

Listen up

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

Students offer support, candidates give views



"By the time this is published everyone will be gone for th' holidays, so why do anything?"

Editor's note: As in past years, Listen Up rules concerning campaign letters are simple: each candidate may write a letter, and two people may write endorsement letters. As best we can, we will hold all candidates to that.

Editor: I am a candidate for president of the Texas A&M student body. My platform is uncomplicated. I support all efforts to make this place a real university. I'm against conservation, wiretapping in the dorms, militaristic mentality, Mickey Mouse, eudemonism, drug abuse, environmental design projects, the war in Indochina, go-kart tracks and brussel sprouts. Bill Hamilton '72

We read Steve Canyon too. —Ed. Editor's note: The following letter was written in response to statements made by the Bexar County GOP chairman in an Associated Press story The Battalion published last Friday.

Dear Sir: I read part of your letter to President Nixon concerning Lt. William Calley in an Associated Press article in The Battalion, the Texas A&M University newspaper. Two of your comments that I disagree with are: "Since when does a Vietnamese life mean as much as one American life or even two hundred

Vietnamese to one American?" and "... this man is not a criminal. He did not shoot another American."

It makes me extremely angry to read of someone making such a comment, especially when that someone is a person in your position. I would like to ask you three questions. Since when did God give you the privilege to make value judgements concerning human lives? Since when is an American life worth more than a Vietnamese life or for that matter, any other human life? Since when is it only a crime when a person shoots an American and the reverse is not true? Your comments sound as if they were meant as slurs toward people who are not Americans.

I am not defending the people that Lt. Calley is accused of shooting or am I defending him, because I do not feel all of the facts in the case have been brought forth. But, I can defend the fact that I believe the value of all human lives is equal. You cannot prove to me that the fact a man is born in a certain country makes him better than a man born in another country. I was born in San Antonio of Chinese ancestry. That makes me an American, but that does not make me any better than a person of Chinese ancestry born in another country. A person is only better than someone else because he makes himself better than the other person.

In the same letter you "suggested the military tribunal that convicted Calley walk through military hospitals and look at some of these pitiful Americans that were shot up by so-called unarmed civilians." I would like to suggest you look at some of the Vietnamese victims who were accidentally bombed and shelled by American pilots and artillerymen. These victims also present a pitiful sight and are deserving of concern. Why aren't you displaying any concern for them? Is it because they are Vietnamese with yellow skin and not Americans with white skins?

I am sending a copy of this letter to The Battalion, The San Antonio Light, The Houston Chronicle, and The Houston Post in hopes that they will print it. I am interested in the reactions and opinions others might have towards your letter.

I hope that the points I have brought to your attention cause you to think before you speak or write in the future. Try not to judge others by your standards because your standards may be wrong.

Kenneth G. Eng

An oppressor will try to overcome others, resulting in deaths and, on a larger scale, war. When the situation arises which necessitates taking the life of another human—and I mean morally justifiable—there should be no questions asked. Yet, when a group of people chant together expressing a want to kill others for the sake of killing, their mental stability must be questioned.

One such chant is heard on the campus at A&M: "I want to go to Vietnam—I want to kill some Viet Cong." The young men repeating this verse have no moral justification to warrant such a grotesque and immature idea. Is our military teaching young men to fight for a purpose based on morality or simply for the sake of killing? To actually voice an urge to kill another human and be proud of it is an act revealing a demented mind. Killing should stem only from a true necessity and not from animalistic urges.

I hope, since ROTC trains men to be leaders, that those leaders could learn to think and to develop moral codes to follow.

Gerald Pollard

policy. These policies are implemented by chants and slogans such as, "I want to go to Vietnam, I want to kill some Viet Cong."

Teaching people to hate an entire race of people is—in my opinion—immoral, whether we are at war or not. Are the people at war or is the "administrative elite" at war? Wars will continue to occur as long as people insist on implementing fear and hate as a device for power. If these ideas and policies are changed, then the ROTC program may have a future. If not, then ROTC must be abolished.

B. Paul Quinn

Lt. Col. Donald J. Johnson, assistant corps commandant, said his office was unaware the chant is being used. He explained office staff members rarely know what chants are being used unless they happen to hear them at a review.

Johnson said his office will check into the matter and, if the chant is being used, will put a stop to it. He said he can understand how it might lead to "correct" impressions.—Ed.

FOR BEST RESULTS TRY BATTALION CLASSIFIED

Reds to cater to consumer

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Alexei N. Kosygin has promised the Soviet people to make their life "more prosperous, more meaningful and interesting" in the next five years by boosting the production of consumer goods more than 40 per cent.

At the same time, he declared Tuesday, defense spending must increase as well because of the "American Imperialists" and their "disgraceful, dirty, bandit war" in Indochina.

In a four-hour report to the Soviet Communist party congress on 1971-75 economic guidelines, Kosygin pointedly avoided boasting of overtaking the United States. His predecessor, Nikita S. Khrushchev, had predicted that the Soviet Union would outrun the United States economically by 1970.

"A long and stubborn struggle lies ahead" in economic competition with America, he said. Without setting a target date, he asserted he is nevertheless confident that communism will eventually defeat capitalism.

Kosygin's economic planners apparently have embarked on a

campaign to satisfy the hunger of the Soviet consumer, mindful perhaps of the violent reaction to widespread poverty in Poland last winter.

The Soviet people have been the poorest-clad and worst-fed of all populations of industrialized countries.

Moore Hall designs, builds footbridge for girls' camp

Residents of Moore Hall have designed and built a footbridge 58 feet long for the Girl Scouts at Camp Howdy west of Bryan.

The structure is 5 feet wide, 15 feet above the creek and provides better access to the camp area.

Stuart Hirsch, graduate student in the Recreation and Parks Department and head resident of Moore Hall, directed the construction.

He said the bridge is a public service project by Moore Hall residents.

Kosygin listed a number of specific targets for improving the lot of the average man:

—Availability of meat, fish, eggs and vegetables to increase 40-60 per cent.

—The worker's average monthly salary to jump 20-22 per cent.

—Improvement of working conditions for Soviet women.

Other student workers were Harry Need (designer), Bill Gore, Jerry Cook, Joe Horlen, George Moreng, Bill White, Bubba Lorman, Kelly Gaskins, Steve Shimotsu, Larry Kruse, Kent Lindsay, Mike Moore, Gail Browder and Sam Leyendecker.

The bridge was officially dedicated by President Jack K. Williams. Other officials on hand were Gen. A. R. Lueddecke, vice president; James P. Hannigan, dean of students; Col. Eugene Oates, civilian student advisor; Richard Denham, civilian student counselor; and Ed Cooper, assistant to the president.

Girl Scouts paid about \$450 for materials and tool rental. Moore Hall students donated labor of an estimated 200 man-hours, or a value of \$600 or more.

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Bulletin Board

TONIGHT Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2B of the MSC.

Council of Adult Stutterers will meet at 8:30 p.m. at 306 Borderbrook in Bryan. The meeting is for high school or adult stutterers. For more information contact Lee Reeves at 822-5830.

Snack bar will remain open

The Golf Club Snack Bar will be open throughout the Easter holidays with slightly different hours, the Food Services Department has announced.

Thursday the snack bar will be open from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and the rest of the holiday period it will be open from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The MSC cafeteria and the veterinary snack bar will be closed Thursday-Monday, and will resume normal hours Tuesday, the department said.

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2:30	3 (5)	Edge of Night	15 (12)	Sesame Street (PBS) (Repeat of Tuesday)	3:00	3 (5)	Gomer Pyle	3:30	3 (5)	Town Talk	4:00	3 (5)	That Girl	4:30	3 (5)	Bewitched	5:00	3 (5)	General Hospital	5:30	3 (5)	CBS News	6:00	3 (5)	Evening News	6:30	3 (5)	Courtship of Eddie's Father
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Bingo—Weekdays at 5, BCS+TV/9. Nothing to buy. You need not be present to win.

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By Charles M. Schulz