

The Battalion

Thursday, September 5, 1985.



Long line, short wait

Students wait in line to go through drop-add at the Pavilion Wednesday afternoon. The new computer system, SIMS, allows students to

know immediately which classes are full and what additional fees must be paid or will be refunded.

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Grades

Study: GPR's relative to class attendance

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — College grades will suffer more from cutting classes than from cutting study time to a minimum, according to researchers.

The researchers, writing in the June issue of *Social Forces*, said they found little correlation between the amount of time spent studying and a student's grade point ratio.

"I guess I really don't want to believe that studying doesn't pay off," said Edward Walsh, associate professor of sociology at Pennsylvania State University, who assisted in the series of studies conducted by University of Michigan sociologist Howard Schuman.

Schuman was on sabbatical and could not be reached, his secretary said.

In the first study in 1973, re-

searchers interviewed 424 students in the Literature, Science, and Arts College about their study habits and grade point averages.

Students who reported studying less than two hours each weekday had an overall grade point ratio of 2.94. The average grade point was 2.91 for students studying two to three hours a day, 2.97 for those studying three to four hours, and 2.86 for students hitting the books four to five hours a day.

The grade average jumped to 3.25 for students studying five to six hours a day, but dropped to 3.18 for those going at it six or more hours.

Several subsequent studies yielded similar results, the researchers said.

The first study also found that grades went up steadily with the percentage of classes attended regularly by students.

Regulations needed to make lakes safer

Associated Press

AUSTIN — As more land is developed around central Texas' Highland Lakes, a hard look is needed at limiting the number of boaters to ensure public safety and protect environmental features of the lakes, a new study says.

With new development in the area, recreational use of the lakes has increased, and Lake Travis northwest of Austin is becoming overcrowded, the report says.

The Lower Colorado River Authority board has taken no action on the recommendations of the Dallas-based consulting firm Johnson, Johnson & Roy Inc.

Detailed recommendations for the use of individual tracts on land will be studied if the LCRA board tells the consultants to continue.

The board approved ordinances in 1984 to govern the size, construction and operation of marinas, the first time it had sought to regulate the water surface.

Another way to control lake activities would be to establish water surface zones, the consultant's study said. Areas could be restricted by activity, such as swimming or scuba diving, or by what time of day activities would be allowed.

Another form of regulation would be controlling access to the water surface by regulating boat launching capacity, the number of wet boat slips available, the number of boats operated by private owners adjacent to certain lakes, or establishing a permit system for use of the water surface, the study said.

Identification of remains questioned

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — One of eight sets of remains released by Vietnam last year cannot be positively identified as that of the Marine pilot as presumed, a forensics expert says.

Dr. Clyde Snow, a forensic anthropologist, reached his conclusion after examining the bones, which were exhumed two weeks ago on orders of Kathryn Fanning, widow of Maj. Hugh Fanning.

Mrs. Fanning said last month she had many questions about how the

Army determined that the remains were those of her husband.

"I don't know what the basis of their calculation was," Snow said at a news conference at the state medical examiner's office Tuesday. "Probably the Army report is essentially accurate as far as it goes. There are several modes of identifying a body. I would need a great deal more documentary information."

Fanning's A-6 jet was shot down over Vietnam on Oct. 31, 1967, when he was 26. The Army said his remains were among those of eight

brought back to the United States last year, and they were buried in Oklahoma City on Aug. 8, 1984. Fanning was of medium build, 5-9 1/4 and left-handed.

Snow said he couldn't determine from the remains whether the man was left-handed and didn't know how the Army did in its forensic report. He said the skeletal remains were those of a white male between 20 and 35 years of age, 5-6 to 5-11, and displayed bone fractures similar to those that occur in plane accidents.

But Snow said 70 percent to 80 percent of the U.S. pilots who flew in the Vietnam War could fit that description.

"These findings are consistent with the available history and description of Major Fanning. However, the available osteological evidence is not sufficient to positively identify the remains as those of Major Fanning," Snow said in concluding his 17-page report.

Mrs. Fanning said the bones will be stored in a laboratory.

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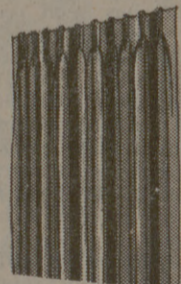
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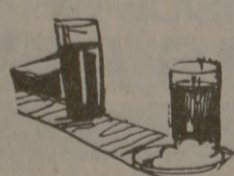


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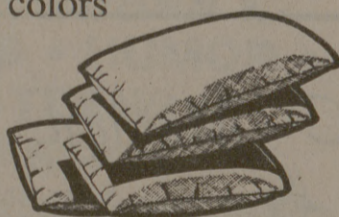
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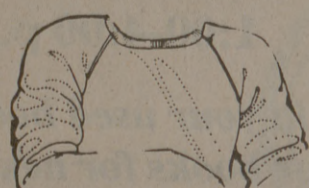
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