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AT LEAST THE FOOD MAKES US HEALTHY PRISONERS...

DICK WEST

The name of the game is more of the same

By DICK WEST
United Press International
WASHINGTON — Among the board games making it big during the Christmas shopping season is one called "Presidential Fever."

The brainchild of Robert Swansbrough, a University of Tennessee professor and former congressional aide, it confronts the players with some of the "luck, strategy and dirty tricks" likely to arise during the 1980 campaign.

For example, telling a Polish joke in a speech may cost one player the support of ethnic groups. Another player may be obliged to pay \$200,000 to a public relations consultant to improve his credibility rating. And so on.

I hope Swansbrough won't take it personally when I say the popularity of this

type of game probably will be shortlived. By the time the New Hampshire primary is over early next year, I believe people will be more in the mood for a new board game I have invented.

It is called "Presidential Torpor." Although the rules are much the same as in "Presidential Fever," my game more closely reflects what I believe the electorate's attitude will be.

Play begins with each of the 37 players, representing presidential candidates, selecting a hat for a marker and placing it in the ring on the board. Then they have two options.

They may move through the primary states, collecting as many delegates as possible before winding up in either New York or Detroit, the convention cities. Or they

may move through the non-primary states and hope for a draft at the convention. Either way, they lose.

Progress around the board is determined by drawing cards from a stack labeled "Card Stack." Here are some of the key cards:

— In a presidential preference poll taken shortly before the Wisconsin primary, all candidates ranked below "Undecided." Everyone go back 5 spaces.

— In a presidential preference poll taken shortly before the Florida primary, the highest percentage went to "None of the Above." Everyone go back 7 spaces.

— You change your name to Roland Undecided and win the California primary. Advance 3 spaces.

— The first time you kiss a baby while

campaigning in Illinois, the mother is arrested for child molestation. Last turn.

— The West Virginia Supreme Court rules that political motorcades are illegal. At least four candidates in each state's main in place.

— Sen. Hayakawa falls asleep while introducing you at a fundraising dinner. back 3 spaces.

— When you get up to speak, Hayakawa wakes up but the audience falls asleep. back 3 more spaces.

— On election day, the voters fall asleep. Go back 10 spaces.

— The Nebraska primary ends in a tie. Proceed immediately to Missouri. Do not pass Texas.

OPINION

Holocaust now

Many Germans got sick. They couldn't believe what they were seeing — millions of people dying at the hands of their countrymen. And only last year, through an American TV show, did they realize the human suffering that was the Holocaust.

Another tragedy is happening now — in Cambodia. The land is neglected and torn by war, unable to support the Cambodians.

Nearly 10 million people live in the country, but they are dying daily from starvation and lack of medical care.

And much of the world doesn't know about it. One of the main suppliers of food and medical help is the Save the Children Foundation in Westport, Conn.

Laura Malis, public information coordinator for the group, says other world events tend to overshadow the plight of the Cambodians.

"The Iran situation is serious, but it has sort of forced the Cambodian situation on the back burner," she said. "It's so important for people to realize the tragedy which is occurring."

"It's not front page, but the people are still hungry."

She says the next six months are critical. Cambodians need 165,000 tons of rice; without it, 2½ million people could starve.

Malis says money is coming to the foundation, but more is needed. (Contributions may be sent to Save the Children, Cambodian Relief Fund, Dept. P, Westport, Conn. 06880, or calls toll-free 1-800-243-5075.)

After seeing the TV movie "Holocaust," many Germans said they wished they could have done something. But nearly 40 years later, it was too late.

It's not too late for the people in Cambodia — yet.

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LETTERS Letter from women about women in band

Editor:
I'm as tired of this as anyone else, but I hate to leave questions unanswered. This letter is in response to your question in Wednesday's Opinion column: "What good reason is there to keep women out of these Corps organizations?"

Well, sir, I can name at least one. I am a Bioengineering student and I have co-oped in the "Real World" where discrimination is a tough issue. I know that women are capable of doing anything that they want to (After all, we are superior!). But, there are certain things women are not suited for. Take construction for instance: can you see Miss America wielding a jack hammer?

Another case is the RV's (Ross Volunteers). I know that women can perform extremely sharp, precision drills. But — sorry, waggies — women have curves that would (ahem) stick out of line. In other words, the group would be less effective in appearance, thereby affecting pride and the representation of our school.

The same point applies to the Band and Cav units. Gals, we weren't cut out for those particular units! What about making a name for yourselves instead of riding on their coattails? Women: we are strong and capable of accomplishing much. Are we strong enough to stay out where we cannot but hinder?
— Laura Graham '81

law suits, burning bras or marching, but by working hard and proving themselves. They still like to be treated like women, have doors opened and chairs pulled out for them, and still receive respect for their professional ability.

Yes, God did give us more intelligence than man. He gave us the ability to get what we want through brains, looks, a wink and a sweet smile, rather than having to work ourselves to death, as men do, and dying at an early age. Too bad men can't have babies, stay home and have the luxury of being known as the homemaking engineer. Some do stay at home, but they don't have the pleasure of bearing the family; maybe they should file law suits and burn their jock straps in protest.

Yes, A&M has many traditions, and many have been broken — much to my dismay — for the good of A&M.

God did not make women to walk like man nor did he provide her with a figure to wear man's clothing and fit them as a man does. Thank God!

Keep on holding out, Aggie Band, Ross Volunteers and Parsons' Mounted Cavalry.
—Ginger Buchanan,
an Aggie's wife

Editor:
Regarding Wednesday's editorial "Discrimination? Here at A&M? Yes."

Without tradition, what good reason would there be for joining an elite Corps organization? Cameraderie cannot be dictated.

— Mark Luckstead

Sbisa food — no joke!

Editor:
In "Thotz" recently, you have chosen to poke fun at Sbisa Dining Hall. You would not believe that the reality at Sbisa is much worse.

For example, my friends and I have experienced the following incidents at Sbisa:
— On December 13, a bug was crawling across the fruit on my friends cake.

— In early November, a cake was taken off the floor of a Sbisa and placed back on the desert rack by an employee, only to be eaten by an unfortunate student.

— On December 9, the mayonnaise turned yellow because of spoilage. This is often the case with the 1000 island dressing also.

Many times, cakes are left out on the desert counter only to become hard and inedible.

I realize we get a very good deal with the board plan, but isn't it ridiculous for such conditions to exist? Hopefully, a student won't have to contract salmonella from

spoiled mayonnaise before someone else does to improve Sbisa.

Students beware — carefully examine your food at Sbisa before you eat it.
— Michael Conroy
— Ted Treadwell
— Randy Anderson

Classmates remember

Editor:
During the life of every individual occur tragic events which touch close to heart and require one to pause and reflect. Such is the case in the unfortunate and untimely death of Amer Sheikh several weeks before graduation at Texas A&M. We wish to express our profound sense of loss at his death and express our deepest sympathies to his family.

Throughout the semester, his leadership, imagination, and enthusiasm helped unify and direct our class. Coupled with his friendly personality and genuine warmth, Amer exhibited a combination of qualities rarely seen in one man. As a human being, Amer Sheikh was irreplaceable and our loss — immeasurable.

— His classmates in Political Science

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THOTZ

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