

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Of Mice, Men And Aggie Fish

Several thousand Aggie freshmen are fast approaching the crossroads of their college career. For this is the time of the fish "migration." The period of indecision, vacillation and confusion. The course that will separate the men from the boys—and those who want an education from those who want four more years of high school.

Each year about this time every member of the freshmen class asks himself, "Is all this worth it?" Some will stay on because they wanted to be in the Corps. Some will stay on in spite of the Corps. And a few, those who can't stand to be away from their mothers and girl friends, will exit college life with loud moans of "hazing", and "not enough time to study."

Because A&M requires ROTC for two years it also has a "built in" excuse for the freshman who failed to make the grade both academically and as men. The fish who leaves college now cannot enroll elsewhere until next semester, leaving him 15 weeks to damn the school which destroyed his false pride.

To quote one philosopher, "No one would ever have crossed the ocean if they could have gotten off the ship in the storm."

GUEST EDITORIAL

Saigon Struggles With Identity

As South Vietnam struggles with the problem of its identity—does it have any? What is it? What should it be?—comment from offside is dangerous. Especially when Washington is preoccupied with campaigning while the fuse in Southeast Asia burns.

It was a momentary relief to hear that the promised meeting of political leaders took place late last week, but news is minimal. No adequate analysis is available of its personnel or its resources of political sagacity. Most of the news reporting from Saigon on this all-important topic has been cynical or uninterested.

Another crisis of much less importance in the long run engulfed it. Once again an important unit of Americans, the Special Forces working with the mountain people, seems to have either made political mistakes or lacked liaison with the Vietnamese Government. It is always on the level of political policy that the United States' role and personnel in Saigon seem to be tripped up.

It would be most unfortunate if the effort to form a popular government were sidetracked. It could happen so easily. There is enough confusion piled up in South Vietnam to wreck anything unless heroic measures are taken to counteract it. Pessimism sells cheap on To Do Street where the gray market operates. Constructive political thinking seems almost unavailable and yet any student of Vietnamese affairs knows there are significant numbers of conscientious individuals who have known all along that their country could save itself only if it first found itself.

The effort to form a civilian government needs to have the highest priority.

The Christian Science Monitor

U. S. Military Strength Grows In South Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — U. S. military manpower in South Viet Nam is steadily growing under a reinforcement plan drawn up last spring. American sources said Monday the total Sept. 30 was 19,000, an increase of 1,300 over the August rolls. Though it was indicated in Washington earlier this year that the goal was 20,000 or so, officials in Saigon said no definite ceiling has been fixed.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Patient—we just got to be patient!"

— Sound Off —

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter to the editor to the University of Hawaii's student newspaper, Ka Lee O Hawaii. Editor, Ka Leo:

I sympathize with the courageous young men who are currently struggling to eliminate the menace of compulsory membership in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. I wish them success in their endeavor.

However, I personally doubt that they will ever obtain such sweet, sweet release. My own experience with the campus military has obliterated most of the hope I previously sheltered for escape.

I am cynical. My manifold protests have always echoed into oblivion before the punctured eardrum and dull brain possessed by Big Brother. He has refused to listen.

I fear I have nearly reached the brainwashed point of Unconditional Surrender. I feel that I might possibly survive my term in that termite-infested hut of blood, guts and ballistics. Perhaps it is possible to merely salute and suffer.

Yet, I doubt it. I can't stand the sight of blood. I adore parades. My uniform doesn't fit. Weapons are a source of unqualified horror and bewilderment. Mandatory hair-cuts have left me bald, bleached and peeling. I faint at drill. I'm allergic to khaki, spit and polish. I really couldn't care less who wins the Army-Navy game. I am obviously not military material.

You agree with me? Alas, civilians simply do not comprehend the state of mind displayed by the average ROTC instructor. He is a robot motivated by discipline, duty, and

disdain. He walks, he talks, he cries real tears. I know, I've seen them. They are the inevitable product of my unique ineptitude.

But does he release me from duty? I have pleaded, moaned, groaned, begged, importuned, implored, beseeched, demanded. I have invoked the name of the Lord in vain. I have written my congressman. I have damned, cursed and threatened.

And he has received all such supplication with scorn and additional demerits. He and his kind are utterly dedicated to "the CORPS, the CORPS, the CORPS" And I . . . alas, I cannot convince him that I should not be a member. He simply will not believe I am a girl. A.C.B.

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY Lavaca County Hometown Club will meet in the Academic Building at 8 p.m.

Meteorology and Oceanography Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the YMCA Building.

The Agriculture Education Wives' Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Earl Webb, 1011 Winding Road in College Station.

Pre-Law Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2-A of the Memorial Student Center. A Houston attorney, Clyde Woody, will speak on the Ashley-Lima case.

MSC Radio Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 146 of the Physics Building to begin instruction on amateur radio operation.

CORPS FRESHMEN YEARBOOK PORTRAIT SCHEDULE

FRESHMEN IN THE CORPS will have their portrait made for the "Aggieland '65" according to the following schedule. Portraits will be made at the AGGIELAND STUDIO, ONE BLOCK NORTH of the intersection at North Gate, between the hours of 0800 and 1700 on the days scheduled.

Uniform will be winter blouse. BLOUSES AND BRASS WILL BE FURNISHED AT THE STUDIO. EACH MAN MUST BRING HIS OWN SHIRT AND TIE. Annual portraits are without cap. GH cap may be worn for optional personal portraits.

October	5-6 Squadrons 4-6	6-7 Squadrons 7-9
	7-8 Squadrons 10-12	8-9 Squadrons 13-15
	12-13 Squadrons 16-18	14-15 Maroon Band . .
	PLEASE NOTE: The studio will have NO BAND BRASS. Band members are requested to bring their OWN BLOUSE WITH BRASS.	
	15-16 White Band	

PICTURE SCHEDULE AGGIELAND '65

Outfit pictures for the AGGIELAND will be made according to the schedule below.

Uniform will be class A Winter. Outfit C.O.'s will wear sabers; seniors will wear boots. Ike jackets may be worn if all seniors in the outfit can obtain them. Guidons and award flags will be carried. All personnel in the outfit will wear the billed service cap issued by the college. The type of cap worn by underclassmen to and from the picture taking area is left to the discretion of the outfit C.O.

Outfits should be in front of the Administration Building by 1230 hrs. on the appointed day. Arrangements should be made by first sergeants with the Mess Hall supervisors to allow the outfit to be admitted to the Mess Hall early.

October	5 - C-2, D-2
	7 - A-3, B-3
	8 - C-3, D-3
	9 - E-3, F-3
	12 - G-3, H-3
	13 - Sqd 1, Sqd 2
	14 - Sqd 3, Sqd 4
	15 - Sqd 5, Sqd 6
	16 - Sqd 7, Sqd 8
	19 - Sqd 9, Sqd 10
	20 - Sqd 11, Sqd 12
	21 - Sqd 13, Sqd 14
	22 - Sqd 15, Sqd 16
	23 - Sqd 17, Sqd 18
	26 - M-Band
	W-Band

'PEOPLE NOT COMMERCE' Civil Rights Bill Termed Invasion Of Liberties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was told Monday that unless it declares the public accommodations section of the new Civil Rights Act unconstitutional "there's no end" to how far Congress will invade personal liberties.

Moreton Rolleston Jr., attorney for the Heart of Atlanta Motel, hammered at the theme "people are not commerce" like products.

He denounced as "hogwash" government arguments that the section barring racial discrimination at virtually all motels is aimed at relieving the burden on interstate commerce.

The high tribunal began its 1964 term with an unusual opening day hearing to take on its first test of the Civil Rights Act.

The motel appealed from a three-judge federal court decision in Atlanta which upheld the public accommodations provision.

The justices also heard a more restricted test of the law, a federal government appeal from a three-judge federal court in Birmingham which ruled in favor of a restaurant that maintains it is not in interstate commerce.

Richard MacDavid Smith attorney for Ollie's Barbecue in Birmingham, Ala., said Congress had set up an invalid test which brings under the law any restaurant that "has moved food in interstate commerce."

He said this wording sets up a legislative presumption that because a restaurant has moved its supplies in interstate commerce in the past, it is continuing to do so. There is no limit to how far

back this measure goes, Smith added.

Ollie's, which concedes it is in violation of the law as worded, contends it is not in interstate commerce because (1) it is located a considerable distance from interstate routes, (2) serves local regular patrons, and (3) purchases all its food in Alabama. Negroes are served only on a take-out basis.

Solicitor Gen. Archibald Cox argued the government's view in both the Atlanta and Birmingham cases. He called the question of the civil rights bill the most important raised by Congress in a decade.

The solicitor general said the issue rests squarely on the power of Congress to regulate even local activities when a burden is

created on interstate commerce. Laws in other fields have had been shown that Congress had to deal in the civil rights area with "a very real national commercial problem."

The justices peeped at three attorneys with questions during the four hours of argument.

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LAST DAY "RIDE THE HIGH SURF"

STARTS TOMORROW



THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA a M-G-M and Seven Arts Productions presentation

Thurmond Slams 88th Congress As Socialist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., characterizes the second session of the 88th Congress as one that broke all records "in its great leap forward toward socialism, centralizing government and fiscal irresponsibility."

He said in his weekly newsletter that Congress "showed that it is more of a 'rubber stamp' for presidential wishes than an independent legislative body representing the people."

Thurmond, who switched his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican a few weeks ago said Congress often ignored the Constitution "but never more than in passage of the Civil Rights Act."

CIVILIAN FRESHMEN Aggieland '65

Civilian Freshmen will have their pictures taken for the Aggieland '65 starting the 5th of October and running through the 16th of October. Pictures will be taken at the Aggieland Studio at North Gate between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. Coat and ties should be worn.

\$6.95 Get Galey & Lord Square-Ply Slacks by Tulane at LOUPOT'S North Gate

LUSTY... PROVOCATIVE... ELOQUENT... RICHARD BURTON & PETER O'TOOLE BECKET with JOHN GIELGUD a HAL WALLIS production with narration by PETER GLENVILLE Dialogue highlights from the motion picture that LIFE Magazine calls "a lusty, boldly provocative production with an array of castles, wenchies and derring-do." This new RCA Victor album captures the tremendous emotional impact, all the eloquence (and earthiness) of the film's major speeches as selected by director Peter Glenville. An album of significant interest to students of drama and the spoken word. RCA VICTOR The most trusted name in sound.

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