



"It may be more modern, but out of respect to Santa Claus, we would prefer that you wear the beard in the conventional manner!"

Freshmen Criticize Lax Administrations

The Associated Press has reported results of a poll showing that a majority of college freshmen believe "campus administrators have been too lax in dealing with disruptive student demonstrations."

The survey, taken by the American Council on Education, reportedly established that 54.5 per cent of the 301,448 students polled at 435 colleges and universities believe the educators have not been tough enough in violent confrontations.

It would probably come as no surprise to note that students at technical institutions "are more inclined to criticize official laxity . . . than students at private, liberal arts institutions." Another part of the survey showed that most of the freshmen "believe the chief benefit of a college education is the increase in earning power it provides."

That last part may not support a glowing image of idealistic youth dedicated to knowledge for knowledge's sake. SDS organizer Tom Hayden probably would accuse them of being content to be fed into the machine and emerge as more faceless members of the mass-produced society. But the report adds that most of the students polled "supported a major role for students in shaping college curricula."

And that's noteworthy, because it indicates that at least a few thousand college students (and many thousands more, if the poll is any sort of cross-section) are more concerned over the way the machine is being run than over ways in which they can sabotage it.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

Beaumont Hometown Club will meet at 7:45 p.m. in room 203 of the YMCA. Christmas activities will be discussed.

THURSDAY

Panhandle Area Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in room 2-A of the Memorial Student Center.

DeWitt-Lavaca County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Academic Building. Plans and details of the Christmas party will be discussed.

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m.

in room 2-C of the MSC. Bring money for Christmas dance tickets and dues. Party plans will be discussed.

Tonight On KBTX

- 6:00 News, Weather and Sports
- 6:30 Here Come the Brides
- 7:30 Good Guys
- 8:00 Beverly Hillbillies
- 8:30 Green Acres
- 9:00 Jonathan Winters
- 10:00 News, Weather and Sports
- 10:30 Don Meredith Show
- 10:45 Wednesday Night Movie—"Crack in the World"

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Listen Up the batt forum

Editor,

The *Battalion*:

I congratulate you for upholding the free press and letting foreign organizations—SDS—voice complaints in newspaper space.

I am a foreign student and an adult. I am aware of youth's whims and disappointments. As a young man I always tried to disrupt the establishment but my father did not believe in child psychology.

I always dreamt of learning languages and being a citizen of the world. The U. S. had, though, a special attraction; it had never been beaten, its people had high standards of living and they were willing to fight for something they believed in.

Today, many years later, the permissive society is letting the American image crumble and soon the American ideal will be a golden idol with clay feet.

As a foreigner who grew under a military dictatorship I know what repression, in all senses, is. The American university, symbol of spiritual and mental freedom, had been longed for in our countries where the word "autonomy" for the university was treacherous. One reason the U. S. is what it is, is the fruits sowed and harvested from its universities. Today a bearded, beatnik minority is trying to "better" the status quo. How? Why, if they are not decent enough to better themselves?

The basis of American society, the family, has been disrupted and only God knows what will come next. They have had the taste of freedom for such a long time that they forgot to teach their sons what it means, and today they spit on it. They have enthroned Pan and murdered God! Perhaps, in a near future, the seeds of evil will bring a new era to America and somebody's child will hear the

boots of repression, and his mind will wonder what freedom means!

Porfirio Perez

Editor,

The *Battalion*:

It's Christmas time again; it's a time when we all celebrate the coming of our Savior who was born to save us from our sins. During this Yuletide season, we should all be saddened by the fact that Christ's birth was necessary so that we might be spared the punishment for the sins we committed. We should rejoice because the Savior's coming brought someone pure and sinless into this sinful world of ours.

As we look around us at the lovely Christmas trees and other decorations, we should realize that this is the side of Christmas that is of less importance to all Christians. When we give gifts to others we show the bountiful love and admiration that we have for them. This Christmas, we should give our gifts of love to the Christ Child as the Wisemen did long ago. You say, "What kind of gifts can we give to the Savior?" We can help the poor and needy; we can give them food and clothes; we can show them our love for them as the Christ Child showed his love for us. The most valuable thing that we can do for them is to share with them the joyous news of the birth of our Savior in the little town of Bethlehem.

"It's better to give than to receive." These gifts do not have to be material gifts because the greatest gift of all is for us to lead others to faith in the Savior and thus give them the assurance of everlasting life. Surely there is no greater gift than this and no better time to give this gift than during this Christmas season.

Let us all rejoice in the joyous news of the coming of the Christ Child—our Savior—and may we

strive to spread the "Saving Word" to all persons that we come into contact with. May we also strive to keep "Peace on Earth" not only in this Yuletide season, but throughout every day of our life.

In Christ,
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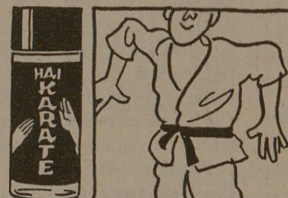


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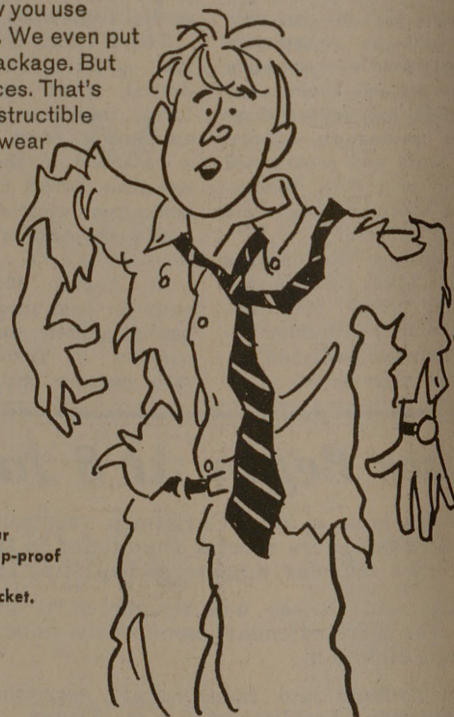
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the graduate

By MITTY C. PLUMMER

Several of the departments on campus have gifts that they would like to give to undergraduates for Christmas. It is free money to go to graduate school.

Cast out those dark visions of indentured servitude and rejoice, for surely that free money will follow you all the days of your life and multiply into a better income at the start, and a bigger pile at the finish. I don't need to tell you that people with master's degrees in a particular field earn more than people with bachelor's degrees in the same field. What I do need to make clear is that there are many ways to get that advanced degree and show a small profit while doing it.

THE SECRET is in choosing the department. There are several which have a surplus of traineeships, fellowships, and assistantships. These departments suffer

not from a lack of promising careers, but rather from "myths" or ignorance. Two good examples, out of many, of this are Nuclear Engineering (It's too hard, and I don't want to work for the government), and Radiological Safety (What the heck is it?). I know that both of these programs have money in traineeships, money with no strings attached, tax-free, and adequate to live on, turned back each year. There are probably others, afflicted with their own "myths," doing the same.

THE FACT is that if you are in the top quarter of your graduating class, you are probably eligible for this money. Changing majors to receive it is not always that hard. The department head of the curriculum that interests you can give you information of the exact details and possibly prepare a degree plan beforehand, if you will go talk to them.

So, May graduates, before ordering that Chevy Superdog for yourself this Christmas, get in on some of that good graduate school now. Then order your Cadillac in the spring a year from now on the salary difference. I think you will find it as painless as New Year's Eve.

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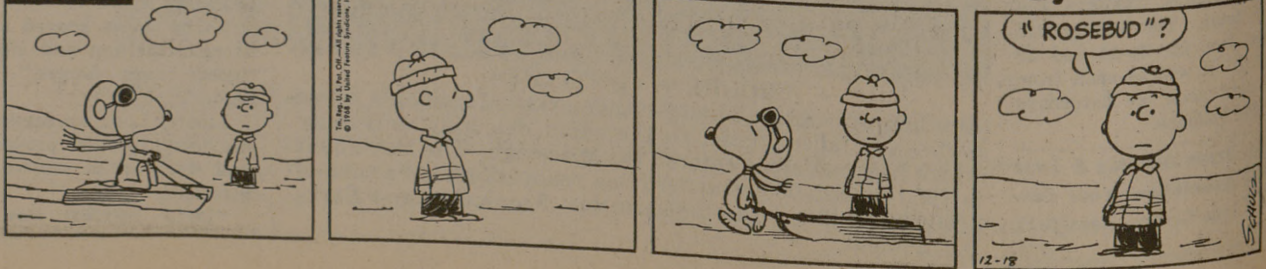
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An old retired janitor has begun doing it here to earn extra revenue. "I wonder why I didn't think of it before," he says.

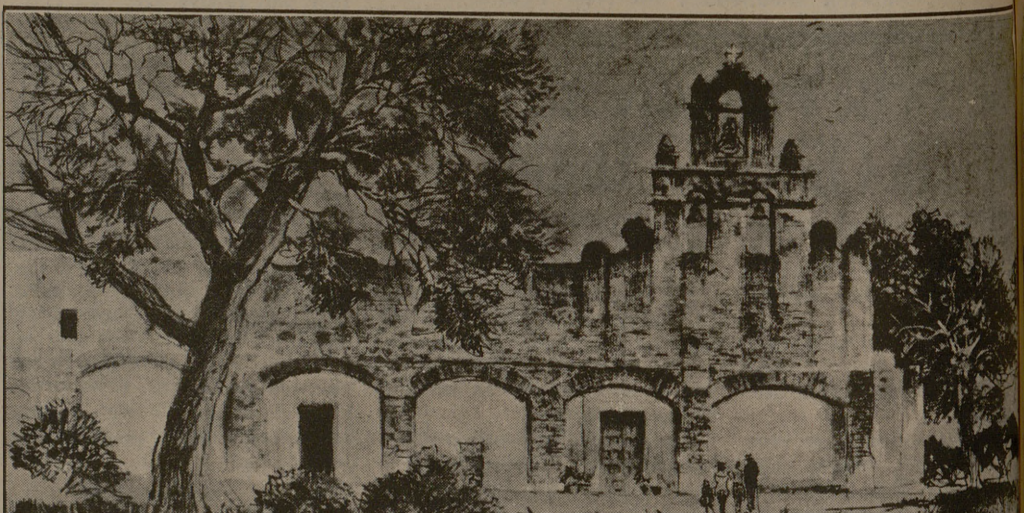
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