

What's up

FRIDAY

CLASS OF '84: Senior weekend tickets are on sale through today in the MSC Box Office. Ring dance tickets are on sale in the MSC with picture sign-up times available. Buy your tickets early! Contact Barbara Brunner at 260-0803 for more information.

CLASS OF '85: Chairman applications are available through today in 216 MSC. For more information, call Anne Dixon at 260-0710.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN: The spring awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in the Aggeland Inn. Tickets are on sale in the Kleberg lounge for \$12 per person. Call Nancy Hayes at 846-7566 for more information.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE BRANCH: Applications for leadership positions are available in the Pavilion. The deadline for applications is today at 5 p.m. in 221 Pavilion. Call the Student Government Office for more information.

TAMU CHESS CLUB: There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder Tower. Players of all strengths welcome!

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: Grad students and single undergrads over 22 are meeting to go out for the evening meal. Those who are interested in attending should meet at 6 p.m. in the student center. Contact Pastor Hubert Beck for more information.

SATURDAY

CAMPUS MUSTER: Muster will be held at 10 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Jack Rains, class of 1960, will be the guest speaker. Contact Angela Dodd at 260-0291 for more information.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS/QUAKERS: There will be a meeting at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of College Station. Contact Dale or Rebecca Bucher at 779-6904 for more information.

SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A "Come As You Are" Bible study will be held from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the All Faith's Chapel Meditation Room. Call Paul Giles at 846-2777 for more information.

TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS: The folkdancers will meet in 140 MSC at 8 p.m. Ethnic dances from various countries will be taught and performed.

Education committee reform plans

United Press International

DALLAS — The Texas Select Committee on Public Education approved a billion-dollar reform package Thursday, including provisions to lengthen the school year, create a nine-member appointed board of education, toughen standards, and hike teacher salaries by at least 10 percent.

If approved by the Legislature, the plan would cost taxpayers an estimated \$987 million, less than half the \$2.4 billion initially proposed for 1985.

"We want to divert state money from the non-essential to the essential."

The committee pared its initial high cost estimates — which received a chilly public reception — by stretching reform programs across five years instead of three.

"It's a first step and a large step in the right direction," said Gov. Mark White, who wants a 2-year, 24-percent teacher pay hike. "I pledge my full support to this general program of recommendations."

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby called the

plan "a watershed in the history of Texas education."

Perot predicted it would provide "good jobs for our children" when the Texas oil wealth dries up.

The draft proposal recommended:

—An appointed rather than elected state board of education consisting of nine members;

—A pay increase for teachers amounting to 110 percent of what they now receive, or \$1,520 monthly, whichever amount is higher;

—A 180-day school year, five

days longer than the current term;

—A longer school day to accommodate students who must arrive early or stay late, but no extension of daily academic course time;

—A merit-based career advancement scheme for teachers;

—Tougher hiring standards for teachers and graduation standards for students.

Earlier Thursday, White said he will convene a special session of the Legislature in May or June to consider the reform package.

He said he would join legislative leaders in a statewide television campaign to promote education changes and the need for tax increases to finance them.

White said he had not bought any television time, but added, "I intend to see if we can procure some time."

White said he expected to have a tax plan — probably centered around increases in the sales, gasoline and luxury taxes — in final form by next week.



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Humane Society takes care of dyed baby Easter chicks

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EL PASO — Humane Society and animal regulation officers were taking care of dozens of baby chicks Thursday, following the crackdown on a feed store owner who was dyeing them green, blue and pink for Easter.

City officials charged the store owner, Joe Carrasco, with illegally selling the chicks, which were intended as gifts for little children.

"It's not considered humane," said Dr. Lea Hutchinson, deputy director of the El Paso City-County Health Unit. "You're taking little chicks that are about a day old and dunking them in dye. The majority of them end up dead."

Nearly 50 of the chicks are

being cared for at the city's animal control center.

The chickens, were not legally old enough to be sold and had been dyed, officials said.

One El Paso law makes it illegal to sell, barter or give away most fowl under the age of three weeks and many other animals under the age of two months. Another municipal law says it is illegal to color, dye, stain or otherwise change the nature of any fowl or rabbit.

The store owner, who was also cited for not having a permit to sell the chicks, said he was not aware he was breaking the law and does not believe the coloring is harmful.

"They lose their coloring within a month or so," Carrasco said. "It doesn't hurt them."

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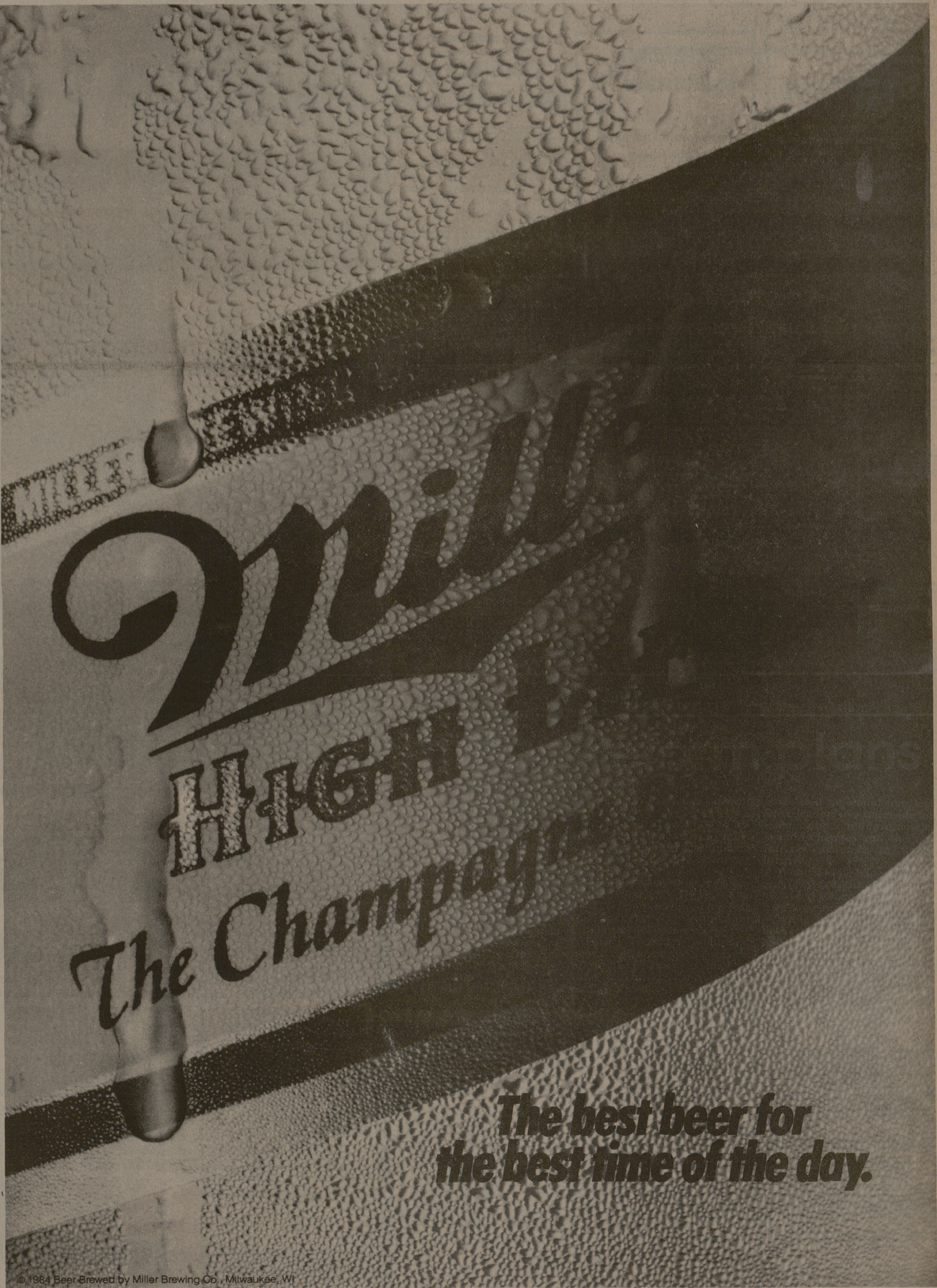
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