

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle KULTURE KORNER

CAVE COMMENTS
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Kansas City — They've got some crazy little women here. This is truly a bachelor's paradise. Lounges, strip shows and women are found in great quantity.

Pepe's, Can-Can, Burlesk and Ivan's all bid for tourist squadrons funds and from the looks of things, they get quite a bit.

Kansas City is quite large. It claims 1,200,000 inhabitants but confidentially I think they are fudging a little. However, Kansas City does have a large downtown area, perhaps larger than Houston. At any rate — more entertaining.

Oh yes, I've forgotten to mention why we are here. No, we haven't flunked out of school and we're not playing hookey. We're here for the National Sigma Delta Chi Convention, which starts Thursday.

So it's eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we convene.

Food here is tremendous. Kansas City has always been famous for its stock yards and that has an overwhelming influence on the food served, especially beef. Wednesday we indulged in a sirloin steak that was, as they say about Southern fried chicken, finger lickin' good. Only we didn't get any on our fingers.

Later in the evening, we accompanied some pros and professional journalists to a burlesque show. They spell it Burlesk. There may be a difference in spelling but not in type of performance. If you've seen one, you've pretty well seen them all.

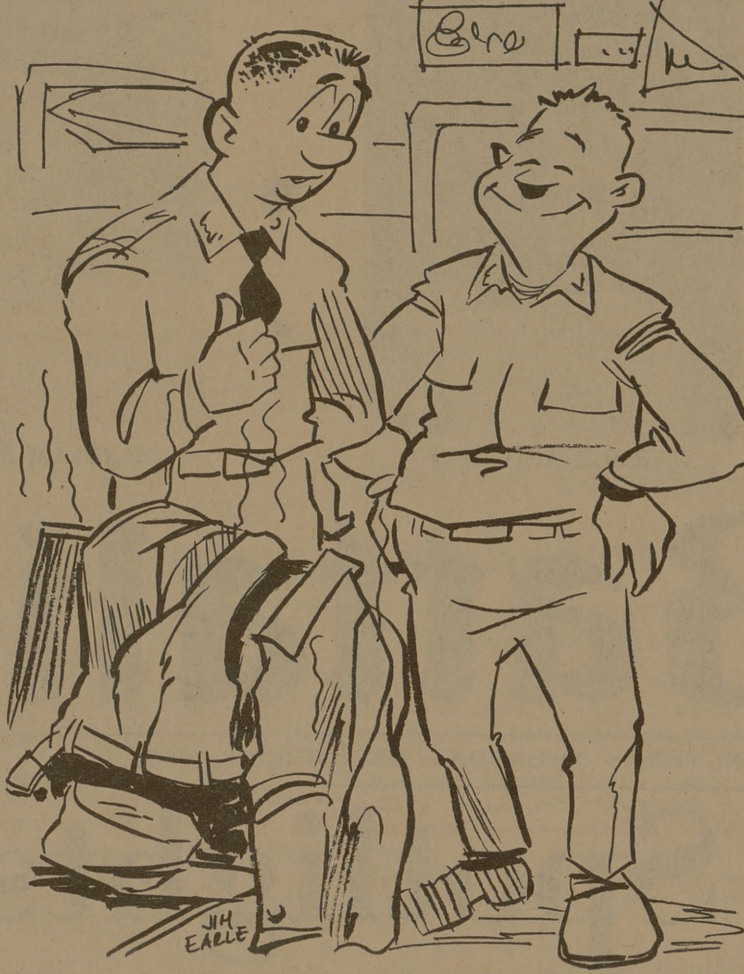
This show had four female performers plus a couple of male extras for joke telling and time filling. There were two acts, each identical except for the costumes worn. But one of the pros in our party (he's not from A&M, but is from a well known Texas college 90 miles west of College Station) decided the two acts were not enough. When we left, he moved up to the front row for a closer view.

We traveled to this Midwestern City via Santa Fe Railroad. They surely rolled out the red carpet for us young journalists, providing a special chair car and lounge for the SDX'ers.

Kansas City's top newspaper, the Star-Times greeted us upon our arrival today with an editorial. Later we toured the newspaper plant. Funny thing about this paper. It is one of the mid-west's top publications and is quite bulky, but it had no inside index. To find sports news or the editorial page, one must look through the entire paper. I asked them about this on the tour and they could offer no explanation.

We are scheduled to tour the Truman Library in Independence Friday and the former president might guide us.

Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State, will bring the convention closing address Saturday night. When the three-day meeting is completed we should return as better journalists, entertained Aggies and tired.



"Whad'ya say you take those fatigues to th' cleaners! Because of them th' whole dorm smells like bonfire!"

Bulletin Board

THURSDAY

Geological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Geology Building main lecture room.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-B of the Memorial Student Center.

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

Aggeland pictures will be taken.

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

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lecture room of the Biological Sciences Building.

Angelina Hometown Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. in front of the MSC.

Galveston Island Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room of the YMCA Building.

Pasadena Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Social Room.

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

Odessa Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA Building.

Orange Hometown Club will

meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Academic Building.

Brazos County Democrats will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the Triangle Restaurant.

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

Centex Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the Academic Building.

Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building.

Spring Branch-Bellaire Hometown Clubs will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Academic Building.

Marshall Hometown Club will meet at 7:45 p.m. in the YMCA Building.

Matagorda County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of Hart Hall.

Bay Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-C of the MSC.

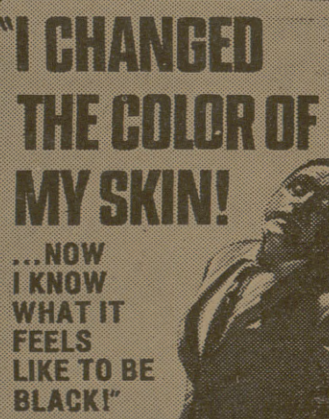
Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.

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Emphasis Change Needed

By JIM HUNT

In the eyes of most of the faculty and students, the administration is an evil — but a necessary one. The faculty have neither the inclination nor disposition to run a university and are primarily concerned with advancement and research in their own fields.

The necessary evil of the administration is that someone has to maintain a certain cohesion and cooperation among the community of scholars who make up a university. If the powers that be fail to achieve the maximum coordination among parties that agree to disagree, with the minimum of restraint, then the administration is existing for its own sake and is a detriment to the community it was created to serve.

Practically all administrations tend to be monolithic and conservative with a marked reluctance to change and innovation; this is true of A&M, with the administration allowing tradition and precedent to influence their judgements and by the preservation of a state of mind and concepts which deny the purpose of a university.

In allowing the main body of tradition and the nostalgic image of the "old army" days at Aggeland to remain, and by merely backing and filling and patching here and there instead of formulating a new philosophy of education, the administration has helped A&M remain in its retarded state.

A&M possesses a bundle of worn out traditions of which no one remembers the origins or purposes and a rapidly developing scientific community which may soon lead the southwest in research and development. It has nothing in the artistic and humanistic fields to speak of except those individuals who have furthered the arts in spite of, rather than with the help of, the prevailing atmosphere.

There is an increasing utilitarian orientation in education, and in this respect A&M is right up to date; in the areas of Ars Gratia Artis A&M hasn't even started.

An institution cannot allow any ideas or opinions to be arbitrarily excluded from the realm of inspection, discussion and controversy and call itself a university.

Such acts are mostly prompted by a desire to preserve an image of Aggeland which corresponds more closely to that of the "old army" days. An exaggerated concern with the outward form and facade of an institution causes many people, even in the academic hierarchy, to be more concerned with the number of persons in a classroom than with what is being taught in that classroom.

Fortunately, this is not true in all areas of the university but it is the case in too many. If the atmosphere of anti-intellectualism and the suppression of controversy is allowed to persist, Texas A&M will remain an Ani-

mal and Machine school and continue to manufacture processed diplomaed mass men to fit into their sociological and never know they were edged out of a university education.

If an educated man cannot explore fields other than that of vocation he will find little for the tools of his trade and continue to be nothing more than a technician.

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