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School leave policy creating 'spirited' debate

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

School officials hope to have a leave policy for employees ready for adoption by the school board's November meeting, the board was told Tuesday.

Getting that policy to that point, though, has stirred some "spirited discussion," Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr and Business Manager Mark McVay said.

At issue is the new statewide leave policy adopted in Senate Bill 1 that allows five personal days per year, days that can accumulate annually. The Legislature, however, left it up to individual school districts to formulate policies for their use.

McVay has met separately with principals and the school's salary and benefits committee to try to draw up the policy and reported on his findings at Tuesday's board meeting.

The administrators, he said, favor a policy that would call for the following:

- three days advance notice
- a maximum of five days taken off per year
- no more than three days off consecutively
- no teacher can take off the last instructional day before a school holiday, on the TAAS testing day for their campus or in the last 10 instructional days of the year.

The teachers on the salary and benefits committee, said McVay, basically agree with the princi-

pals' suggestions, but they don't feel it necessary to set a cap for days taken off per year.

Since the leave days accumulate annually, McVay said the principals felt they needed to set some sort of cap to maintain order.

Repeatedly during the board meeting, Orr said that this policy is being drawn up for the "one or two" who may abuse the personal day privilege.

McVay says he will next meet with the principals in the first week of November and the salary and benefits committee following that. Hopefully, he said, the policy will be ready for board approval after those meetings.

Also at the meeting, Orr and board president James Frugé discussed changes in district and

site-based decision making from Senate Bill 1.

Frugé said he wanted the board to become more pro-active in the process, giving "expectations, guidelines and visions" for the community.

But, he said, he felt the decision making teams needed feedback from the board on the scale of district and campus planning - either a comprehensive work design or a more general listing of goals and directions.

Orr reported that the education code says that the board will establish the role of the district and campus level plan.

In an effort to further understand the implications of their role in site-based decision making, the board decided to hold a

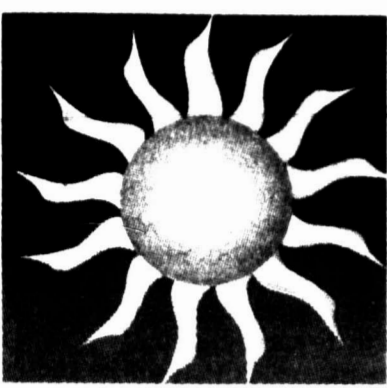
work session with Texas Association of School Boards representative Mayo Neeland before their Nov. 16 meeting.

He will serve as a facilitator for the process, Frugé said, using his knowledge to instruct the board.

In other administrative report items, the board heard a summary of Oct. 4's College Night, and each board member present gave a report on their recent training at the state school board association convention.

Sue Thornton summarized the Tots N' Training program, and Arlene Gibson discussed the fine arts initiative.

Orr also told the board that Pat Socia will address parents and students regarding sexual abstinence Nov. 14 and 15.



Low tonight in low 30s, high tomorrow in mid 60s. See Page 2 for weather details.

SHAMROCK - The 18th district convention of the American Legion is set for Saturday and Sunday at Post 68, 124 S. Iowa, Shamrock.

Department commander John A. Brieden and Fourth Division commander J.P. Sims will attend.

A health fair is set for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. staffed by the Amarillo VA Medical Center in the Post Home. Patient data cards may be updated and blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and other health checks will be available.

A representative of the Texas Land Board will be available to explain its programs.

A noon luncheon is set for Sunday and 6:30 p.m. banquet is scheduled for Saturday.

A legion/auxiliary business meeting will be Sunday. Registration is \$15 for Saturday and Sunday and \$5 for Sunday only.

PAMPA - A series of first aid classes will be offered by the local chapter of the American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, beginning tomorrow.

Infant and child CPR class will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by adult CPR Oct. 23, standard first aid Oct. 27, another adult CPR class Nov. 2 and standard first aid Nov. 7.

Each class begins at 6 p.m. All classes are open to the public. For more information, contact the Gray County American Red Cross at 669-7121.

PAMPA - A young adult and two juveniles are in custody today following an assault and retaliatory assault at Pampa High School Wednesday which left a 14-year old boy slightly injured.

A 15-year old boy is charged with assault with bodily injury and the other youth, a 15 year old boy is charged with retaliation. They are in the Canadian boot camp, according to Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols.

The 17-year old was arrested this morning. He had not been charged at press time.

The first assault occurred about 11:55 a.m. Wednesday and the second retaliatory assault occurred on the athletic field close to 2 p.m.

AUSTIN (AP) - The state lottery has sold one winning ticket in the latest Lotto Texas, officials said Thursday.

They say the ticket, purchased in Odessa, was worth almost \$20.7 million. The state lottery earlier said the jackpot for Wednesday night's drawing was an estimated \$23 million.

Numbers drawn from a field of 50 for the twice-weekly game were: 10, 23, 30, 33, 36 and 46.

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Region UIL marching contest set for Saturday



(Pampa News photos by Chip Chandler)

The Pampa High School marching band will compete Saturday at the Region UIL marching contest. At left, sophomore Michael Plunk faces front in the "Where is the Love" drill. In photo at top, junior Jonathan Smith leads the band with a solo, and at bottom, sophomore Heather Herndon pounds a pair of bass drums during the band's percussion feature.

Thirty-five high school bands in Classes 1A through 4A are expected to take the field Saturday during the Region I Marching Band Competition beginning at 1 p.m. in Borger.

The Pampa High School band, directed by Bruce Collins, will march at 9 p.m.

Also directing the Pampa band are Brad Bledsoe and Julie Collins.

The band is under the field direction of drum majors Shonie Garland and Heather Fernuk.

Songs performed by the band on the field include "You're Still

a Young Man," "Theme from Shaft," "Land of Make-Believe," "Island Dance," and "Where is the Love."

The band has rehearsed since Aug. 1 for the competition, and since school has started have rehearsed during class time and thirty minutes after school dismissals.

If the band scores a first division rating at the Borger contest, they will have completed the first leg toward a near-thirty consecutive sweepstakes. The band must score first divisions in concert and sightreading in the spring to win the

honor.

Other area bands marching Saturday at Borger include Groom at 1:24 p.m., Shamrock at 1:36 p.m., Wheeler at 2 p.m., White Deer at 2:36 p.m., Panhandle at 3:12 p.m., West Texas High School at 4 p.m., Canadian at 5 p.m. and Borger at 8:48 p.m.

A fee of \$2 per person will be charged at the gate to offset the expense of the marching competition as well as other UIL music events throughout the year.

Twenty six twirlers will also compete in a separate competi-

tion during the afternoon.

Marching judges include Clyde Wilson from Bayfield, Colo.; Kenneth Griffin from Van; and Bryant Harris from Sundown. Twirling judge is Lendra Hailey from Clovis, N.M.

Bands in each class that win a first division and have approval from their administration will be afforded the opportunity to represent Region I in the area competition against bands from three other regions.

Classes 1A, 2A and 4A will march in Lubbock at Jones Stadium Saturday, Oct. 28.

Political tug of war holding up \$6 million for Panhandle farmers

From staff and wire reports

Political wrangling in Washington is costing the eastern Texas Panhandle economy almost six million dollars.

Payments for the Conservation Reserve Program, a popular conservation program which idles nearly 35 million acres nationwide, are being held up in a political tug-of-war between Republicans and Democrats. The spat, part of the budget debate, has delayed about \$1.8 billion in payments to thousands of farmers and ranchers, including about six million dollars to farmers and ranchers in Gray, Carson, Roberts and Wheeler Counties.

Matt Street with the Farm

Service Agency in Pampa said today that agricultural land owners in the program are eligible to be paid Oct. 1, but payments cannot be issued until the county Farm Service Agencies (formerly the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, ASCS, office) are authorized and money is appropriated by Congress for payment.

"As of this morning, we haven't been authorized to make payment," Street said.

Street said that payment is normally made between Oct. 2 and Oct. 14, although the payments aren't delinquent until the end of October.

There are 37,372 acres in Gray County in the CRP, Street said.

This translates into about \$1.4 million which should go to Gray County farmers and ranchers.

FSA officials in Wheeler said today there are about 54,000 acres in Wheeler County in the CRP. Normally, this would generate about \$2 million.

Diane Meaker with the FSA in Panhandle said that a delay in the CRP payments could put some farmers and ranchers in a financial bind.

"Particularly, those that have note payments set up on CRP payments," she said.

Carson County has 45,289 acres in CRP with projected payments of about \$1.8 million.

Street said the main problems of farmers and ranchers are the

result of poor crops due to weather and high production costs, not CRP payments.

Mark Tucker with the FSA in Miami said he was told by producers in Roberts County today that the appropriations had passed Congress and was sitting on President Clinton's desk awaiting his signature.

"I understand they anticipated him signing it yesterday, but he didn't," Tucker said.

White House officials said today that it had not been delivered yet. "I don't believe that we've gotten it yet," Julie Green with the White House said today.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, who represents the eastern panhandle, had not

returned a call as of noon today in connection with the status of the spending bill. The Associated Press reported at 8 a.m. today that the bill had not been delivered to the president.

Tucker said there were over 12,000 acres in Roberts County in CRP with projected payments of about \$480,000.

Under the program, created 10 years ago, landowners are paid to idle their erodible land and other environmentally sensitive land and putting it in grassy cover, trees or other protection.

At issue is USDA's spending bill for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, which Congress approved a week ago.

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Grand opening this weekend



(Special photos) **Gold Coats David Caldwell and Dennis Godwin help celebrate the grand openings of both Top O' Texas Quick Lube and Peggy's Place this weekend. In photo at left, Caldwell and Godwin pose with Top O' Texas Quick Lube owners Vernon and Jo Bell, manager Bryan Caldwell, operations manager Lynn Strickland and employees Dennis Miller, Brad Graham and Andy Brockenbek. In photo at right, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats help Peggy's Place owner Peggy Smith, Anne Cannon and Audra Summers celebrate their grand opening. The restaurant was also welcomed as a new member of the chamber.**

Nation briefs

Ag Dept. payments late

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lon Lyman was supposed to get nearly \$30,000 from the Agriculture Department early this month. The Okaton, S.D., rancher is still waiting, and he's getting very angry, because he has a Nov. 1 tax bill to pay.

Lyman says he needs the check "to pay taxes and keep going." He was hounding members of Congress by telephone on Wednesday about his payment under the Conservation Reserve Program, which idles nearly 35 million acres. Lyman gets \$40 per acre each year for idling 700 of his 7,000 acres.

He learned quickly that his payment under the popular conservation program was caught up in a political tug-of-war between Republicans and Democrats. The spat, part of the budget debate, has held up about \$1.8 billion in payments to thousands of farmers and ranchers.

The payments were due the first week of October. Under the program, created 10 years ago, landowners are paid to idle their erodible land and other environmentally sensitive land, and they get help planting a grassy cover, trees or other protection.

Two boys face death

CHICAGO (AP) — Eric Morse died when he was only 5, dropped from a 14th-floor window because he would not steal candy for two older boys. His 9-year-old brother lives with the memory of his failed battle to stop them.

Now, the two boys accused in

the death face years behind locked doors. The two, who confessed to dropping Eric from the high-rise, were found delinquent of first-degree murder Wednesday.

The shocking cruelty of the crime — which took place in September 1994 in a vacant Chicago Housing Authority apartment — drew national attention and outraged the city, where an 11-year-old had been slain by members of his own gang two weeks earlier.

During the two-day hearing, Derrick Lemons testified that he fought the two boys, 10 and 11 at the time, in an attempt to save his little brother.

Torrential Florida rains bring in gators

MIAMI (AP) — As if two destructive hurricanes this year weren't terrifying enough, a new round of torrential rains has given the so-called Sunshine State another problem to wrestle with — alligators.

Gators became a nuisance after as much as 20 inches of rain fell in parts of southern Florida in 24 hours, turning some neighborhoods into islands and sending alligators from flooded canals onto doorsteps.

"We thought it was a dog, but then we saw this huge gator about 10 to 12 feet long," Benjamin Borew said of the commotion he heard Wednesday at the gate of his Palm Beach County home.

"The fish and game agent said not to try to catch it or bother it," Borew said. "No problem there."

Gas prices drop as low as 89 cents in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A gasoline war among three convenience stores in San Antonio has driven gasoline prices down by as much as 20 cents a gallon since Labor Day.

One station was selling gasoline Wednesday for 87 cents a gallon.

Officials say they expect the price war to continue for several more weeks, until the holiday-driving season starts shortly before Thanksgiving.

A handful of convenience stores are selling self-serve regular unleaded for 89 cents per gallon, while many outlets were reported selling the same grade of gasoline for 94 cents per gallon.

On Labor Day, the average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded in San Antonio was \$1.08 per gallon, according to the American Automobile Association in Houston.

Andy Gonzalez said he launched the first gas-war salvo three months ago when he priced regular unleaded at 98 cents per gallon to inaugurate his Stop-'N-Go convenience store.

"That was a few pennies under the competition. Over the past three months each of us has kept lowering the price," said Gonzalez, whose store is the one selling gas at 87 cents per gallon.

Two blocks south, Ali Muzaffai's Save-A-Lot store is selling gasoline at 88 cents per gallon.

"I'm not making money on gas sales, but we are making money on inside sales because our lower gas price is attracting a lot more customers," Muzaffai said.

Both merchants said their gas prices had attracted customers from all over San Antonio.

A Conoco station nearby was selling gasoline at 89 cents per gallon, but raised its price on

Wednesday to 91 cents. Other factors also were driving gas prices down, officials said.

The end of the summer-driving season, lower crude prices and a relatively peaceful Middle East, along with local gas wars, have combined to drive San Antonio prices to their lowest levels in six months.

"Crude-oil prices have fallen between 5 and 8 cents per gallon the last few weeks and that has resulted in lower retail prices," said Joe Lastelic of the American Petroleum Institute in Washington.

Diamond Shamrock spokeswoman Kathy Hughes agreed.

"Our average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded in San Antonio has dropped from \$1.02 per gallon two weeks ago to 99 cents at present," Hughes said.

A random survey of gasoline outlets in San Antonio showed

prices vary. A handful of outlets in San Antonio were selling self-serve regular unleaded for 89 cents, with most stores selling gas for 93 to 95 cents.

Sometimes prices vary 7 to 9 cents per gallon at stations almost within sight of each other, officials said. Prices were higher in east San Antonio than other parts of the city, ranging from 95 cents to \$1.04.

The price of gasoline in Texas includes 20 cents in state tax and 18.4 cents in federal tax.

Mom, sons plunge from garage

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — First, two young sons plunged to their deaths from an eight-story parking garage at Purdue University. Seconds later, their mother followed.

Officials initially said it was a murder-suicide, but later said they were unsure what happened. "It's all pretty sketchy right now," Purdue spokesman Joseph Bennett said after Wednesday's deaths.

Autopsies were set for today on the bodies of Kathy M. Kent, 44, and her sons Kyle, 8, and Sean, 11. The three were from Lafayette but had no connections to the university.

Mrs. Kent's van was found on the top floor of the parking garage with its sliding door open and her purse inside. There was no suicide note in the van or anything that indicated what happened, Bennett said.

Friends said Mrs. Kent, an elementary school teacher's aide, and her husband, Thomas, a delivery truck driver, did not appear to have problems.

"As long as I've known them, there's been no trouble," said family friend Cheryl Suter. "She was outgoing, never seemed in distress."

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Persistent Would-Be Flame Fails to Light Woman's Fire

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who has successfully managed to raise three fine sons alone. I live on the same property as my parents, who are getting up in years.

I recently retired from my job and like my life the way it is.

About a month ago, a man with whom I attended high school tried to come back into my life. While I have no objections to being friends, I have absolutely no romantic interest in him. I have spoken to him on the telephone, but do not care to go out with him.

Once, in high school — nearly 30 years ago — I sent my brother to tell him I couldn't keep our date, hoping that he would find out that I was seeing someone else. He never took the hint.

He has always made it quite obvious that he had a heavy crush on me and keeps finding excuses to see me. I hate to hurt his feelings, but how do you make someone understand that there is nothing there — never has been, and never will be?

NOT INTERESTED

DEAR NOT INTERESTED: Try the direct approach. Simply tell him that while you think he is a very special man, your feelings for him are strictly platonic.

P.S. How about fixing him up with a friend?

DEAR ABBY: I have been going



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

to the same hairdresser for 12 years. When I first started going to "Mr. William," he worked in a department store beauty salon where tips were expected, so I tipped him generously because he did a beautiful job for me.

Mr. William now owns his own shop. Abby, it is my understanding that tipping is optional if the hairdresser is self-employed. Therefore, the owner does not expect to be tipped.

Lately, Mr. William has commented to me that other customers always tip him, and he insinuates that I should do the same.

Abby, is tipping expected with self-employed hairdressers? And if so, what percentage would be considered a respectable tip?

UNCERTAIN

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Anyone who performs a service should be offered a tip. For hairdressers, it's customary to tip 10 to 20 percent.

Some shop owners may refuse the tip, others may accept it, or put it in a "kitty" for hairdressers who may not have had a very good week.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, I invited a close girlfriend over for dinner to cheer her up after she had lost her job. "Lucy" was immediately attracted to my boyfriend and boldly flirted with him. Naturally, he responded. Lucy said he started it, and he said she started it. Hit with this double whammy, I was upset and let them both know it. Then I reluctantly gave them the green light to pursue their mutual attraction.

Now they're "seeing each other" and expect me to be friends with them.

I am devastated at losing my lover as well as my best friend. Where should I go from here?

SLEEPLESS IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR SLEEPLESS: You handled the situation with remarkable grace and maturity. Count yourself fortunate to have found out before making a long-term commitment that the man you loved did not truly love you. Now pick yourself up, dust yourself off and get on with your life.

port might be a trifle difficult to get along with today. Show tolerance for their behavior and shortcomings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It could take extra persistence to achieve an important objective today. Prepare to exert a second effort or even a third one if necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An associate with limited views might try to sway you to his or her way of thinking today. Avoid falling for pat phrases or a canned pitch.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A close friend who always seems to run out of "this, that or the other thing" might try to borrow a prize possession today. You mustn't be afraid to say no.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against the inclination to do things against your better judgment today. If you ignore your intuition, don't blame others for the mistakes that follow.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Remain cognizant of sensible health habits today. Get adequate rest, and sufficient exercise so that you'll feel and perform at your best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is a possibility of a rift developing today among friends you mix with socially. Stay mindful of this so that you're not pushed into a position of having to take sides.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might be an energetic starter, but a poor finisher. When you undertake something, have the resolve to see it through to a desirable completion. Leave no loose ends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try not to be so locked into your own ideas today that you turn a deaf ear to the constructive suggestions of associates eager to help you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your commercial affairs could be in an uncertain condition today where wrong moves on your behalf could turn a potential producer into a loser. Exercise caution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Outside influences over which you have no control might severely impede your efforts today. Impatience and anger won't make things better, so just ride the tide. © 1995 by NEA Inc.



Calvin & Hobbes



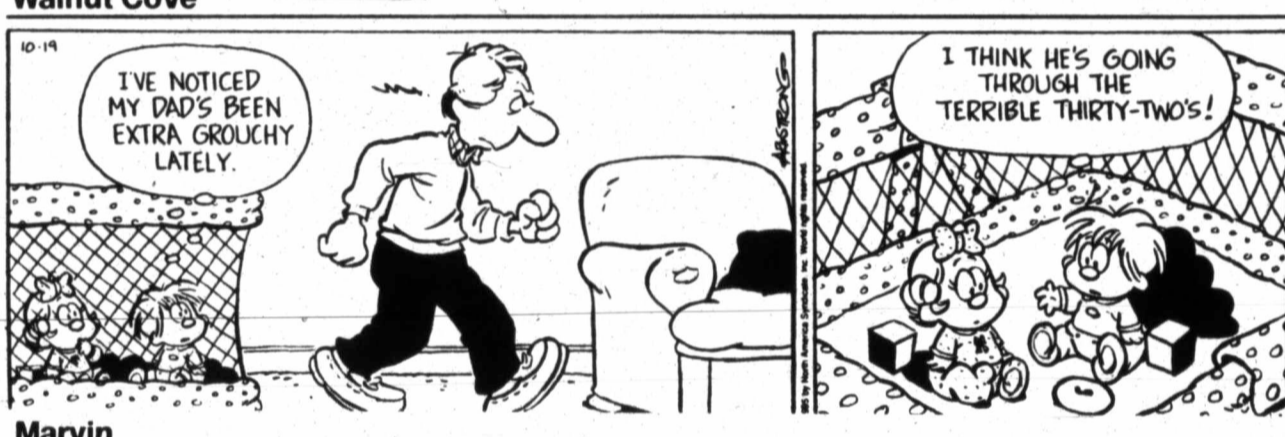
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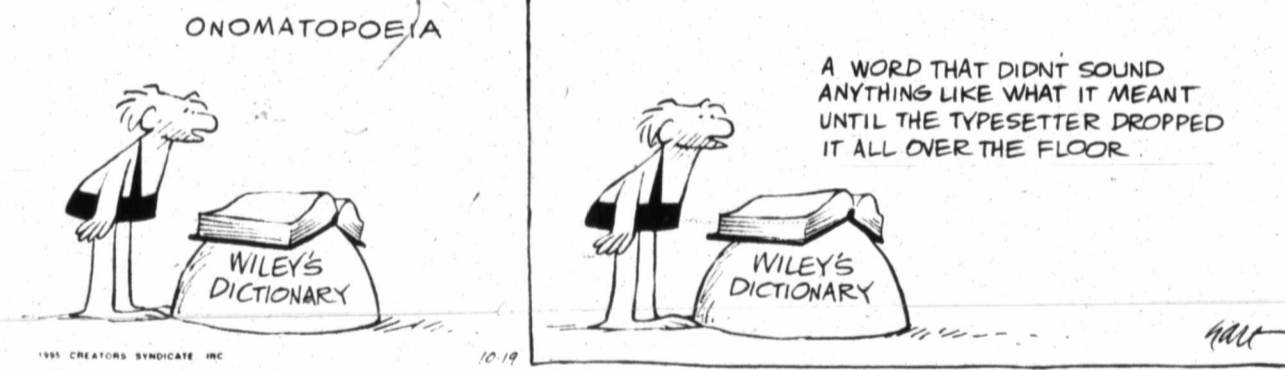
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The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Fillmore

Horoscope

Friday, Oct. 20, 1995

In the year ahead, you might undergo a period of reorganization in several facets of your life. These revisions will prove constructive and contribute to your success and general well-being.



"Before I start to paint, Mommy, what are the colors of the wind?"



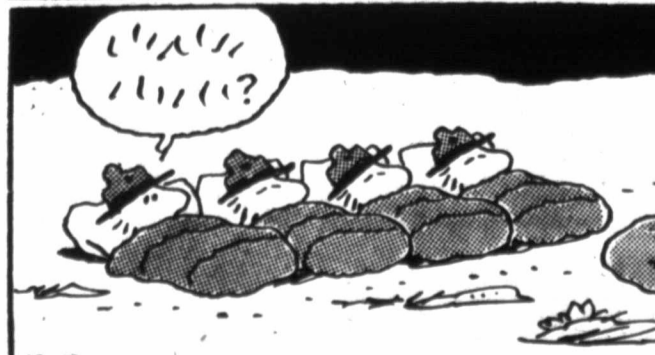
"Ahhh... fall in all its glory... falling leaves gently wafting on the breeze..."



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Law students reflect legal profession's split over mandatory pro bono work

By TERRY WALLACE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Kevin McIntyre doesn't mind giving away his burgeoning legal expertise. He just doesn't think he should be required to do what he sees as his duty.

"It's a real problem when an institution tries to force students to do volunteer their services with a community agency," said McIntyre.

But it's a situation he must face as a student at the Southern Methodist University School of Law. Now beginning his third year, McIntyre is part of what will be the school's first class to graduate under the requirement.

SMU has joined a score of other U.S. schools in requiring students to perform pro bono publico — for the good of the public — work before graduation.

"They shouldn't be forced to do

something that they may be politically opposed to," said McIntyre, who volunteers at the Dallas Legal Hospice and the Housing Crisis Center.

Classmate Brandy Ballew, who's hoping to practice entertainment law, disagrees.

"I think it's great that they make you do it, even though you, maybe, don't want to do pro bono work," she said. "Law school is such an opportunity that I think you should share the benefits."

SMU's policy, which is in second year, requires second- and third-year law students to provide at least 30 hours of legal service free of charge before they can receive their diplomas.

SMU is one of 21 U.S. colleges and universities to require students to perform a set number of hours of free legal work, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

Many law schools, such as the

one at the University of Texas, provide placement services for such pro bono volunteers but make no requirement. SMU officials consider pro bono work an essential part of a lawyer's duties.

"We have many students who are exceeding their public service requirement by a substantial amount of time because they like what they're doing. And it's also helping in student recruitment," said Paul Rogers, dean of the SMU law school.

About 500 second- and third-year law school students are expected to participate in the program yearly, Rogers said.

Such is the progress that SMU recently hired Rebecca Garza Greenan, a former Legal Services of North Texas Inc. official, to be the program's first full-time director.

However, the requirement has drawn objections from a handful of students and at least one faculty member. They complain that

requiring pro bono work — even if a professional duty — is a violation of students' civil liberties.

"I feel it's a bad idea, just on principle," said Lackland Bloom, an SMU constitutional law specialist, who has been the faculty's most vigorous opponent of the mandatory program.

He contends that the program is unnecessary for public service-minded legal students and would likely be counterproductive among students not inclined to offer their services for free.

"If you're trying to train students in a spirit of volunteerism, I think that to require people to do it is a bizarre way to go about doing that."

It's a debate that mirrors one that has persisted in the legal profession for years.

In a 5-4 ruling in 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that lawyers may not be forced by federal law to represent poor people in non-criminal federal cases.

Writing for the court, Justice William J. Brennan said that although lawyers' ethical obligation to provide help to the poor was beyond question, federal law does not compel such pro bono services, it merely requests them.

That is not as some advocates within the legal profession would have it, legal experts said. There have been periodic efforts to take American Bar Association ethical standards that urge pro bono services and make them mandatory.

"There are those who'd like to have that done," said Tom Read, American Bar Association deputy consultant on legal education and former law dean at the University of California at Hastings.

An ABA commission, headed by Justice Rosalie Wahl of the Minnesota Supreme Court, is studying whether changes should be made to standards required of all ABA-accredited law schools.

"There are some on her com-

mission who advocate making a mandatory pro bono program a condition," Read said.

However, officials with the programs that attract these students say they are thankful for the help.

"The volunteers have contributed a great deal. They are just the sort of background that's most useful to an agency such as ours," said Paul Zoltan, legal services director for Proyecto Adelante, a Dallas-based agency that assists Salvadoran refugees.

In return, "it exposes them to issues and situations that, in the normal course, they might never get to touch, such as immigration law and asylum law," he said.

"I have folks come here who are interested in corporate law. Some come here who are interested in public service law. I think that working with refugees is something that can appeal to someone of any ideological stripe," he said.

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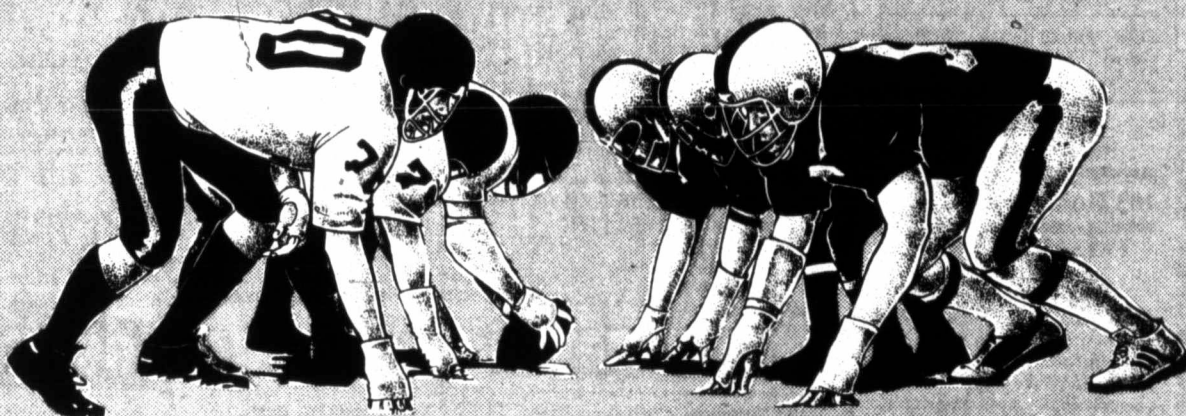
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