

# Aggies Welcome Career Day Guests

More than 1,000 high school and junior college students are expected Saturday for A&M's annual Career Day open house.

Each year campus departments utilize imagination and student aid in putting their best curriculum forward to attract potential students.

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Although high school counselors urge students to visit their prospective colleges when applying for entrance, many students either fail to or are unable to do so.

Therefore, Career Day will afford an exciting insight into the future and college life.

Each student will get a brief view of his future major, and that first impression will be important.

But the choice of career fields and the impact of learning will not really prove meaningful until after several semesters as an undergraduate.

It is only then that a final career determination will be made. It is only then that the "Aggie Spirit" allows you to be welcome and welcome anyone as a friend. It is only then that Aggie jokes aren't quite so funny. It is then that you begin to take pride in the excellent education which is yours for a little hard work.

An Aggie "Howdy" to all those who will be visiting the campus this weekend.

We hope that you enjoy your visit and that you enjoy your look at the educational opportunities and friendliness which is an important aspect of life at A&M.

# AF Academy Cadet Acquitted In First Court Martial Action

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP)—Paul D. Speas, the first cadet at the U. S. Air Force Academy ever called to a court-martial, was found innocent by directed verdict Thursday after three psychiatrists testified he is legally insane.

The 21-year-old cadet from Tucson, Ariz., was not in court to hear the verdict that came about two hours after his trial was resumed, following a two-week postponement.

The cadet is a patient in Fitzsimons General Hospital near Denver. He had pleaded innocent to charges of robbery, larceny and forgery when the court-martial opened Feb. 19.

His attorney, Maj. Richard R. Lee, moved for a "finding of not guilty because of insanity at the time the alleged offenses occurred."

The law officer, Maj. William H. Carnahan, said he would sustain the motion subject to the

wishes of the 10 Air Force officers selected to try Speas' guilt or innocence.

The cadet's mother, Mrs. George Speas, was wet-eyed as she talked with Speas' wife, Irene, a pretty 21-year-old. They and the cadet's father had attended all sessions of the hearing.

It is uncertain what the next step will be in the case, a precedent-setting one for the nation's newest service school, where cadets are forbidden to marry before graduation.

A Colorado Springs deputy district attorney, Allen Spurgeon, said his office has a detainer on the cadet, who has been charged in District Court with robberies at two liquor stores. Also charged with Speas is a former Air Force cadet, Walter Zehner III, 21, of Metairie, La., who has refused to waive extradition. His hearing is at New Orleans April 14.



# Senior Boots Are Made For Trading

Spring is ushered in at Texas A&M by a large-scale logistical operation.

Barter becomes the by-word among A&M seniors and juniors as next fall's first classmen acquire the most distinctive part of the senior cadet's uniform, boots.

An annual turnover of 500 pairs of senior boots takes place.

About half of next year's seniors have boots that were worn from four to eight years before. Others buy the knee-length footgear new. Some own boots worn by a father, uncle or grandfather.

Some 439 pairs will change hands before Final Review May 25, when next year's seniors wear boots the first time. With 460 cadets completing their ROTC training this semester, opportunities for old-fashioned horse-trading abound.

Many seniors keep their boots though. A larger number intend to, but \$40 to \$60 in hand often wins over the sentimental value of boots hanging on the wall.

Media for senior boot transactions are plentiful. The Academic Building "sale or swap" board carries as many as 18 boots "for sale" notices at a time.

The more astute senior sizes

his market in advance. Senior boots have to fit the foot and calf of the leg.

"One fellow committed himself to buy when he was a sophomore," a cadet remarked. "This senior had a 19-inch calf and convinced the soph—who had the same size calf—he'd have trouble finding a good fit later."

Most boot shops custom-make the 20 to 30-inch long footgear, but Aggies usually patronize the same dealer.

"Word has a way of getting around," one leather-legged senior explained.

Holik's annually gets a large order. Another popular dealer, Max Amaro, is located in Crosby, just outside Houston. San Antonio and Houston have senior boots specialists too.

Boots receive exceptional care. A junior said he has had his since late August. He's polished them six times and has yet to wear them the first time.

With that sort of handling, the boots may dress up a decade of seniors.

The average salary of a teacher in Texas is \$300 a year less than an offer that New York garbage-men turned down.

According to a report recently issued by the National Education Association, the average salary for Texas teachers is \$6,500. Striking garbage-men in New York City turned down an offer for \$6,800 and demanded \$7,204 a year.

At the same time, teachers in one of the richest counties in the nation (Montgomery County, Maryland) were on strike to get a starting salary of \$6,600 a year—\$200 less than what the garbage-men refused and \$100 more than Texas teachers average.

Compared with what other teachers make across the nation, the average Texas teacher is \$1,069 poorer at the end of the year than his national counterpart. The national average reported by NEA is \$7,569.

The report further shows that only 11 per cent of Texas teachers make over \$7,500. Nationally, 36.7 per cent draw salaries above this amount.

Elementary teachers in the state fare a little better in national standings. Their salaries rank 30th, \$682 below the national average. Salaries for secondary teachers rank 33rd, \$954 under the national mean.

Citing the study, Miss Bobbie Wilborn, president of Texas Classroom Teachers Association, said, "From our low rankings, it is obvious that Texas teachers are still in need of higher pay, despite the raise they received during the last legislative session. Texas salaries have increased 48.4 per cent in the last 10 years, but this is lower than the increases in 44 other states. Salaries increased 61 per cent in that time."

"TCTA has introduced into our

# Bulletin Board

**TUESDAY**  
The Texas Student Education Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 2C-D of the Memorial Student Center.

The Russian Club will hear a discussion of the movie "Dr. Zhivago" by Col. Moses in Room 3D of the Memorial Student Center.

The Mechanical Engineering Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

The Pre-Medical Pre-Dental Society will hear Dr. E. A. Elmen-dorf, radiologist, speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the BSB.

1968 resolutions a move to provide salary legislation for Texas classroom teachers to move to or above the national average with a state index scale guaranteeing at least a \$1,000 increase in salary on the minimum and maximum levels. We're also calling for a guarantee that a beginning teacher's salary "will at least double in 12 years," said Miss Wilborn.

She explained that this resolution will be voted on by delegates to the organization's state convention in April.

Statistics show that Texas is third in the number of teachers employed, but 31st in the ratio of pupils per teacher, which is 24.2 in the state.

Miss Wilborn said the association is also urging legislation to lower the pupil-teacher ratio to

23-1 as related to subject matter. According to the NEA report Texas spends \$492 per pupil to educate its youth. Again ranking low, Texas was 39th in the nation, spending \$197 less than the national average. Texas schools have 2,644,000 of the nation's 45.5 million students enrolled elementary and secondary grade

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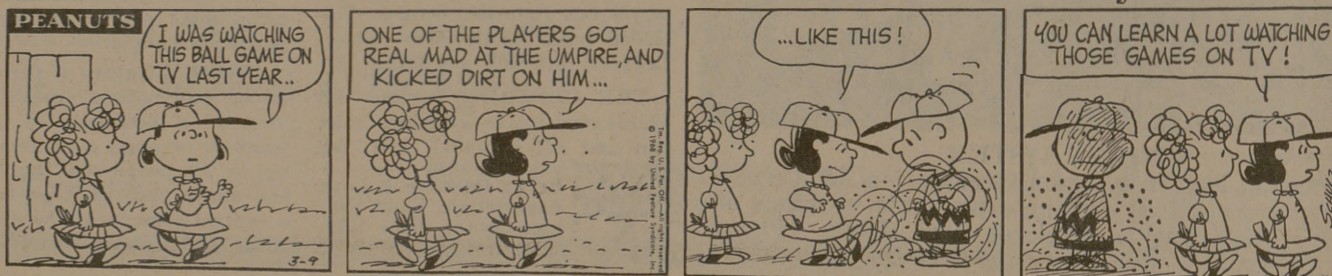
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