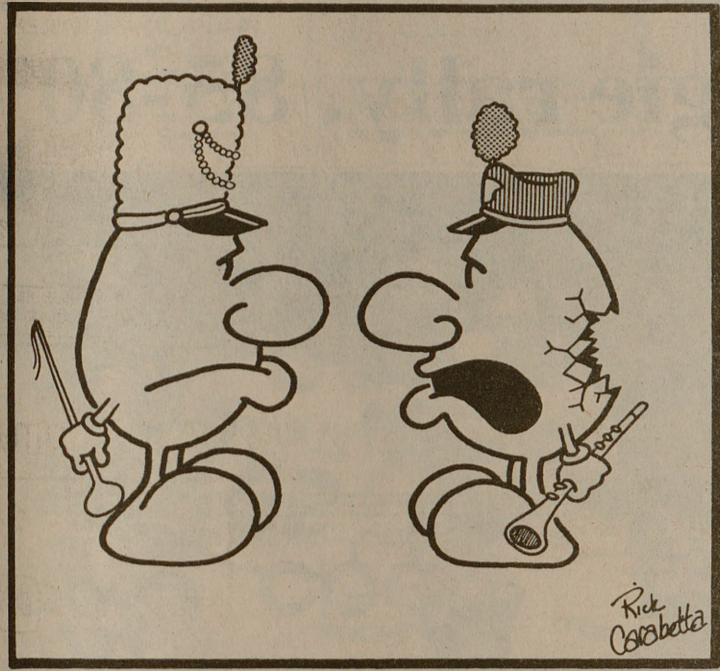


Scrambled Eggs



HOW ABOUT LETTING ME MARCH BEHIND THE TROMBONES?

Police storm home, find grieving family instead of drug lab

SOUTHLAKE (AP) — Police who stormed a home in a mistaken search for a drug lab instead found a 64-year-old man grieving over his wife's death and planning for her funeral with his family.

Gerald Andert claimed he was injured in a scuffle with armed police during the raid. A gash on his forehead required 11 stitches. Armed officers wearing gas masks kicked in the front door of his daughter's home, waving guns and screaming as they ran inside.

Authorities said no evidence of drug activity was found, and the family was left hurt and upset by the mistaken raid.

Andert said he sustained his wound when an officer he couldn't see struck him on the head with a nightstick after he stood up.

"I just stood up and raised my arms in the air, and he hit me," Andert said. "After he hit me, that's when I saw the silver pistol. He stuck it right in my face."

Grapevine Police, Southlake Police and members of the Tarrant County Drug Task Force raided the house Monday night because they suspected the home was being used as an amphetamine-manufacturing laboratory.

Police left 90 minutes after the raid began. They offered no apologies for the incident.

"No drug lab was found, no arrests were made," Southlake City Manager Curtis Hawk said.

Grapevine Police spokesman Wayne Eichel said Andert was injured because he grabbed the pistol held by a Grapevine officer.

"I'm not going to call these folks a bunch of liars," Eichel said. "All we're going to say is that the reason this man got injured was that he made an attempt to grab the weapon from the officer."

Andert said he was not going to forget the mistaken raid and was considering what action he could take against police.

A&M completes study on dropouts Report says holding students back increases chances of quitting

By Melissa Naumann

REPORTER

A new Texas A&M School/University Research Collaborative report on high school dropouts has provided essential information needed to curb dropout rates.

The study of nine school districts in Texas concluded that it is necessary to examine who the dropouts are as well as individual high school dropout rates.

The typical high school dropout is a white male in 10th or 11th grade who is enrolled in a regular academic program. This generalization, however, varies with different school districts, Dr. James McNamara, executive director of the collaborative, said.

"In eight of the nine districts, the dropout rates for Anglos are higher," he said. "But in the ninth district (San Antonio Independent School District), the Hispanic dropout rate is significantly higher."

While the overall study is valuable, McNamara said each district needs individual attention.

"Studying one district doesn't tell you about another," he said. "The dropout rates are variable."

Another important part of the study showed that students who are older than the average age for their grade are more likely to drop out of school. In the study, almost 25 percent of the students who were two years overage dropped out and al-

most 50 percent who were three years overage dropped out.

"As the number of years a student is overage goes up, the dropout rate increases astronomically," McNamara said.

He said this is evidence that retaining children in earlier grades is not always beneficial.

"When schools think they're helping by retaining students, in the long run, they might not be," he said. "The research shows that keeping them with the right age groups enhances graduation."

McNamara said the study's most successful aspect is that it will be used by industry, the Texas Legislature and, most importantly, the boards of trustees of the schools.

Price Waterhouse will use the

study, the first of its kind, as a basis for a statewide dropout information system. The report also was sent to all Texas legislators who serve on education-related committees. The study also has been presented to the individual schools.

"The most important connection is with the schools," McNamara said. "Things really happen in schools, not with state-wide legislation."

He said that school officials must know who is dropping out before they can prevent them from dropping out.

"Basically, we said, 'Here are the dropouts and what they're like,'" McNamara said. "Now they can implement new additional programs to reduce dropouts."

Slocum

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Aggies are NCAA Proposition 48, passed in 1986, and the controversial Proposition 42.

Proposition 48 set minimum requirements of at least a 2.0 in high school and a score of at least 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test for prospective student-athletes. Recruits who do not meet these standards lose one year of athletic eligibility. Proposition 42, recently passed by the NCAA but still under review, will ban scholarships for students who do not

meet these minimum requirements.

Slocum said these proposals make recruiting more difficult, but not impossible. He said recruiters usually examine a prospect's high school records to see if he or she will be prepared for the course work at A&M, although tutoring may be required.

"We've had a limited number of Proposition 48 people," he said. "But if you think about it, a 'Proposition 48 person' is not a new breed of person. That same person has been around as long as we have had athletics."

"We haven't really had Proposition 48 long. It usually takes about 15 years for the effects to show up, and we haven't had Proposition 48 for four years. Now

they've got Proposition 42 cutting all scholarships for those people."

He said raising athletes' admission standards at A&M above the minimums set by the NCAA has been proposed in the past, but other considerations have won out.

"What you have to consider is, when you have an excellent student from an upper-middle class background who is a valedictorian of his class and a low-income student whose parents had never attended college, who does a scholarship help more?" he said. "There aren't many stories in the media about how a football scholarship changed someone's life."

"I've seen Texas A&M do more for

low-level students than I have for the best students. When you get those people from the other end of the economic scale, they come out of college with a completely different outlook on life."

He said problems with the academic image of student-athletes are isolated.

"I think where you have abuses, those are not legitimate students," he said. "I don't approve of cases like that at all. I think a football scholarship should be seen as an opportunity."

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