

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I had such a wonderful time that two more days would have killed me!"

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Why Not Us?

The Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee met in Dallas this past weekend to vote on the recipient of the 1961 Sportsmanship Trophy. Results of the secret balloting, based on each school's conduct at football and basketball contests during the past year, revealed that Texas Tech had again won the award.

Tech's winning the sportsmanship trophy is significant. This past season was the Lubbock School's second in SWC football competition—and the second year in a row Tech has carted home the big three-foot "good sport" prize.

Why? How can Tech, newest SWC member, jump in and walk off with this coveted award the first time she tries, then come back the next year (and without really trying) walk off with it again?

More important, why didn't we win? Why has A&M won the award only once in the 14 years it's been in existence?

One A&M student leader brushed off the fact we had again lost the sportsmanship cup by candidly remarking that "we're Aggies. By nature, nobody likes us and we don't like anybody. We aren't expected to be good sports."

No! By nature, Aggies are leaders, and as such ARE expected to be good sports.

An example of Aggie leadership is the SWC Sportsmanship Committee itself. The committee was developed at A&M in 1948 by Jimmy K. B. Nelson, '49, then a co-editor of the Battalion. Working through the Student Life Committee of the Student Senate, Nelson got authority for The Battalion to appropriate from its funds enough money to buy a three-foot trophy to be presented annually to the SWC school that showed the best sportsmanship each year.

Since then, the committee has grown in importance and the Conference's recognition of good sportsmanship and fair play has increased in proportion.

Competition for the 1962 award began with the first basketball game of the season Dec. 1. It's high time the students of A&M brought our trophy back home.

Square Dancers Begin Workshop Here Today

Square dancers from all over the nation get together this afternoon to kick off the 11th annual square dance workshop with a buffet supper at the home of Manning Smith, local professional dance instructor.

These 40 to 50 professionals and hobbyists will meet tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight and tomorrow and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight for instruction and practice sessions.

Joe Lewis, a nationally known caller from Dallas, will arrive Friday to lead the square dance instruction, according to Smith.

Smith and his wife, Anita, will lead the round dance instruction. The number of dancers will increase to about 150 by Saturday, according to Smith. A final meeting Sunday morning will end the workshop.

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Two-Man Space Ship Plans Released By NASA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration released Wednesday the first artist's conceptions of a two-man space craft designed to rendezvous with other space vehicles while in orbit.

It was given the name "Gemini" after the third constellation in the zodiac.

Gemini is to be built by McDonnell Aircraft Corp., St. Louis, Mo., manufacturer of the one-man Mercury craft in which astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr. and Virgil L. Grissom made 115-mile high suborbital flights. Lt. Col. John H. Glenn is scheduled later this month to orbit the earth three times in the capsule.

Gemini will have the same shape as the one-ton Mercury capsule, but have 50 per cent greater volume and weight two to three times more.

Scheduled for flight tests in 1963 and 1964, it will provide training for the crews that will man the three-man Apollo moon-craft late in 1964 or 1965.

Dr. Robert C. Seamans Jr., National Aeronautics and Space Administration associated administrator, said Gemini was the most appropriate of many names considered, and had been proposed independently by a number of persons. In the zodiac, it is represented by the twins Castor and Pollux, two bright stars in the Milky Way.

The drawings released by NASA showed two astronauts seated side by side on contour lounges of the type used in the Mercury capsules.

Another drawing showed the huge Titan II Gemini launching

vehicle, a two-stage, 90-foot-tall, 10-foot-diameter rocket.

Shown with it was the Atlas-Agena B rocket combination, slightly taller than the Titan II-Gemini assembly, which will be used in practicing space-rendezvous techniques.

Other sketches showed how the Atlas would launch the Agena B into an orbit, and after its course had been determined, how a Gemini would be placed into a sim-

ilar orbit by the Titan II rocket and the two would be maneuvered together.

This rendezvous techniques is to be developed as a step later in sending Apollo crews around the moon. If the space docking should prove to be impractical, the United States would have to await development of a Nova-type superrocket before attempting a manned landing on the moon.

You Too Can Be An Alarm

If you've ever been surprised because you've told yourself you wanted to wake at a certain hour and then did, psychologist Jack Arbit of Northwestern University has an explanation for it.

You can "set your mind" for a certain waking hour, Arbit writes in the American Medical Association Journal. It is based on an elaborate set of learned cues you've assembled from infancy.

One such cue is body temperature. When you've established your mind when you want to wake up, the mind waits for the body temperature associated with that number of hours or the depth of sleep. Then it fires "wake up" alarm to the wakingfulness center and there you are, blearily staring at the face of your clock and wondering how you did it.

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PIONEERING

Somewhere out there, beyond the realm of man's present understanding, lies an idea. A concept. A truth.

Gradually, as it comes under the concentration of disciplined minds, it will become clear, refined, mastered. This is the lonely art of pioneering.

In the Bell System, pioneering often results in major breakthroughs. Planning the use of satellites as vehicles for world-wide communications is one. Another is the Optical Gas Maser, an invention which may allow a controlled beam of light to carry vast numbers of telephone calls, TV shows, and data messages.

Breakthroughs like these will one day bring exciting new telephone and communications service to you. The responsibility of providing these services will be in the hands of the people who work for your local telephone company. Among them are the engineering, administrative and operations personnel who make your telephone service the finest in the world.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Driver Fed Up;

So Kids File Out

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pittsburgh bus driver, fed up with the antics of high school students riding in his bus, halted his vehicle at a busy Pittsburgh intersection Wednesday and walked off the job.

"I can't stand it anymore. I've had it," Frank Seitz told police at the scene.

Seitz, a driver for the Pittsburgh Railways Co. for 15 years, ordered the students off the bus and then telephoned his office to come and get the bus because he was going home.

Bulletin Board

HOMETOWN CLUBS
Lavaca County club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 106, Academic Building.

Galena Park club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center main lobby (by the fireplace) for AggieLand picture.

POLITICAL GROUPS
Texas A&M Conservative Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Social Room. The film, "The Communist Encirclement" will be shown.

Harris Wins Camera

Robert E. Harris, '62, of D-1-B College View won a Polaroid Land camera in a drawing held Dec. 15 in the Memorial Student Center Bowling Lanes. The drawing was sponsored by Philip Morris Cigarettes, according to Robert Lee, campus sales representative for Philip Morris.

1962 AGGIELAND

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Portrait Schedule

Civilian students will have their portrait made for the AGGIELAND '62 according to the following schedule. Portraits will be made at the AggieLand Studio between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. on the days scheduled.

COATS AND TIES SHOULD BE WORN.

Sr. and Grad. Civilians	
Jan. 4-5	A-B (Surnames)
8-9	C-E
9-10	F-H
10-11	I-K
11-12	L-N
15-16	O-Q
16-17	R-S
17-18	T-V
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