

"I didn't register for a Monday 8 o'clock class—a computer did. So let th' computer meet th' class!"

That Phone System

Yesterday's "Listen Up" letter once again raised a gripe about the Centrex system in particular and telephone service here in general. A Battalion interview last semester with a telephone company official indicated an apparent lack of actual griping to the company—which may account for continued griping without results.

So we've planned a Battalion Intelligent Telephone Criticism Happening for tonight. Between 6:30 and 11:30 p. m., reporters Tom Curl and David Middlebrooke will take calls from students (and anybody else) who have had problems with the telephones and who wouldn't mind being quoted in a Batt story. The collection of responses may help shed some light on the situation—possibly enough to bring about improvements in the service.

The number to call is 845-2611, between 6:30 and 11:30. And if the line's busy . . . keep trying.

the graduate

By MITTY C. PLUMMER
This "Graduate" is intended to outline some of the events planned by the Graduate Student Council for this spring. It probably isn't complete because somebody is lurking around with a few big surprises.

The GSC will present the New Graduate Student Orientation Program at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 19, in room 113 of the Biology Building. New graduate students and graduating seniors interested in going to graduate school can get a preview of the requirements of the graduate college for an advanced degree from Dean G. W. Kunze. So try to make it. There will be cookies and coffee to soothe the body while the brain is coming around to the conclusion that it has been tricked onto a track with more hurdles than can be seen from the starting gate.

SOMETIME THIS spring there might be a struggle for Student Senate reapportionment. The Graduate Student Council, like everyone else, will be in there trying to get as big a hunk of it as possible. Being 20 percent of the student body with only 10 percent of the seats on the Senate makes for hungry representatives. We'll try for a fair 20 percent if changes are made.

The Graduate Student Council will hold its peculiar form of elections again this spring. Nominations will be accepted in the Graduate College office between March 3 and March 18 for the new representatives from each of the seven colleges. Graduate students will receive a nomination

form through the departmental mail. Then ballots with the names of the nominees from your college will be mailed out by the same means on March 24. Here comes the peculiar part: all of the candidates from your college come around asking for your ballot and vote, or you turn it in to the Graduate College by 5 p.m. April 1. So vote. Decisions of the election committee are final. Next year's council will be bigger and hopefully better than ever.

IN A well-meaning effort to improve the graduate students' dragging social life, the GSC will sponsor a Spring Dance, and it's a good one. This year it will be held May 2 at the K.C. Hall. There will be a good band, free cokes and sevenups and a bunch of us quiet, conservative types turned loose. As of now, the price for tickets is not set, but it'll be cheap.

Finally, in May there will be the change of leadership on the Graduate Student Council with the election of new officers by the council. It will be about then that this column will get a new author. But before that happens, I plan to give my views on a few of the facts of A&M life. I probably will not tell it like it is. Instead I'll tell it like eight years here has warped my vision.

So that is what to expect from the Council this spring. You can anticipate something entirely different from another group—your profs, who are also interested in seeing your time well spent.

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AP News Analysis

Obstacles To Viet Truce Look Insurmountable Now

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Special Correspondent
PARIS (AP) — The latest exposition of South Vietnam's case by Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky illustrates just how tangled the issues and far apart the sides are in the Vietnam peace talks.

As the four delegations prepare for another session Thursday, the prediction, generally, is that the road ahead is long, tough and strewn with obstacles which at this time seem insurmountable. Each side says the next move is up to the other. Neither shows an inclination to move away from stated positions.

KY SAID in an impromptu news conference Monday that the first thing that must be discussed is, "How to end the war of aggression by Communist North Vietnam against South Vietnam."

The North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front say the first order of business must be, "An end to the U.S. aggression."

Thus South Vietnam in effect demands that its adversaries concede in advance that they are aggressors, and North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in effect demand that the Americans concede in advance they are the aggressors.

THIS DOES not prevent Americans here from expressing confidence that in the long pull something positive will result from the talks. But the operative word is "long."

Ky said his government has made concessions and is willing to make more. He did not spell

out just what the concessions have been or might be.

But Ky rejected any notion that political matters can be discussed in Paris, at least until military matters are dealt with. And Hanoi and the NLF insist that

military and political matters must be dealt with as a whole, simultaneously, with emphasis on the political. This involves the demand that the NLF be recognized as the decisive factor in the South's political future.

Formosa Troop Pullout Seen As Key To Accord With China

By JOHN RODERICK
TOKYO (AP) — China watchers believe that any steps the Nixon administration takes to improve relations with Red China will fail unless the United States agrees to withdraw its forces from Formosa.

President Nixon is reported planning to propose to Peking some relaxation of travel and communication restrictions as a first move in a thaw of relations.

Nixon's diplomatic probe is expected to be made when suspended ambassadorial meetings are resumed in Warsaw, Poland, at Red China's suggestion Feb. 20.

CHINA WATCHERS noted that in calling for the renewed talks, Red China in an official New China News Agency dispatch Nov. 26 said it would not be satisfied with "side issues."

Saying Red China has repeatedly told the United States that it will never "barter away principles," the agency asserted: "If the U.S. side continues its current practice of haggling over side issues, no result whatsoever will

come of the Chinese-U.S. ambassadorial talks no matter which administration assumes office in the United States."

SOME OFFICIALS in Washington grasped at the statement that the United States should agree to reach an agreement with Red China on the five Peking principles of peaceful coexistence. They saw this as a possible sign the Chinese want better relations.

The principles are respect for territorial integrity, noninterference, equality, nonaggression and living together in peace.

These officials, however, ignored the first part of Hsinhua's declaration which said: "First, the U.S. government undertakes to immediately withdraw all its armed forces from China's territory Taiwan, Formosa, Province and the Taiwan Strait area and dismantle all its military installations in Taiwan Province."

U.S. administrations have repeatedly offered person-to-person exchanges and other smaller olive branches to Peking only to be rebuffed.

Bulletin Board TONIGHT

IEEE will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 301 of Bolton Hall. Mr. Scarth of Texas Electric will present "Some Ways Computers Are Used by Today's Utility Engineer."

Hillel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Hillel Building. Friday night services will be held at 8 p.m.

B.A. Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtesy Room of the Bank of A&M. All wives of Business Administration students are invited.

THURSDAY

Chemistry Wives Club will have a "Tupperware Party" at 7 p.m. in the second floor party room of the Casa Del Sol, Stasney Street. Please bring guests and outside orders. All Chemistry faculty and student wives are invited.

Houston Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 321 of the Physics Building.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. in front of the Memorial Student Center. Picture will be made for Aggieland. Wear coats and ties, Class "A" or midnight.

SATURDAY

American Veterinary Medical Association Student Auxiliary will hold a Valentine's Dance from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the new K.C. Hall, featuring The Barons. Dress will be semiformal. For further information contact Mrs. Sue Wright at 846-5032 or Mrs. Sue Clatyon at 846-7391.

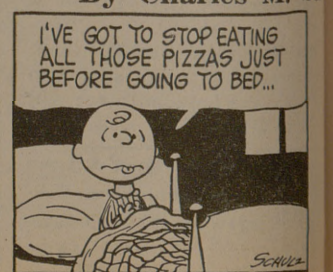
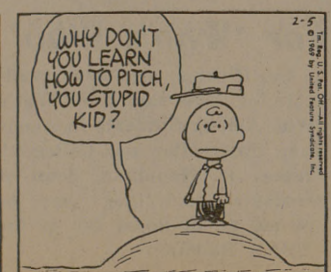
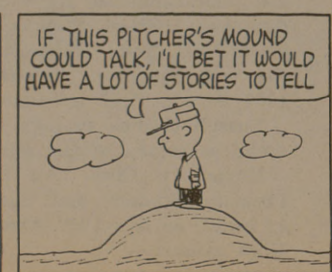
MONDAY

Student Engineers' Council will meet at 7 a.m. in the MSC Cafeteria. This is an important business meeting.

Tonight On KBTX

- 6:00 News, Weather & Sports
- 6:30 Here Come The Brides
- 7:30 Good Guys
- 8:00 Beverly Hillbillies
- 8:30 Green Acres
- 9:00 Hawaii Five-O
- 10:00 News, Weather & Sports
- 10:30 Wednesday Night Movie "Spartacus" Part I

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

The Portuguese codfishing armada — 66 ships and 5,400 men — is the world's largest, the National Geographic says. The men work 18 hours a day seven days a week. Law decrees time at least six hours sleep.

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