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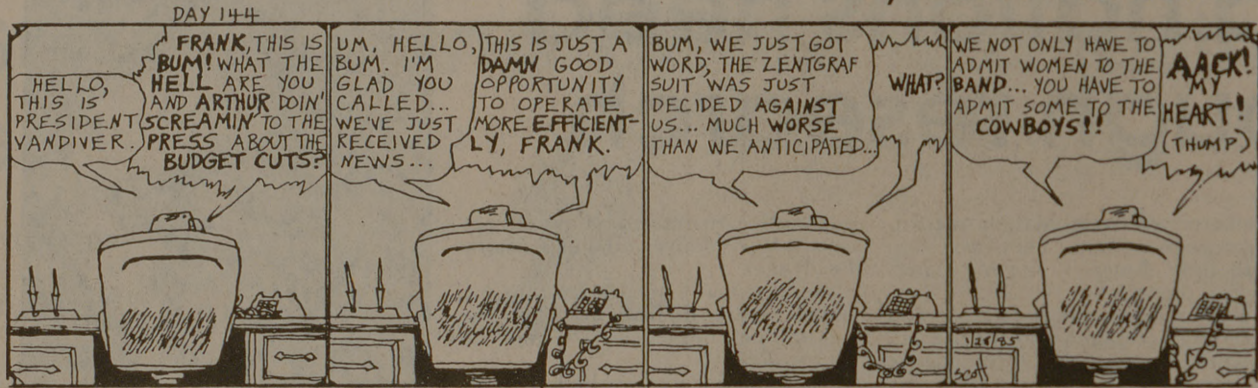
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by Scott McCullar



**Exams screen out minorities**

**Texas teaching crisis**

University News Service

New entrance exams for college students entering teacher education programs could create a serious deficit in minority teachers, say two leading state educators.

In a report to the State Board of Education, results of the first administrations of the test showed that only 52 percent of the students who took it passed all three parts compared to 62 percent of the Anglo students.

Dr. Dean Corrigan, dean of Texas A&M University's College of Education, said the results of the first rounds of the tests indicate large numbers of minorities will be barred from the teaching profession while no comprehensive program is being designed to attract qualified minority students to take their place.

Corrigan, a member of the Select Committee on Education which recommended sweeping reforms for the Texas educational system, said Texas A&M students are doing well on the tests with about an 85 percent pass rate. He is concerned, however, about schools with large minority enrollments which are not faring as well.

"When I was on the select committee I made the recommendation that we really think about the consequences of these tests," said Corrigan. "The number of minorities in our schools is increasing while the number of minority teachers is decreasing — and will decrease even more sharply as a result of the tests unless something is done."

His concern is shared by Dr. G. Pritch Smith, head of the Division of Education at Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins which has a large

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minority enrollment. Smith recently completed a national study on the declining number of minority teachers for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Low success rates among minorities on the first administration of the new entrance exams translated to 12 blacks and 84 Hispanics able to pass, he said.

"The percentage of minority students who will be able to pass a standardized entrance examination for teacher education (such as the ones in Texas) will remain small for some time to come," Smith said. For example, only 33 percent of black high school seniors passed the mathematics portion of the 1983 TABS examination.

"Educators have known for some time that a test score on a standardized examination is the least satisfactory way to identify truly talented minority students," Smith said. "There is often little variance between the test scores of talented minority students and the test scores of minority students who actually do have minimal mastery of basic skills."

Corrigan, however, said he be-

lieves tougher requirements to enter teaching are a good step — as long as incentives to attract quality students to teaching are included in the package.

One of Corrigan's suggestions for an incentive is a statewide scholar loan program targeted at minorities. Corrigan has conceptualized a program which would begin attracting top minority students to teaching as early as high school through loans that are "forgiven" a certain percentage for each year the recipient teaches school after graduating from college.

Corrigan said a scholar loan program for minorities probably would not produce a surplus of qualified minority teachers and that educators in the administrative branch of the schools must begin to think of new ways to capitalize on a smaller number of really good teachers instead of large numbers of less qualified teachers.

The new quality controls are also keeping non-minority students out of teacher education programs, leading to an overall teacher shortage crisis of even greater proportions, Corrigan said.

Statistics show that to keep up with children being born in the state, Texas needs to add 91,000 teachers to dwindling ranks by the year 2000, he said. Currently only 5,000 newly qualified graduates are available to enter teaching while 15,000 teachers a year leave the profession, Corrigan said.

"When I go around saying we have a crisis in teaching, I'm not kidding," Corrigan said.

**Fraternity members slashed**

By TRENT LEOPOLD  
Staff Writer

Two Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brothers were injured early in the day morning at their second party of the semester.

Paul Stewart, a 22-year-old computer science major and his roommate, Drew Decker, a 20-year-old electrical engineering major, had to have three stitches each morning after a Bryan youth, hit them with a carpet knife about 11 a.m.

Bryan Police Department Sgt. Rick Etson said the youth was taken into custody, but later released.

Stewart was cut on his head when youth returned to the party at a fraternity house at 102 South Park in Bryan after being asked to leave.

"We asked the young man to leave after he came to the party and started getting out of hand," Etson said.

"He was just getting a little drunk I think. We thought at first he might have had a fake I.D., but we were really sure."

"When he started getting a little rowdy we asked him to leave."

"He left, but then soon came back with a roofing hammer."

A roofing hammer is similar to a regular claw hammer except it places the nail-pulling claw with an axe.

Stewart said, "Some of the brothers saw the hammer fall on his coat and we took him outside."

"He said he lived nearby, but turned out he actually worked for a man near the fraternity house."

"After a brief discussion with the man the boy worked for, he assured us he would watch the boy and make sure he wouldn't come back to the party."

"However, he soon came back with the carpet knife."

"When he came in, he hit me and didn't immediately know he cut me or Drew (Decker). I guess my adrenaline began flowing when the fight broke out. We were getting a little frustrated with the guy."

Stewart and Decker were driven in a private car to the Al Beutel Health Center where they were treated for the cuts and released.

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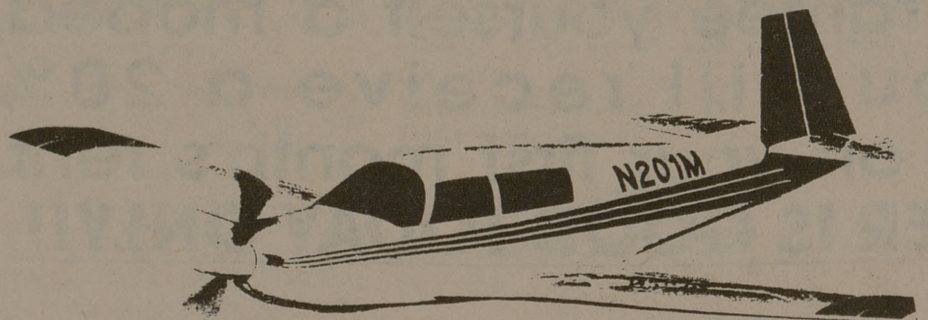
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