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## Tower left office for SMU post

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. John G. Tower said Wednesday he has quit as a U.S. arms control negotiator to teach at Southern Methodist University and to explore various business opportunities.

"I have found my work challenging, engrossing and gratifying," Tower said in a statement. "I have been privileged to be associated with the best professional team in the arms control business."

Tower was appointed by President Reagan 14 months ago to handle negotiations with the Soviets in Geneva on curbing long-range nuclear weapons. Ambassador Max M. Kampelman was in overall charge.

The talks recessed last week in near deadlock.

U.S. officials said on Monday that Tower had decided to resign for personal family reasons and also because he found the job dull.

His statement denied he was quitting "due to frustration with the substantive progress" in Geneva. "The negotiation of an arms control agreement is, by nature, a complex, lengthy and difficult process which requires a great deal of patience," Tower said.

## Families of shuttle crew thank world for sympathy

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Families of the seven crew members killed in the Jan. 28 explosion of space shuttle Challenger issued a statement this week to "thank the world" for expressions of sympathy and support.

"The spouses and families of the Challenger flight 51-L crew gratefully acknowledge your expressions of sympathy and support," the statement said. "We thank the world for sharing in our pride of the Challenger crew, and it is with continued pride that we will cherish the memories of their accomplishments."

"From all of you we draw the strength to bid the crew of 51-L our love and joyful wishes for an extended and exciting exploration of that dimension in space that so intrigued them."

"To all the people of our country and all the countries of the world, we sincerely thank you," the statement concluded.

Killed in the Challenger explosion were Dick Scobee, Mike Smith, Judy Resnik, Ellison Onizuka, Ron McNair, Gregory Jarvis and Christa McAuliffe, a Concord, N.H., teacher who was the first American selected in national competition to fly into space.

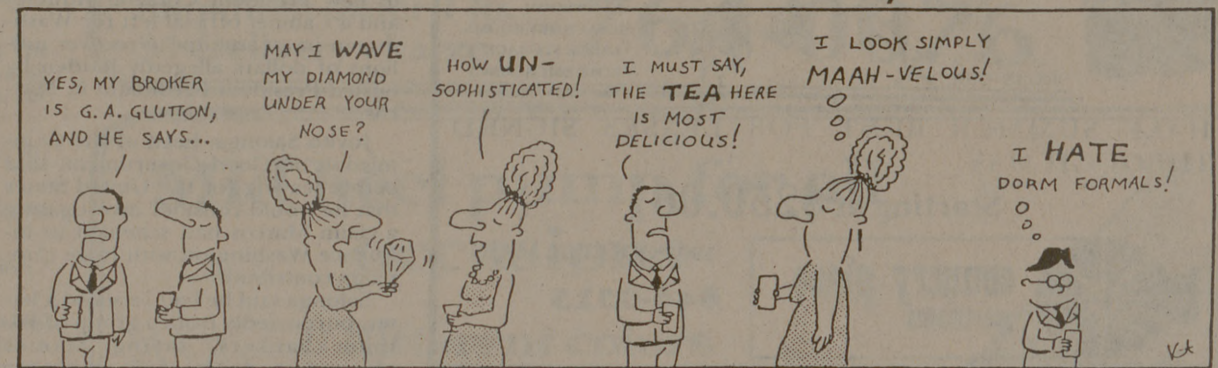
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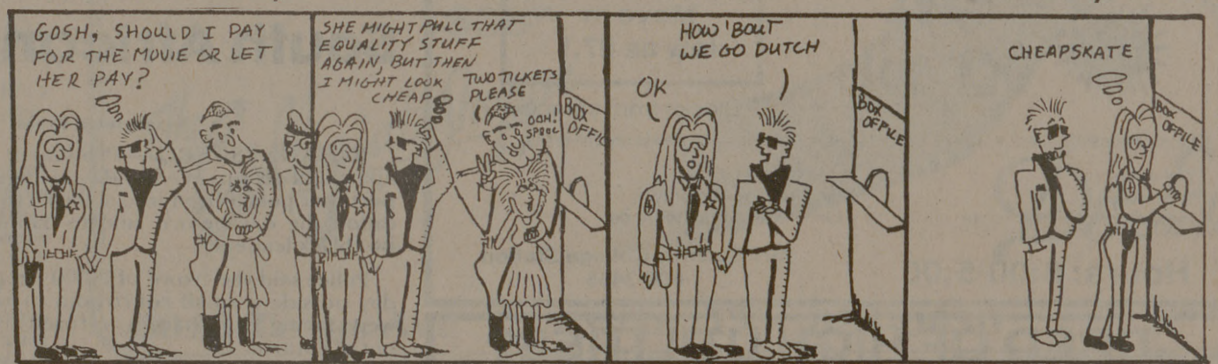
## Waldo

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## Harsh Reality

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## A&M uses computer link-up to aid rural teachers, pupils

### University News Service

A researcher in Texas A&M's College of Education is testing an experimental computer link-up with elementary teachers in rural Texas school districts to determine how well they are using special training to help underachieving students.

The network is the first of its kind in Texas and one of a handful across the United States to help teachers solve problems and learn new teaching strategies by communicating with experts and each other through a computer.

Dr. Clarence J. Dockweiler, associate professor of education curriculum and instruction, is testing the pilot project on 30 teachers from eight small school districts in Southwest and East Central Texas. The project is funded by a federal grant administered by the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System.

To launch the project, the teachers attended an intensive two-day

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workshop at A&M in January on helping underachieving students who have difficulty learning mathematics.

When the workshop ended, part of the group was sent back to their schools with small, portable computers to communicate with Dockweiler about the results of the training.

Dockweiler said a major problem with much of the in-service training that teachers often receive is the lack of follow-up study to see how useful it is or whether any students ultimately benefit.

To monitor what happened after the January workshop and to provide further assistance to the teachers, Dockweiler split the teachers into three groups of 10, designing a separate communications plan for each group.

One group is to correspond with Dockweiler by mail and two groups have been equipped with the computers. Of the two groups with computers, teachers in one group will communicate only with Dockweiler, while teachers in the other group will communicate with Dockweiler and other members of their group in a sort of specialized electronic bulletin board through which they can share problems and successes.



Charles M. Russell, Indian Scout, 1897, Oil on board.

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