

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Don't leave more than one nurse with him at a time—he's already blown out two tubes!"

Editor, The Battalion: Tomorrow is election day at Texas A&M. I am sure most of you have heard this news before reading it in the Batt; however I would like your consideration in the casting of your ballots tomorrow. My name is Frank Muller and I am running for the office of Student Senate President. I am a junior in the Corps of Cadets and presently I hold the office of president of the Junior Class. Along with these activities this past year I have been secretary of the Election Commission and I was in charge of the Transportation Committee for SCONA IX. I feel that I have had the experience to adequately perform the duties of Student Senate President. I sincerely hope that you will vote for "F.M." tomorrow. Thank you for your time.

Editor, The Battalion: Three weeks back, I overheard two classmates of mine discussing the student government of this University. The particular branch to which their dialogue was directed was our Student Senate. It seems they were skeptical about its validity as the voice of the student body, explaining that since none of A&M's students were actually aware of its existence, it couldn't possibly be their voice. "Humbbug," said I... but wait they said and

ask yourself this question, "Do you ever recall participating in or listening to a discussion or debate centered around a Student Senate issue?" "Yes," I thought, "yes I have and I'm sure that all Aggies must also." It seemed so obvious. Now, three weeks later, I'm not so sure. The people and events which have served to change my attitude this past three weeks are too numerous to mention at this time but I'm no longer so confident. To the end that an ever increasing sense of student apathy be quelled and a stronger bond between student and student government be initiated, I submit my candidacy for Student Senate.

Editor, The Battalion: I am a candidate for Parliamentarian of the Student Senate. Having been on the Student Senate this year I have become familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the office, primarily to advise the President of parliamentary procedure and to interpret the constitution. Needless to say, this is a vast amount of responsibility and the possessor has to be an impartial individual who has the best interests of the student body as a whole in mind. I believe I can accept this responsibility and carry out the duties of the office in a logical and conscientious manner. I ask for your support and consideration at the polls tomorrow. Whatever you do, though, get out and vote. Let's make this year a record turnout.

Editor, The Battalion: A&M traditions are losing importance and they deserve to be lost. It is hard to pass through a single day without hearing the complaint that Old Army is gone. Seniors, juniors, sophomores and even fish resent new ideas, but is this resentment justified? In my opinion it is not, and won't be until every Aggie is willing to honestly participate in the greatest tradition that A&M possesses. I have waited all year to ask two questions which have been bothering me. What has happened to Silver Taps? Why has this, the most sacred tradition at our school, become so common. I don't mean common its frequency, but common in the hearts of Aggies. There are Aggies who start wild-cats after a Silver Taps announcement (second Silver Taps in the fall). There are also RV's who find something else more important than firing for a senior they knew (Silver Taps last week). There are civilians who won't even turn off their lights two minutes before the firing unless someone makes it impossible for them to study by cutting the main switch. Monday night was no exception either, with seniors in my dorm having a water fight at 10 p.m. and Hart Hall lighting up like a Christmas Tree a few minutes after Silver Taps.

Editor, The Battalion: My name is Ronald Pate. If you vote Thursday you'll find my name listed under the heading: Vice President, Student Senate. My prime motivation for seeking this office has been an observation of the present Student Senate. The wagonmaster has obviously let the reins slack, with the result being a leader-less and voiceless student body. I have been keenly disappointed in the lack of initiative and all-round apathy shown by this year's senate. It appeared to me that our esteemed senators were more interested in having "Student Senate" on their personal record than in pressing for constructive reforms. There are a great number of issues which I feel that Student Senate has the privilege and the responsibility to take action on. Issues ranging from broad areas such as projecting an improved A&M image to the nation, and heightening student interest in campus government to more specific ones. Some of these specific issues include: voting procedure reforms, a greater personal contact between the senate and the student body, a re-evaluation of the role of the campus security force, a ban on athletic contests on the drill field, and another attempt to secure final exam exemptions. Further, I will actively support greater political freedom on the A&M campus. Victorian Age censorship is rarely seen in the same company with academic excellence. I honestly believe that Texas A&M, a very good institution, is on the threshold of becoming a great one. We have the opportunity before us. Do we hitch our wagon to a star or do we hesitate on the side of the road and watch the others pass us by? If you have asked these same questions, your voice will be heard by casting a vote on Thursday for Ronald Pate. Thank you.

hard to adjust to the large number of deaths we have had this year but the least an Aggie can do is be respectful. The people who view Silver Taps as a half hour which interrupts their studies are very few, but they are increasing. The poor attitude of many upperclassmen is spreading. This attitude has almost ruined the solemn atmosphere of Silver Taps, which to me is very sad. When tomorrow's quiz is more important than the honor and duty of an RV, and the respect of one Aggie for another, it is time to stop being hypocritical. Why cheapen a great tradition with insincerity and lack of respect? Why complain about small traditions when we are killing the greatest college tradition in our country?

Editor, The Battalion: I want to urge you all to vote Thursday and vote for your Civilian candidates. We, as Civilian students, compose over 60 per cent of the student body and we have our best chance in many years to put some capable Civilian students where they belong — as officers and committee chairmen in the Student Senate. So exercise your voting right Thursday and vote for your Civilian candidates for the Student Senate and Jim Benson for Civilian Yell Leader.

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Ernestine Rodrigues is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rodrigues of Bryan. She recently received her diploma from the McKenzie - Baldwin Business College for successfully completing the Executive Secretarial Course. Because of her outstanding grades, she was able to start working part time at the Agriculture Extension Service, A&M University. She is now employed full time in this department.

ARRESTS REPORTED

Major Step Announced In Soviet Consular Pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authoritative sources said Tuesday the Soviet Union has yielded to a U. S. request that whenever an American is arrested in Russia, the American consul must be notified and permitted to visit the man in prison. The sources said this opens the way to signing a consular agreement with the Soviets. It took more than six months of on-again-off-again negotiations to make Moscow understand that Washington would not be interested in such a pact without this proviso. The sources said the pact is close to completion with only minor—mostly technical—questions still pending. They declined, however, to speculate when the agreement would be signed. Some specialists concede it hard to believe the Soviets would agree to include an "access and notification" clause in the agreement because in their

philosophy an arrested person, whatever his nationality, must be held incommunicado, especially if charged with crimes against the state. The explanation for this major change in thinking is that the Soviets want the consular agreement and were told in unmistakable terms they could not have one without the access and notification clause, the sources said. One of the reasons the Soviets desire such a pact might be that a considerable number of dollars is involved. Numerous American citizens of Russian descent have willed whatever they had to relatives in the Soviet Union. But it was difficult to claim such legacies without consular representation. There was no estimate of how much might be involved. The U. S. request for the access and notification clause became more urgent after the arrest last year in Moscow of Yale professor Frederick C. Barghoorn was released after the late President Kennedy called off U. S.-Soviet talks on a new cultural agreement.

hoorn. He was held incommunicado for 16 days without notification to U. S. authorities, and for another five days without any U. S. official being permitted to visit him despite vigorous protests. Barghoorn was released after the late President Kennedy called off U. S.-Soviet talks on a new cultural agreement.

Bulletin Board

- WEDNESDAY: The Animal Husbandry Wives Club will meet in the South Solarium of the YMCA Building at 7:30 p.m. THURSDAY: The A&M student branch of the American Nuclear Society will meet in Room 211 of the W. T. Doherty Building at 7:30 p.m. The Brazoria Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Academic Building. The Amarillo Hometown Club will meet in the Anderson Room of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m. Corpus Christi Hometown Club members will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the MSC. The A. C. M. Wives Club will have a social meeting at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jim Taylor, 1400 Ester Blvd., Bryan.

Editor, The Battalion: As a candidate for President of the Student Senate, I would like to make a few statements about myself and my campaign. First, I'm running for this office as an Aggie; second, as a member of the Class of '65; third, as one who believes in helping the school; and fourth, as a civilian. It is traditions such as Silver Taps and Muster, both of which have been observed this week, that makes you realize just how petty the differences between the Civilians and Corps really are. If I am elected, I will do everything I can to promote the unity between the Corps and Civilians that must be present if A&M is to progress. At present, I am serving on the Student Senate, the Civilian Student Council, vice president of the YMCA and I am also a member of the Singing Cadets. With these qualifications in mind, I hope you will vote for me. Don Warren '65

Editor, The Battalion: My name is Jim Benson and I am running for Civilian Yell

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