

Research project eyes fans

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He added that energy is synonymous with wealth. Poor countries, he said, use expensive types of energy—such as oxen.

"The rich get richer and the poor keep burning hay," he said. "Some people live with very little energy and are increasing (their population) very rapidly—but they need education. This is not a problem in the U. S.; therefore, we don't realize how desperate the situation can become," Dr. Hammond said.

He pointed out that one of man's problems is disposal of heat generated by energy. He said that heat is the major factor in the smog problem of large cities.

He pointed to a slide which pictured a "dust cap" over a large city. Dr. Hammond said when energy is released in a city, a bubble of hot air is released which affects the weather of the city.

He said a possible solution is to construct giant floating nuclear power stations which release their heat into the ocean depths.

"If we can surpass these problems, the world of energy is open to us," Dr. Hammond concluded.

Pantry head vital member of Duncan staff

Every time Johnny Wilborn mixed a salad, set out the dressing in the dining halls or chopped cabbage for a slaw for most of the last 28 years, he was seeing a college tuition slip, lab fee or textbook.

The 60-year-old Duncan Dining Hall pantry head has put five of his seven children through college and put two grandchildren he raised through high school.

Wilborn is a lifetime resident of Brazos County and one of many long-service personnel in the Food Service Department.

The Wilborn resident began working at A&M in 1942.

"Johnny is a vital member of the Duncan staff," credited Fred W. Dollar, food service director. "He takes over the whole kitchen for one meal shift and has a good operation."

Much of the Negro cook's success can be traced to his efforts to see that his children received a college education. He knows from first-hand experience the importance of the college-part of a person's life.

Wilborn believes young people today have more going for them.

"I think they are better quality people," the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church deacon said of students who pass through Duncan. "They know better how to get along."

One group he has no sympathy for in the kitchen is help that works a couple of weeks, then has to have a regular work day off. Wilborn admits a great deal of pride in being on his job regularly.

"Except for being sent to bed a couple of weeks after a car wreck five or six years ago, I haven't had a sick day off. I've been lucky," he maintains.

"I spend my spare time working around home," Wilborn said. He helps his wife Viola in the kitchen and is fixing up a recently purchased house.

Should fans boo, heckle players shooting free throws and throw cups, ice, hot dogs or turkey eggs on the court at basketball games?

Most people know what's expected in good sportsmanship, but leave mental loopholes to allow unsportsmanlike conduct at an athletic event. This was brought out in a research project.

Findings were obtained from a questionnaire card filled out by 1,500 fans at the Texas A&M-Texas basketball game at G. Rollie White Coliseum in February.

Members of a graduate health and physical education course—psychology of sports—under Dr. Charles B. Corbin collected all data in the project. Fans were asked to rate their attitudes and the socially-acceptable attitude about 10 statements on the card.

Statements had to do with booing, keeping quiet during free throws, throwing objects, player fouling, coach conduct and more important than winning or losing is how you play the game.

Corbin said analysis of the data doesn't support the idea that athletics build sportsmanship. Persons with the most athletic experience showed by their scores the worst attitude.

"We know the ideal attitude," he explained, "and an ideal score the way we arranged the questionnaire would be 10."

A 10 for example, would indicate that the person filling out the card "strongly agrees" with statements such as "Fans should not boo at basketball games." So a score of 50 indicates a bad attitude.

"The average score for all statements on what the fans thought of as ideal was 20.2. The average score of what they would really do was 26.9," he revealed. What it means, Corbin suggested, is that for the test group, true sportsmanship is somewhat short of the ideal and many would not behave according to what they thought of as really right.

Booing is not really courteous, but the highest percentage reserved the privilege by their answers. More than 43 per cent disagreed that fans should not boo at basketball games.

Another statement, "Booing is never justified," served as a statistical check on responses to the "Fans should not boo."

Corbin said the response to the phrasing is very interesting. Only 21 per cent said fans should never boo and a resounding 64 per cent gave the undesirable answer.

"Also of interest is that a relatively large percentage checked the neutral answer, neither agreeing nor disagreeing. They wanted to sit on the fence, maybe not offend anyone on either side," he commented.

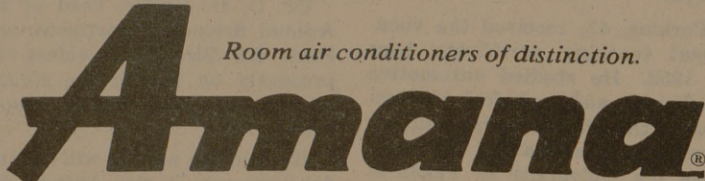
The statement "At no time is it justified to throw any object onto the floor or at referees" received least disagreement. Only six per

cent strongly disagreed with it. "It is interesting though that 6 people out of a 100 feel it is alright to throw stuff," Corbin stated.

Data on the fan's sports avocation, age, sex vocation and athletic experience related to the agree-disagree scores also turned up unusual statistics.

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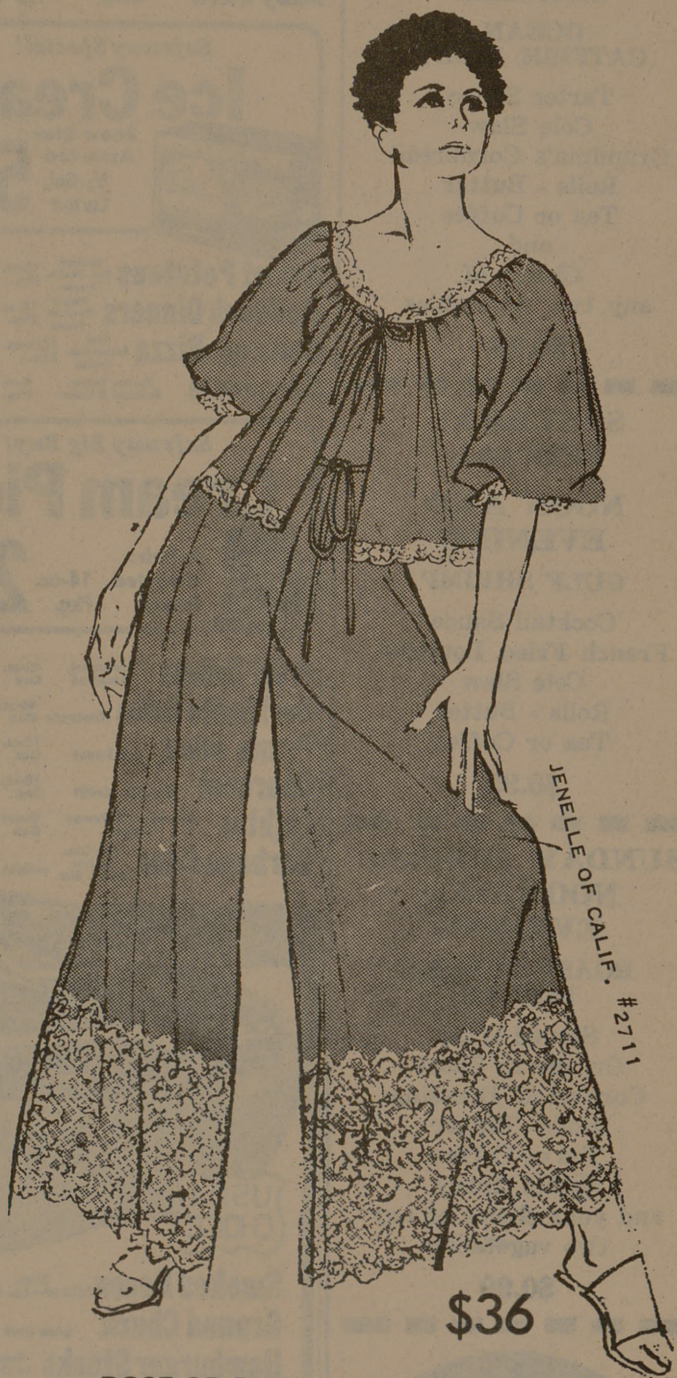
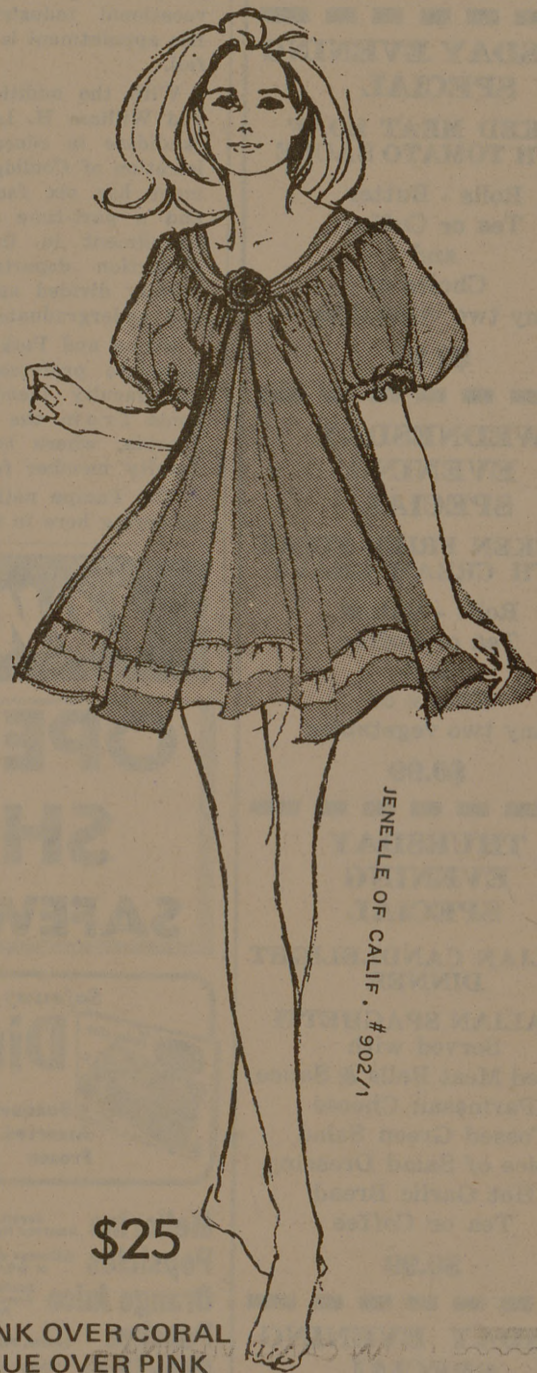
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