

BATTALION EDITORIALS

**Liberal Arts At A&M Gets Needed Boost**

Two significant developments for liberal arts at A&M were announced during the past week. One is the creation of an Institute of Human Resources and the other is the division of the College of Arts and Sciences into individual colleges.

The new institute will presumably be patterned after existing ones at the University of California and at Columbia. They are being used to conduct extensive research in the fields of behavioral and social sciences.

These areas have suffered neglect both at A&M and on a national scale since the emphasis on the physical sciences began and this program has the potential to greatly increase A&M's prestige and contribution in both of them.

The other move is an administrative one, one that should also produce beneficial effects for liberal arts. Under the new setup, administration will rest with men who have devoted their careers to these areas and who should possess the understanding and desire to upgrade their quality at A&M.

Both of these steps are greatly encouraging for the development of liberal arts on the campus. Not only for the tangible benefits they will provide but also for the attitude in the higher echelons of administration which they reflect.

Evaluations of the school from outside sources invariably rate liberal arts as the area in which A&M needs most to improve. Obviously, generalizations of this sort are difficult to make with accuracy because there is a difference in the strength of various departments within this general category.

Still, the observation has been a frequent one and is one that A&M cannot and should not ignore if it is truly committed to a program of overall excellence. These two recent steps are highly encouraging. It is our hope, however, that this will be looked upon as an important stride toward a distant goal and not as an end unto itself.

**Final Exam Schedule Increases Pressure**

The first session of summer school ends Friday with the familiar ritual of final examinations.

Final examinations always produce increased pressure on the students but this schedule is particularly devastating. Some finals will be held Thursday night and the others during the day Friday.

This means that the student taking a full load attends lectures up until the day of the finals, without even a single day of respite. Then he in most instances faces both finals on the same day. In the case of those having seven and nine o'clock classes, the situation is really disheartening. They take their first final at 7 p.m. and it is scheduled to last until ten. Sharply at ten their second final begins, with no break in between exams, and it is scheduled to end at 1 p.m.

We realize that the entire concept of summer school is founded upon the possibility of completing what is normally a semester-long course in a much shorter period. Still, the severity of this exam schedule seems unwarranted and will present both an academic and emotional hurdle to an obstacle course which was already sufficiently difficult.

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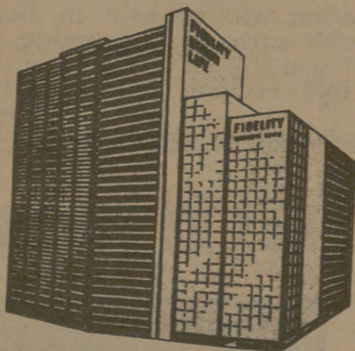
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**CADET SLOUCH**

by Jim Earle



"It makes my blood run cold to know that if we don't figure out a system quick, we'll hafta study for this final!"

**Texans In Washington**

By TEX EASLEY Associated Press

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Texas members of congress are concerned as to which lakes in their state will be directly affected by the user-fee provision of the 1964 land and water conservation act.

The big reservoirs built in Texas by the army engineers come under the new law, and the Texans who enjoy fishing and boating on them may soon find they have to pay a fee to do so.

Rep. Jim Wright, (Dem) Fort Worth, who actively opposed the fee portion of the act when the bill was passed, has asked the chief of the army engineers and the director of outdoor recreation, to tell him which lakes they propose to designate for collection of fees, how much, and how they propose to enforce regulations.

The law is being put into effect not only on the federally built reservoirs but also on national forests, national parks, and fish and wildlife refuges, as quickly as the mechanics of such a program can be formulated. A \$7 annual fee will permit an individual to enter any of these federal areas as often as he wishes.

A one-day permit will be available for various individual recreational areas, many of them as low as 25 cents. Weekly permits also will be available.

"I feel that when such fees are collected for use of federal water areas we have a direct conflict with the historical policy of free use of these waters," said Wright.

"Even though the fee would be charged only to enter land recreation areas, anyone desiring to participate in water activities would be, in effect, paying for use of a federal water area if he had to pay to go through the land enroute to the water."

**An Aggie Abroad Last Week Eventful**

By HERKY KILLINGSWORTH

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — No week goes by uneventful in Europe. None of that trudging through finals only to find another semester and another book the following week. Copenhagen is going stronger than ever.

Many things have happened since last week at this time.

1. It's still raining and trying to hit a high of 65 degrees.
2. Danish Princess Anne Marie had a baby and you should see the celebrating.
3. I visited in the home of a friendly couple getting many ideas.
4. And . . . but that's another story.

Every since I alighted in London on that cold wet day a month ago, I have had trouble with water—commonly known as H<sub>2</sub>O. Too much of it, not enough of it, too hot, too cold . . . it's always in the wrong place at the wrong time in the wrong way. It's rained three-fourths of the time I've been here, which is definitely the wrong place. However, when I want a drink (of water) it's impossible.

When I do find a drink of water it's too hot, but . . . when I take a bath it's ice cold.

A bellhop, let's call him Johnny X although he is no kin to Malcolm, Cassius or Madam, in the Grand Hotel invited me to visit in his home (to watch the Flintstones on TV). He's my age (39) so I graciously accepted, hoping for a home cooked Danish meal.

I must admit that I was uncomfortable in my strange surroundings but he and his girl friend immediately began talking of my favorite subject—sex.

Now to keep this column clean, I'm not going to record the proceedings of our discussion but I would appreciate it if you could send my few belongings to H.K.—Grand Hotel, Copenhagen.

Several visits later we switched to other favorite topics that all Europeans talk of: rock and roll singers, segregation and Texas.

We sat around their dining table munching pastry and I'd tell them how about once a month we'll saddle our horses, form a posse and try to find some poor Easterner lost amongst the cactus. If they were still listening later I'd tell about how a couple of years ago while we were branding cattle on the north 1000, a party of Indians approached us demanding food which we over-obligingly gave them (I

added the last to give it more. Then I'd wait around for the top that—they'd switch to and I would be a beaten man.

I might just as well tell that other story while I'm here.

Let me put it delicately. For the day to get a look at the university images, the Swede immediately fell in love with me and brought her back to Copenhagen with me, quite legitimate course.

She's dark, (blue to be exact) has neat lines, and a black turtleneck. I'm speaking of a course, a Ford Anglia. I've found a motor scooter (priced cheap over there) but it's rainy, and cold so . . .

Cost me \$45 but she runs a top and is in perfect condition. The only trouble is you have to open the hood to start it. I've only had one flat so far (this is true) being without a jack I lifted it while a changed the tire.

No more hitch-hiking, no more trains, no more money. But a blast and seems to be a word around here, as the girls are concerned.

Got to get this in the mail—sides it's Saturday night.

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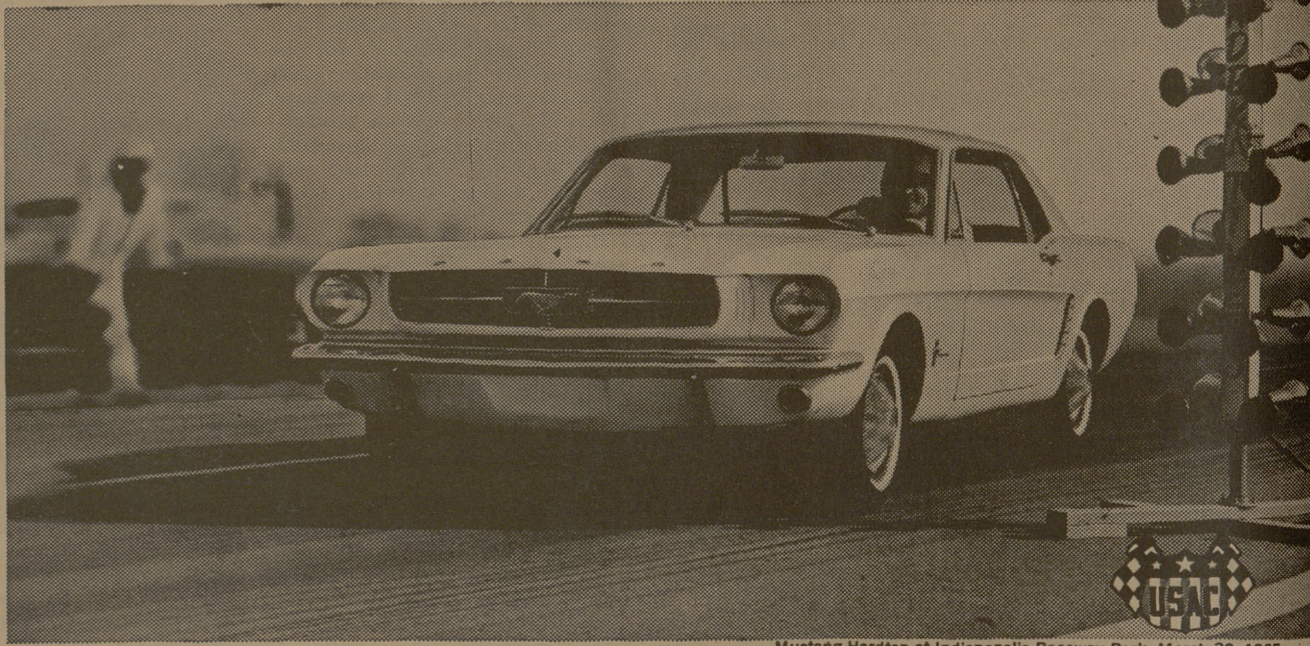
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