

# 'Worst thing that happens... ...cursing, standing on bus

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Superintendent Jack Faulds thus far has his view of the Caldwell Independent School District close and concerned. Faulds, a large jovial man, certainly is close and concerned. He spent his entire "school life" in the district since graduating from Texas A&M University in 1950 with a master's degree in education. He's come up from 12 years as elementary school superintendent over rural schools, through two years as a science teacher, four years as high school principal, to his present position since 1968 as superintendent over the largest of the three school districts in Burleson County. Faulds refers to "his schools" as ones with minor disciplinary problems. But then, Faulds said,

small problems are basically true of most small rural schools. "I hate to brag on it for fear something will happen," Faulds said, adding that everyone tends to look out for everyone else in Caldwell. You don't have to be kinfolk to help out, Faulds said. Most people want to know what's going on, especially with their kids. Of course, such a system can only work in a small town, he said. Faulds said people in Caldwell base their interest in what the kids are doing on the philosophy that if things are stopped at the proper time, maybe, just maybe, someone will be thankful later on in life. The worst things that have happened in recent years are things like cursing or not sitting down on the bus when told, Faulds said. Problems like those go directly to the principal, Faulds continued, and if the problem can't be worked out with the child, then the principal contacts the parents who often come to see him.

"I back the principal 100 per cent, even if I feel he's wrong," Faulds said. But Faulds said he understands that a principal's decision is often made on the spur of the moment and that as superintendent, he can more easily keep from becoming involved. He encourages bringing parents into a situation, for "the quicker we bring the parents into it, the quicker we get it solved." On problem areas such as drugs, race and dress codes, Faulds had little to say. "I'm not going to be naive enough to say there's no drug problem, but we see no evidence of it in the schools," Faulds said. He said the school system is aware that such a problem could exist and recently had a teacher's in-service day on how to recognize and help students using drugs. Faulds referred to racial problems in much the same way as the drug problem. He's sure they exist but they don't surface. Problems related to dress do surface. But even then, the Caldwell ISD had followed the national trend and says little about what their students wear to class. Students are asked to dress neatly, but why, Faulds asks, spell out a dress code when you know someone will just try to violate it? Dress in the Caldwell schools is handled on an individual basis when needed, Faulds said, granting that there are some modes of dress considered out of bounds. "You just don't tell kids what to do anymore," Faulds continued. "You don't make all of their decisions for them."

For example, besides accepting liberal dressing standards, ISD polled the students to find out if they wanted cafeteria facilities in the new high school built in 1971. The majority said no and the district saved some money on the deal. High school students now wishing to eat in a cafeteria can catch a noon bus to the junior high lunchroom. Other students are allowed to leave campus or do as they please. Besides "lunchroom" busing responsibilities, Faulds is responsible for the entire district transportation system. That, along with maintenance, occupies most of Faulds' time because the ISD cannot afford a person to handle these jobs as would a larger school district, Faulds said. Faulds keeps track of the 20 buses which support 13 routes. In order for students to get on one of the 13 route buses, they are all brought to the high school at five minute intervals in the afternoon. The youngest ones arrive first, Faulds said, in order to keep from getting trampled by the big kids. With all the bus students at one location, buses can easily load in an off-the-street situation and leave when everyone is on the right bus. Parents can find bus students easier after classes if need be, Faulds said, and in addition the system allows a change of plans in routes in emergencies. Morning buses go to the closest schools first so students can begin their day with one of the 64 teachers in the system. Besides the basic courses such as English, math and history, students

may be involved in vocational, special education, or remedial reading or math programs. The Caldwell ISD is stressing vocational programs more and more, Faulds said. They are avenues which enable and encourage some students to stay in school who otherwise wouldn't, he said. Vocational programs such as agriculture, landscape, farm implements and home economics currently are offered. Students in special education are now under state plan "A" adopted for Caldwell's 1974-75 school year. Under this plan the child is no longer in a self-contained classroom, but is put into the main stream of classes and goes to resource classes for extra help. Remedial reading or math courses are offered to those students who by law are defined as culturally disadvantaged or come from low economic backgrounds and need extra help in these areas. This program is government funded under Title I. One of Faulds' jobs is the recruitment and selection of personnel for these programs along with personnel for the other jobs in the system. All personnel is ultimately approved by the seven member school board as in any school district. Faulds said teachers tend to stay on longer in the junior-high and high school with the main faculty turnover in the elementary school. He doesn't understand why that is, Faulds said, but, no matter, there's a good supply of teachers always available from A&M. All faculty and staff within the school district are paid out of the approximately \$1,300,000 school budget. Based on an economic index set up by the state, about 80 per cent of the budget comes from state funds. The remaining comes from a local ad valorem property tax of \$1.75 per \$100 of 40 per cent of market value. A portion of the budget goes to athletic events, especially football. Caldwell is football dominated, as is almost every other school in Texas, Faulds said, but "I don't think we are as far over-balanced in athletic funding as some." Neither football nor the football coach rule the school system here, Faulds said, acknowledging that some places allow football to dominate everything. The coach — "ours is black and very good" — works under the principal as part of the faculty. And in keeping with his policy to back the principals, Faulds says he never interferes in faculty matters unless asked. Not that he has any major problems with the faculty in the Caldwell ISD. For problems are small in that area, too, he said.



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## Campus briefs

### Motorcycle club sponsors ride

The Texas A&M Motorcycle Club is sponsoring a ride to Cameron, Sunday. The ride will begin at the MSC at 10 a.m. and will return from Cameron after the motocross races there. Those planning to attend should bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be sold by the club at cost.

### Marketing to hold Ad Seminar

Corporate image campaigns, industrial products campaigns and consumer products promotional programs will be exhibited at the advertising seminar on Tuesday. The seminar is sponsored by the Marketing Society and will be held in Room 301 of the Rudder Tower. These speakers will present prominent advertising campaigns.

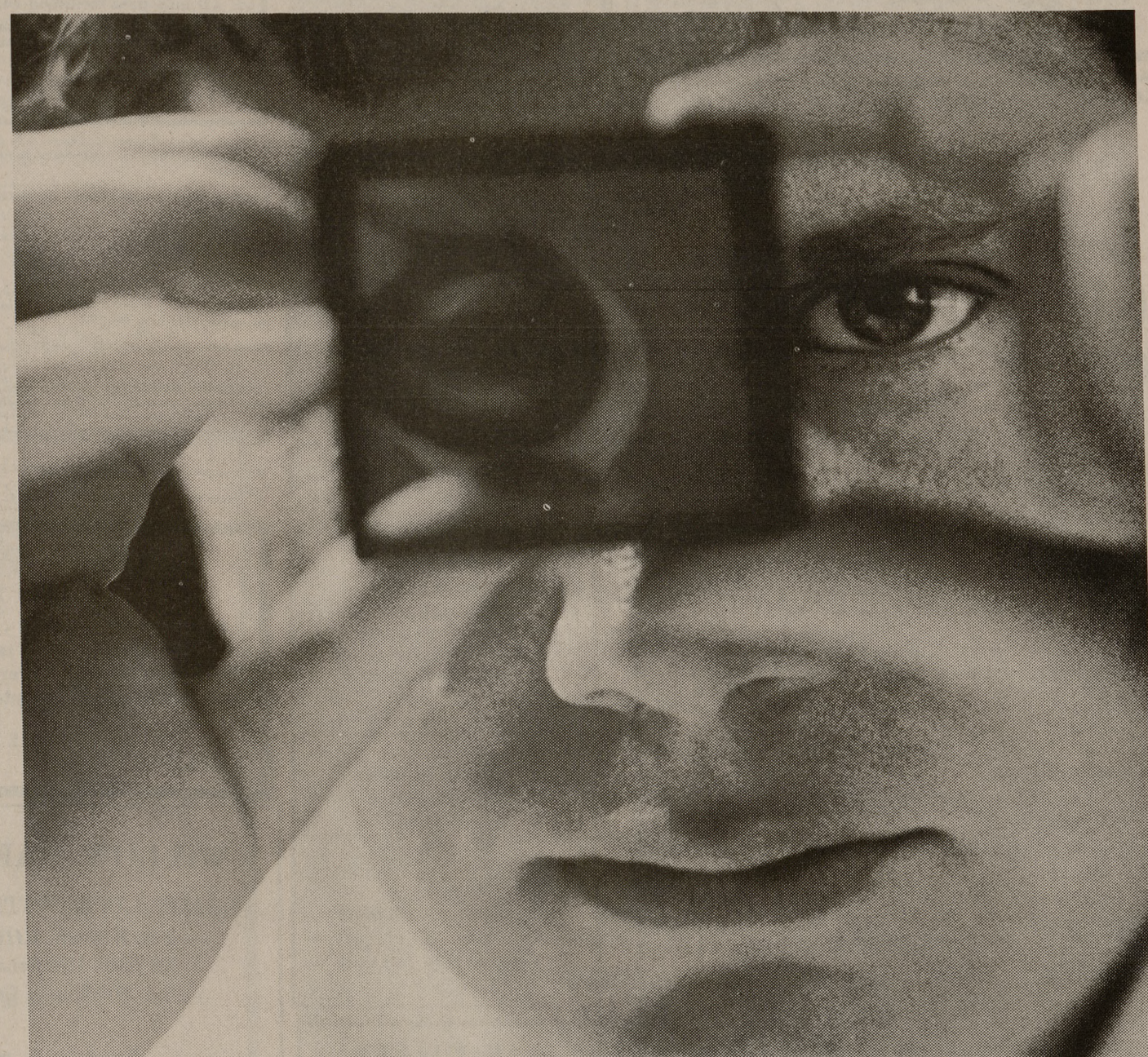
### Movie features Oceanography sub

ABC-TV's Tuesday Movie of the Week October 22 will feature the Department of Oceanography's submarine "Diaphus." Three members of the faculty and staff, Dr. Thomas Bright, Ken Bottom and Mike Cook participated in the making of the film. The movie is "Trapped Beneath the Sea," formerly entitled "SUBMISS/SUBSUNK," will be aired from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (CDST).

### Rider course offered for beginners

A beginning motorcycle rider course will be offered Oct. 22 - Nov. 2 to faculty, staff and family members age 18 or over. The classes are limited to the first 20 persons to sign up. Registration fee will be \$15. The course is noncredit. Instruction will be through the Safety Education Program. The first two classes are 7-10 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 22, and Thursday, Oct. 24, and cover an overview of the course and knowing the motorcycle. The following Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 26-27), the classes cover actual riding with class time either 8 a.m. to noon or 1-5 p.m. Oct. 28 - Nov. 2, on the next Monday through the following Saturday, the classes concentrate on individualized instruction in traffic with course time to be announced. Registration or more information is available by contacting Curtis Goode at 845-3019, or Room 106 of the Mechanical Engineering Shops.


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