

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Who's Here At Aggieland

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... And Ye Shall Know the Truth, And
 The Truth Shall Make You Free ... John 8:32

No Excuse Now

Of all the utterances a freshman uses the most over-worked is, "No excuse, sir." From the first day of New Student Week, "fish" are drilled to take the responsibility for their actions no matter what the consequences.

And yet, when a new student is late for class, fails to make a high mark on an exam or withdraws from college he is ready with a half-dozen stock reasons for instructors, classmates and parents.

"The Corps was too rough" or "I didn't have time to study" or "I was so harassed I felt more like a convict than a college freshman."

Of course, to an extent, these answers might have applied in years past. But in many cases even then the reason for failure did not rest only with the Corps.

Too many freshmen left A&M because of, let us say, scholastic difficulties, aggravated by unwise use of the free time they had. Another segment of the fourth classmen which left A&M last year did so because of inability to adjust to the regimented life associated with military organizations. Yet, many put the blame on the Corps rather than admit they were unfit—or unwilling to personally discipline their minds and bodies to the rigors of military life.

The net result was the Corps got a black eye across Texas. Mothers joined their mistreated sons' laments over the evils perpetuated in the Corps and their protests were sent to the college by the hundreds.

Unfortunately, not all the brand new Aggies who left last year accusing the Corps of mistreatment did so falsely. In some cases, foolishness and pointless hazing administered under the guise of "Old Army" took up valuable study time needed by entering freshmen to adjust from high school to college.

Too many (one would be too many) "fish" were actually deprived of the dignity and comradeship long a part of the Corps and were thus cheated out of a chance to fairly appraise A&M and the Corps of Cadets before deciding to pack up and leave.

Because of these men who did not get a fair return for their investment in time and money the Corps has undergone some radical changes.

Principal among these is the basic policy outlined by Vice President Rudder in a meeting Monday with the three upper classes. "See how much you can do FOR the freshmen—not how much you can do to them."

With the continuing support of this doctrine by every upperclassman in the Corps, freshmen will no longer be able to saddle the Corps with their inadequacies or failure. This year's program was carefully designed to give fourth classmen every opportunity to adjust to college life and the Corps of Cadets. Freshmen will be treated as subordinates but not as inferiors as has been the case in years past.

Supervision and regular checks on progress offered by "Grade Point Army" is unequalled. Nowhere do entering freshmen have as many older men concerned with their scholastic well-being and general contentment.

Along with the changes in attitude toward academics, discipline, too, has been revised to make it more reasonable and more applicable to real military situations.

Hazing per se is a product of college and not regular military life. Correction given by an officer to one his junior is direct and explicit but seldom administered in a fashion that would antagonize the recipient. The Corps is now attempting to grow up with the freshmen—for upperclassmen cannot expect the "fish" to be model cadets when they are exposed to a constant parade of high school ROTC antics from their cadet officers and NCO's.

The Corps is no longer the perfect excuse for a freshman's short-comings. If anything, the Corps now offers him more advantages than he would find elsewhere in a college of this size. So when the time comes for the men to be separated from the boys there should be none attributing their classification as boys to the Corps.

Grand Point Army will do its part in providing the atmosphere and assistance freshmen want and need. If a fourth classman's experience here is not a happy and prosperous one, the cause rests not with the Corps but with the individual.



"Don't worry about classes being hard! After all, you survived Freshmen Week, didn't you?"

The Lively Arts

Flicks and Football Vie in Dallas Saturday

By HENRY LYLE
 Battalion Amusements Columnist
 There is an unconfirmed rumor that many loyal Ags are really heading for "Big D" this weekend to see Brigitte Bardot's latest film instead of the Texas Tech game.

This is probably only a rumor, of course, but since the Dallas weekend is almost here, it might be well to mention some of the entertainment which that city has to offer through the next few days.

The screen version of the best selling novel, "The Naked and the Dead," opens today at the Majestic and will run through next week. "South Pacific" continues its long engagement at the Wynnewood.

One of the most powerful mystery motion pictures produced in the last ten years is in the midst of a re-run at the Maple. "Diabolique," the French film that took the country by storm in 1956, is credited with beginning the current horror movie craze.

But the French-made film that really stirs interest opens today at the Palace. As mentioned above, BB will be in Dallas the same time the Aggies are. What the result will be, this reviewer does not know, but it is only fair to point out that certain essential precautions have been taken. Cordons of foot and motorcycle gendarmes will be at the scene to keep order and the mayor will broadcast an appeal to the citizens of Dallas to keep calm. By the way, I might add in passing that the title of the picture is

"The Night Heaven Fell." Big itte gets involved with a murderer in Spain (if that makes any difference).

For those scholars who are staying home this weekend, entertainment on the local scene is quite encouraging. The Film Society's first offering this year is "The Desert Fox." Effective battle scenes and excellent acting have made this one of the best films to come out of World War II. James Mason's striking performance as Field Marshal Erwin Rommel is enhanced by a remarkable physical resemblance to that famed soldier. It might be wise to arrive early for this one; the "Jocks" will probably have a compulsory formation in the MSC Ballroom on Friday night.

In Bryan, "Oregon Passage" opens today at the Queen. Two Actor's Studio personalities who have achieved success in Hollywood are appearing in a double bill at the Palace: Kim Stanley in "The Goddess" and Eli (Baby Doll) Wallach in "The Lineup."

ME Prof Spends Summer at Humble

P. D. Weiner, mechanical engineering professor, spent the summer in Houston working for the Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Weiner did experimental work on tubing and casing thread design for the Humble production department.

He was one of 20 professors from 11 universities invited to work for Humble. This is the second summer Weiner has worked for Humble.

Sweden, alarmed by the shortage of physicians in that country, is inviting doctors of other countries to practice there.

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What's Cooking

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 207 of the New Engineering Building. Freshmen and sophomores are urged to attend and get acquainted. Refreshments will be served.

DALLAS HOMETOWN CLUB will have a meeting tonight at 7:15 in the Biological Sciences Building, room 107. Officers will be elected.

PANHANDLE CLUB will meet tonight in room 2C of the Memorial Student Center immediately after yell practice.

AMARILLO HOMETOWN CLUB will meet tonight under the bell in the Academic Building, immediately after yell practice.

JUST A MOMENT

Church of Christ Bible Choir
 By Pence Dacus

PSALMS
 Scripture: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."
 Psalms 42:1

Visualize the picture of a great stag with heaving flanks and quivering nostrils as he sinks his muzzle into the cooling water of a mountain stream. Picture the chase as the hounds raced the terrified animal across the fields and meadows. They finally corner the blessed relief of escape as one by one the hounds fell out of the chase. The psalmist thirsts for God just as the heaving stag thirsts for the stream of water. Today God seeks those who passionately crave for Him through Jesus Christ, His Son.
 Adv.

'Red Cloud' Isn't an Indian But He Has Been To India

By JACK TEAGUE
 Howdy!

This column is designed to introduce the big man and the little man at Texas A&M.

To inaugurate Who's Here At Aggieland we're introducing the Corps commander, Donald R. (Red Man) Cloud. Don isn't really an Indian—he gained his nickname because of his continual blushing.

Don was born in Kerens, Tex., where he lived until 1954. Then he went with his mother, sister and brother (now an Aggie fish) to join his father in East Pakistan. His dad is the State Department ICA advisor to Pakistan.

While in Pakistan Don did a lot of traveling and hunting and attended school his senior year at a boarding school in the Himalaya Mountains of northern India. Twenty-three different nationalities were represented in the enrollment of 450 students. He was president of his senior class and lettered in football and basketball.

After graduating from high school he went to Kashmir for a short time before returning to East Pakistan and then toured various points in the Middle East and Europe. He then returned to Texas where he enrolled at A&M in 1955.

An economics major, Don plans to go into the Air Force upon graduation and then return to more schooling as a law student at the University of Texas. Although he is still undecided as to a profession he does plan to enter some political field.

Politics, sports, travel, and... women are Don's main attractions. Especially... travel.

"Hunting wild boars in the jungles of India has probably been the most exciting moment of my life," says Cloud.

At Aggieland Don has been a distinguished student four semesters, was selected outstanding sophomore in Arts & Sciences, outstanding junior in the Corps of Cadets, outstanding junior in Category I (pilot training), received the Memorial Student Center Appreciation Award for outstanding service, and was selected by the Houston Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding NCO in the Corps.



KOOL CROSSWORD

No. 1

ACROSS

1. Marilyn's first picture
2. "Am yous Koal to Krakk This?"
11. A place for cold potatoes
12. Way to speak
14. Half of nine
15. Vintage made
17. Willie in person
19. Sign of success
20. Dog star
21. French
23. Canadian
24. What they do in Virginia
25. Hollywood word for "good"
27. Ballplayer
28. ... Lynne
29. First word of "Star Spangled Banner"
31. Willie's pond
33. Products of Madison Ave.
36. Oranges and handle grow here, also!
37. Pogo in person
41. Money or ... (6 letters)
42. What an 8 cylinder "bumb" does to gas (2 words)
44. ... and behold
45. A law;
46. Drinking place part larch
47. Don ...
48. Cool adjective for Koal
52. It rides on many a hot air balloon
54. Concrete of jazz
55. Kind of bone

DOWN

1. Matrimonial agency
2. The Barfoot Contessa
3. Marlene's trademark
4. Bug
5. Legal pickup
6. High spot
7. A shad's legacy
8. Louis di Lammemoor's boy friend
9. What a fraternity pin does
10. Student's nightmare
13. Where to meet Irene Dunne
16. First name of a cowardly beer
18. Kind of law
22. Where to find blades
26. Bake with crumbs or in a cream sauce
30. Kind of bean
32. Backward
34. Tasting secretary
35. How Koal feel to your throat
36. Who's on ...?
37. Kind of wae
38. Letter finale
39. What she says when pinched
40. Drinking place well's property
46. Metallic tool (jumbled)
48. Ballplayer's report card
50. Most unpopular word on a date
51. Jayne's kind of appeal



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