



For The Country That Has Nothing

For the Man Who Has Everything, gift catalogues prescribe any number of "gag" birthday presents, ranging all the way from "Executive Decision Makers" (oversize coins mounted on easy-flip swivels) to fur-lined potties.

An Associated Press report from the United Nations Thursday suggests that this fad may soon be added to the list of decadent Western practices adopted by the Soviet Union, along with chorus lines and chewing gum.

According to the AP, Russian diplomats have promised that 90 per cent of the Warsaw Pact troops in Czechoslovakia will be withdrawn by Oct. 28—the 50th anniversary of Czech independence. They added, probably somewhat hastily, that Czech officials are negotiating a treaty for temporary stationing of some of the troops in their country.

"By some current estimates," the AP continued, "that would mean that about 50,000 or fewer troops would remain."

Six months ago, the Czechs were undoubtedly looking forward to the big golden anniversary with hope and enthusiasm. Since the Aug. 20 invasion which crushed the burgeoning Czech democracy, of course, more than a few celebration plans have been forgotten. Any kid who ever came down with the measles on the day before his birthday has some idea of this sort of disappointment, if only at a personal and childish level.

But that analogy doesn't begin to cover the situation. It's as if the bully down the street had swiped the aforementioned kid's birthday cake, with all seven candles blazing, and later brought back six blobs of wax on the empty plate.

If the Soviets made the gesture with a touch of tasteless and cruel irony, they made their point in spades. The joke is sicker than the sickest humor on those contemporary birthday cards for the Man Who Has Everything.

United Chest Kickoff Set Tuesday

Kickoff breakfast for the College Station United Chest fundraising drive is scheduled for 7 a.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom, announced Edwin H. Fenner, campaign director.

Fenner said the featured speaker will be Dr. Charles Hall, veterinary medicine professor who

served as chairman of the United Chest's Budget and Admission Committee this year.

Hall will discuss the services and needs of the 16 charitable and civic agencies to be supported by the United Chest's record \$27,500 budget. The drive begins Wednesday.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY
This weekend's game has been designated by Tech as their all-school trip. Kind of makes one wonder where they'll all camp. However, their band won't be here because, according to its director, the Rice-Tech game will be televised and, anyway, at A&M, "there probably won't be many people there cheering for Tech."

Apathy has long been a subject of great interest to A&M's students (if not their watchword), but frustrated leaders might take heart at these notes.

From TWU's Daily Lass-O: "Most university campuses are able to maintain that there is some kind of life in their student community by pointing to the letters to the editor that come dribbling in daily."

"We have no such dribbling. But we propose that there is life out there somewhere."

The same complaint was filed by the editor of Wharton County Junior College's Trail Blazer. Who would have ever thought that apathy would have reached old WCJC?

And, at the University of Oklahoma, "Approximately 75 students gathered in front of Evans Hall Thursday" to discuss their school's constitutional convention. Out of the 136 candidates for student government positions, there were filed 22 platforms for publication in the school paper.

Homecoming theme from Lubbock this year will be: "Texas Tech—Where the Action Is." Supporting this debatable claim is a drinking survey of students indicating 89% drinkers and 11% abstainers.

Freshman trig teacher at Michigan State University, Edith Stern, is 16 years old. A native of Florida, Miss Stern was exposed to 24-hour-a-day classical music since shortly after birth, and has been reading books since the age of 2½.

Going back to that parking problem, which has hit schools across the nation almost as hard as The Great Registration Reform Movement: Washington State University has reached a middle ground in penalty assessment. Anyone who feels his parking ticket was a "bum rap" can take his case to the Appeals Committee of the Traffic Control Board. The board, composed of students, faculty, and staff, seeks to keep the campus police "from acting as both judge and jury on the parking citations issued by them and deciding on the validity of the student complaints of being treated unfairly."

Meanwhile the UofH's Daily Cougar "demands that the university explain why students have not received adequate parking facilities." They do have a little justification for the stern language. Number of parking stickers sold by the university—19,500; number of parking spaces available to students—7,993.

At TU, the SDS had an official "educational" meeting, where they voted that the policemen and pressmen present be "thrown out." You just never can tell about those activist cops and radical newspaper cats. If the SDS hadn't put their foot down the next thing you know, cops and reporters would want to picket one of their meetings, or interfere with a sit-in or something.

Senate Shorts

By BILL CARTER
Student Senate President Put out for the Ags?

David Howard has already captured the attention of many people with his theme for this year's Campus Chest drive.

David has things well organized for the drive and has initiated many new ideas in this year's fund raising program. With David's planning and with the work done by Alpha Phi Omega, we will surpass all previous records for money collected.

I want to stress that the money collected during the drive will be used for students. Thus, the more we can raise as a student body, the more we can benefit individual students and student groups on our campus.

Phase two of the Aggie Sweetheart selection is over, with 14 girls selected as finalists. Final selection will take place next week when the girls come down for an activity-filled TCU weekend. The 1968-69 Sweetheart Selection Committee will be composed of the following people:

- Hector Gutierrez, Corps Commander
- David Maddox, Student Senate vice-president
- Early Davis, Senior Class president
- David Wilks, Civilian Student Council President

- Larry Schilhab, Civilian chaplain
- Fred Blumberg, First Brigade commander
- Jim Brunjes, Civilian Student Council treasurer
- Pat Rhodes, First Wing commander
- Ernest Godsey, Hughes Hall president
- John Gingrich, Junior Class president
- Jack McGillis, Civilian Student Council representative
- Garland Clark, deputy Corps commander
- Bruce Baxter, Senior Class social secretary
- Ross Coble, Squadron 3 commander

These people will have the difficult job of choosing our new Sweetheart.

Pictures of the girls should be appearing in The Battalion early next week.

Texas Aggies 34, Texas Tech 18. That's my prediction for Saturday's game. Tech may have a lot of momentum going for it, but there's just no way they can overpower that fighting Texas Aggie football team and that Twelfth Man.

Tech Exes Plan MSC Reception

A pre-game reception for all ex-students and friends of Texas Tech will be held in the Memorial Student Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

"Fans from Lubbock and all areas are invited to attend the reception and pick up their Double-T name tags made available by the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association," according to Director Wayne James.

James Cole, a 1964 Tech graduate and now a member of the A&M faculty, will head up the reception. Coffee and other refreshments will be served.

Assistant Director Tony Gustwick said organized trips by bus to the game have been planned by Houston and Corpus Christi chapters of the Tech Ex-Students Association.

Bulletin Board

SUNDAY
Faculty-Staff Division of Texas A&M Sailing Club will meet at Big Creek Park on Lake Somerville at 2 p.m. Happy Day after Columbus Day Cruise will last about 3½ hours. Purpose: to discover uncharted islands, etc.

Tonight On KBTX

- 6:00 News, Weather & Sports
- 6:30 Wild, Wild West
- 7:30 Gomer Pyle
- 8:00 TX Friday Night Moxie "Private War of Major Benson"
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Paul Newman
In
"HOMBRE"

OUR SAT. NITE BIG 3
No. 1 at 7:25 p. m.

"WHO'S MINDING THE MINT"

No. 2 At 9:30 p. m.
"HOSTILE GUNS"

No. 3 At 11:15 p. m.
"IN LOVE & WAR"

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By Charles M. Schulz

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