

Mixed-up, mangled excuses from Mom and Dad

From Associated Press reports

LEESVILLE, La. — "My son is under the doctor's care and should not take P.E. today," one parent wrote. "Please excuse him."

That death sentence was inadvertently recommended in a note written by a parent who was either in a hurry or possessed of a vocabulary too uncertain to be able to excuse a child's absence from school in Vernon Parish.

Copies of some of the parish's

more astonishing excuse notes were given out at a School Board meeting this month.

"Some of them (the notes) were obviously made up by students," Richard Carter, assistant principal of Leesville High School, said Wednesday. However, he said most were probably legitimate excuses written by parents in the rural northwestern Louisiana parish.

In these samples, names were replaced with either Fred or Mary

to protect the innocent and the guilty alike.

One parent appeared to have taken drastic action for her daughter's sickness: "Please excuse Mary for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot."

Another had a more comprehensive request: "Please excuse Fred for being. It was his father's fault."

"Please excuse Fred being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33," wrote a parent who lives by an

unusual calendar.

"Mary was absent from school yesterday as she was having a gangover," wrote one parent who apparently expected the school to be tolerant of social follies.

"Mary could not come to school today because she was bothered by very close veins," wrote one parent.

"Fred has an acre in his side," said another.

And in an acute case of losing things: "Please excuse Fred from P.E.

for a few days. He fell yesterday out of a tree and misplaced his hip."

Confusing office work and medical terms, one parent wrote: "Please excuse Mary from Jim yesterday. She is administrating."

And several had a racier tone: "Please excuse Fred for being absent. He had a cold and could not breed well."

"Please excuse Mary. She has been sick and under the doctor."

"Please excuse Mary from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with ramps."

60s dance a fun-filled evening

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Friday, Jan. 30, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., WXYC will sponsor its sixth annual "Sixties Dance Party" in the Great Hall in the Student Union. Station manager Bill Burton said that about 1000 people showed up last year. A light show will probably be presented to enhance the psychedelic, Sixties atmosphere.

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Dave Farrell, a self-appraised "lowly jock at WXYC" said "Of all events on campus, this one probably draws the greatest variety of people, graduate students, undergrads, town people, high school students. It's really good to see the interest in WXYC and the type of listener that the station attracts."

In past years costumed participants have included various Haight Ashbury residents, a few Jackie Kennedys, and a respectable contingent of "go-go girls."

Prizes awarded for the best costume and dance couple have been donated by various Chapel Hill record stores, restaurants and movie theaters.

Admission is \$2 a person. Beer and wine may be consumed by those 21 or older with proof of age, but no glass containers will be permitted in Great Hall.

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