

by Jim Earle

Yarborough Tells Of Texas Heroines

More than 35,000 years ago, a writer in what is now Iraq described this proverb on a clay tablet: "You can have a king, but the man to fear is the tax collector."

Reynolds' Rap

by Mike Reynolds

I arrived at Room 207 of the Academic Building 15 minutes early for my 11 a.m. English class Tuesday, so with a tepid Coke in my hand, I casually strolled out to the rotunda railing and found a comfortable seat leaning against a pillar and prepared to watch the rush when classes broke up at 10:50.

At the time I didn't realize it, but I was engaged in a past time that has fascinated all warm-blooded Aggies for many years past, and one that they have only recently been able to enjoy in the confines of the A&M campus — it's called Girl-Watching.

Although this past time presently holds no promise of advancing any further than the stage of just lookin' and not touchin' because of little things like wedding rings, and 6'5", 250 pound athlete husbands, and although every time you mention the word coeds, you are greeted with 500 different reasons why they are supposedly ruining A&M, the male students, as a whole, have gone whole hog for this new hobby.

I looked around the railing on my floor and on the two floors above me and discovered that I was not the only one that had found out that quite a bit of the feminine goings and comings on the campus can be seen from these vantage points. Civilians and Cadets as well were practically hanging by their feet in their attempts to spy upon the fairer sex.

Later, while walking back to

the office, I happened to find myself following a sweet young thing with books under her arms, and I must say that I was pleased to notice the Cadets that passed us were doing their best to abide by the Articles of the Cadet Corps.

After a fashion the articles state that no recognition shall be given to any member of the female sex on the campus, and the boys were doing their dead-level best, but I have never seen so many "Eyes, Left" in all my life.

After the knightly gentlemen passed the girl they would turn and glance at her and that little smile that reveals tender thoughts within would cross their faces. Ah, such sweet thoughts of other places and other times.

Easter is approaching and everyone will have their own opportunity to find ample female companionship and some hard-nosed and blow-hard Aggies will come back swearing that girls are a detriment to our hallowed halls of A&M, but just in case I have said too much and given my little secret away, I've got shorts on that place on the rail and the rest of you 8,000 Aggies will have to find your own.



"Look at this one—"Wanted: Ride to West Texas for spring recess. Will accept ride leaving the earliest!"

— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

By the time you read this issue of The Battalion most of you probably think that the class elections are over and that the officers or run-off candidates have been decided. But, on the contrary, this year the polls are open until 8 p.m. to allow those who were unable to vote during class hours to do so. To those of you who haven't voted yet, this extended service is for your benefit. A vote costs very little, just a trip to the 'C', and surely this is worth the right to express your choice. So, let's make this year a record breaker so that next year we'll have something to fight for. It's your privilege, exercise your rights, there are still a few hours to vote.

Candidate for Senior Class President,

Charles E. Wallace, '65

Editor,

The Battalion:

For the past few weeks I have read in The Battalion many different opinions about who should and should not be allowed to have an Aggie Ring or be honored at Silver Taps. Why argue about trifles? Texas A&M is striving for excellence — these old traditions must go. It is obvious that taking time out for Silver Taps or even to order a Senior Ring is not necessary. And, since the U. S. and Texas obviously don't need leaders in the military or business fields, the Corps of Cadets isn't needed. After all, its only purpose is to build leaders. I believe all the students should

wear suede shoes so that they wouldn't take time out to shine their shoes. By this time it should also be obvious girls will add to excellence, as will fraternities and sororities. With these additions to our excellence we could teach the freshmen how to take being awakened at four o'clock in the morning and run around the campus with molasses and feathers all over themselves. Then rather than teach them to take orders we could show them how to carry out a successful panty raid, which should add to excellence. Aggies face it! There just isn't any need for men in the Excellence world today.

William E. Albert, '64

Editor,

The Battalion:

I hope I may not be thought presumptuous for attempting to add anything to the eloquent and rational answers to the "Senior Ring Problem" that have been given by previous letters in "Sound Off". However, my humble opinion is that there is a definite need for change in the ring, now that we are a "university" — indeed the first in the world to be named after two letters of the alphabet. (A&M is now spelled with out periods, you know.)

In general, I agree with the proposals of Anson Holly in his letter. The non-civilians should be allowed to have their cannon and crossed gun and sword. I also think it would be nice if their ring was made of brass so they could have the exquisite pleasure of spending long hours polishing it.

And the civilians deserve the option of a different ring, not to mention the co-eds who would

have difficulty explaining the military symbolism. I don't think anyone would believe them if they explained it as a Girl Scout ring complete with rolling pin, Bowie Knife, and beebie gun.

Along with Cadet Holly's suggestions for replacement of the weapons on the ring by a statue of Mr. L. S. Ross or the Academic Building, I would suggest a choice of the following:

- (1) a cowboy boot with crossed shower shoes,
- (2) a silhouette of Sbis Mess Hall and the laundry smokestack,
- (3) a playboy rabbit emblem,
- (4) a cameo of Queen Victoria (for co-eds),
- (5) a "Beatle wig" (for John Wright).

The controversy over "university" or "college" on the ring could be eliminated by merely leaving out this word; the ring would then read "Texas A&M". The space saved could be used to insert the aphorism "I love me!" for corps cadets or civilians so-desiring.

P. W. Coonrod, '63

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., an amateur historian of some repute, recently related to a meeting of Reserve Officer Association wives little known stories of Texas heroines.

One of the stories concerned Jane Long, the wife of a doctor and daughter of an army general. She was left in a fort with a detachment of 40 men at Point Bolivar on Galveston Island when her husband, Dr. James Long, and a few companions had to leave for Mexico City in 1821, the year of Mexican Independence from Spain.

When the food gave out at the fort the 40 men deserted, leaving Mrs. Long, her small child and a Negro maid. Cannibalistic Karankawa Indians attacked but Mrs. Long manned and fired a cannon, frightening the Karankawas away. She fished and waded for oysters in the cold waters of the bay that winter to survive and also gave birth to a child, the first Anglo-American born in Texas.

With her rescue came word that her husband had been killed in Mexico City. She stayed in Texas, however, and joined Stephen F. Austin and his colony.

Yarborough recounted also the story of the wife of Capt. Almeron Dickinson, commander of the Alamo's artillery, whose life and that of her child was spared when the Mexicans overran the mission. Another story dealt with the experiences of Margaret Lea of Alabama, 20, who married hard drinking Sam Houston, then 47, and made a teetotaler out of him.

"Do not think that all the hero-

ines were in the past," Yarborough concluded. "I saw three of our own time, under fire in Dallas that sad Friday, last Nov. 22."

He told of "the incomparable courage and nobility" displayed by Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy when an assassin's bullet took the life of her husband President John F. Kennedy.

Yarborough also praised the conduct that same day and time of Mrs. John Connally after her husband, the governor of Texas, "lay wounded and helpless in her lap."

During all the confusion that followed the shootings of Kennedy and Connally, "Mrs. Lyndon Johnson was like a queen, looking neither to the right nor left, neither seeking cover nor uttering a sound," Yarborough said.

DeGaulle Gets Mexico City Mob Welcome

MEXICO CITY (AP) — About 5,000 cheering, shoving students gave President Charles de Gaulle a riotous welcome Wednesday to National University. When alarmed police finally got him inside the auditorium he sat down exhausted.

It was the worst mob scene since the French president arrived Monday, and an aide said that in the furious milling "the situation became dangerous."

De Gaulle recovered quickly as 5,000 students and teachers jamming the auditorium shook the walls with a collegiate cheer.

"Beyond the distances that are shrinking," de Gaulle told them, "beyond the ideologies that are weakening, the political systems that are losing their breath — and unless humanity destroys itself some day in a monstrous self-destruction — the fact that will dominate the future is the unity of our universe."

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Yanks Turn Other Cheek In Cambodia

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — After a series of political blows from the little kingdom of Cambodia, the United States has decided to turn the other cheek to its volatile ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

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Hometown Clubs

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

Amarillo will meet in the Coffee Shop of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

Brazoria County will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Academic Building.

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

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

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

Lavaca County will meet in Room 204 of the Academic Building at 8 p.m.

Matagorda County will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building.

McCullough will meet in the Lounge of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

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

Orange County will meet in Room 225 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Sanrebec will meet in Room 221 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Personnel Major Wins Pipe Contest

Thomas A. Cardwell, junior Personnel Management major from Dallas won first prize in the Kalwoodie Pipes "Be An Ad Expert" contest.

Cardwell was awarded a set of Kaywoodie Pipes for his entry.

Runner-ups in the contest were Philip J. Lanasa, Donnie Rudd, Edwin D. Michael and G. G. Broussard.



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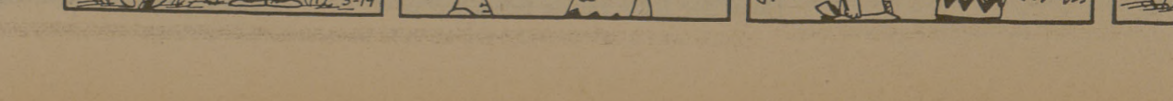
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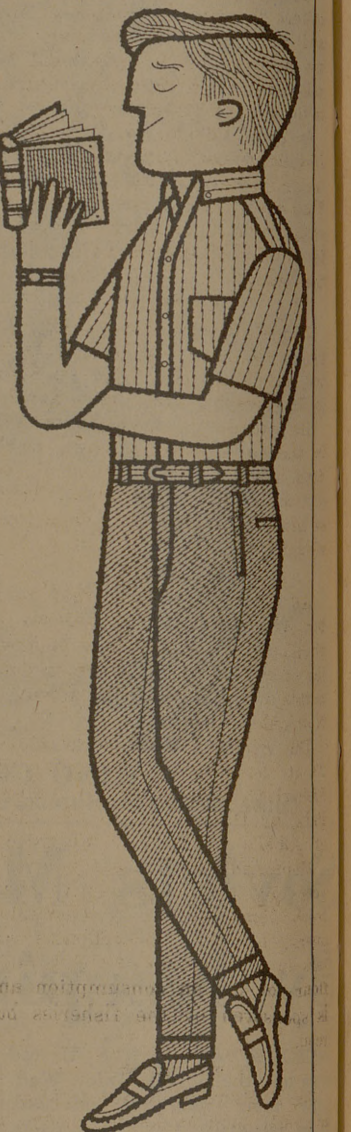
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