

Dorm fire proves need for protection, equipment

Approximately two and a half hours ago (7:45) P.M.), Nov. 23, we witnessed a fire by the stairwell on the second floor of Moses Hall. The nature of the fire was suchas to prevent escape through the building for occupants of eight rooms. Fortunately, the fire was extinguished before anyone was hurt, but one person did jump from a second story window after discovering that escape through the hall was blocked by a wall of fire.

Damage was extensive — the door of one room was even burned 1/4 inch through. If the fire had occurred in the early hours of the morning, the probability of rapid detection, and therefore a lower level of damage and danger to the occupants, would have been greatly reduced. In such a their status and "pull" with the govsituation, the immediate use of fire extinguishing equipment is essential. This is especially true due to construction and the elimination of thru-campus roads, which hinder any emergency vehicles

Our question concerns the elimination of all fire extinguishing equipment from the dorm buildings. Apparently, such action was taken to prevent unauthorized or mischievous use of such equipment. This pre-vents "water-fights" but is not very effective for fighting actual fires. We suggest re-installation of all fire hoses and/or fire extinguishers in the dorms, integrated with an alarm system which prevents, with proper warning signs, "water-fights" and informs dorm residents and the proper authorities of an emergency

As to the financial aspects of such an installation, we believe the benefits could far exceed the costs. Personally, we would hate to see a Silver Taps be the cost of preventing water-fights.

Regents

Editor:

change the manner in which the



state? It is very obvious that rich people who help the governor, in May. either in his campaign or otherwise, are the ones appointed. How can pa-rents and students let this go un-checked? I have always thought that I, as a parent, would want the best qualified people to run my child's school. An education is supposed to turn a person into the most intelligent, productive, and efficient indi-vidual it can. With such people running our universities, I seriously doubt that this is being accomplished. Regents are not chosen on their qualifications, but rather on ernor. Do you think our children will appreciate our attitude towards the selection of those who will mold their

Joe Martinez

W-1

lives and future?

Editor:

Much has been written during the past year, pro and con, about the Minerva Project and women in the Corps of Cadets. Many people ac-cepted the fact that women in the Corps was inevitable, in spite of their belief that it all seemed so wrong. They resolved to try to turn out the best female officers in the country, just as we do with the males.

Instead, we get girls "humping it," telling "grode stories," being carried around the quad half-naked for a Silver Crapper, taking their juniors to the mud hole, etc., etc. Am I old-James W. Bilbro Clayton A. Fox James W. Bilbro woman officer for the armed forces? On the 24th of November, the girls of W-1 had their first drill team practice. Not a fancy marching routine such as girls in other ROTO Why is not something done to units across the country have, but one centered around the rifle, much

Team. It makes you wonder when they will have their own Cavalry, their own Ross Volunteers, their own Band and their own bugler blowing Silver Taps. I'm sorry if I sound bitter, but I'm glad I'm gone

Joe Wallace

Rugby

Editor: We were very interested in the article on Aggie rugby which ap-peared in The Battalion issue of

November 13, 1975. We completely agree with Dr. O'Donovan that rugby teams must honor their match schedules and when absolutely impossible to do so should give two weeks notice as a courtesy. We believe, however, that Dr. O'Donovan should get his own club

in order before he castigates the other teams of the Texas Union. Specifically, we refer to the preseason scheduled match between the Aggie Maroon and S.F.A., on 18 The reasons for cancellation: The Aggie players were tired and sore, didn't want to travel that far, and some of them wanted to go canoeing

that particular weekend. Goodrich did say, however, that the Aggies would play us if we would travel to College Station. Big deal Aggies — we like home games too. Not in the "rugby tradition" – probably a "lack of communication." Dr. Robert R. Fleet Mr. Robert E. Braden

(Stephen F. Austin State University; Rugby Football Club)

FOR BEST RESULTS TRY

Campus Comments Professors are bought and so

By JIM JAMES SANFORD RUSSO

"Faculty salaries are determined by the marketplace" — John Calhoun, vice-persident for academic affairs. 2 Mp

Ever wonder what the average instructor at A&M makes for nine months of imparting knowledge into our eager little heads?

According to figures compiled by the Texas Coordinating Board from public institutions, the average is \$21,153. The highest paid full pro-fessor nets \$35,253, while the lowest pay given is \$15,192. Admittedly, no one will get rich at this rate, but consider the plight of those instructors teaching at Sul Ross State where the average salary is less

State where the average salary is less than \$16,000.

I know people who make more

than that panhandling. At the other end of the spectrum are those teaching at the Megaversity of Texas, where the average is \$23,000 for full professors, with the top salary rated at \$41,000. (This professor has a world-renown reputa-tion.)

Great Trips

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For associate professors at A&M the average is \$16,472 with a high of \$18,500 and a low \$14,000. Again, Sul Ross brings up the rear with a startling \$12,700.

No one can accuse those Sul Ross instructors of being in the teaching game for the cash. Another point of interest is the A&M associates are paid an average \$11 more per year

than those at Texas. Before feeling sorry for the asssit-ant professors who range in pay from \$18,400 to \$10,000, instructors who vary from \$14,000 to \$7,398 and lecturers who receive from \$14,595 to \$9,000, remember the junior college teachers.

The teachers in these institutions average \$11,000, with the low quoted at \$6,569.

As Dr. Calhoun noted, the market place determines salaries, supply and demand.

The scientific disciplines are most rewarding, as are engineering and hard sciences. The least lucrative fields are those in liberal arts.

The figures given are somewhat biased because different schools have different strengths. While a

school paying \$15,000 for an English Maybe this article will se professor may be competetive with perpetuate the "buyingan

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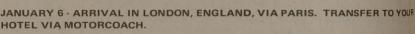
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governor appoints the board of re-gents for the universities of this like the male drill teams on the col-legiate level, or our own Fish Drill

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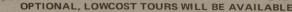
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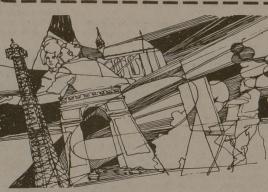


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