

Monday last day to Q-drop

Texas A&M University students have until next Monday to drop courses and not affect their grade point ratios, said Robert A. Lacey, registrar.

Under the present Q-drop system students dropping courses only have a Q recorded in their permanent record, which has no effect on the

student's over-all grade point ratio.

Lacey said the Q-drop system goes into effect on the 12th class day and ends the fifth class day after mid-semester grades are reported. He said students have until 5 p.m. Monday to Q-drop.

Lacey said 8,650 students Q-dropped at least one course dur-

ing the 1977 fall semester. Of this number, he added, 4,714 Q-dropped after mid-semester grades were reported.

Lacey said the last week of Q-drops "just floods us with drops. It's about 1,000 drops per day in that one-week period."

Lacey said that extra clerical per-

sonnel are hired to help handle the heavy load during the last week of Q-drops. Lacey added that a student dropping a class 10 days before mid-semester grades come out will still have the class listed with his mid-term grades, but it will not be listed with the grades at the end of the semester.



A Pilgrimage?

No, just a move across campus. Dr. Jack K. Williams, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, is in the process of moving into the old board of directors house near Sbis Dining Hall.

Battalion photo by Lee Larkin

Red hot season wilts Aggie fans

Scheduling of September home football games at 1:30 p.m. may cause a serious problem with the health of those viewing the game, says Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the Texas A&M University health center.

Watching a game at that hour, especially in direct sunlight, may cause heat prostration or heat stroke, Goswick said.

Temperatures in the 90s during the Texas A&M-Memphis State game caused approximately 120 students to be treated for heat prostration at the University's three first-aid stations.

Goswick recommends playing September home football games at night to reduce the risk of heat problems.

He says the situation needs studying before something serious happens.

"Someday someone is going to die out there," he said.

Athletic Director Emory Bellard said the condition of the lighting system is one reason for the lack of night games.

"Right now our lights are not such that we could use them for a night game. We had thought that it would be hot for the Memphis game but we did not know that it would be as hot as it was. When scheduling the games we try to take the heat into consideration," Bellard said.

Assistant Athletic Director Marvin Tate echoes that statement.

"We're not trying to cause discomfort for our fans in any way, it just turned out to be unseasonably hot for the Memphis game," he said.

"Historically, our games have been at 4," Tate said, "but a few years ago, during the energy crisis, we were asked by the A&M committee studying the energy conservation problem if we could play all our home games during the day. We had been playing a few at night.

"At the committee's request we went to scheduling games at 1:30 in the afternoon, a new concept at that time," Tate said.

With the Kyle Field expansion program so near to beginning, it would be senseless to renovate the current lighting system, Tate said.

Tate said the temperature remains the same whether the games begin at 1:30 or 4.

The Athletic Department is looking at the problem and will consider a solution before scheduling game times for next year, Tate said.

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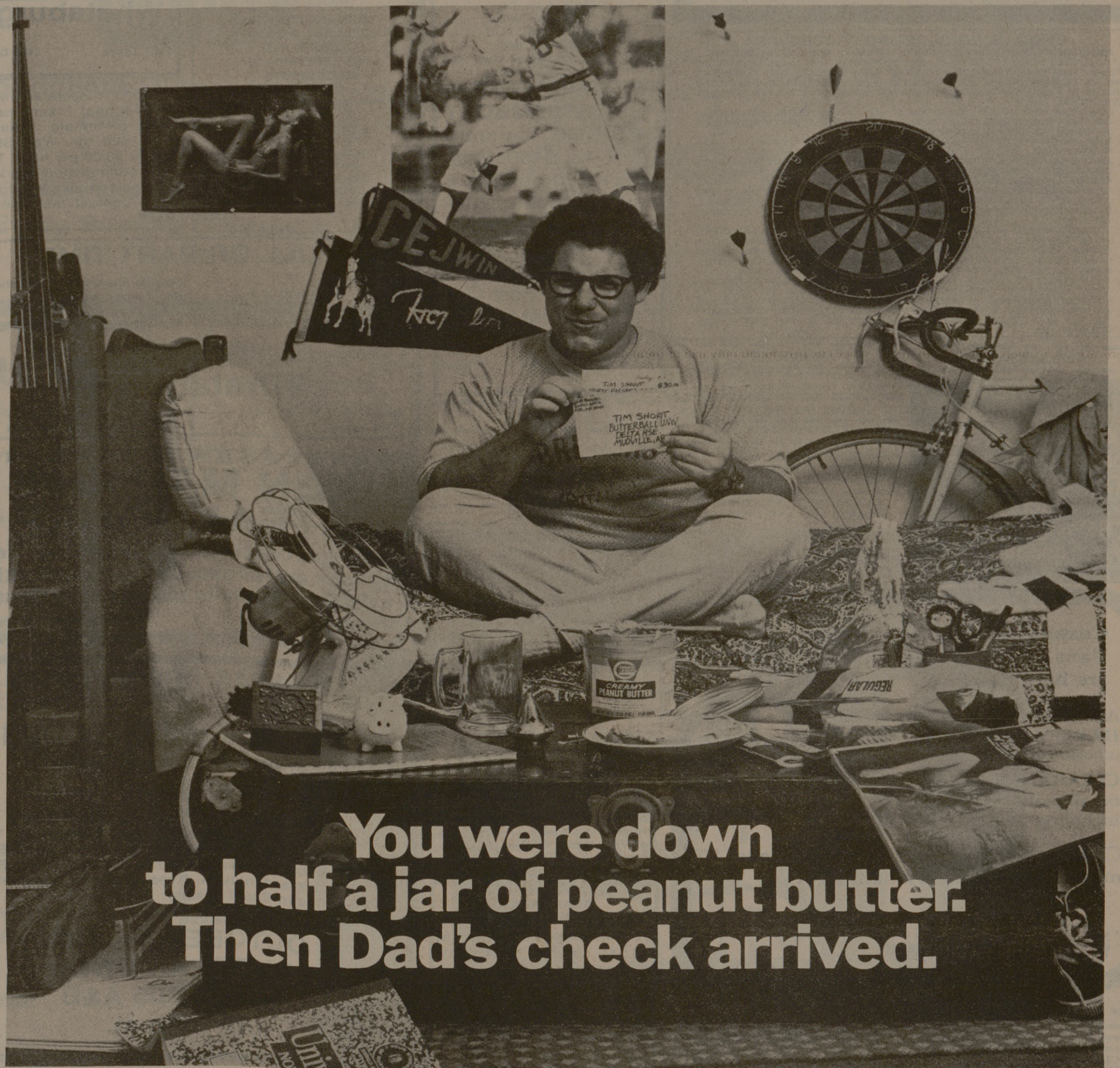
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