

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Our problems of grading are over! We simply take this block with a grade on each surface and..."

LISTEN UP the batt forum

Editor,
The Battalion:
To the Class of '71:
This coming weekend, Sophomores, has been in the planning for some eight months now, and I want to make sure that all of you take full advantage of the activities planned.
Friday night is a work night, but it's actually going to be more of a party than work. We'll have cokes and records in Duncan dining hall, and we'll be doing some decorating, too. This starts at 7 p.m., and will last until we finish decorating or get tired dancing, whichever comes last. Don't forget to bring your date. Dress is very casual.
Saturday evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation of the Town Hall Special Attraction in G. Rollie White Coliseum, The Baja Marimba Band. This TJB type group puts on a great

show, and Lewis Adams and the Town Hall Committee worked very hard with us to help coincide the performance with the Ball. Following the concert, at 9 p.m., the Sophomore Ball happens. Music will be manufactured by Neal Ford and the Fanatics until 1 a.m. The Ball will be highlighted by the selection of the Sophomore Class Sweetheart. Dress is semi-formal for dates, class "B" with ascots for Corps, and coat and tie for civilians for both Town Hall and the Ball.
A lot of people have put a lot of time and effort into the planning, and I want to urge every Sophomore to take full advantage of this great weekend. I hope to see everybody Friday night, at Town Hall, and, of course, at the Ball.
Thanks a lot,
Gary Martin
President, Class of '71

State Capital Roundup

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association
AUSTIN — Texas legislators now are busy with committee hearings on dozens of bills the 181 members would like to turn into laws.

Even though Gov. Preston Smith may not have his budget and tax message ready this week there is plenty of business before the legislative committees to keep them occupied.

Perhaps the most talked-about legislation is that dealing with the public school reorganization plan recommended by Gov. John Connally's Committee on Public School Education.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes joined Governor Smith in doubting that the forced consolidation of school districts would pass. And mail the legislators are getting from parents and administrators in the smaller districts leads others to agree that the proposal will have to be modified.

SMITH IS urging reform of the basis on which state aid is given to local school districts.

PSE Committee's study revealed that a great many school districts are getting bonanzas from the state by failing to properly tax their own property. It seems that the less they collect locally, the more they get from the state.

Sen. A. M. Aikin Jr. of Paris

and Rep. George Hinson of Mineola have signatures of more than half of the members of each house on the Texas State Teachers Association pay raise bill for school teachers. This package of changes will cost the state's taxpayers some \$206 million a year, plus \$20 million increased state funds for school operation, maintenance and transportation.

Smith said that he will recommend new taxes to finance projects he will recommend in his spending program. But he is not yet ready to say what sort of tax he will suggest.

WETS ACT FAST — Liquor by the drink legislation received instant action in the Senate.

Sen. Joe Christie of El Paso introduced a proposed constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to legalize mixed drink sales on a local option basis, then minutes later, his own senate constitutional amendments committee set it for hearing Wednesday.

A similar amendment was introduced in the House at the same time by Rep. Cletus Davis of Houston.

Both Lieutenant Governor Barnes and Governor Smith gave the amendment a cautious approving nudge.

Barnes said he viewed prospects for approval of liquor-by-the-drink as improving and added

he feels "people ought to have an opportunity to decide the issue" by popular vote.

SMITH MADE an almost identical observation and noted the proposal advanced by Christie and Davis gives voters "several checks" through local option elections.

Constitutional amendments must receive a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature before they can be submitted for approval or rejection of a majority of qualified voters.

The Christie-Davis proposition would delete the old constitutional ban on "open saloons." It would empower the Legislature to "regulate the manufacture, sale, possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors, including the power to establish a state monopoly on sale of distilled liquors."

A separate bill spelling out the recommended regulations to take effect on passage of the constitutional amendment will be introduced later. If the amendment fails to get two-thirds support, the sponsors will try to pass the bill anyway and risk a law suit challenging constitutionality.

Barnes predicted some senators who oppose liquor-by-the-drink will go along with submitting the issue to a vote. One of these, Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas, is a co-author of the proposed amendment.

What's Happening At The MSC

By PAT LAFFERTY
For St. Valentine's Day, the MSC will present another in its Spring Festival of Films — "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." The colorful 1964 production features Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni. The film depicts three episodes of contemporary Italy filmed by Vittorio De Sica. Showtime for the Friday night performance is 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom.

In cooperation with Town Hall, the Rotary Community Series will bring Pinchas Zukerman to Bryan Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17. Zukerman, winner of the coveted 1967 Leventritt Award, is considered one of the most promising young violinists. Isaac Stern was quoted as saying,

"He has an extraordinary power of communication and I fully expect him to take his rightful place among the great artists of our time." Young Zukerman has complete control of the violin and brings new insight to his work. But let yourself be the judge. Needed for admission are either Rotary Community Series season tickets or Texas A&M student

single event tickets.
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Preceding the Sophomore Ball at 6:30 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum, Town Hall will present "The Baja Marimba Band," another of its spectacular special attractions. Tickets for the Saturday night performance are still on sale in the Student Programs Office of the MSC.


Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
Skin & Scuba Diving Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 306 in Goodwin Hall. Plans will be made for a spearfishing contest between A&M, T.U. and Rice.
WEDNESDAY
Hillel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Hillel Building. Friday night services will be held at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
Grayson County Home town Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 3-C of the Memorial Student Center. This is a reactivation meeting and all Grayson County residents are urged to attend. For further information contact Tom Bonn, 845-6004, or Jack Roy, 50 Mitchell Hall.
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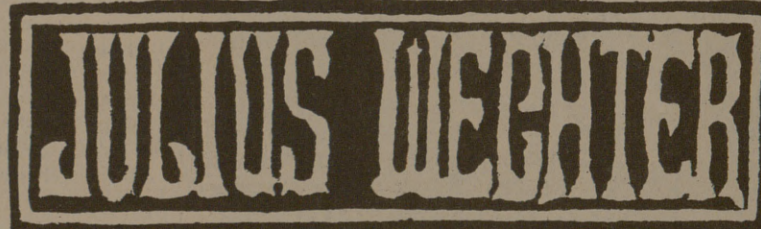
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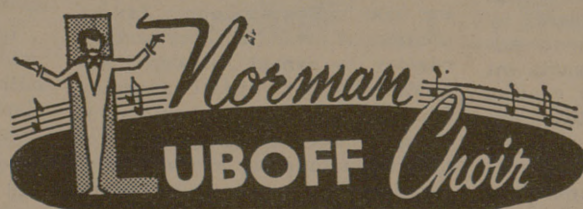
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