

## Texas Archbishop Furey dies

Roman Catholic Archbishop Francis J. Furey died minutes before midnight Monday in San Antonio as a group of priests prayed in his room. Furey, 74, died of cancer. A native of Summit Hill, Pa., Furey had been hospitalized in critical condition at Community Hospital, where he had been hospitalized a week in his long battle with cancer. Furey had held since Aug. 6, 1969 his post with the archdiocese which includes south and west Texas, areas with large Mexican-American populations. Furey had long been active in the support of civil rights and labor unions.

## Dallas man shoots wife, himself

A 26-year-old Dallas man shot his 16-year-old common-law wife to death in the couple's front yard Tuesday, barricaded himself in his apartment, then turned the gun on himself, police said. The dead couple was identified as Aaron Smith and Sharon Mitchell. The couple's child was not injured during the incident. According to officers, police were called to Smith's apartment residence after reports of a violent argument. The officers heard several shots, then spied the young woman lying in the front yard. Under the cover of a smoke cloud, police pulled the woman from the yard, but she was reported dead at the scene. After police broke into the apartment, Smith was found in an upstairs bedroom, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot.

# NATION

## Man dies in barbecue truck crash

A truck carrying barbecue sauce on Interstate 10 near Jennings, La., slammed into the rear of a tanker loaded with rubber solvent, Tuesday, and the two burst into flames, killing one driver and injuring another. The collision sparked an explosion that could be heard a half-mile away and a fire that burned for nearly an hour. Interstate 10 was closed for several hours because of the wreck. Police said the dead man began work Monday for Arctic Express of Seagoville and was on his first run Tuesday. The other man was held at Jennings American Legion Hospital for observation.

## John Wayne returns to hospital

John Wayne is back in a hospital for the second time this year, but a hospital spokeswoman said the veteran actor's condition was not serious. Wayne, 71 — released from UCLA Medical Center Feb. 10 after his cancerous stomach was removed — was admitted last Wednesday to Hoag Memorial Hospital near his waterfront home in Newport Beach, Calif., for treatment of a chronic bronchial condition. "Since he's been working so hard," said spokeswoman Juanita Garcia, "he's contracted the flu and has a slight bronchial condition." Said his condition was not serious and that he would probably be released in a couple of days.

## Chicago mayor suspends official

Chicago Mayor Jane M. Byrne paid a surprise visit to the streets and sanitation office and promptly suspended the deputy commissioner because most of his employees had skipped work. Byrne said Monday she suspended Patrick O'Connor, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Equipment Services, for 28 days because his poor management allowed employees to fudge time sheets. Only 50 of 172 workers who were assigned to a South Side garage the mayor visited Friday were actually on duty, she said. The bureau had been the object of numerous complaints since Byrne took office last week.

# WORLD

## Rhodesia elects first black leader

Abel Muzorewa, an American-educated Methodist bishop, Tuesday was elected Rhodesia's first black prime minister in majority rule elections labeled fraudulent by his chief opponent. Britain and the United States have not recognized the elections on grounds the Patriotic Front guerrillas did not participate and the balloting would not end the Front's six-year war. Muzorewa, 54, who studied at Central Methodist College at Fayette, Mo., and earned a master's degree at Nashville University, easily outdistanced his two main opponents — the Rev. Ndabingiri Sithole and tribal chief Jeremiah Chirau — in the battle to succeed Prime Minister Ian Smith. Sithole said the election was marred with irregularities. His accusation diminished the prospect of the election results being accepted by the West as justification for recognizing the next government and lifting the trade sanctions in force since 1965, when Smith unilaterally broke from Britain.

## Airliner disappears in Ecuador

Authorities in Ecuador reported Tuesday that an airliner with 57 persons aboard disappeared Monday on a flight from Quito to Cuenca and that an intense aerial search had found no trace of it. Seven planes and a helicopter of the Ecuadorian armed forces searched the dense jungle again Tuesday for the turboprop plane which authorities said almost certainly had crashed. The weather was good and authorities believe the wreckage will be found. The pilot of the Saeta Airlines plane, which carried a five-member crew and 52 passengers, had been in a radio contact with the Cuenca control tower but radio signals suddenly failed and it was feared the plane had crashed. The passengers included a former candidate for the presidency and 25 government employees.

# WEATHER

Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. High in the mid 80's and a low in the mid 60's. Winds will be south-southwesterly at 10-14 mph. We have a 20% chance of rain today, tonight, and tomorrow.

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# Students' revenge

Every student churns through monumental reading assignments, decipheres bizarre accents, and winces at bad jokes for the sake of a grade in at least one course while at A&M.

The course will be a requirement, to be sure; profs who teach an elective course, that is, one they won't get paid to teach if not enough students sign up, do everything but take the test to make the course alluring.

In a required course, instructors give full reign to their sadism, and their evil reputation always precedes them. Fainthearted students swap majors rather than face a tough requirement taught by a mean prof, only to find that their new major has strenuous requirements and vicious professors. Out of Frying Pan 202 into Fire 318.

The highly intelligent, the intrepid, and the apathetic stand fast in their major and sign up for the course. So do students who fear their parents' wrath, should they not graduate an engineer, more than they fear the required course.

For those who make it past Q-drop, there is one sweet, if ineffective, revenge: the course evaluation. As semester end approaches, even the ghastliest lecture can't spoil a student's anticipation of a chortling, hand-rubbing character assassination.

No more enthusiastic faces can be found in class than on evaluation day, when the instructor passes the computer forms and the number 2 pencils into eager hands, then meekly shuffles from the room.

While filling out the form, some students have said later, a feeling of divine grace seemed to surround and comfort them. Others felt a patriotic pride, as though they had served well their fellow beings.

One student described his thought process as he completed the form: Let's see, "How prepared was the instructor for class meetings?" (4) Frequently poorly prepared." Is that the worst answer they offer? Oh well... "How often did the instructor have something worthwhile to say in class?" (4) never had anything worthwhile to say." That ought to be unanimous. "How would you rate the text(s) used in this course?" excellent, good, fair, poor." Where's "too expensive?" And so on.

The only dissatisfying thing about the forms is that there's no space for reasons. Students can't explain that talking with the instructor outside the class was (4) usually worthless because the prof only repeats the lecture he memorized for class.

Form follows function. If the profs were really interested in improving the course there would be space for reasons and suggestions. But they aren't. The course evaluation serves only to allow students to take out their semester's worth of aggressions in a direct but harmless way, while reassuring the prof that he's been sticking it to the students sufficiently.

But no matter. Students aren't interested in improving the course either. Because (knock on wood) they won't have to take it again.

—Scott Pendleton

Slouch

by Jim Earle



"What a break! After much hard and secretive work, I've managed to put together all of the final exams given in the course for the last five years. Do you realize that all I have to do is to review these tests and I can get out of studying for the final exam?"

# Anti-inflation 'victories' — no-win race to social ruin

By DAVID BRODER

WASHINGTON — The Sunday New York Times had a big picture of two famous Californians grinning their pleasure at the outcome of the referendum. This time, it was not Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann, celebrating the victory of their famous Proposition 13. This time, it was left-wing activist Tom Hayden and his radical actress wife, Jane Fonda, cheering the victory of a rent-control referendum in Santa Monica.

To Seymour Martin Lipset, the Stanford University political scientist and student of public opinion, the quick transformation from Jarvis-Gann last June to Hayden-Fonda this April carries a message of some importance.

The message is that politicians and journalists ought to be wary of putting ideological labels on the tides of emotion sweeping through the public these days.

"If Proposition 13 was the symptom of a great conservative grass-roots revolt," Lipset remarked at a meeting the other day, "then is the rent-control referendum a sign of a great liberal movement?"

Last summer, at a conference of "new left" leaders in St. Paul, I heard Hayden outline the strategy of turning Proposition 13 inside-out by pitting tenants against landlords. He correctly predicted that many of the apartment owners who were behind the Jarvis-Gann property tax rollback initiative would pocket their profits, rather than share them with their renters. And he correctly predicted that the renters' backlash would offer a fertile field for anti-business organizers like himself.

According to the New York Times, four other California cities have imposed rent-controls by referendum or statute since Proposition 13 passes, and four others have such rent-controls pending.

Lipset told a meeting of The Business Roundtable that, "Rent-controls could sweep across the nation, just as quickly as Proposition 13 or balanced-budget resolutions have done."

What lies behind these seemingly contradictory right-wing and left-wing movements is not alternating currents of ideology, but a panic reaction by people pressed to the wall by the inexorable force of inflation.

There is a kind of quiet hysteria growing in this country, a desperation about how to

make ends meet in a time of accelerating costs. In such an atmosphere, people will try anything that offers an illusion of hope — no matter how empty that hope may be.

Lipset sees Proposition 13 as a desperation bid to hold down the cost of government and taxes. He sees the Santa Monica referendum as a parallel lunge to cut down the cost of housing. He notes that while the public is supposedly fed up with big government and the reams of federal regulations, the public opinion polls show rising majority support for comprehensive wage-and-price controls. Controls are the ultimate big-government, bureaucratic nightmare, but a tempting illusion of refuge from inflation.

The easiest task in the world is to demonstrate the irrationality of wage-and-price controls, or rent controls, or Proposition 13s, or balanced-budget amendments. Controls distort the economy, choke off investment and produce worse shortages of the very items being controlled. Drastic tax and spending rollbacks cripple government's ability to help balance the overall economy or meet the needs of the worst victims of inflation, those on fixed incomes.

But it is futile to talk reason to a nation as beset by inflation as this one is. The longer it goes on, the worse will be the consequences, not only in economic terms but in political, governmental and institutional terms as well.

The people, from Barry Goldwater to Walter Mondale and from Arthur Burns to Alfred Kahn, who have been saying that curbing inflation is not only an economic imperative but the most important social policy this country can adopt, are absolutely right.

It becomes plainer every day that the only alternative to an effective anti-inflation policy is a generalized, undeclared civil war — of taxpayers against government, tenants against landlords, unions against business, farmers against consumers, investors against spenders, and ultimately, looters against property-owners and police.

We have had a surfeit of people grinning over the "victories" they have won in this contest to exploit people's inflation-fueled fears. It is really a no-win race to social ruin.

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## Senior snickers

Dear Texas A&M University:  
As a graduating senior and a four-year survivor, I would like to thank you for all the wonderful experiences I have encountered while here:

Thank you for the long lines for they have taught me calm;  
for the KK's slapping tickets on my bomb;  
for the 10-minute breaks for classes a mile apart;  
for the Quack Shack that thinks a splint is a brand new start  
for gung-ho fish who tell us all about it and where to go  
(give 'em three more years, then they'll know)

for profs whose main desire is to flunk it seems;  
for the Placement Center in search of a dream;  
for the reports, papers, speeches, and projects turned in;  
for the Dixie Chicken which makes me sane again;  
for Greeks and CTs who hold "Aggie Spirit" high;  
for endless trains that pass us by;  
for friends I've made who've come and gone;

for parking lots in the land of beyond;  
for four years of hardship and toil (at least now I can change my oil);  
for four years of poverty and less —  
how college students make it is anyone's guess.

Yes, thank you Texas A&M for all you've done.  
On May 4th, I have won.  
Degree me.

— James Reed, '79

Editor's note: This letter was accompanied by 14 signatures.

## Letters to the Editor

# Tradition for non-regs

Editor:  
Please allow me the opportunity to comment on yesterday's Battalion article about the Ruof Club, a new A&M men's club. Although the article is mostly representative of what the Ruof Club is all about, there are parts of it that are twisted journalism and the tone of certain portions bothers me very much.

It was mentioned early in the article that the Greek-style social organizations are "diluting" A&M traditions. The way the paragraph was worded, one might think that Greeks have some sort of "plan" for the weakening of A&M traditions. This is just not the case at all.

The falling-by-the-wayside of the old way of life is due to many and inevitable factors. No single factor, and especially no single group of people, should ever be indicted for this "dilution." The non-reg Texas Aggie has always lacked a "system" for the preservation and transmittance of the old way of life. The Corps of Cadets is very successful in this respect. Greeks don't intentionally weaken anything about their respective college, but they are mostly emphatic of their national traditions rather than the local, school tradition.

Greek organizations have arrived at Texas A&M because there must be some sort of need for them; before they emerged there was no organizational alternative other than the corps that really and sincerely offered the "one-to-one" camaraderie and full college experience. The Ruof Club is a local club instead of national, and is Texas Aggie in nature.

Later in the article I was quoted as saying that the Ruof Club fish "are better equipped to be Aggies than any other fish in any Corps." I did not say this. However, I did state in the interview that a fundamental tenet of the Ruof Club will

be to transmit the very traditions that made A&M unique in the first place, and that our fish, hopefully, will be better prepared than the average non-corps student to transmit this old way of life. I believe that the Corps of Cadets is a splendid system for the preservation of good Aggie bull. As a matter of fact, in getting the Ruof Club going I was thinking about how the average fish in the corps knows more about this place than I do as a senior. I wanted to change that.

The Ruof Club is just one organizational alternative for the non-reg Texas Aggie. We do believe that we have a pretty good idea, but we don't push it on anyone. We exist to serve our own members and the university; we harbor no animosity for any other organization on this campus. We just propose something new — and perhaps better. I hope that this will be understood. Thank you.

—Chipper Prehn  
Ruof Club

## The paper chase

Editor:  
I would like to take this time to thank all those wonderful Aggies that stopped to help me in my time of need! I'm referring to those Ags that stopped on Highway 30, Friday, April 20 around 4:30 p.m. near Sausalito Apts. to help me collect a full semester's worth of notes, hand-outs, etc. I was on my way home, riding on my brother's motorcycle, when my notebook and three library books fell off the bike. My papers went everywhere and several Aggies stopped to offer their assistance. One guy even chased my papers for a full block!

I just wanted those who stopped to know that I really did appreciate their help. I don't think I would have been able

to salvage most of my papers if it hadn't been for those people. I've been at A&M for two years (I'm a transfer student) and I'm proud to say that Aggies are the friendliest people! And I'd like to add another ingredient to Aggies: HELPFUL!!

—Ellie Coughran, '79

