



Campus Comments

Professors are bought and sold

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"Faculty salaries are determined by the marketplace" — John Calhoun, vice-president 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 professor 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 than \$16,000.

I know people who make more than that panhandling.

At the other end of the spectrum are those teaching at the Megaveristy 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 reputation.)

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 assistant professors who range in pay from \$18,400 to \$10,000, instructors who vary from \$14,000 to \$7,395 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 professor may be competitive with other schools' English pay, the first school may not be paying physics professors who receive \$19,000.

Maybe this article will perpetuate the "buying and selling human souls" concept, but it is interesting to find a marketplace where people to buy nowadays.

Dorm fire proves need for protection, equipment

Editor:
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 such as 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 situation, 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 prevents "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."

James W. Bilbro
Clayton A. Fox

Regents

Editor:
Why is not something done to change the manner in which the governor appoints the board of regents for the universities of this

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state? It is very obvious that rich people who help the governor, either in his campaign or otherwise, are the ones appointed. How can parents and students let this go unchecked? 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 individual 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 their status and "pull" with the governor. Do you think our children will appreciate our attitude towards the selection of those who will mold their lives and future?

Joe Martinez

W-1

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 accepted 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-fashioned? Am I too chauvinistic when I look upon these activities as un-ladylike? Is this the way to build a 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 ROTC units across the country have, but one centered around the rifle, much like the male drill teams on the collegiate level, or our own Fish Drill

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 in May.

Joe Wallace

Rugby

Editor:
We were very interested in the article on Aggie rugby which appeared 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 pre-season scheduled match between the Aggie Maroon and S.F.A., on 18 October 1975 in Nacogdoches, that was canceled on short notice by the Aggie club president Billy Goodrich. 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."

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Mr. Robert E. Braden
(Stephen F. Austin State University; Rugby Football Club)

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