

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Pretty bad sunburn, huh?"

An Aggie Abroad

Visit To Berlin Wall An Experience

By HERKY KILLINGSWORTH
WEST BERLIN, Germany—There are very few places in the world that are truly in a class of their own. Every castle in Europe is more or less the same; one amusement park is like another, every museum has its Rembrandt. A&M is truly in a class of its own; and so is Berlin, the trouble spot of Western Europe.

Berlin, as you probably know, is the culture city of Western Germany even though it is isolated 150 miles from the rest of its country. It's a modern city much like Houston, Dallas, or Paducah (pardon the hometown plug) with only a few bomb-shattered buildings left to remind the tourist that it was once headquarters for the Hitler regime. Many of the buildings are only half there leaving the impression of cut-away models, but the city is clean and 2,500,000 people live a free life much better than many other European people.

Afraid that my "Blue Lemon" (that's my car) might not make it that 150 miles of East German country, I boarded a plane in Hamburg for a trouble-free trip. Actually I had confidence in old "Lemon" but I'm traveling with a friend from U.T. (that's University of Tennessee) and he has little confidence in my sensibility in a communist country, or my car's ability. So we boarded a plane and eight dollars and 50 minutes later we were looking at The Wall.

The Wall, that's what gives Berlin its uniqueness. The Wall, where over 130 people have been killed in the last four years trying to escape. We climbed upon an observation stand overlooking The Wall and I became intrigued, even infatuated with the fence famous throughout the free world. Determined to see the other side we set out to "Checkpoint Charlie" where everyday sightseeing becomes an experience.

"Checkpoint Charlie" is the main entrance into East Germany. It was 11 a.m., cold and raining, when we entered the first booth to leave our name, address, etc., with our own U. S. Army so they will come get us if we don't reappear at a given time. Blessed Reassurance. We walked the few remaining steps, crossed over a freshly-painted white line and looked up at the concrete and barbed wire wall from the wrong

side. We walked on, fifty feet later was another concrete-wire structure and a roadblock, the second in ten yards. Here we were greeted by friendly Russian guards and escorted into a long concrete structure in which we were to spend the next hour having our passport checked.

To make a long story short, we left the long building for another where we were forced to change \$1.25 into East German currency to be spent. Every penny had to be accounted for when we left. We left that, went through two more roadblocks, more fences, a final checkpoint of our passports, and then we stood looking at a desolate and drab street in a place known as East Berlin.

We were in East Berlin for six hours looking around. Four of those six hours were lost looking for the main section of town. The streets were empty, buildings black and in pieces, walls with holes every two inches indicating the ability of a modern machine. On every corner stood a policeman, directing traffic no doubt, an emptiness surrounds you in a town of a million and a half people.

We wandered about these streets for four hours looking for the center of town. We finally rounded a corner and there it was. Contemporary buildings, green grass, a skyscraper, buildings under construction, car dealers, PEOPLE. All up and down the street showing the greatness of a communist nation. This was the part most tourists saw and only the lost wander through the desolate alleys leading into this richness of life.

I don't know if we saw things we weren't supposed to, if the main part of town was propaganda, or what. I know what it appeared to be. When we were lost in East Berlin the place was desolate, drab and dead. When we arrived in the center of town where the tourist book suggests you see, there was life beauty, even a little capitalistic advertising.

Back in West Berlin we walked down the main street. Movies, department stores, airline offices on our right, night clubs, camera shops, and tourist traps on our left. Back to the airport and West Germany.

When I saw the patchwork ground fade beneath the clouds, I figured it to be the last I would see of East Germany, the Wall, and Communism in general. However, the next day as we were driving toward Nuremberg, we suddenly decided to see what kept them over the border.

After a while we found it. No river, no roads, just a ten-foot high fence—three fences—with a

big sign in between which related out to say "MINES" thin wire said "East-West". East and West, Communist Capitalist, Captivity and Freedom. Fenced in like a zoo animals and the communists it great. It's an experience, one I wouldn't trade the rest of my European experiences combined. A wall Berlin.

BATTALION EDITORIALS

A&M's Physical Plant Continually Changing

The face of Texas A&M is changing. It's not an explosive, wholesale renovation but it has been swift, steady, and significant. This point was reinforced with the recent release of the artist's sketch of the new space science center and data processing addition, a project that is now underway and which should be completed by next summer.

The changes that have taken place in the relatively short time since many A&M students began their college careers are impressive ones. One structure in that category, the architecture building, has become a campus feature. No tour of the campus is complete without a stop at the striking edifice. The Plant Sciences Building and Nuclear Science Center are other projects which many of us have seen completed. And the new dormitories which were opened last year brought air conditioning and modern architecture to hundreds of student rooms.

An even more spectacular building program is currently in progress. An Aggie who leaves the campus now and doesn't come back for two or three years could almost get lost in the new surroundings. As mentioned earlier, the space science center is due to be finished next summer. By 1967 the \$6 million cyclotron complex is scheduled to begin operation. A communications center, two new agricultural research laboratories and a new biology building are also in the works. And possibly the most significant project of all, the \$3.6 million expansion of the library, will be let out for bids this fall. Two years is anticipated to complete the work after construction begins.

It is indeed an ambitious and impressive program. And it is hoped that a new theater, an air-conditioned G. Rollie White Coliseum, and other needed projects are being included in future plans.

But as the future is viewed, perhaps it is also fitting to cast a brief backward glance. With the flurry of building activity has come the inevitable disappearances of memory-filled campus landmarks. The old Science Hall, the Music Hall and the colorful Aggeland Inn are three such structures which have yielded to time in the last two years.

Where the old is being destroyed, foundations are being laid for the new, as A&M's physical plant continues to meet the ever-increasing demands of quality higher education.

An Unanswered Question

The desire for a second chance is perennially a strong one.

A group representing the state universities and land-grant colleges has recently completed a survey of alumni in three state universities. The alumni were given a hypothetical second chance at college.

Figures were given on the number who would have changed majors taken more liberal arts courses, or made similar changes.

This was the meaty part of the report, however—17.9 per cent of the grads of one college said they would attend more classes and apply themselves more to their studies if they had another chance.

The obvious question at this point: What did the other 82.1 per cent think about the subject?

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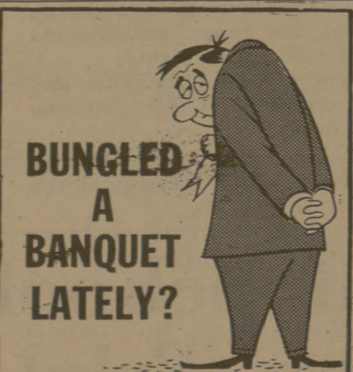
An Open Letter To A&M

To all who have helped us at the passing our loved one. We take great pride in knowing that Jesse had made so many friends in the short period of time he was in school. We have been deeply moved by sympathy shown to us.

We wish to thank all from the bottom of our hearts: to President Rudder, faculty and staff for the spray of carnations, to the student body for the spray of mums and to those who have sent cards and letters. We gratefully acknowledge our appreciation to all.

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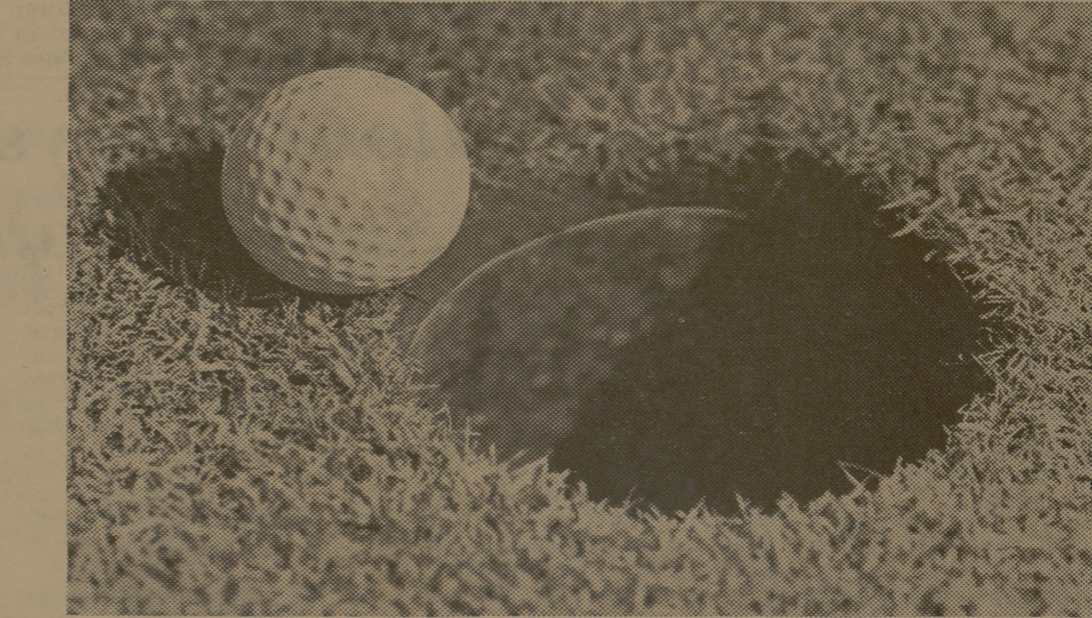
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What a disappointment! You had a tremendous drive, the perfect chip shot, and a brilliant putt; then your ball stopped a hairsbreadth from the edge of the cup. The birdie you thought was yours didn't materialize.

Of course, it's only a game; it doesn't really matter. But blighted hopes are not always so trivial. What if something really big passes you by? Suppose you don't get that promotion, your son's scholarship is given to someone else, an important client changes his mind, or the stock market wipes out your investment? Where do you turn? Where do you find strength to meet life's disillusionments?

Spiritual values are constant. Fortunes may shift and change but your Church stands firm. The truths and inspiration you find there give meaning, purpose, and stability to your life.



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Sunday 1 Samuel 2:2-10	Monday Nehemiah 8:9-12	Tuesday Proverbs 10:27-32	Wednesday Proverbs 15:22-33	Thursday John 6:60-69	Friday Ephesians 3:7-21	Saturday James 1:12-18
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