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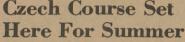
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The Modern Language Department will offer a special beginners' Czech course this summer.

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

College Station, Texas

"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- mistake. He purchased the glasshaired, bearded radicals who es for normal purposes, without sought to overthrow the system.

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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

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 tinted lenses.

THE BATTALION

by Mike Plake

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,

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 preludes 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, wirerimmed sunglasses, that wouldn't hurt either.

## Project House Graduates Set Ji Reunion Here

Now, after nearly 40 year Texas A&M "project house graduates are planning a m union, "to renew old acquain ances and reminisce a bit," de clared Dr. N. A. McNeil, who helping ramrod the effort.

From across the nation come successful businessmen attend the May 17-18 reunion the campus-men who, as yout shared their lives with each oth

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

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

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

"They banded together, ren ing and living in every kind of house," continued McNeil, not the criteria was simple. house had to have "lots of b rooms and space."

Sometimes there were fi sometimes 10 or 20 students

Some students brought the milk cows. Parents oftentim sent peas from East Texas, o ers syrup.

The first project house ca into existence in 1932. Eventus "35 to 40 sprung up," said M SOME HOUSES were local

in Bryan, a considerable dista

from the campus at that tin and others were in College S tion. Some were as far away Navasota where a truck tra ported the students to and fro campus every day. McNeil pointed out many pr

ect houses were sponsored county groups, who hired hou mothers.

McNeil recalled his own mo "came down from Moody was a housemother for years.

"We learned early we con reduce expenses by banding gether," he said. "Reducing e penses was the name of the ga during the depression years."

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

Serving with McNeil on steering committee are Bo Jaska, Agricultural Education L. A. Maddox, Animal Science Bob Skrabanek, Agricultu Economics, and Morris Bloom worth.

Others working closely on a rangements are Col. Jim H. Me Coy, commandant and C. Jones, veterinary parasitology

### Graduates Elect Representatives

Recently-elected members the Graduate Student Count have been announced by Mi Plummer, president of the Coun

The new members are Arthu M. Garrett, Jr., representing the College of Business Administra tion; Michael A. Rapheal, College of Agriculture; David Zoellner, the College of Engi neering; Jay M. Hubert, the College of Geosciences; Mickey L. Land, the College of Libers Arts and Lawrence D. McGil the College of Veterinary Medi-

In the election, if any colleg 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 wh were selected by the Council. They are Tony Benedetto, Leo Delvin, Samuel Furrh, Gary Fairchild, John Harris and Bob

### **Quarterly Prints** J-Prof's Article

Effects of central printing plants on the weekly newspape field is examined in a spring "Journalism Quarterly" article by David R. Bowers. The journalism professor's ar-

ticle, "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 reviva of competition in one-newspaper communities.





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