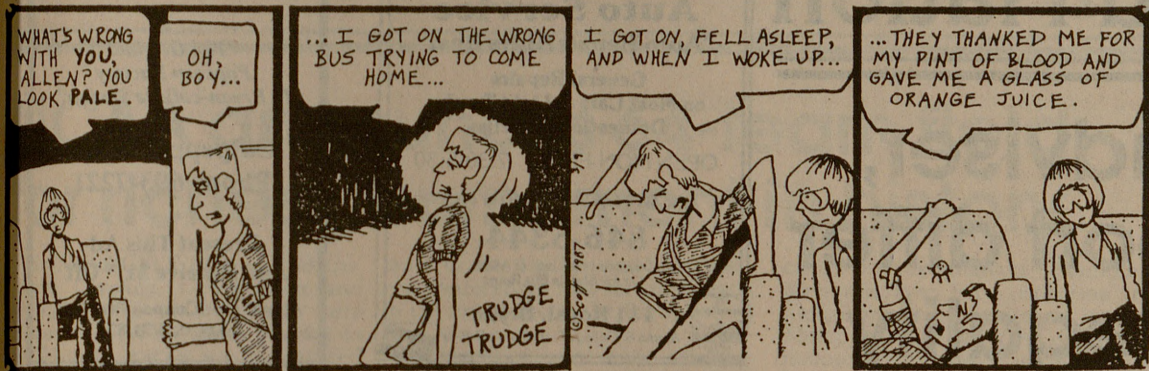


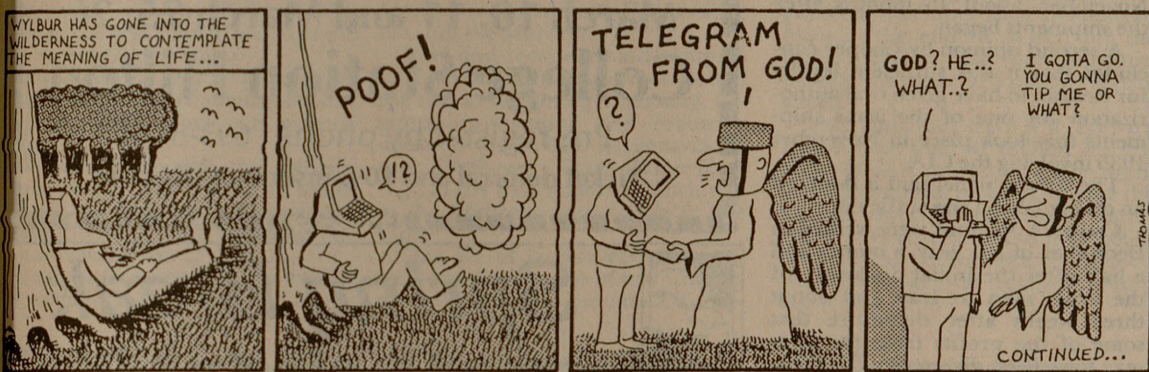
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Scholastic probation hits students for many reasons

Bad choices commonly bring low grades

By Debbie Jensen
Reporter

Emerson Sox, a Texas A&M junior, vigorously punches numbers into his calculator. A thick physics text hides the face of a clock, which says it is well past midnight.

Sox says he studies over six hours every night because he must get off scholastic probation.

"I made some bad choices my freshman year," Sox says. "I didn't know how to get out of the hole once I got on probation. I'm still trying to correct mistakes I made that first year."

Candida Lutes, associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts, says each college has different rules to determine which students are put on scholastic probation, but most get there because they made bad choices — not because they lack intelligence.

"There are a lot of reasons students go on probation," Lutes says. "Some students have one reason. Some students have 12 reasons. Most kids get on probation for a reason other than low intelligence. A lot of very bright students end up on probation."

Some of the reasons students end up on scholastic probation are financial problems, poor study habits, family problems, personal problems and low self-esteem, she says.

"I've seen so many kids who almost have their self-esteem tied up in their grades," Lutes says. "They're

terrified at some level that they're really not very bright, even though they had been getting good grades before they got here.

"They come to A&M and the first time they take a test they weren't quite prepared because they weren't really studying.

"They didn't have the chance to learn all the material so they didn't do well on the test.

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— Emerson Sox, junior.

"The people who already believe they aren't very smart think, 'Here is the proof.'

"Then they have a choice. They can try to work hard and have it confirmed that they're not smart if they don't do well or just sort of goof off and say, 'Gosh, I failed because I wasn't doing my studying.'"

Lutes stresses that students should go to the dean's office as soon as they realize they are having grade trouble.

"We can't provide long-term counseling in this office because we're not staffed to counsel," she says, "but we do know what resources are available to help students."

Counseling resources available to students include the Student Counseling Center, the psychology department's clinic and the Educational Psychology Services.

"These resources can help students with test-taking skills, test anxiety, career counseling and personal counseling," she says. "All three of those provide . . . good services that are totally confidential and do not go on a student's record."

Other options available to students include the Financial Aid Office and the Off-Campus Housing Center.

The Financial Aid Office does make limited funds available to students who are on scholastic probation to lessen the financial anxiety of some students and allow them more time to study, Lutes says.

The Off-Campus Housing Center provides roommate counseling, roommate-matching assistance and legal advice.

"It's important for students in trouble to know that if they work carefully to correct the things that they've been doing wrong, they can turn it (their academic careers) around," Lutes says.

Clements says newspaper stories on SMU football scandal correct

DALLAS (AP) — Although he still refuses to name names, Gov. Bill Clements says media reports on the Southern Methodist University pay-for-play scandal are accurate, his press secretary says.

"The governor has been reading the media stories with great interest and finds that all the pertinent aspects in the stories are accurate," Clements spokesman Reggie Bashur told the Associated Press Saturday night.

Clements said last week that while he was chairman of SMU's board, he and other board members knew the payments continued after 1985 when the NCAA ordered them stopped and put the Southwest Conference school on probation.

SMU board members have flatly denied Clements' claims and demanded Friday that he get specific on who he was talking about. Meanwhile, the Dallas Times Herald has

identified one former and four current board members as being in on the affair.

"The governor wants the individuals involved to come forward and identify themselves on their own," Bashur said.

The Times Herald reported that Board of Governors members Edwin L. Cox, Robert Folsom, Robert Dedman and Paul Corley knew about the payments, as did former board member Robert Stewart III.

Cox, Dedman and Folsom denied the reports and have demanded that Clements personally name names. Stewart, a former trustee and board member, has acknowledged knowing about the decision, but said he did not participate in it.

The Times Herald also has reported former SMU President L. Donald Shields knew about the payments that ultimately led to the

NCAA's harshest penalty ever against a football program.

Revelations of \$61,000 in continuing payments between September 1985 and December 1986 prompted the NCAA to cancel SMU's 1987 football season and limit the 1988 season to seven games, all on the road.

Times Herald Executive Editor Larry Tarleton said the newspaper stands by its story, published Friday.

Man driving car of SMU star shot in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Jeff Atkins, former star running back for Southern Methodist University, was registered as the owner of a car whose driver was shot to death, police said.

A gunman opened fire on David Simpson, 31, Friday night as he was driving Atkins' sports car into a parking complex, police said.

Police said Saturday they were trying to find Atkins. They said they were considering the possibility that Atkins might have been the object of the shooting.

Sunday, Dallas police Sgt. Pat Herring said no one had been arrested, but refused to say whether Atkins had been located.

Police said Simpson worked and lived at the complex.

Bullets shattered the driver's side window of the car and struck Simpson in the chest shortly before 9 p.m., police said. He died 30 minutes later at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

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Music program to feature U.S. works

A pianist, a soprano and a clarinetist will perform works by a variety of American composers in Rudder Theater tonight at 8.

The works will include "Rhapsody In Blue" by George Gershwin, "Songs My Mother Taught Me" by Charles Ives and other songs and arrangements of Stephen Foster, Eubie Blake, Scott Joplin and John Philip Sousa.

Pianist and Houston native John Ferguson, who has performed widely throughout the United States and Europe, has a masters degree from the University of Texas and has studied at Carnegie-Mellon University and

the Institut Jaques Delcroze in Geneva, Switzerland.

Soprano Rebecca Francis teaches voice at the University of Texas and has performed with the Early Music Institute of Texas and the UT Early Music Ensemble. She has appeared throughout the United States and Canada.

Clarinetist Martha MacDonald recently received her doctorate in music from UT. She is a scholar of Dutch chamber works and toured Austria and the Netherlands with the Austin Chamber Ensemble in fall 1986.