

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle The Classic Arts

**Cultural Season Brightened
By Fine Arts Festival Feb. 1**

By HENRY LYLE
Battalion Amusement Columnist
The usually dismal cultural outlook is somewhat brightened this season by the appearance of a fine arts "first" on this campus. A Fine Arts Festival, an institution usually reserved for liberal-arts colleges, will be held here the first week in February and will include artists of nationwide reputation.

This Fine Arts Festival, the first in the history of this college, has long been needed to fill an important gap in aesthetic

appreciation and education here. One can only hope that it will receive enough support to become a permanent fixture.

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

'Shacks' at A&M

Thanks to the foresight of the Military Department and the School of Arts and Sciences, senior AFROTC and junior Army ROTC cadets are receiving military training lectures in the academic atmosphere of Nagie and Bagley halls. In addition they are saving many steps each week.

But meanwhile, back at the Shacks, the remainder of the Corps is learning to be United States officers in an atmosphere of warped blackboards, exposed rafters, wooden pillars and insufficient lighting — cramped inside barracks-type structures hidden, but not well enough, in a secluded corner of the campus.

"More centralized... better equipped" said the Military Department when the classrooms were offered for use. It also picked up a large room in the Physics Building for Air Science IV labs.

So two factions of the Corps are happy while the remainder trudges lengthy distances to classes in the appropriately named "Shacks," where it's hot in the fall and spring and cold in the winter. Except on occasions when the heating systems are working. Then cadets step out of the chill into a sweltering room heated by unregulated furnaces.

At any rate, the Military Department did take a step in the right direction though it hasn't and couldn't do everything to remedy the situation — a situation now made embarrassing due to A&M's compulsory military status. It may use the classrooms for only a limited time. And over three-fourths the Corps is still spending busy 10-minute periods between classes trying to get to the Shacks on time for military classes.

The Military Department recognized that there is a great need for improved ROTC facilities. It saw the inadequacies of "Splinter Village," as one Trigon official termed the Shacks.

One could look at the military plants of schools sponsoring part time, non-compulsory ROTC programs to see how badly A&M is lacking. For example, take the \$90,000 building that houses the Air Force, Army and Naval ROTC at the University of Texas. Yet the problem is not to "keep up with the Joneses." It is simply that Aggieland needs new quarters for its Corps of Cadets.

The process by which a new building is approved at A&M is detailed and hard-coming, detouring from barricade to barricade after the department requesting it makes its initial plea to the Board of Directors. Somewhere in this maze of steps the request is put on a priority list along with other requests for buildings.

No one seems to know just where the Military Department's bid, which was submitted long ago, lies. A few buildings have been constructed on the campus during the past few years. With the advent of compulsory Corps at the college long noted for its military training, it's high time thoughts turned to the Military Department in general and an ROTC building in particular.

The administration this year has taken great strides to make A&M greater, complete with a more outstanding Corps. An ROTC building that A&M could be proud of would boost their record.

What's Cooking

7:30

Chemical Engineering Wives will meet tomorrow night for a get-acquainted party in the home of Mrs. W. D. Harris, 400 College View Dr., Bryan, at 7:30.

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

Sigma Delta Chi will meet in the Journalism Library in Nagie Hall. Officers will be appointed and the program for the year will be outlined.

The George B. Wilcox chapter of the Student National Education Association will hold its first meeting the year in Room 102 of the YMCA.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers will meet in Room 115 of the Petroleum Engineering Building. Refreshments will be served and new officers will be elected.

Society of Automotive Engineers will meet in the Mechanical Engineering Lecture Room.

Accounting Society meets in Room 2A and 2B of the Memorial Student Center tonight at 8. William H. Harrison Jr. controller of Texas Electric Service Company will be the speaker.

AIEE-IRE will hold their Fall Open House in Room 301, Ballon Hall tonight at 7:45.

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"Did you call me, Mr. Slouch, sir?"

Who's Here at Aggieland

**Pearsall Aggie
2nd in Command**

By JACK TEAGUE

Randy Curtis... Deputy Corps Commander... accounting senior... was born in New Braunfels and reared in Pearsall.

Randy spent the greatest part of his life in Pearsall. In this Texas town he made quite a name for himself as an honor student in high school, quarterback in football and an active member of the F.F.A. In his senior year he was president of the National Honor Society, valedictorian of the graduating class and was the winner of state and church school academic scholarships.

George—Randy, I mean—has many varying interests. One, of course, is women, like most Aggies. He has done a lot of hunting, fishing, and enjoys competitive sports.

During his summers in high school, Randy worked in order to help pay his way through Aggieland. Among other things, he worked at a cotton gin and was a roustabout in the oil fields. Although he worked around Pearsall and has lived there for quite a long time, he also lived in Gonzales, Seguin, San Antonio and Kyle.

Randy got off to a good start in his fish year as a distinguished student and was the outstanding fish in the First Battalion, First Regiment. In his sophomore year he was chosen as the outstanding sophomore in the First Regiment.

At the end of his junior year,

he was presented the H. Miller Ainsworth Saber as the Outstanding NCO in Infantry ROTC, won the Daughters of America Revolution \$200 cash award, received the Corps Troop Award from the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the U. S. Army Salutation as the Outstanding NCO in Army ROTC at Aggieland.

This summer he attended summer camp at Ft. Hood and was named the outstanding cadet in his outfit.

Although Randy is still uncertain as to what career field he plans to follow, he does plan to go to law school.

"I've always liked 'income,'" he says, "so I might enter income tax law."

Last year, as a junior on the Corps Staff, Randy went to the Military Academy at West Point to observe their Corps. His observation: that West Point is not a lot different from Aggieland, that they "don't speak" in true Aggie tradition, and that he was sure glad he went to Texas A&M.



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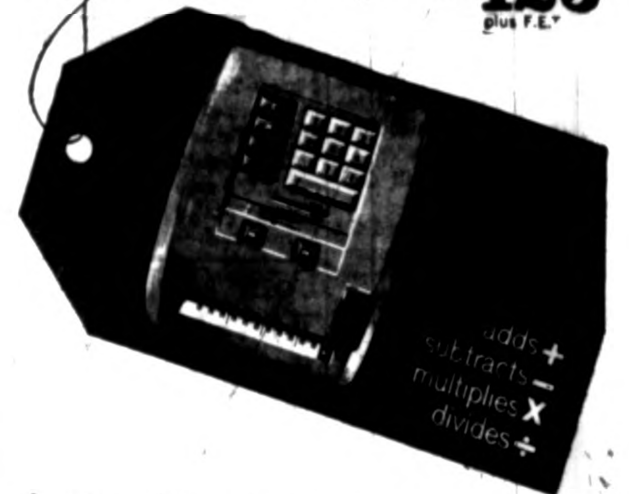
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