

# opinion

## Summer school blues hit

So when does the fun start? Summer is here, the weather has been great and I'm away at college. I would swear that everyone told me summer school would be the time of my life. I'll say it is.

During the first session, I took two classes — a nice, reasonable load. Or so I thought. Every minute that I wasn't trying to keep up with the reading, I was trying to get started on the papers and speeches that were almost due. At the same time, I was trying to get settled into my new job here at The Battalion.

Skiing, sailing, the coast — even lying by the pool — never seemed to fit into my schedule.

But I didn't give up hope. I was determined to make it through the session and still have fun.

I didn't count coming down with a lung infection. That took care of a few precious class days.

But still no big deal. There were two weeks left for me to catch up.

Then there was the high school communications workshop the department sponsors each summer. There went two



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more days, spent helping high school students put together a couple of pages of The Battalion.

Finals arrived and I still hadn't managed to buy a new swimming suit, much less take a trip to the coast.

After finals, another tragedy struck — I had to register for the second session. That hurt. Half of the time of my life gone, and I didn't have a single photo-

graph or sunburn to prove I had lived it. What would my grandchildren think?

Since my one and only class this session doesn't meet on Fridays, I decided to leave town after registration and go do something.

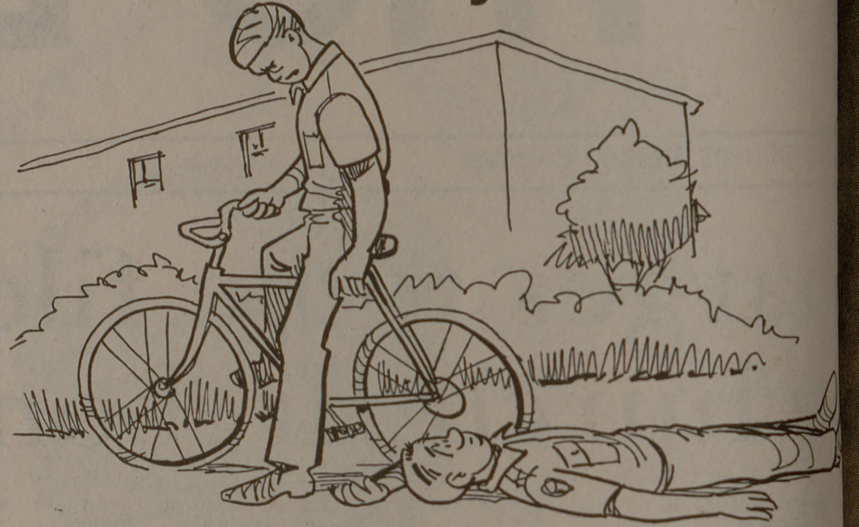
So I went home to go sailing. Have you ever sat in a sailboat and wished for a battery-operated fan? I did.

Sailing didn't turn out so great, so I decided to spend the evening at home shooting fireworks for my preschool-age brothers. So what if I was a week late, I wasn't home for the Fourth of July. My brothers loved it, but after 12 dozen bottle rockets (yes, I counted them), I got a little bored.

Sunday was the first hint at real excitement and adventure. I went with my little brother's Sunday school class to the International Wildlife Park in Grand Prairie. An afternoon with 11 5-year-olds definitely added something different to my summer journal.

I have only a few weeks left for the time of my life. I wonder if my fondest memory of this summer will be of chasing ducks in a paddle boat with two little kids.

## Slouch By Jim Ear



"When are you going to learn our system? When I'm riding on the sidewalk, I'm a pedestrian; and when I'm riding in the street, I'm a vehicle."

## World hunger

### The silent emergency

(Editor's note: Children's Express, a privately funded news service, is real world journalism reported entirely by children 13 years of age or under whose tape-recorded interviews, discussions, reports and commentary are edited by teenagers, and adults.)

by Children's Express  
United Press International

NEW YORK — It's a silent emergency. Not enough people know. About 40,000 children a day lose their lives to malnutrition and don't even grow up to be able to read or do anything. They're still babies, infants and they should be able to live just like anybody else.

If people were to really think about that, they would think, "One of those people could be me." It's the same thing when you eat your dinner and you leave all your food on the plate and it just goes in the garbage. All these other people would eat anything just to be able to survive. Children's Express wanted to know what UNICEF was doing about world hunger, so we talked to Dr. Joe Wray of Columbia University and Dr. Susan Cole-King of UNICEF. We asked them how come, even with UNICEF doing so much to help, there are people dying of malnutrition.

"UNICEF is only a tiny contribution," Dr. Cole-King told us. "I can't emphasize that enough. We don't have enough money to make a big impact. If you compare what UNICEF spends on this with what the U.S. or Britain spends on arms production, for wars and development of nuclear weapons, it's less than one percent of what's spent on arms. So it's very small in comparison with the needs."

Someone said that if everyone stopped arms production for a day, that money could completely solve world hunger.

The problem isn't that the parents of those hungry children don't care.

A lot live in poor countries and are illiterate. They don't have enough money, enough food, enough things to help the children grow. They don't have enough milk, and they're not getting the proper vitamins. They just don't know how to help their children.

"World hunger is a very complex situation," Dr. Cole-King said. "It has to do with poverty, wars and political instability. You can give supplementary food and give some assistance to these families, but you can't do that on a wide scale. So we try to educate. That's the strongest argument here."

The major cause of malnutrition is someone being breastfed overlong and lacking the other food that's necessary.

"Most babies are breastfed by their mothers," Dr. Wray explained. "Breast milk has enough to provide everything they need in order to grow and develop

normally for the first few months. A healthy baby outgrows his mother's production capacity."

We asked about when the child breastfed and just takes a bottle or she is born.

"Stopping breastfeeding very early is disastrous for the child," Dr. Cole-King replied. She explained that breast carries antibodies, white blood cell immunities to the child. It's better and more protected from contaminants than powdered milk which can't carry those nutrients. Once children are nourished, they don't have as many defenses because the white blood cells. They could die of a common disease like measles, anything which might be harmless.

Because many children aren't vaccinated against common diseases, they're much more susceptible to diseases.

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stable vaccines are being developed which don't require to be held at low temperature. So they're easier to transport.

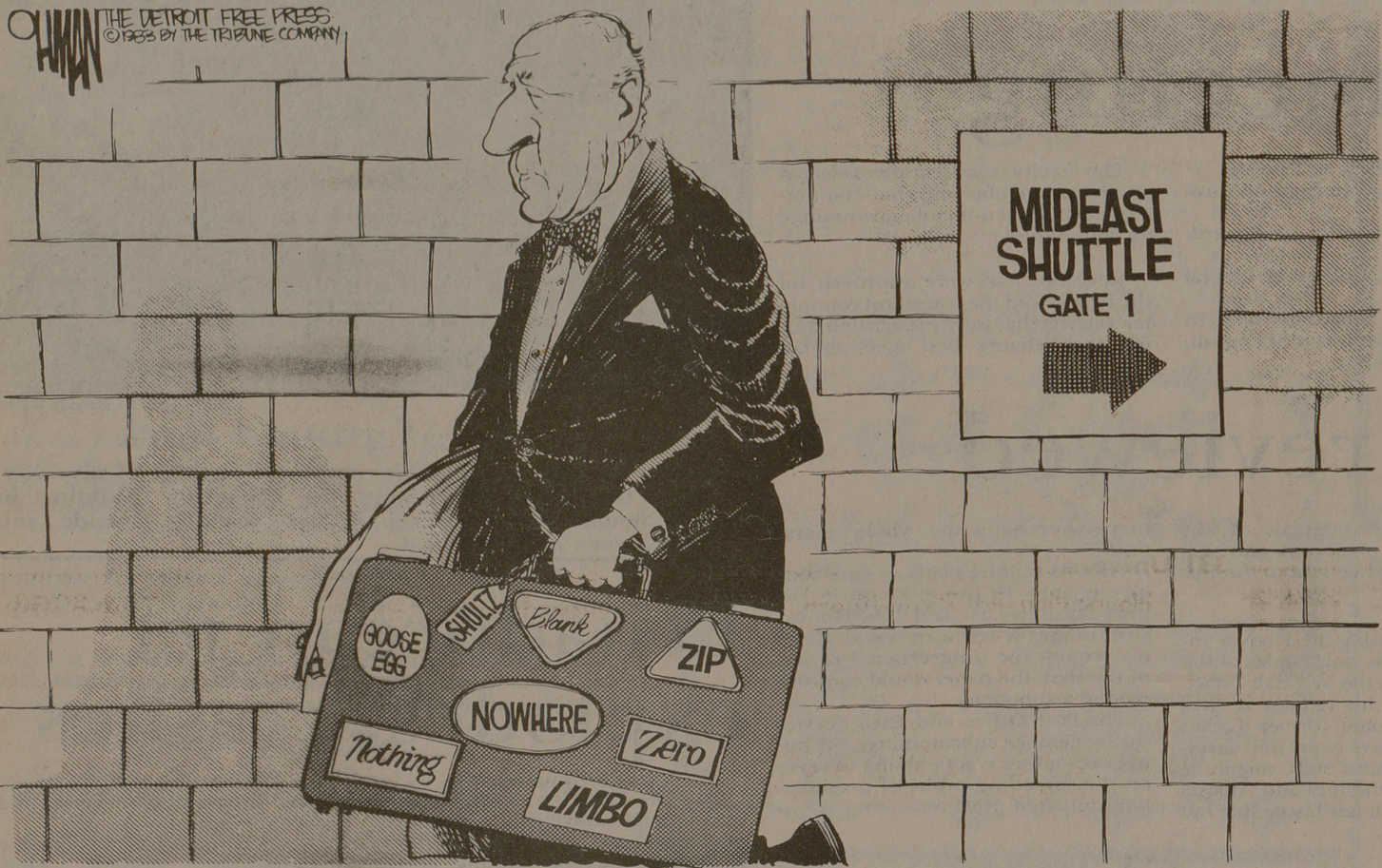
"Some of the fundamental problems are poverty and the problems of unemployment and the wrong distribution of resources of the world in most countries," Dr. Cole-King said. "We are trying to assist in every way so that we can alleviate that until the basic social changes take place in the countries, the problems will be solved."

We wondered how a regular middle-class person living in an advanced country like America can help UNICEF and try to stop world hunger.

"UNICEF needs a lot of support in terms of individual contributions," Dr. Cole-King replied, "but also in terms of publicizing what we do. We have a lot of packages and information about what we do, about the problems of malnutrition and the problems of children in developing countries. Anyone can get hold of this information and publicize it to make people more aware of what's going on."

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## Cold-shouldering new fashions

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WASHINGTON — The female fashion news this season includes the tidings that bare shoulders are making a comeback.

It's a matter, apparently, of designers creating garments with oblique necklines. Whereas necklines once plunged forward, exposing vast amounts of cleavage to the naked eye, now they sort of veer off to the side.

The veer neckline, like the V-neckline, permits much more than the neck to slide through. But there the similarity ends. This summed as the shoulder's turn to shine. There is enough room in many of this summer's necklines for an entire shoulder to emerge — sunburned bra strap and all. As to what this might bode for the economy, I am not prepared to say.

The stock market, Wall Street historians tell us, tends to take its cue from hemlines. The Dow Jones averages traditionally go up when skirts are short, and fall during periods of relative modesty. I, however, have never seen a compa-

table analysis done with necklines. So I can't say whether the bare shoulder phenomenon reflects the employment outlook, interest rates, or what. Purely from a spectator's, as opposed to an investor's, standpoint, it is better to have necklines going sideways than dropping to the rear.

I can remember a time when backless garments were all the rage, and I can tell you they didn't do in toward enhancing a person's faith the human spinal column.

As we discovered that season, vertebrae are even more individualistic than bellybuttons. Some protrude. Others recess. Many list either to port or starboard. Or both. Often at the same time.

As for the scapulae that flank the upper part of the spinal column ... well, words fail me. Let me just say that identical shoulder blades are extremely rare, even on the same back.

It is true the most famous pinup photo of World War II featured Betty Grable densely packed into a backless swim suit, but she was a rule-proving exception.

The popularity of her pose stemmed in large measure from the novel fact that Miss Grable had symmetrical vertebrae and matching scapulae. Generally, however, anytime there is a neckline spacious enough to accommodate more than one part of the body, it is better to have it slide over one shoulder than to take a direct dorsal. What then, precisely, is a shoulder? Scientifically speaking, I mean?

Anatomical specialists tell us a shoulder consists primarily of the clavicle, or collarbone, and the deltoid muscle. Shoulders customarily come in pairs. That, unfortunately, means the average person has two clavicles, which don't match up very well either.

But, fortunately, most necklines can be designed so that only one shoulder at a time is exposed. The human brain being what it is, the assumption then is made that the other shoulder is a reasonably accurate facsimile.

Anyway, the return of the off-the-shoulder look somehow seems symbolic of Reaganomics. I can't wait to see what the Gross National Product does next.

## Carter papers spur White House talk

by Helen Thomas  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Backstairs at the White House:

Some of President Reagan's aides are kicking themselves over the Carter briefing book controversy.

Aides say they could have done without the documents from the Carter campaign staff that were passed on to the Reagan political advisers before the big Carter-Reagan debate in 1980.

"I wish we hadn't had it," said one aide. "It wouldn't have changed anything."

Others were somewhat abashed at the way they kissed off the first revelations and then had to backtrack.

Whether there were any "Deep Throats" in the Carter White House remains to be seen. The identity of the real "Deep Throat" in the Nixon White

House during the Watergate scandal remains a secret.

Carter aides believe the Reagan campaign received more inside information than the documents they had prepared for the big debate.

They said there were only 10 closely held copies of the debate briefing materials.

"They had access to a lot more information," one Carter aide said.

Wayne Valis, a former Reagan campaign aide, told interviewers, "I'd be dumbfounded" if the debate memos were the only papers the Reagan camp got its hands on during the 1980 campaign.

The most surprised man in the whole story is Laurence Barrett, Time's White

House correspondent, who revealed in his new book "Gambling with History" that the Reagan administration had been slipped inside information during the campaign.

Barrett says he wrote it during the campaign, but it landed on his magazine's editing floor.

Having a news peg is not bad when you're trying to sell a book.

Rumors persist that Jim Rosebush, Nancy Reagan's chief of staff, may be moving on.

Rosebush may have his eye on a diplomatic post in Paris.

He has headed the first lady's staff for more than a year in the East Wing and some sources say he believes he feels he will have a better chance for advancement elsewhere.

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