

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"You're right! With your beetle wig no one will notice that you haven't shaved—but how will it go over with the R.O.T.C. crowd?"

BATTALION EDITORIALS

What's In A Word?

It was with some interest and intent amusement that we read last week that Gov. John Connally's higher education study committee is working to formulate "some numerical standards by which it could measure excellence, a quality Connally says he wants the state's institutions of higher learning to attain."

In its efforts to develop an excellence scoring system the committee discussed figures comparing Texas public senior colleges and universities with those of several other states in such things as federal research funds, library size relative to enrollment, number of doctor's degrees granted and faculty salaries.

It seems to us to seek a system for measuring excellence would be comparable to trying to find an answer to "How high is up?" We find it extremely difficult to make ourselves believe that excellence is something that can be so easily obtained by any institution—especially one of higher education. Excellence to us denotes a degree of absolute perfection, something we don't believe can often be attained when it is dependent upon literally hundreds of homo sapiens.

We generally feel that is rather foolish to place too much value on a word. However, in the case of Gov. Connally's program for higher education, which has goals that we subscribe to wholeheartedly, it seems that one word is probably doing the program more harm than it is good. That one word—excellence.

Most people are rational enough to realize that they cannot attain absolute perfection. To ask a person to reach for such a goal is somewhat discouraging in itself.

We feel that the Governor's program for higher education might be more easily received by the rank and file Texan had it never been tagged with the word "excellence." Texans are accustomed to doing their best, they have become familiar with campaigns to develop the best of something from the elements available.

We wish that the Governor had selected to seek the best in higher education—something Texans can deliver and delivered in the past. Of course we concede that "the best" might not be any easier for the committee to measure than "excellence."

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DAN LOUIS JR. EDITOR

Editor, The Battalion: I once knew a guy that always identified himself with symbols, in fact, he was the most symbol-minded person I ever saw. But I don't need any help to run for the most important class office of next year — Social Secretary. My name is Lovell Aldrich and I've been partying all my life. I'm not bound to rank and power — no idea is too mild. But first, I need your vote! All you Class of '65, just flip the lever opposite Lovell Aldrich for Social Secretary and start thinking about the good times ahead next year. Lovell Aldrich, '65

Editor, The Battalion: My name is Don Marburger, and I am a candidate for Student Entertainment Manager, more popularly known as Town Hall Chairman. My slogan is "A Chairman Who Will Make Town Hall Your Show." In my campaign I am taking a student poll to find the most popular selections from the list of available entertainment for the '64-65 school year.

In this way, instead of merely talking, I am already preparing to "make town hall your show." Now I'm asking you to give me the opportunity to carry that preparation through, and give you the Town Hall presentations you want by electing me your Student Entertainment Manager. Don Marburger, '65

Editor, The Battalion: I would like to take this opportunity to make known to the student body my reasons for running for the office of President of the Senior Class.

In the past several years the enrollment at Texas A&M has been declining. Since a state supported institution is given state aid according to the number of students enrolled, it is obvious to all concerned that A&M needs to increase its enrollment.

Within the last year, steps have been taken to try and remedy this situation by admitting girls. This has been done on such a limited basis that it could have little effect. Yet, the relationship between the Corps of Cadets and the Civilian Students has improved little, if any, as a result. Student leaders can and should do more to add to the effectiveness of this and other changes. As a Civilian Student I believe I can help accomplish this.

One unfamiliar with this University might be easily lead astray by the situation. In the past the student body has been represented by men in the Corps of Cadets. Today, however, the Civilian Students constitute over 60 per cent of the enrollment. The fact that minority group is the one to represent the students as a whole would tend to cause some animosity, irregardless of the type of representation this minority might provide, on the part of the majority. When this leadership is so obviously aimed largely at one small segment of the student body, this is certainly even more true. As a Civilian Student, I have

been active on the Civilian Student Council and on my dormitory council. I feel that I have the experience this job would require, as well as the time and ability. I believe that a Civilian could, if given a chance, do a great deal to unify the entire student body and lead the students toward the goal of making this University even greater than it is today — rather than lead it in its present downward path. I would like the opportunity to attempt to do this and, therefore, ask for the job as President of the Senior Class. Paul Oliver, '65

Editor, The Battalion: By now you have, no doubt, seen quite a cluster of posters concerning students running for class officers. You have probably asked, "Just what does a class officer do?" My name is Glenn Dromgoole, and I am a candidate for President of the Class of '66. I believe that I have a conception of what would be expected of me, should I be elected to office.

The Junior Class President holds a prominent place in the Student Senate. He is often called to voice the opinion of the class which he represents. How can he express this opinion if he has never contacted his classmates for their various opinions on vital issues? How can he express this opinion if he is not present when the Senate holds a discussion? How can he express this opinion when he is not even sure of the issue at hand? The answer to all three questions is: he can't. Next year, more than ever be-

Catholic Chaplain Attains Position With Vatican City

The Catholic chaplain here for 10 years, the Rev. Charles Elmer, has accepted a post in Rome.

He will leave next month to become assistant superior of the North American Graduate House. The Rev. Elmer came to Saint Mary's Chapel near A&M University after ordination and theological studies at the North American College in Rome.

The priest's education includes a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and Saint Francis Seminary, a master's degree from A&M and a Licentiate degree in theology from Gregorian University in Rome.

The native of Michigan received the John Henry Cardinal Newman Honor Award in 1957. In 1963, he was cited by the Corps of Cadets for his work in character guidance.

A major in the Army Reserve 90th Infantry Division, he is a graduate of the chaplain school at Fort Hamilton, Calif.

North American College in Rome is directed by American Bishops. Alumni of the institution include the present archbishop of San Antonio, and the bishops of Houston, Amarillo and El Paso.

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— Sound Off —

Unfortunately for me I will not be able to meet and talk with many of you; I am new in the College Hospital, and my ability to campaign is quite limited. However, I'm not in "isolation" for measles, so if you have any questions come on by and see me. If I can't have your vote at least the company will be appreciated. I would appreciate your vote Thursday.

Glenn Dromgoole, '66

Editor, The Battalion: I, Paul Studley, write asking for support of the Class of '66 in the coming election for vice-president of our class.

To those whom I have talked concerning my election to the vice-presidency I wish you would carefully consider me, and if you do decide to vote for me please ask others to do so too. I certainly have no chance on my own and need the help of all those who want to feel their vote has not been wasted.

Paul Studley, '66

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY

Geology Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Geology Building to hear Dr. Dave Faulquist speak.

Hillel Club will meet in the Hillel Foundation Building at 7:30 p.m. for club picture.

Russian Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 2-C of the MSC to hear Dean William J. Graff speak.

THURSDAY

Hometown Clubs

Abilene will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 208 of the Academic Building.

Dallas will meet in Room 108 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

Laredo will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2-A of the MSC.

Mid-County will meet in Room 206 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

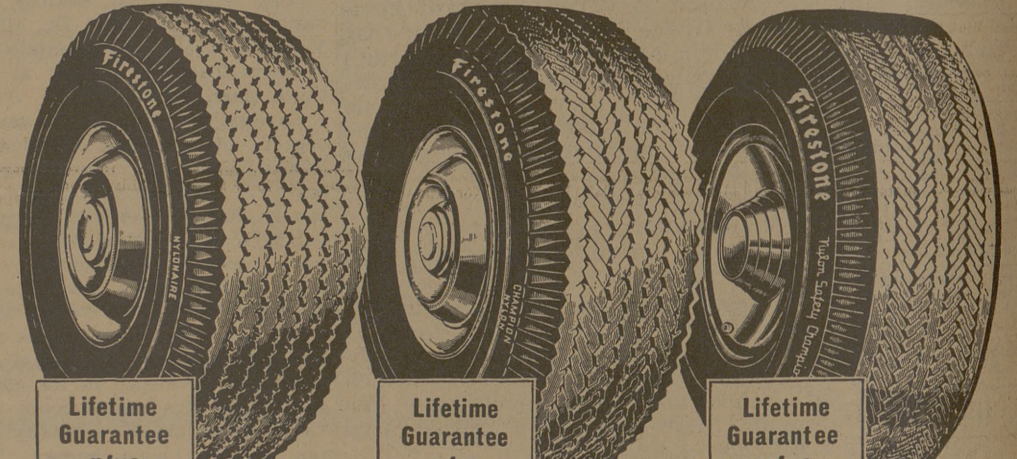
San Antonio will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC.

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Peace Corps Rep To Visit A&M Campus

A Peace Corps official, sharply Gibson, will make at least two public appearances while at A&M, University Thursday and Friday. He is deputy director for recruitment, Dan Russell A&M Professor said.

Gibson will meet with Aggies from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Birch Room of the Memorial Student Center. He also will speak to a sociology class at 9 a.m. Friday with all interested persons invited to hear the talk in Physics Lecture Room 146, Russell said.

The Peace Corps official will be available for personal conferences Wednesday night through Friday.

Corps Sophomores and Juniors who have not had their pictures taken for the Aggieband '64 will have them taken according to the following schedule:

Pictures will be taken in Class "A" Winter Uniform at the Aggieband Studio between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the days scheduled.

Squadron 1 - 4—March 19-20  
Squadron 5 - 8—March 23-24  
Squadron 9 - 12—April 1-2  
Squadron 13 - 17—April 2-3

All Sophomores and Juniors who want their pictures taken may also do so during the next two weeks.

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