

## Education

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participating in band or other activities while a lesser student with six 71s could continue playing football.

Strong's proposal would require that several conditions be met before a grade could be withheld, including the following:

- The student's teacher would have to approve and submit her approval to the school principal.
- Both the student and his parent would have to request in writing that the grade be withheld.

- The student would have to attend two extra hours of tutorial instruction each week and maintain a 70 average in all classes combined.
- At the end of the second six-week period, the student would have to be passing the course and have the proper number of credit hours to be on target for graduation.

In addition, Strong's proposal would limit athletic practices or other extracurricular activities to eight hours a week.

"I've polled the board and I think there is an overwhelming majority who would like to go with our plan," he said. "But if you feel it is not within the scope of the law I will put it down and not even submit it to the board."

The LEB voted 6-2 to allow Strong's proposal to go forward. House Speaker Gib Lewis and House Education Committee Chairman Bill Haley, D-Center, voted against the plan.

## Slouch

By Jim Earle



"Ever wonder how much shaving foam is in one of those little pressurized cans."

## Nicaragua

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A State Department spokeswoman in Washington said there have been ongoing contacts between the United States and the Soviet Union regarding the freighter but declined to say whether Dobrynin had called.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto handed a protest note to U.S. Ambassador Harry Bergold in Managua charging violation of its airspace was a prelude to "direct military intervention" by U.S. forces.

In California, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the administration also was concerned about the presence of at least two other Soviet bloc ships in and around Nicaragua.

He said a Bulgarian ship carrying helicopters was spotted off the east coast of Nicaragua and another communist ship of unspecified nationality was sighted in Corinto on the west coast, apparently emptied of its cargo.

## Advisor

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increases. I want to find out if this is true."

He said that many advisers see the task as just a lot of paperwork.

"Maybe paraprofessionals could be hired to handle simply signing drop-add forms," he said. "That would leave faculty members free to answer student questions about the curriculum or academic goals and career ideas."

He said the subcommittee, which has met once, was formed too recently to have reached any conclusions about the student advising system and that the study probably will continue into the spring semester.

Busby said he would like to see the subcommittee develop a set of recommendations to improve the advising system.

The subcommittee also is studying a report titled Excellence in Undergraduate Education, published in

the Oct. 24 edition of the Chronicle for Higher Education.

The Report suggests ways to make guidance and advising more effective:

- Having academic administrators as advisers. This provides administrators with a direct means of finding out what is happening to students.

- Using the telephone to check in and talk with student advisees. This saves time and can help reach more adult and part-time students.

- Providing short but intensive training periods or workshops for advisers.

- Assuring continuity and focus. For example, students should have one person as a permanent adviser.

Several of these recommendations, such as workshops for advisers and administrators acting as advisers, are part of the University student advising system.

Busby said recommendations from the report will be included in the student questionnaire.

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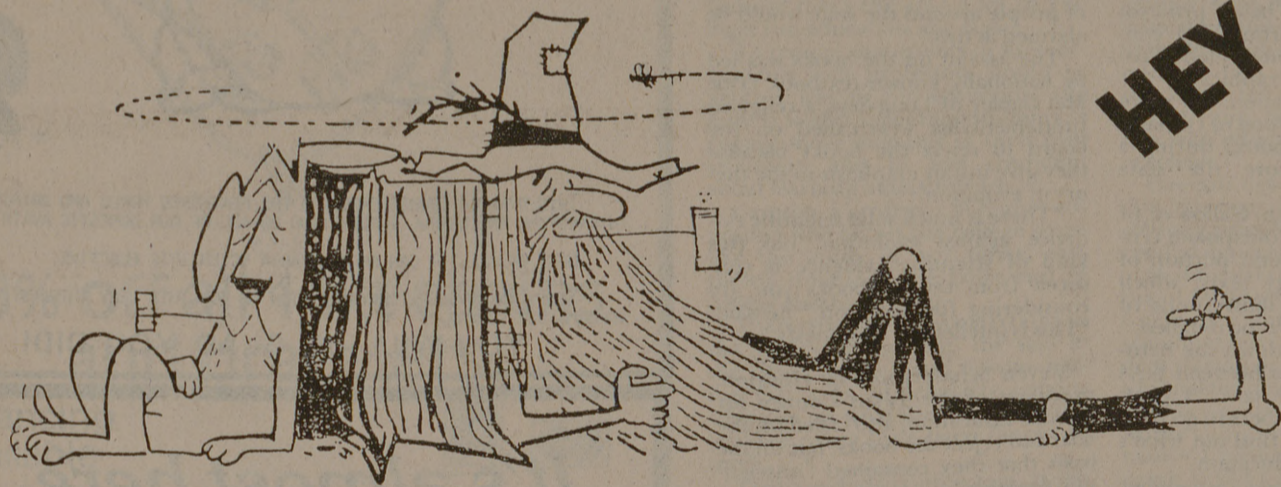
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