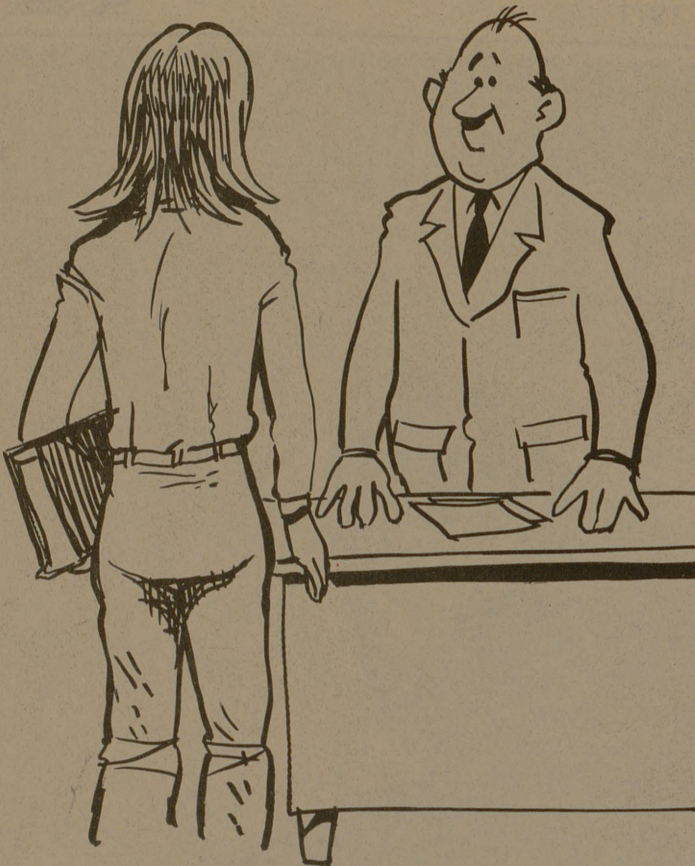


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... but sir, maybe my haircut makes me look like a girl, because I am a girl!"

Food prices to hold steady, Ag economists believe

President Nixon's new economic program for dealing with inflation, employment, and the world position of the dollar has all sectors of the economy guessing as to the eventual implications. Two major questions are (1) what will happen after the 90-day period and, of particular interest to agriculture, (2) how will the agricultural domestic and export markets be affected?

These questions were posed by Dr. Carl E. Shafer, associate professor of agricultural economics, and a committee of Agricultural Extension Service, and Experiment Station economists in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. The committee, headed by Shafer, was recently appointed to determine what effects the new economic program is having on Texas agriculture.

Shafer's committee reminded Texas producers that "all farm level unprocessed products are exempt from the price-freeze provision while retail food (except for unprocessed items like eggs and lettuce) and fiber product prices are subject to the freeze. Of course, prices of items farmers buy are controlled. This should restrain the cost part of the price-cost squeeze dilemma farmers have had to face."

The committee of agricultural

economists indicated that "farm level prices could vary selectively depending on the strategy of food marketers as dictated by current cost and margins. However, with retail and wholesale food prices frozen, there is little reason to expect farm level prices to increase to any extent."

"Possibly the most significant aspect of the new programs could be the psychological effect of the turn-about in the administration's economic policy," pointed out Shafer. "If confidence in the economy is renewed, inflation is restrained, and unemployment drops significantly, then the demand for food could increase. This would result in increased sales at the stabilized retail prices."

The agricultural economic group cited an example. If the demand increases for high consumer preference items such as beef, there might be some increase in cattle prices due to buyers bidding for the given supply. But, again, cattle prices could not rise much because of marketing costs and fixed retail prices.

Bulletin Board

Tonight Interservice Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:30 in room 146 of the Physics Building.

By Phi Eta Sigma

Freshmen offered tutoring

A new tutoring service is being offered to help the incoming freshman adjust more easily to the academic rigors of A&M.

The service is being offered for the first time this semester by the A&M chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman academic honor society.

The Texas A&M Scholastic Service (TAMSS), is the largest of its kind in the nation. The tutors for this special service are members of the Greek organization, Phi Eta Sigma.

Membership for Phi Eta Sigma is selected on the basis of superior academic performance and

a grade point ratio of 3.5 or better in their freshman year. TAMSS is composed of 112 tutors who form the 25% of the Phi Eta Sigma membership.

Each student who elects to make use of this special service will be assigned a tutor with a high GPR and an "A" average in the course area in which the student desires tutoring.

The tutoring service is available free of cost to all students, with incoming freshmen getting top priority in the scheduling of tutors.

Salahuddin Sharia Yosutzai, a sophomore chemical engineering

major from Dacca, East Pakistan, is chairman of Scholastic Service. He is assisted by dormitory representatives who are responsible for overall coordination in their respective sectors in both civilian and corps areas.

"Registration for the TAMSS is tentatively scheduled to start at 8 a.m. on Sept. 9 and will continue till 5 p.m. the same day," Yosutzai said. "Depending upon the response, registration will continue through the same hours on Sept. 10."

"TAMSS is scheduled to start operation on Sept. 13, when each

student will be assigned a tutor," Yosutzai continued.

Tutoring will be available in three different course areas—math, chemistry and history. The tutoring will be concentrated primarily in the freshman math and chemistry courses.

Courses involved in the tutoring service are: Chemistry 101, Analytic Geometry 104, Calculus 209, Biology 113. Also, subjects offered on a limited basis are: Algebra 101, Algebra 102, Mathematical Concepts - Pre - Calculus 130, Analytic Geometry and Calculus 121, Calculus 122, Calculus 210, Calculus 307, Differential Equations 308; and Chemistry 102, Structure and Bonding 103, Chemistry of the Elements 104, Physics 218, and History 105, History 106, Animal Science 107, Mechanical Engineering 112, Geology 205, Geology 206, English 103, English 104, and English 101B.

"Except for Analytic Geometry 104, Calculus 209, Biology 113, Chemistry 101, and English 101 in which incoming freshmen students will have first preference, tutoring in all subjects will be available on a first come, first serve basis," Yosutzai said.

NASA working toward quieter large jet engine

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration continued its attack on jet aircraft noise as the first ground tests of an experimental, quieter jet engine began this week in southern Ohio.

The full scale test engine was built for the NASA Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio, under a contract with the General Electric Company's Aircraft Engine Group. The initial noise tests will be conducted by GE at its Peebles, Ohio, site.

The goal of the Quiet Engine Program is to develop a 22,000-pound thrust engine that will be 15 to 20 decibels quieter than engines in current subsonic air transports such as the DC-8 and 707 jets.

Project officials hope to accomplish the reduction by use of a high bypass ratio engine with a low noise fan and by installing in the flow passages, a honeycomb-like, acoustic material to muffle sound. To date, component tests on candidate fans for the Quiet Engine have shown that it will be possible to meet or surpass this noise goal.

Preliminary tests were conducted earlier this month to check out the mechanical integrity of the engine. Harry Bloomer, a Lewis Quiet Engine engineer, said it proved to be "a very smooth running engine" with no problems from vibration or stress on the fan blades. The engine also produced no visible smoke, another NASA objective and a desired trait of future jet engines.

The engine to be tested, known as Engine A, uses the same gas generator core as the commercial CF-6 and TF-39 engines built by GE for the DC-10 and C5A, respectively.

During the next three months, 23 tests will be made to determine just how quiet the system is. Engineers will operate Engine A at conditions typical of take-off

and landing (when noise is most noticeable) while changing the types of inlets and exhaust nozzles used.

Later in the test program various flow passages will be lined with acoustically absorbent material to reduce noise further.

Once noise tests at Peebles are completed, Engine A will be delivered to Lewis where it will be mated to an acoustically treated nacelle (engine housing) to form a complete propulsion system for further ground testing.

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