



“It just shows you how out of touch some people are! We're worrying about getting three guys home from the moon and my instructor is worrying about a quiz for the class!”

Editorial

With the great accomplishment of getting to the moon monopolizing the news media for the last two weeks, an important event may have escaped the limelight.

Senator Edward Kennedy, last in a long line of political brothers, was involved in a car accident over the weekend. Again death struck the Kennedy clan, this time not one of their own, but a former woman secretary to the late Robert F. Kennedy.

A complaint was lodged charging Sen. Kennedy with leaving the scene of an accident. The accident happened between 11 p.m. Friday and 1 a.m. Saturday, but went unreported until Saturday 10 a.m. Many claim that Kennedy was “possibly in a state of shock after going into the water and trying to rescue the girl.”

“I am firmly convinced there was no negligence involved,” Police Chief Dominic J. Arena told newsmen Sunday. “But the matter of time period after the accident—there is, in my opinion, a violation concerning going from the scene.”

No matter what is said, Sen. Kennedy was in control of the car and therefore in control of the girl's life, which was lost.

Through the years, the Kennedys have asked no political quarters nor have they given any and they cannot expect their political foes to let this incident pass under the bridge without circumspective investigation.

Undoubtedly, the last Kennedy brother will find the political road ahead a little bumpy. Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said that “this is something that could happen to anyone and I have every confidence in Ted Kennedy and do not think that it will damage his career.” Unfortunately, people who seek public office often are selling themselves to the public and it looks as though Ted Kennedy's package for the future is damaged.

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NSF Selects A&M For Program

The National Science Foundation has selected Texas A&M to play the key role in developing a regional experimental computer program involving four other Texas institutions.

Other participating schools are Prairie View A&M, Sam Houston State, Tarleton State and Texas Southern.

Texas A&M was awarded a \$149,000 two-year grant to provide computer resources for the other state-supported institutions and assist them in training staffs, noted Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr., the university's vice president for programs.

Dr. Calhoun and Dr. Roger W. Elliott, assistant professor of

industrial engineering at Texas A&M, are co-principal investigators for the NSF project.

Each outlying school also received an NSF grant to retain highly qualified data processing personnel and purchase a computer terminal.

The terminals will be connected to Texas A&M's IBM 360/65 computer at College Station, Calhoun explained. Each school will have the capability to use the A&M computer through remote operation from its own campus.

Calhoun said Texas A&M also will conduct five-week computer programs each year to train key personnel from the other four schools.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY

A&M, though it might like to think so, has no monopoly on school spirit. At the University of Southwestern Louisiana, for example, Sister Agnes planted the petunias on her hospital grounds in the school colors.

★ ★ ★
 The pitter-patter of little paws brightens the University of Houston campus this week. Shasta, the UH cougar mascot, dominated last Sunday evening and is now the proud mother of a single cub, tentatively named Prince Philip. The school's Alpha Phi Omega chapter will sponsor a contest to name the cub after school starts in September.

Researchers in the UH Biological Sciences Department are busy preparing a Lunar Analysis Laboratory that will receive samples of lunar soil obtained by Apollo 11. The founder of the department helped design the containers which hold the samples. The aluminum containers will be sealed outside the spaceship and returned to earth in a vacuum, according to a report from the Summer Cougar. The samples will undergo a three-month quarantine period after the spaceship's return, and should arrive at UH sometime in September.

★ ★ ★
 The University of Oklahoma has hit the big time now, and has plans for a “one-man show on Sept. 18” by none other than

Henry Morgan, called by the Oklahoma Daily “one of TV's best known personalities.” Rumor has it that the Memorial Student Center Programs Office, in trying to keep up, is looking for a personality of equal caliber. Suggestions so far have been Durwood Kirby, Allen Funt, Bert Parks, and Monte Rock.

★ ★ ★
 Texas Tech's campus book store this week is holding a massive campaign to get rid of all its out-of-date textbooks and paperbacks. As a result, they are selling the textbooks at the rate of 19¢ a pound.

★ ★ ★
 The University of Minnesota continues to incorporate into its courses something still flatly denied by many other schools' policies—relevance. In addition to graduate level “outside-the-classroom” courses such as the course in criminal law reviewed in an earlier column, the theory is being extended to “lowly” freshman classes, classes which contain minds yet unstagnated by university bureaucracy. Case in point, Social Science 20, or “Crisis in Human Relations.” It works under these unique operating assumptions, as listed in the Minnesota Daily: “Content which is relevant to a major non-academic social problem; a limit of 15 students per class; opportunity for freshmen to meet with top University faculty; involvement of community leaders; and use of the team-teaching method, an inter-racial team when possible.”

★ ★ ★
 The University of Oklahoma is getting a Medal of Honor winner to command its Naval ROTC post—43-year-old Captain William McGonagle.

Public Schools Miss Key PR

Public schools are not taking advantage of all their public relations opportunities, research by Texas A&M education professors reveals.

One of the key school PR agents is the business manager, according to Drs. Paul R. Hensarling and Harold L. Hawkins.

“The school business manager can provide PR contacts with some publics otherwise inaccessible to the superintendent and his professional staff,” they concur.

Results of the research is published in the July, 1969, edition of “School Business Affairs,” official organ of the Association of School Business Officials of the U.S. and Canada. In line with the findings, A&M is establishing a graduate program for school business managers.

He also has first line communication with the school's custodians, maintenance and cafeteria personnel.

Major PR areas in which the business manager works are in assisting the board of education as PR agents, as a speaker and other activities related to public relations programs.

The article indicates schools are not getting the full benefit of the business manager as a PR agent and opens up the question of professional training for them, including techniques of presenting an image of the school as an educational institution, rather than a business entity.

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Rehearsals Start For Fallout Play

Eighteen Bryan-College Station teenagers have started rehearsals for the Premier Players' second summer production, Gore Vidal's “Visit to a Small Planet.”

The Fallout Theater Production will be presented at 8 p.m. Aug. 14-16.

Vidal's play is one of the funniest plays produced by the Premier Players, according to director Robert W. Wenck.

The play is about a visit to Earth by Kreton, a mildly mad extraterrestrial being who gets pleasure from watching humans wage war, which is what he believes they do the very best.

Danny Foster of College Station will play Kreton and Billy Smith of Bryan will fill the role of Gen. Tom Powers, an asinine Air Force general who flies his laundry service by the book.

The cast also includes Leslie Denton of College Station, as Roger Spelding, a somewhat cynical news commentator; Marcy Roman of College Station, playing Miss Ellen Spelding, a frustrated college coed, and Karl Freund of College Station as Ellen's frustrated fiancée, Conrad Mayberry.

Alsie Johnson of Bryan is cast in the role of Reba Spelding, the newsman's scatter-brained spouse; Mark Halliwell of College Station is the aide, whose thoughts are anything but pure; Martha Bassett of College Station is Delton 4, who comes for Kreton, and Galen Clark of College Station is a television technician.

Crew members are Mort Inglis, Laura Barker, Debbie Randall, Gary Williams, Don Arnold, Jean Burch, Pam Watson, Robert Velasco and Bucky Roman.

Wenck said he staging, sound effects and lighting for “Visit to a Small Planet” will perhaps be the best ever done by the Premier Players.

Rehearsals are held for three hours on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Fallout Theater in the basement of Guion Hall on the Texas A&M campus. The players are sponsored by the Theater Arts Section of A&M's English Department.

Wenck said the students are ages 13 through 17. Eight members of the cast are repeaters from the summer's first production, “The Cave Dwellers.”

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