

Editorials

Type IV best alternative

Currently under study by the university's eight deans is a proposal presented by the Coordinating Board which lists five alternatives for a standard calendar year for the state's tax-supported schools.

Of the five alternatives, Type IV seems to offer the most advantages. According to this plan, the fall semester will begin the third week in August and end just before Christmas. After a two and one half week vacation, the spring semester will begin the first week in January and conclude the first week in May. This plan is favorable for several reasons:

— The fall semester should end before Christmas because of the "study lag" which now occurs before finals, making it difficult for students to readjust to studying and adequately prepare themselves for finals. The week now following vacation and preceding finals is all but useless, both for professors and for students.

— The summer period would not be shortened, but only shifted. This

would not handicap students (and faculty members who are on nine-month contracts) who work during the summer months because they would have as many weeks under the new system as they do now.

— The system naturally divides the two semesters, creating the psychological advantage of returning for a fresh start and not to finish what is already practically over.

A plan of this type received the support of the University of Houston Faculty Senate last spring, and at that time was favored by President Murray. CB director Jack K. Williams favors it. The Student Senate is on record as favoring the change to a before-Christmas semester.

This fall, the Student Survey Board should sample student opinion on the issue to present it to those who will formulate Tech's recommendation, for students are just as much if not more involved than anyone else.

Hopefully, Tech's official recommendation will suggest Type IV, and the remainder of the state will agree.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Criticizes architectural library

The library we have on the Tech campus is a very fine and up-to-date library. The staff is very efficient and helpful. On the other hand, the architectural library is just the opposite.

THE LIBRARIAN comes and goes as she pleases. When she goes, the library is shut down. The file system is a farce. They have books that are not listed in the catalog and some books with no call numbers at all. You cannot check out books at all, even for over-night or the week-end. The library is not open on Friday night, and it is closed on Saturday also. If you need to use a book over the weekend or during the night, you are out of luck. The "librarian" sits and knits all day long.

I suggest that from 9:30-10 p.m. students should be able to check out books for overnight use. If they were due at 9 the next morning, more students would have the opportunity to use the facilities. If at 4:30 p.m. Friday books could be checked for the weekend, again more people could benefit from this facility. If they would set up a card catalog, then it would be much easier to find the needed books.

I DO BELIEVE that the basic idea of an architectural library is a good idea, but now let's go one step further and make the books available. Let's start a system where books can be checked out. Not

on a two-week basis, but just on an overnight or weekend basis. Then we could have a modern, progressive, effective architectural library which would be of more benefit to the students.

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Wants box lunch

Back at Weeks Hall (we don't live there, but this letter is in behalf of those who do) there is a problem of growing concern. Now that 11:30 and 12:30 classes are as common as the 10:30 type, what do students do who live in Weeks or in Doak Hall, have classes at thus cannot eat in their dining halls at the required time, and are rebuffed when they ask the managing lady-in-authority to fix them a box lunch?

Weeks and Doak are not exactly the \$990 a year type of places, but there is a whole bunch of pretty little girls living there, who pay hard-earned money for meal tickets, money which is wasted when they cannot eat there. Is asking for a box lunch too much?

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Student accuses 'peace' column

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Quality vs. quantity

The quality versus quantity question has been kicked around for many years in higher education with the basic premise being that you can't have them both. Two winners just aren't possible in a "versus" contest.

But, at least in the case of state institutions, they will have to be dealt with on an "and" basis. Setting upper limits on enrollments or raising entrance requirements is hardly feasible when it eliminates Mr. Taxpayer's son or daughter from acceptance by a state institution. That would be about like telling someone they couldn't drive their own car or live in their own house.

PUT THIS WITH the added financial assistance made available for high school graduates (a student can no longer accurately say he can't go to school for personal financial reasons) and the almost-mandatory status of a college degree and the "quantity" will be increasing indefinitely.

On the other hand, the "quality" must be kept up if Texas graduates are to successfully compete with graduates of private institutions and public universities of other states. Of course, a practically infinite amount of money will be necessary to maintain and improve "quality," but at least the means are available to allocate money. The means for converting the money into education is not so readily available.

The means for converting money into education is the institution, and the institution unquestionably can become too large. Size is no virtue in itself, for education most certainly operates on the principle of diminishing returns. Input just doesn't result in proportionate increases in output. Money, faculty and facilities are being added (although not fast enough), but the resulting "educated" student is not receiving the full benefit of the effort because of limitations and restrictions of size.

THE ANSWER SEEMS TO LIE within the junior college system. Junior colleges will have to assume the instruction of first- and second-year students, leaving senior colleges and universities for third- and fourth-year students and graduate students. This type of division will also help junior colleges recruit faculty members.

The system seems a little far-fetched at the moment, but 20 years from now—when today's student's children are attending college—students will be considerably handicapped if they have to attend a monster university for prestige's sake. Better they attend a junior college, and graduate to a less-than-monster university.

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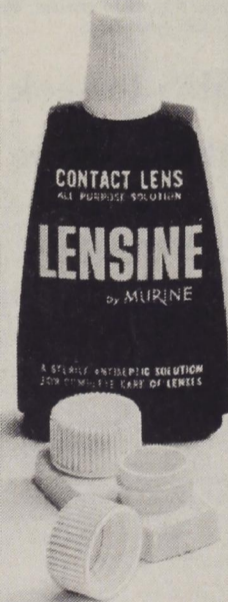


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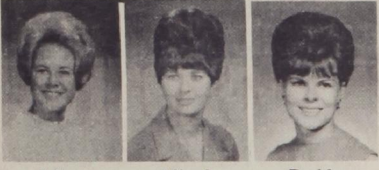


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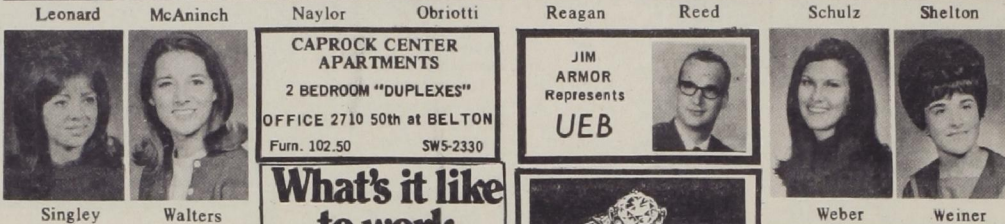
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There are 70 entrants in extemporaneous speaking tournaments, 60 entrants in persuasive speaking tournaments, 50 readers and 100 debate teams.

Dr. Earl Blank, a visiting Tech professor, will be the featured speaker at a banquet Friday night.

The debate topic is "Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee a minimum cash income to all citizens." First and second place sweepstakes trophies and first, second and third place divisional trophies will be awarded.

Schedules of events will be available in the tournament headquarters on the second floor of Tech Union.

The next tourney Tech will enter is the Texas Christian University Tourney next weekend.

Vernon McGuire is Tech's forensic director.

Raider Roundup

Psychology Society
Anyone interested in psychology is invited to the organizational meeting of Psi Chi, national psychology honor society, at 4 p.m. Thursday in the basement classroom of the Social Science Building.

Alpha Delta Sigma
A meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in room 208, Science Building, is planned for Alpha Delta Sigma, men's advertising fraternity.

A.I.C.E.
The American Institute of Chemical Engineers will meet in room 101 of the Chemical Engineering Building Thursday at 7:30 p.m. SWC highlights will be shown by Humble Oil Company.

Beta Alpha Psi
Beta Alpha Psi will initiate pledges Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of Tech Union. A short business meeting will follow the ceremony.

CorpsDettes
An open house and tea honoring CorpsDettes is today at 5 p.m. in the ROTC office.

Young Republicans
Eddie Paxton of Levelland, Republican candidate for state legislature will speak to the Young Republicans at 7:30 p.m. today in the Tech Union Ballroom.

Pre-Law Society
Lubbock attorney Mark Smith will address the Pre-Law Society at 7:30 p.m. today in room 110, Social Science Building.

Speleological Society
Results of last weekend's trip will be presented and expense money refunded at 8:30 tonight for the Speleological Society in room 48, Social Science Building.

Junior Council
Junior Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in room 209 of the Tech Union.

Cold weather invades state

(AP) — A sharp, dry Pacific cold front riding 30 mile per hour winds knifed deep into Texas Tuesday, bringing temperatures back to more autumn-like levels. A freeze warning was out for the Panhandle.

Skies cleared rapidly behind the fast-moving front. No rain was reported in association with it.

Temperatures as low as 2 degrees were forecast for early today in Northwest Texas. Readings Tuesday morning ranged from 39 degrees at Dalhart to 72 at Galveston.

The system arrived in the Panhandle Monday night and whipped some dust aloft with 46 m.p.h. winds, reducing visibility to two miles in the Amarillo area. The dust soon settled.

Showers and thundershowers peppered the Gulf Coast in the Galveston area Tuesday afternoon. Recorded rainfall was sparse.

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