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Czech Course Set Here For Summer

The Modern Language Department will offer a special beginners' Czech course this summer. The course will cover one year's work in six weeks, noted Dr. Jack A. Dabbs, department head. He said such a "quickie" course has never been offered before.

Dr. Dabbs pointed out students will spend three hours per day, five days per week, in class, with additional time in the laboratory listening to tapes made by native speakers.

The course carries six hours of college credit.

Registration for the course is June 2, with classes scheduled June 3 through July 11.

TRY BATTALION CLASSIFIED

At The Movies

by Mike Plake

"The Hippie Syndrome Backlash"
 stars everybody and has a cast of millions. It's more engrossing than anything on film, because it's not on film, it's real. It's showing, outside and inside, all the theaters in the world.

Hippies and those who led related social movements brought new symbols and/or confiscated old ones for their causes. Beards and long hair, Indian costumes and bits of oriental-mystic philosophies were consumed, then reiterated to rhyme with the times. Hippies became the beau-

tiful people, the unwashed, long-haired, bearded radicals who sought to overthrow the system.

In fact, long hair, beards, the words love and peace have taken on entirely different connotations. People who are not radicals and use the symbols are socially ostracized to a surprising extent. In effect, if you wear a beard and sandals, forget it, baby. You're out, turned on, automatically, categorically, a hippie dissident.

I GREW a beard, last year. I grew it for no other reason than to see what I looked like with hair on my face. My wife even liked it.

On campus, I was labeled a fuzzy liberal. Which is probably correct, anyway. People accused me of preparing for Bonfire too soon. Even my friends had second thoughts about me, wondering perhaps if I hadn't been sneaking a few puffs of marijuana in the bathroom.

When my parents saw it, they went through predictable tremors. When my minister saw it, he treated each individual hair as a black sin. Lifelong friends, with whom I had worked devoutly in participation in the system, in school, in church, and other organizations, doubted everything I had ever said or done.

I WAS categorized, unequivocally, at first glance and any glance, as a student dissident, fresh home from the anti-war protests. I shudder to think what might have happened had I also worn sandals.

Another example: a friend of mine recently bought a pair of glasses with wire rims, resembling the popular USAF issue glasses common since World War II aces began wearing them. But my friend made one

mistake. He purchased the glasses for normal purposes, without tinted lenses.

In addition, he wore a Mexican serape at the same time he wore the glasses. What happened? My friend was instantly turned on, some people, including profs, said.

BUT MY friend was not turned on or preparing to reject the system; neither was I. In fact, we are active participants in this society, on campus or off. We haven't rejected anything but the false notion that accompanies the wearing of the serapes, beards, or wire-rimmed glasses with clear lenses; the notion which clarifies people as being socially unacceptable because of appearance.

We were trapped by the hippie syndrome backlash. We were found unacceptable because of the symbolic representations of the things we wore.

THESE TWO examples, in the case of clothes, are only pre-udes of what may follow. Just as people now understand the courts to be deciding cases overwhelmingly and subjectively on the side of civil and individual rights, a backlash of conservative decision can be expected.

It's too bad that these decisions, on the part of people in the society, or people as they sit in judgement on the courts, have to be so extreme.

It's a live example of unconscious prejudice. It doesn't matter what race or creed you are, son, or what you look like; you can be anything you want in America. As long as you are clean-shaven, conservatively trimmed, middle-classed. Of course, if you wear tinted, wire-rimmed sunglasses, that wouldn't hurt either.

Project House Graduates Set Reunion Here

Now, after nearly 40 years, Texas A&M "project house" graduates are planning a reunion, "to renew old acquaintances and reminisce a bit," declared Dr. N. A. McNeil, who is helping ramrod the effort.

From across the nation will come successful businessmen to attend the May 17-18 reunion on the campus—men who, as youths, shared their lives with each other in a unique way.

"We came from all over, with empty pockets, but with hearts full of desire for an education," said McNeil, a 1935 graduate serving as an associate professor in plant sciences.

In the 1930's the depression was a reality and money was scarce.

IT IS estimated that more than 4,000 students lived in the project houses during their 11 year existence, with room and board about \$12 a month, and the boys sharing everything conceivable.

"They banded together, raising and living in every kind of house," continued McNeil, noting the criteria was simple. The house had to have "lots of bedrooms and space."

Sometimes there were five, sometimes 10 or 20 students in a house.

Some students brought their milk cows. Parents oftentimes sent peas from East Texas, others syrup.

The first project house came into existence in 1932. Eventually "35 to 40 sprung up," said McNeil.

SOME HOUSES were located in Bryan, a considerable distance from the campus at that time, and others were in College Station. Some were as far away as Navasota where a truck transported the students to and from campus every day.

McNeil pointed out many project houses were sponsored by county groups, who hired house mothers.

McNeil recalled his own mother "came down from Moody and was a housemother for four years."

"We learned early we could reduce expenses by banding together," he said. "Reducing expenses was the name of the game during the depression years."

The group will pay tribute this year to Dan Russell, now retired from the A&M faculty, who served as liaison between the college and students.

Serving with McNeil on the steering committee are Bill Jaska, Agricultural Education; L. A. Maddox, Animal Science; Bob Skrabaneck, Agricultural Economics, and Morris Bledsoe, veterinary parasitology.

Others working closely on arrangements are Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant and C. E. Jones, veterinary parasitology.

Graduates Elect Representatives

Recently-elected members of the Graduate Student Council have been announced by Mitty Plummer, president of the Council.

The new members are Arthur M. Garrett, Jr., representing the College of Business Administration; Michael A. Rapheal, the College of Agriculture; David E. Zoellner, the College of Engineering; Jay M. Hubert, the College of Geosciences; Mickey L. Land, the College of Liberal Arts and Lawrence D. McGill, the College of Veterinary Medicine.

In the election, if any college had no nominee, a runner-up from another college was selected to represent it, Plummer said.

The remainder of the Council includes six former members who were selected by the Council.

They are Tony Benedetto, Less Delvin, Samuel Furrh, Gary Fairchild, John Harris and Bob Fried.

Quarterly Prints J-Prof's Article

Effects of central printing plants on the weekly newspaper field is examined in a spring "Journalism Quarterly" article by David R. Bowers.

The journalism professor's article, "The Impact of Centralized Printing in the Community Press," describes two conflicting trends in the field. One is the growth of chain ownership while the other is the encouragement of new newspapers and revival of competition in one-newspaper communities.

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