



### Their own private pool

Two youngsters decided Sunday's warm weather was worth a swim, so they chose the fountain in front of the Chemistry Building. They also collected the money thrown into the

fountain—all 20 cents of it. The two refused to give their names, afraid they would get into trouble.

Battalion photo by Diane Chastilles

## Air Force wings combined for better balance in Corps

By BARBARA FRICKE

outfits, enabling corps members to think and act as a single unit.

Steve Kolb said at first he did not like the idea of changing.

The change, which will take effect during fall 1977, was not an arbitrary decision, Simpson said. Combining the wings has been considered for about two years and this year's Corps Commander Robert Harvey proposed the change.

"It would reduce the staff and take leadership opportunities away from qualified people," he said.

Simpson said the idea was discussed seriously in December with the junior and senior cadets who would be involved in the change.

Another benefit of decreasing staff members is that it will keep quality leadership in the outfits, Jim Curley, 2nd Wing Commander, said.

Glenn Francis, 1st Wing commander, said, "Personally I didn't like the change because too many staff members lost positions."

Curley said a big problem the decision-makers are facing is the resentment of some of the cadets to the change. Members of the 2nd Wing and 4th Group feel they are simply being put into other units, he said.

By combining the two wings, one wing staff and one group staff (command unit under the wing) will be eliminated, decreasing the number of staff positions by 14.

Elkins said since the combination is a reorganization of the entire Air Force branch, it is like forming an entirely new unit.

Francis said he agreed that having one major unit for each branch will make the corps more uniform.

To make the change easier to accept, the 1st Wing and 2nd Wing shields (insignias worn on the uniform shoulders) will be retired, Elkins said. A new emblem will be selected to represent the new wing.

Wing Commander for 1977-78

## Innocent fairy tales may contain messages harmful to young children

United Press International

MINNEAPOLIS — The child who likes the story Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater may grow up to be a sadist and the girl who likes the tale of Little Red Riding Hood may be easy to seduce when she grows up. And the girl who likes the Old Woman in the shoe may have so many children she doesn't know what to do.

Such are the hazards of sex stereotyping hidden in fairy tales, nursery rhymes and children's television shows, according to Sue Hendrix and Linda Jones, staff members of the University of Minnesota College of Education.

They said fairy tales once considered innocent contain hidden messages — sex stereotypes that are harmful to youngsters.

Adults show the effects of stereotypes for years, they said, like the Cinderellas waiting for princes and Red Riding Hoods who are easy to seduce.

Those who liked the little old woman who lived in a shoe may already have more children than they know what to do with, they said.

People who identify only with the "proper traits" of their own sex tend to score lower in analytic thinking, creativity and general intelligence, they added.

They quoted the story of "Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater. Had a wife

and couldn't keep her. Put her in a pumpkin shell and there he kept her very well."

"Parents who don't want their daughters to grow up in pumpkin shells or their sons to plan on using them as keeping places for future wives had better look twice at what their pre-schoolers are learning from fairy tales and television shows," the educators said.

The Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater fanciers, they said, could mistreat or abuse their wives if they find it difficult to "keep them" in their place, the experts have said.

Misses Hendrix and Jones listed examples of stereotypes that can cause problems:

✓ "The invisible girl. Girls aren't shown nearly as often as boys in children's stories.

✓ "The fragile flower. Many fairy tale heroines wait in their best

clothes for a prince or husband. They are sometimes stupid or silly to boot. Even the Bionic Woman usually needs help from her male supervisor.

✓ "The scatterbrain. Little Miss Muffet is afraid of a spider. Little Red Riding Hood doesn't notice it isn't her grandmother in bed."

✓ "The pretty face. Beauty in fairy tales is usually seen as the most important quality a female can have."

They gave Sesame Street credit for trying to avoid some of these things.

What can parents do? For starters, they said, they can call half the stuffed animals in the house by girls' names and get non-stereotyped books.

And, "They can give both baseballs and cook books to children of both sexes."

# Top of the News

## Campus

A PERFORMANCE of the Aggie Concert and Stage Bands will be shown tonight in Rudder Auditorium at 8 o'clock. Tickets are \$1.50 and will benefit the scholarship fund of the Brazos County A&M Mothers Club.

COL. T. R. PARSONS, commandant of cadets and professor of military science, retires this year after 28 years in the U.S. Army, and in his honor, a Corps of Cadets passby has been scheduled Wednesday, April 13, occurring at the evening meal formation. Parsons has been commandant and the senior Army officer here since 1971.

A LEADER in the field of organic chemistry, Dr. A. Ian Scott, will end a nine-year stint at Yale and become a Distinguished Professor of Chemistry here, effective June 1. "Dr. Scott is in demand all over the world for lectures in his area of research," said Dr. Arthur E. Martel, head of Texas A&M's Chemistry Department.

## Texas

DALLAS overcharged Farmers Branch and Grand Prairie for water in 1973 and 1974, the Texas Water Rights Commission ruled yesterday. The three-man commission ordered rates recalculated and rebates made under a complicated formula. Dallas officials said would reduce prices about three cents per thousand cubic gallons. James Wilson of Austin, attorney for the city of Dallas, said the order will be appealed.

1977 SUPPORTS on livestock feed grains are "far too low" but closer "to what farmers hoped for," said Elbert Harp, executive director of the Grain Sorghum Producers Association, yesterday. He said he is willing to give the Carter administration a little more time to get organized, but says he still is disappointed with the announced supports.

A FEDERAL JUDGE has been ordered to rule in Houston on the Westheimer case, deciding whether the mostly white neighborhood of Westheimer will be allowed to se-

cede from the Houston Independent School District. Federal attorneys, who argue secession of Westheimer might inhibit school desegregation, contend Judge James Noel's delay in deciding the question is causing "serious harm" to daily operation of Houston schools.

S. Fitzsimmons. Vincent A. Meli, identified before a Senate committee in 1963 as a syndicate "capo," was charged along with the others in a plot to force truck drivers to pay employers' shares of contributions to various union pension funds.

JACK CARTER, the President's 29-year-old son, says he does not plan to have his general discharge from the Navy upgraded to honorable. President Carter recently signed an order giving recipients of both general and dishonorable discharges the opportunity to apply for review of their cases. Jack, discharged from the Navy for smoking marijuana, said he doesn't want people to think his father did it just for him.

EXILES paid final homage yesterday to Carlos Prio Socarras, the last constitutionally elected president of Cuba, who shot himself to death Tuesday, apparently despondent over financial reverses in his business interest and in despair over a thaw in relations between the United States and Cuba. Socarras was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Miami.

## National

A REPORT by a panel of senators yesterday warned President Carter that a nation obtaining a nuclear fuel processing plant for peaceful purposes could build an atomic bomb "within days," if it renounced the safeguards it accepted to get it. Since becoming President, Carter has given top priority to the need for curbing the spread of atomic know-how and is ready today to announce his major policy statement on nuclear proliferation.

INDICTED with three other men was a reputed crime syndicate kingpin for extorting pension money from members of the Teamsters' local in Detroit that was the power-base for Jimmy R. Hoffa and Frank

## Fiber essential to healthful diet

A food and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says fibers is important in the diet to help avoid constipation, and there is evidence it may help prevent intestinal disorders.

Frances Reasonover says fiber sources include whole-grain breads and crackers, cereals such as bran flakes, all bran, shredded wheat, whole wheat flakes, old-fashioned oatmeal, hot cereals, mixed whole grain natural cereals, raw vegetables — or those cooked to "tender crisp," — fresh and dried fruit, dried beans, peas and lentils.

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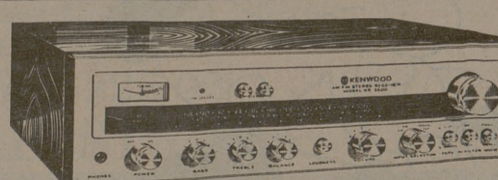
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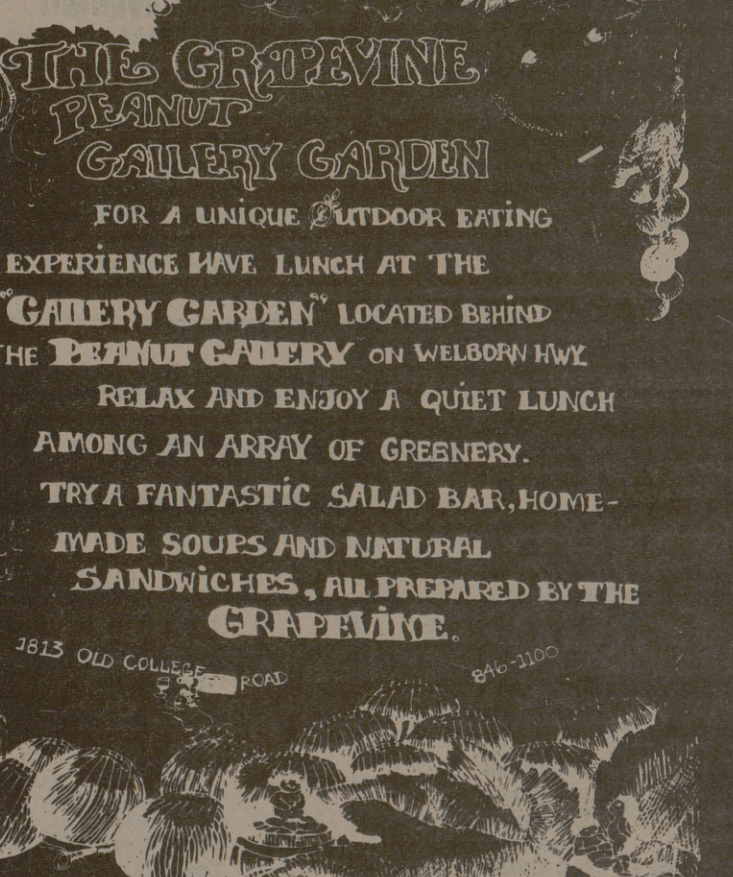
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