

chooling includes culture

Awareness tempers change

Failure of the American-styled educational system in post-war Japan should tell modern planners such changes must accommodate cultural milieu, says a Texas A&M University educator.

Dr. David Armstrong believes administrators must keep the examination in mind and temper educational change with cultural awareness — or prepared to rigidly enforce change to prevent reversion.

In American schools, he says, are teachers suddenly thrust into open-space teaching environments on begin erecting surrogate walls consisting of bookcases and files.

Team teachers thrown together about regard for personality differences are another example, he explains.

Students most likely to resist

change are "A" pupils, Armstrong explains, because they have learned to work the system and don't wish any alterations.

"Each school represents a self-contained subculture complete with taboos, tribal practices, lines of ascendancy and various other paradigms of right behavior," he asserts.

Both the Japanese Bureau of Thought Supervision in the late 1930s and the occupation forces after World War II saw Japanese schools as a convenient funnel for promoting officially approved doctrine, recalls the A&M educator.

"SCAP (Office of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers) believed," he said, "that beyond education, the program begun by occupation authorities would result in an ultimate reformation of the en-

tire Japanese value structure.

"Education would become a convenient tool for changing a wider culture in the direction favored by SCAP authorities.

"However, the direction of this effort — with references to individual worth, independent thought and initiative — ran contrary to traditional Japanese esteem for hierarchy and accepting one's proper place," explains Armstrong.

"In essence, SCAP attempted to take American values, or at least Western, to Japan."

After the departure of occupation forces, he claims, several trends began to emerge in Japanese society in general and in education in particular, all of which were immediate departures from SCAP guidelines.

Ethical questions plague doctors; A&M planning morality program

Do veterinarians have an ethical right to refuse to put an animal to sleep for its owner? Do doctors have a right to withhold information from patients?

Should a veterinarian contact the family doctor if the vet discovers a pet owner is taking drugs prescribed for a cat or dog?

These are among a score of issues to be raised next month at Texas

A&M University during what is believed to be the nation's first conference on human-veterinary medicine ethical implications.

Texas A&M Dean of Medicine James A. Knight and Dean of Veterinary Medicine George C. Shelton jointly announced the meeting, to be conducted Sept. 16-17 as a centennial academic assembly.

Animal patient rights, patient-physician relationships, issues in companion and food animal medicine, topics in experimentation and legal implications will be reviewed by an array of speakers.

"All sorts of implications are common to both the human medical profession and veterinary medical profession," said conference com-

mittee cochairman Dr. Roger Feldman, veterinary pathologist.

"For example, should a veterinary report the erratic behavior of an animal owner to the owner's physician?" Feldman asked.

Pritchard, one of the few persons to hold both a law degree and veterinary medicine degree, is expected to be uniquely qualified to address such topics.

Humane Society to hold flea market

The Humane Society of Brazos County is planning a super Flea Market on Saturday, August 28, at Townshir Shopping Center (1900 N. Texas Avenue). The Market begins at 10:00 a.m. and will run until dark.

All types of items will be selling at reduced prices. Crafts, plants, baked goods, clothes, glassware, dishes, toys and games, books and all types of knick-knacks are some of the goods that will be available.

In addition, many types of large

appliances will be selling, including two vacuum cleaners, a floor scrubber, range, dishwasher, lawn mower, and television. Among the specialty items will be a bar and stools, aquarium, record player, desk, and a tool box and headache rack for wide-bed pickup truck.

A new, unused movie camera and slide projector will be on sale at reduced prices.

Pies, cakes, cookies, and homemade bread will be selling at the baked-goods section. Crafts will in-

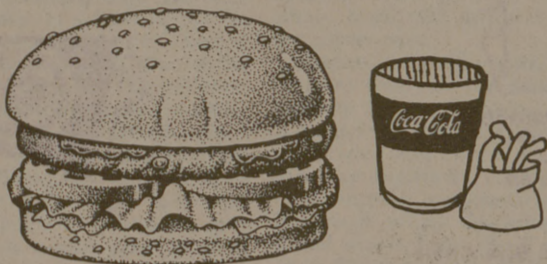
clude macrame, embroidered dish-cloths, hanging plants, specially-made dolls and paintings. All types of plants and pots will be at the plants table.

The Humane Society of Brazos County will also have several tables set up for the purpose of promoting humane education. Educational materials regarding pet care and the pet population will be provided free of charge. The Humane Society will also be selling specially-made

bumper stickers which promote the need for neutering pets. And the shelter petition will be available for interested persons to sign. This petition states the existence of a stray and unwanted animal problem in the Brazos County area, and the need for a fully-staffed and equipped shelter that would house these animals properly and serve as a center for information on neutering and proper pet care.

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Linotype more than machine

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va. (AP) — Many people might look at the Point Pleasant Register's battered old linotype and simply see an outdated machine. But not Flo Smith.

She can see the most important scenes of her life reflected in the dusty relic.

"I broke in on this machine back in 1917," she said recently while seated at the keyboard of the ancient, gas-operated linotype, or typesetting machine. "I operated it better than 35 years before they did away with it."

She rubbed her hand across the keys and let her memory go back. There was the faint sound of martial music and then came the doughboys, marching off to World War I and "up the hill to Kaiser Bill."

"They would march down to the train station," she said, "and the townspeople marched right along with them in those days. Everybody would come to the station to see the boys off."

"And Pearl Harbor," she said softly, now speaking to herself.

"That's the story I remember the best. I cried every line I set. We put out a little extra edition that day."

She wiped some dust from the machine and went back a little further.

"The paper was a weekly when I first went to work. We used natural gas to heat the lead for the linotype. Everything worked fine till there was a flood and water got in the lines. I can remember the men going up and down the streets delivering papers in a boat."

Through the years, she chronicled the day-to-day life in this quiet little river town. She saw everything: the births, the marriages and the obituaries of her friends and neighbors.

When the linotype was replaced by more modern equipment several

Aggie top ROTC graduate

Army 2nd Lt. Steven J. Eberhard has been named the nation's outstanding ROTC graduate of 1975.

Student body president his senior year at Texas A&M, Eberhard was presented the Hughes Trophy in Washington, D.C., by Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffman.

The trophy will return to Texas A&M soon, to go on display here during the 1976-77 school year.

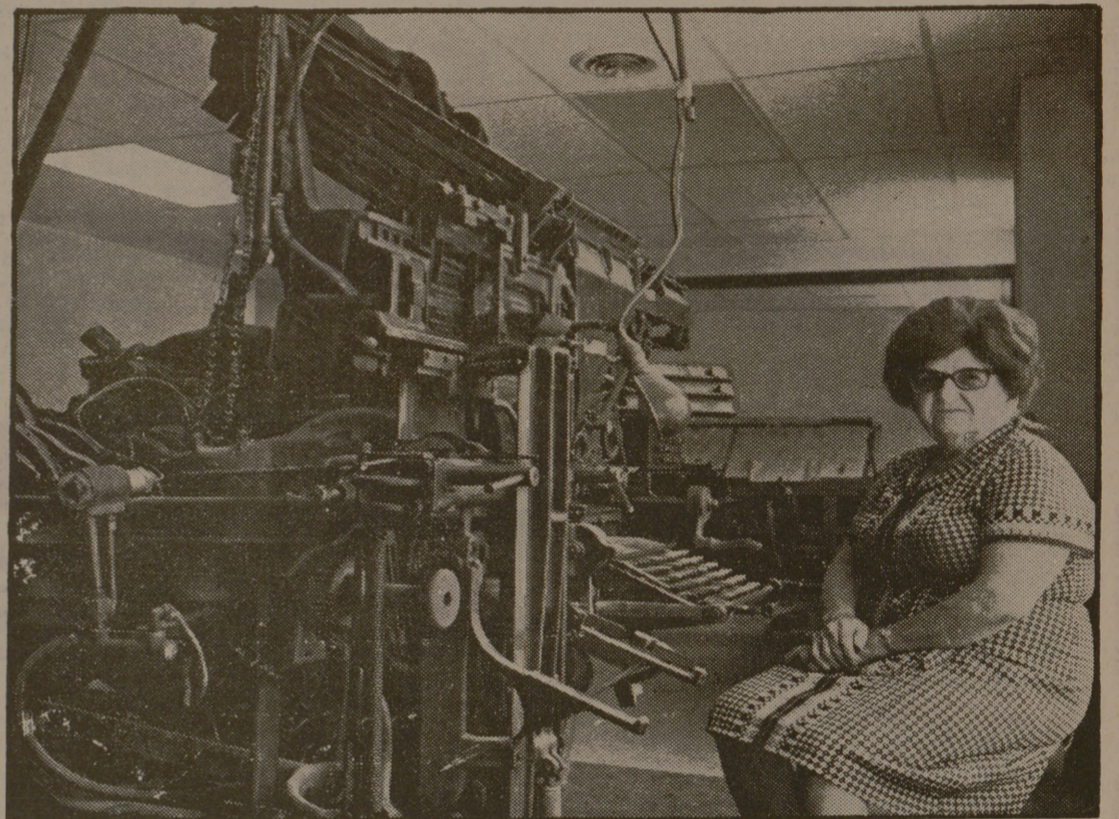
It was won in 1965 by another Aggie, Neil L. Keltner of Houston.

Eberhard was selected from more than 5,000 Army ROTC graduates for the award. Selection is based on academic and leadership accomplishments.

The presentation by Hoffman was witnessed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Eberhard of New Braunfels, and Col. Thomas R. Parsons, A&M commandant and professor of military science.

Lt. Eberhard works this summer for Sen. John Tower in Washington. He is on educational delay to attend Harvard Law School.

A prominent Texas A&M student, Eberhard was a President's Scholar and scholastic officer in the Corps of



OLD FRIENDS—Flo Smith sits at the keyboard of an ancient, gas-operated linotype machine at the Point Pleasant, W. Va., Register. She

can recall punching out lead type for World War I stories on the machine, now obsolete.

years ago, Mrs. Smith became a copyreader. She's still going strong at 75.

"I enjoy it," she said. "But you'd be surprised how many people can't spell these days. We have school teachers who bring in articles with misspelled words and some reporters who have gone to college and still can't spell."

Now a widow, she has no plans for retiring. Her blue eyes are still sharp behind the shaded bifocals and she says she likes to stay busy.

"But you know," she added, looking over at the linotype machine, "I'd kinda like to be operating that thing again. It was a lot of fun."

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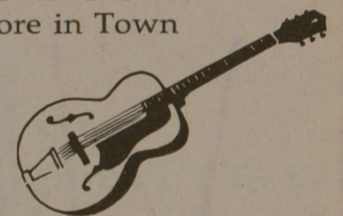
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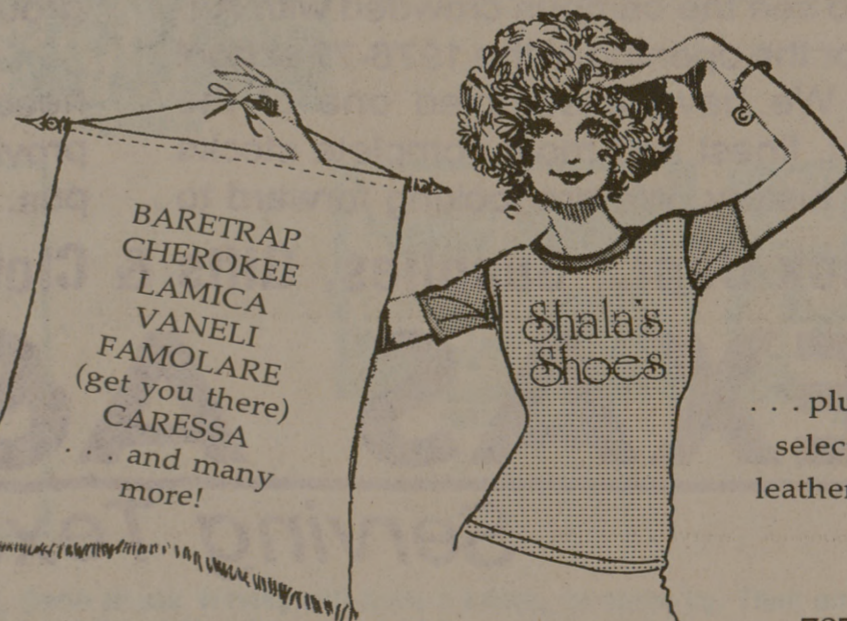
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