

Obitu

Francis Keppel, at 73; educator who espoused equal opportunity

Francis Keppel, US commissioner of education in the 1960s and a champion of equal educational opportunity for all children, died Monday in Harvard University's Stillman Infirmary. He was 73 and lived in Cambridge.

Mr. Keppel served from 1962 to 1966 in Washington in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations after serving 14 years as dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Education.

His greatest achievement as a reformer was enactment of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which for the first time allocated federal funds to improve instruction of the culturally deprived.

Education, Mr. Keppel declared at the time, "must make good on the concept that no child within our society is either unteachable or unreach-able."

"For educators, the question is not the environment that children bring to the school from outside, but the environment the school provides from the inside," he said.

From 1966 to 1974 Mr. Keppel served as chairman of the General Learning Corp., a joint venture of General Electric Co. and Time Inc. From 1974 until this year he was director of the education policy program of the Aspen Institute.

Derek Bok, Harvard's president, said yesterday:

"Harvard and the nation lose one of their great public servants with the death of Frank Keppel. As Harvard's youngest dean under president Conant, he transformed the School of Education from a neglected part of the university to one that drew educators from all parts of the world for leadership and innovative ideas. Few knew that he worked with a group to prevent the deterioration of libraries worldwide, or that he advised the World Bank in helping improve educational opportunities in developing countries. He was a modest, ethical man. Few can equal his lifelong dedication to improving education."

Born in New York, Mr. Keppel graduated from Harvard in 1938. After studying sculpture for a year in Rome, he returned to Harvard as an assistant dean. During World War II, he served as secretary of the Joint Army and Navy Committee on



DR. FRANCIS KEPPEL

Welfare and Recreation, then rose from private to first lieutenant in the Army.

In 1948, James B. Conant named the 32-year-old Mr. Keppel dean of the school of education.

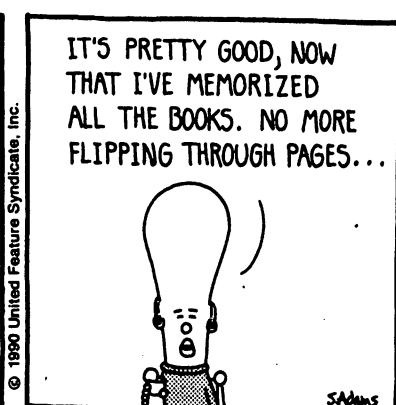
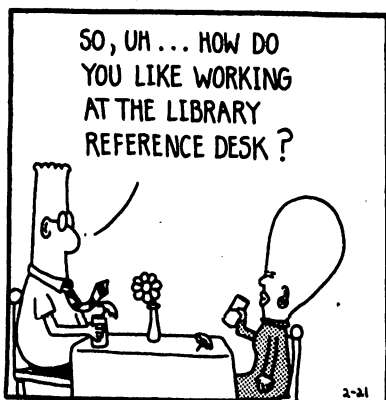
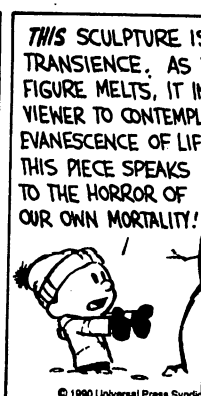
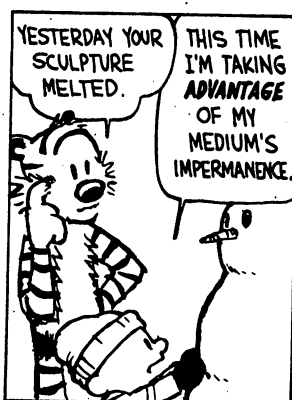
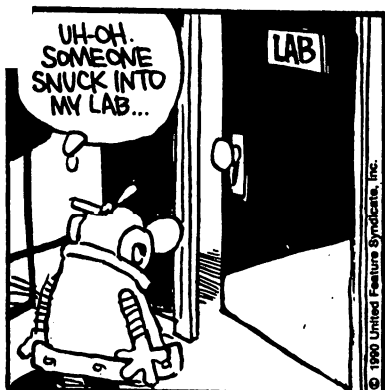
In the 1960s and 1970s, Mr. Keppel served as chairman of the Fleischmann and Rockefeller commissions on education in New York State.

From 1967 to 1970, he was vice chairman of the Board of Higher Education of the City University of New York and an overseer of Harvard. In 1980 the Canadian government named him to the board of governors of the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa. He was also a director of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and chairman of the Lincoln Center Institute, the center's program for the arts in education.

Mr. Keppel leaves his wife, Edith (Sawin); two daughters, E. Tracy Drury of Waterbury Center, Vt., and Susan Keller of Winchester; a brother, Charles T. of Montrose, N.Y.; and four grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at noon March 2 in Memorial Church, Harvard University.

Stephen H. Harrington

DILBERT by Scott Adams**CALVIN AND HOBBS** by Bill Watterson**ROBOTMAN** by Jim Meddick**WHATZIT?**

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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► *Solution on next page*

SHEINWOLD ON BRIDGE

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North-South vulnerable

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♦ 9 5
♣ J 6 4

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EAST

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SOUTH**ASK THE**

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Q. Does the temperature in Florissant, Missouri, ever get below 90 degrees?

A. According to Climates of the Detroit, 1980) maximum temperatures exceed 90 degrees in the warmest months average near 90 degrees in the interior. maximum temperatures exceed 90 degrees in all interior areas. Extremely over the northern interior portions of 100 degrees or higher are central, and practically unknown. heat is tempered by sea breezes in the afternoon or early evening thunderstorms occur almost daily and suppressiveness that otherwise would be mer temperature and humidity of

Q. Is there a newspaper on the island of Martinique?

A. Martinique, the northernmost of the West Indies, has two newspapers: France-Antilles (Place Stalingrad) and Aujourd'hui Dimanche (Place Frantz Fanon, 97200), a weekly. The World Almanac says the island has had a newspaper since 1635 and an Overseas Department represented in the French Parliament since 1946.



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IN CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mrs. Keppel on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 26, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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