

Nobel Prize winners to give food seminar

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Dr. T.W. Schultz and Dr. Norman Borlaug, two of the nation's Nobel Peace Prize winners whose work focuses on agricultural issues, will present a seminar entitled "Food for the

World, Learning From Experience Since World War II," tonight at 7:30 in 701 Rudder Tower.

Borlaug is a Distinguished Professor of International Agriculture at Texas A&M and the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Schultz, from the University of

Chicago, won the prize in 1979 for economics.

Schultz will be on campus Monday through Wednesday and will deliver four seminars to Texas A&M faculty members and graduate students and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research scientists.

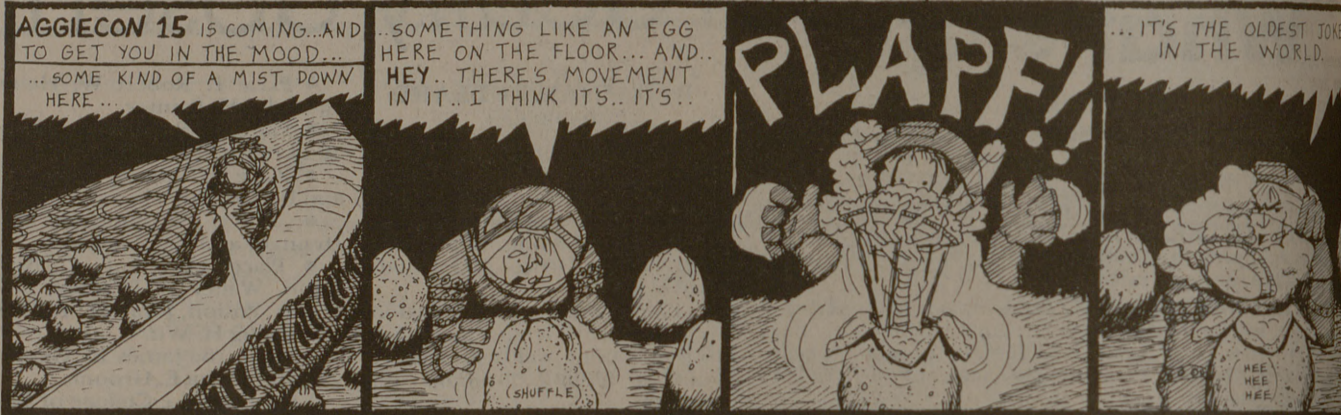
Discussion topics range from world hunger and agricultural research in the United States and abroad to the nature and significance of agricultural economics.

Schultz says economics is to blame for the falling farm product prices.

Schultz was president of the American Economic Association in 1960.

Tonight's seminar is open to the public and admission is free.

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Education

Committee ready to make recommendations

By ROBIN BLACK
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The battle of the Select Committee on Public Education is approaching the final bell.

Battling to end mediocrity in the Texas education system, Gov. Mark White's blue-ribbon panel of education experts has almost completed its task.

When the committee was created last June, its main objectives were to examine the state school system, research ways to improve the system, and then present its recommendations to the state Legislature.

Now finished with the bulk of its work, all the committee has left to do is present a final draft of its recommendations to the Legislature for its consideration.

But the committee has no more power than that. Any actual changes made in the state school system as a result of the group's studies will be left entirely to the state Legislature — the committee was created for advisory purposes only.

The last time the committee will meet officially is April 11 in Dallas, where it will present its amended recommendations to White.

Working in subcommittees for more than six months, the panel has studied in depth four aspects of the education scene:

- improving teacher excellence, competency and compensation.
- evaluation of the distribu-

tion of financial resources to education.

- the state education budget.
- special programs and problems in the state education system.

The committee met March 14-15 in Dallas to go over the subcommittees' recommendations and amend them for the final draft.

Present at the meeting were: the committee's creator, Gov. Mark White; Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby; and state Comptroller Bob Bullock, all of whom will play an active part in having any legislation on the committee's recommendations passed.

Two controversial recommendations the committee passed are the abolishing of the elected state board of education and the creation of a smaller, state-appointed board, and the elimination of state aid for vocational education programs.

The committee also has been engaged in a battle of conflicting opinions.

Although committee Chairman H. Ross Perot has fervently backed all of the committee's recommendations — many of them his own ideas — some of those decisions met with disapproval from some committee members, including Dean C. Corrigan, dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M.

"Perot has been quoted a lot on TV and in newspapers, acting as a kind of spokesman for the group and raving about the recommendations and their vir-

tues," Corrigan said, "but a lot of his views do not truly reflect the feelings of everyone on the committee."

Corrigan is bothered by the recommendation to do away with the elected state board of education.

"It's important that we have that elected board, because elected officials are accountable to the people," he said. "I'm worried that we may put too much power in the hands of a state agency with only the governor to answer to, and that will set it too much apart from the people and eliminate a lot of local control."

"The last thing we need is an appointed board under a czar."

Corrigan also is opposed to the recommendation to eliminate state funding of vocational education programs.

Perot has recommended that a core curriculum filled with many science, math and English courses replace programs such as vocational education.

"I think the 'core curriculum' that Perot has outlined is too narrow," he said. "What it amounts to is a college prep curriculum plan, and that is very wrong."

"We need a comprehensive high school curriculum program with a variety of programs like vocational education as well as the humanities such as art and music, because you're going to turn a lot of students off without those programs."

"Every kid is not some prod-

uct we turn out; he is going to have individual talents and interests that we can't ignore. Everyone can or should go to college, either, and we need to recognize that."

The committee did agree on some things, however.

"One good thing about the committee," Corrigan said, "is that it has stimulated a dialogue on education, which in itself is an improvement. Through this, we appreciate a lot of good things."

Four issues that were unanimously approved by the committee are:

- the establishment of a state-based fellowship and scholarship and scholar loan programs designed to lure out-of-the-crop high school graduates into teacher education.
- revamping the Corrigan Board's formula for allocating funds to colleges of education across the state to make equal to the rate provided for professional programs.
- creating a fund for research to support research and development in teaching, teacher education with contributions from individuals, foundations, industry and business as well as federal and state appropriations to foster collaboration between school systems and colleges of education.
- supporting continuing education for teachers and providing training for teachers changing to fields where shortages exist.

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Only three polls open for SG elections this year

There are only three polling places in this year's student body elections, six more than last year's nine.

The Student Government office explained that there are fewer polls this year because there were problems last year with staffing so many polls, which caused two polls to be closed before the election ended.

This year's polling places are:

- the first floor of the Memorial Student Center
- the first floor of the Pavilion
- in front of Sbsa.

The polls open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday.

In order to vote, students must give their I.D. card to the officials at the poll, who will punch it with a specially shaped hole punch to eliminate multiple voting.

Any student can vote at a poll.

Ballots will once again be computer forms to be filled with a No. 2 pencil, which will be supplied at the polling place.

All active campaigning must stop at midnight tonight. No campaign material worn at the polling places, campaign signs, flyers and posters must be taken down by 6 p.m. Thursday.

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