle each day without mishap, an unusual number have vanished there without a trace.

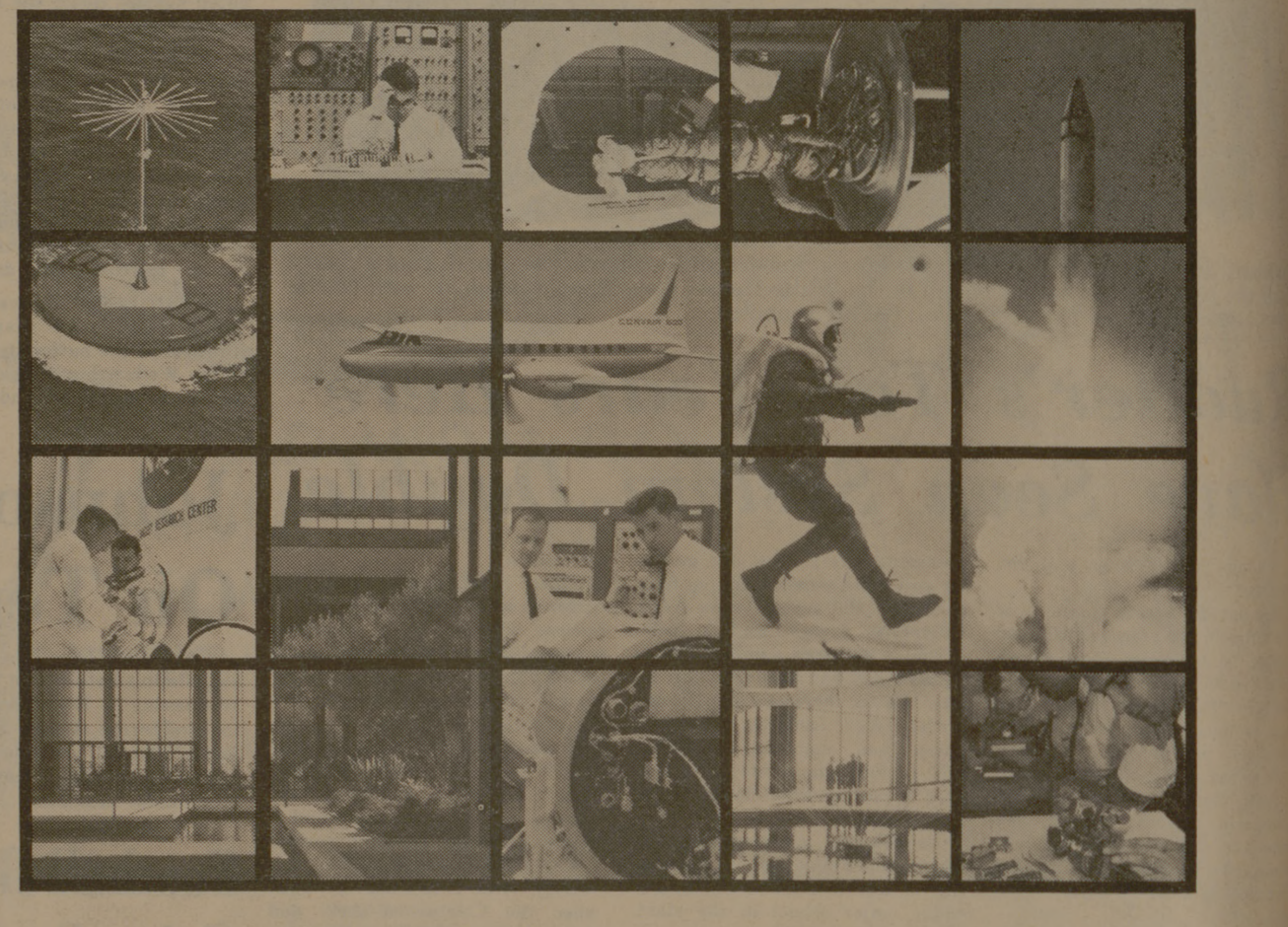
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SOMEHOW, I THINK THAT'S VERY FUNNY. I'M HYSTERICAL.

I WOULD HAVE MADE A GOOD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL!

OKAY, I'M READY... THROW ME THE HOCKEY BALL!

YOU INVITED HER... I DIDN'T.

I LOVE PLAYING HOCKEY BALL!

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