cidedly not, for even if such a

1984ish discoloring were to

take place, it would accomplish

little. Taking only "good" news

out of context, the Communists

could make it appear "bad." The

same has been done to the Bible

propaganda with its own weap-

and broadcasting. But don't

make the the press an arm of

the mirror will continue to grow

as the queen becomes angrier

with her own ugliness. Wes Gal-

lagher, general manager of the

Associated Press, warns that

"The news media are going to

be criticized and distrusted as long as readers and listeners

differ in viewpoint, and this will

be forever. Its intensity will

rise and fall in proportion to

the frustrations felt by the pub-

lic in trying to cope with its

And "bad" news must con-

problems.

on a propagandist tint and re- tinue to be reported as long as

flect American society as it these problems go unsolved.

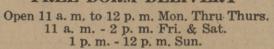
This, and other criticisms of

the government to do it.

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————— Dave Mayes— The Ugly Queen Searches For An Honest Mirror "Magic mirror on the wall, all kinds in which we too fre- would like to be seen, to combat Communist indoctrination? Dequently find ourselves."

He charged that "unfortunate

reporting" has let the country

down in a serious way" in the

the U.S. press abundantly as

their authority. They throw the

words of our own media back at

us, sometimes without the nec-

CERTAINLY, "good" news

does have a place in the news

media, but the officer seems to

have confused the role of a re-

porter with that of a propagand-

ist, to indoctrinate. A reporter

seeks to inform; a propagandist,

to indoctrinate. The reporter,

protecting the public interest,

gathers both forms of informa-

tion — the "good" news, that

which upholds, and the "bad"

news, that which deplores. The

propagandist, responsible only

for forwarding his own view-

point, selects only that informa-

tion that will support that pur-

Should the press, then, take

essity of further editing."

who's the fairest of them all?" "Yonder maid who tends the well; she's the fairest in the

by Jim Earle

"And with that, the wicked battle against Communist propqueen cursed the mirror might- aganda. ". . . Communists quote ily and stormed out of the chamber."

The latest version of this scene from the Snow White fairy tale concerns another mirror, the press, being "cursed mightily" by those whom it reflects, the American news audience.

According to George Gallup, never before in polling history have the news media been held in such low esteem across the nation. Typical of criticism being leveled at the press is a responsible for forwarding and letter from a "high-ranking U. S. Army officer" printed as an editorial in a February issue of U. S. News & World Report.

THE OFFICER congratulated the magazine for printing an article on the "good things about the United States" saying that he had found "new strength amidst the spate of lurid publications and sensational media of

## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

Gavel Club will meet at 7 p.m. in room 4 of the YMCA. Discussion topic will be "International Awareness.'

Computer Science Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert A. Scar. borough, 1106 Marstellar. Officers will be elected and a White Elephant sale will be held. Anyone needing transportation may call Mrs. Gene Fried at 846-2350.

Chemistry Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the party room the Monaco II Apartments, 316 Redmond Drive, for a program on wigs.

Houston Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 321 of the Physics Building. End-ofschool party will be discussed.

- 7:00 That Girl
- "The Chapman Report"
- 11:30 Alfred Hitchcock

## also much better-informed and more news-conscious than his parents, due to better means of mass communication. He is Tonight On KBTX more involved in the news itself in the present society, and

- 6:30 The Queen and I
- 7:30 Bewitched
- 8:00 Thursday Night Movie -
- 10:00 News, Weather and Sports 10:30 A View from Space

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"No, it's not really hot unless you wear clothes underneath!"

Guest Editorial

Lower Voting Age

seems rather surprising to note that a bill moving the voting

informed and governmentally interested minds are found

below the 21-year age bracket. Today's 19-year-old is better

educated in the lessons and mechanics of contemporary

government than his father was at that age, and in many

least one year of American history, a year of world history,

some kind of civics course, and some Texas history. If he

continues his education in college, he will have had two

semesters of American government in which the Constitution

and the many facets of local, state and national government

thus is more apt to pay attention to the affairs affecting him.

the forerunners in lowering the voting age. From the looks of

things, the country and this state in this day and time could

age to 19 years is showing favorable reception in Austin.

cases, as he is now

are studied.

With the Texas Legislature's perennial conservatism, it

And rightly so, for some of the state's and nation's most

By the time he is 19, an individual has had to take at

Along with his education, the 19-year-old of today is

We hope Texas will take the needed step and be one of

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use the active minds of 19- and 20-year-olds.

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