

Generation gap widens at home while child matures, study says

What ever happened to that "generation gap"? A Texas A&M University sociologist's research shows that the parents, particularly the mother, remain the single most important and strongest influence on young people. "I think there is a natural tendency to confuse the natural process of growing up with an imagined difference in life views and social values," says Dr. William Kuvlesky of Texas A&M.

Basic differences evolve between maturing children and parents because of the increased desire for independence on the part of the young person, he says. It is a normal, though traumatic, process for the entire family. "The picture I have drawn describes a situation that exists to some degree in every family involving and adolescent," he says. "Even so, generally much affection and respect remain for the parents."

Most people agree that the goal of child-rearing is to produce a confident, responsible and independent human being, he continues. Yet, it is common for parents, schools and other institutions to interfere with the young person's development. "In our society, we strongly believe in the right of the individual to pursue his values and satisfaction with minimal interference," Kuvlesky says. "It isn't surprising that young people generally rebel in one way or

another. They must, and they will." Too often parents find it difficult to alter an authoritarian role they have developed with their children. So the children and the parents complain. The normal result of this is natural avoidance, staying out of each other's hair, and only talking about safe subjects. The more the parents preach, nag and complain, the more compelling is the desire toward avoidance," says Kuvlesky.



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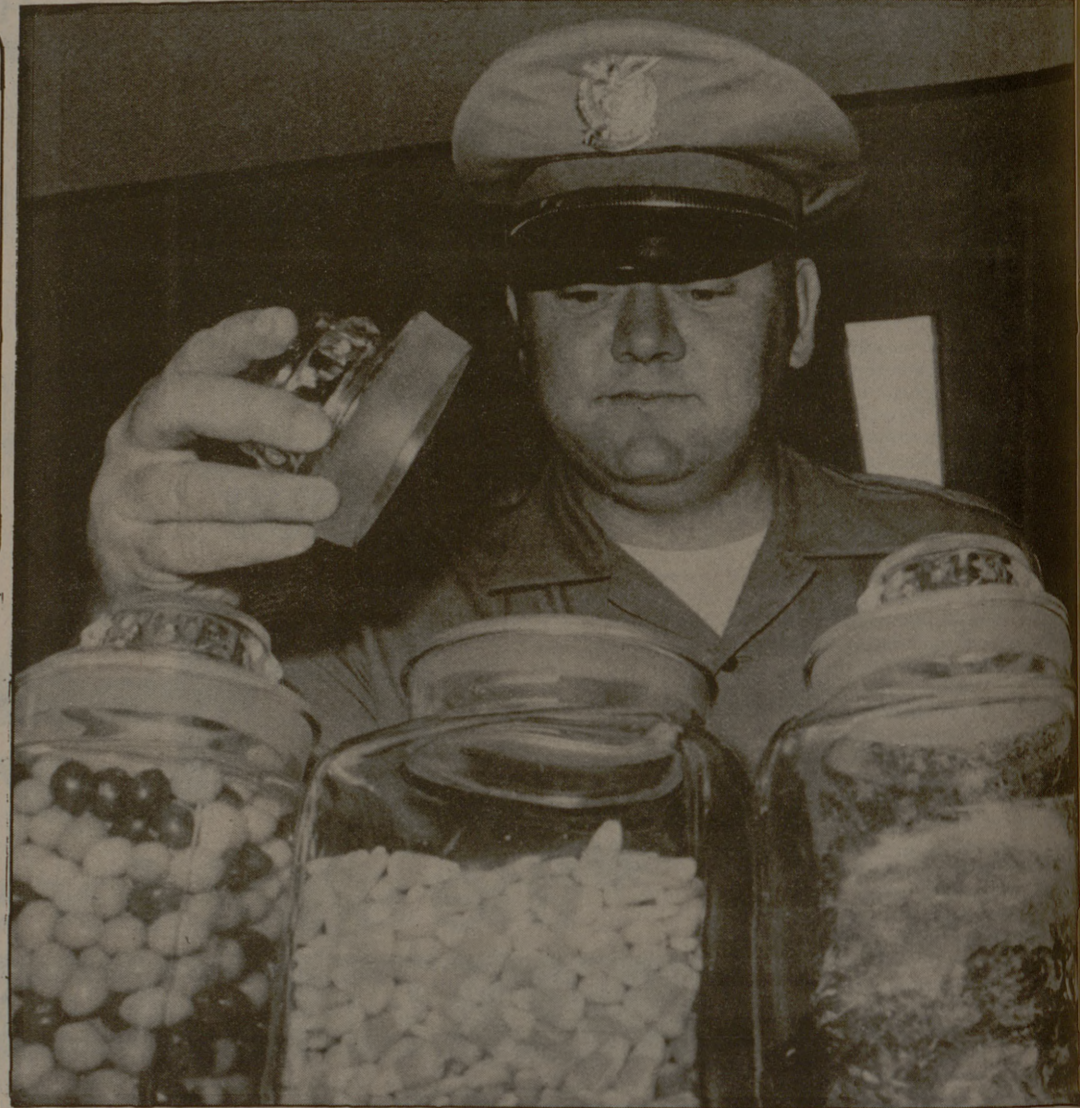
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The McDonalds have two sons, Scott, age 3, and Don, age 7 months. Tom and his wife Caroline were married in 1965.



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Texas A&M University Campus policeman, Odis Galbreath, from Bryan, satisfies his sweet tooth by helping himself to some of the candies that are sold in the MSC. The Sweet

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Battalion photo by Susan Webb

Moody's convocation Friday

State Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan will be the featured speaker for the Moody College convocation ceremonies at 9 a.m. Friday in Galveston.

The convocation will include academic awards plus U.S. Coast Guard licensing and commissioning ceremonies. Texas Maritime Academy cadets who have completed U.S. Coast Guard requirements will receive third mate or

third assistant engineer licenses. U.S. Navy commissions also will be awarded.

Dr. William Clayton, Moody college president, said the graduating seniors will receive academic diplomas at the Texas A&M University commencement Saturday morning. Texas A&M's Texas Maritime Academy and marine science academic programs are at Moody College.

Eighteen seniors will graduate in marine biology, 11 in marine engineering, 11 in marine science, 10 in marine transportation and three in maritime systems engineering.

Sen. Moore is a 1940 Texas A&M graduate.

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