

All Went Well

Four thousand students, wives, faculty and staff members were lucky again Monday. They toyed with danger and won. Today they may not have been so fortunate. Tomorrow they may not be. More than 2,000 automobiles were involved. They too escaped injury. But what about tomorrow? Almost a hundred insurance companies were also lucky. Tomorrow their rates may be forced upward. Auto body shops were not flooded with irresponsible collisions. Tomorrow is another day. Yes, Monday was just a typical day at the traffic circle on the northeast edge of campus. But somewhere a sigh of relief was breathed. There were no accidents there, but the helter-skelter rat race continued. More than 2,000 cars containing more than 4,000 persons entered the maybe-maybe land of traffic congestion and confusion and came out unscratched. Meanwhile at the five homes of College Station's city councilmen there was no supper-table talk, no late evening consideration, no heated debates over what might have been. For all went well. Someday it will not — the traffic circle will claim a life . . . or mar one. Only then will four simple "Yield Right of Way" signs be erected at the circle's entrances. By then it might be a little late.

Playboy Opinion Poll

Students Favor Active Viet Aid

Editor's Note: Several Texas A&M students have been participating in the Playboy Magazine College Opinion Survey this year. Here are the results of the first poll conducted on 200 campuses nationwide.

A majority of U. S. college students believe that if there is no negotiated settlement in Viet Nam before the end of this year, the United States should push the war into North Viet Nam. An even larger percentage of students believe we should extend bombing raids to vital installations in Hanoi and other North Viet Nam cities. The survey, which measures opinions of both students and faculty members, finds that the majority of faculty members polled do not take this "aggressive" attitude and believe that the military actions should be confined to South Viet Nam only.

Indicative of the support on the campuses for the administration's policy in Viet Nam is the fact that 82 per cent of the students and 72 per cent of the faculty members agreed that the United States has an obligation to provide active military assistance to that nation. Further, a large majority of students — 88 per cent — and faculty — 83 per cent — felt that use of non-toxic tear gas is justifiable as a means of disabling the Viet Cong without endangering the lives of civilians.

Analysis of returns on a regional basis indicates a high degree of uniformity of opinion. Noticeable exceptions occur on the question of "Should we avoid bombing military installations in populous areas of North Viet Nam, such as Hanoi?" While 67 per cent of all student respondents favor bombing these areas, 82 per cent of students on southwestern campuses advocate bombing but only 49 per cent of students on southern campuses concur.

Following are the results of the Playboy College Opinion Survey with the answers as a percentage of the total respondents:

STUDENTS

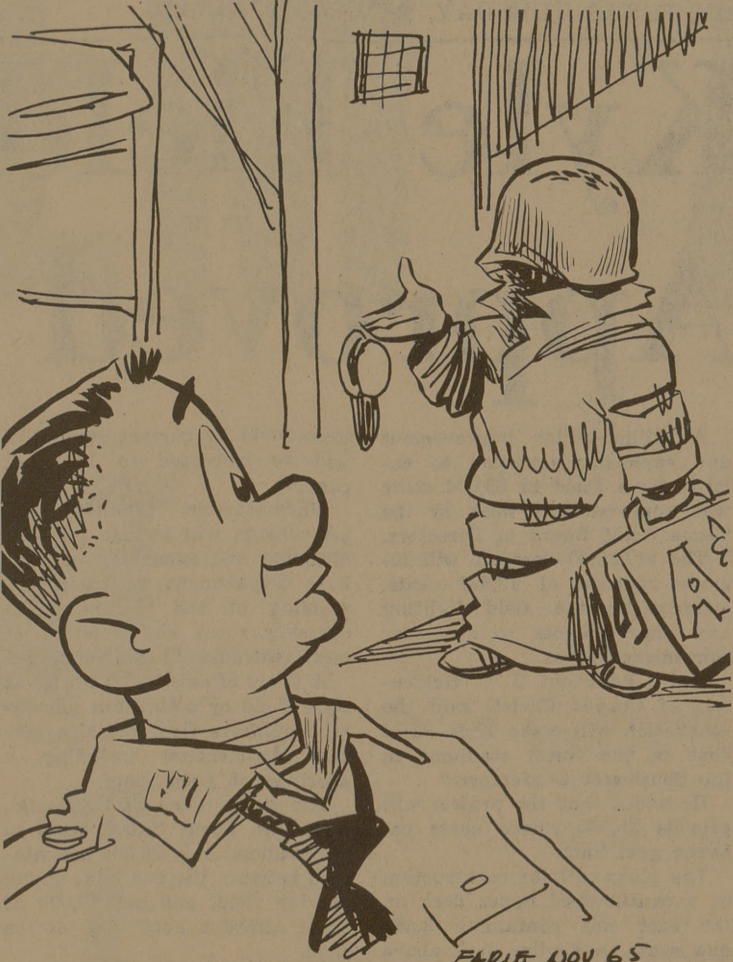
- Does the United States have an obligation to provide active military assistance to Viet Nam?
82% Yes — 15% No — 3%
No Opinion
- If we are unable to effect a negotiated settlement before the end of 1965, should we:
 - Pull out of Viet Nam completely? 6%
 - Continue to send aid in dollars only? 3%
 - Confine our military action to South Viet Nam only? 35%

- Do you feel Americans have an obligation to accept military service even if they disagree with government policies?
90% Yes — 10% No
- In your opinion, the recent public demonstrations against our policy in Viet Nam reflect the attitudes of approximately 5% of the students on your campus.

FACULTY MEMBERS

- Does the United States have an obligation to provide active military assistance to Viet Nam?
72% Yes — 25% No — 3%
No Opinion
- If we are unable to effect a negotiated settlement before the end of 1965, should we:
 - Pull out of Viet Nam completely? 8%
 - Continue to send aid in dollars only? 5%
 - Confine our military action to South Viet Nam only? 59%
 - Push the war into North Viet Nam? 28%
- With which of the following statements do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?
The Administration's current policy is correct in dealing with the Viet Nam situation.
18% Strongly Agree
50% Agree
20% Disagree
12% Strongly Disagree
- We should avoid bombing military installations and supply depots in populous areas of North Viet Nam, such as Hanoi.
26% Strongly Agree
28% Agree
29% Disagree
17% Strongly Disagree
- Do you feel Americans have an obligation to accept military service even if they disagree with government policies?
82% Yes — 18% No
- In your opinion, the recent public demonstrations against our policy in Viet Nam reflect the attitudes of approximately 5% of the students on your campus.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"We beat th' tar outta them for one half so I figured it was a half day off."

Johnny Cash Troupe Played Bonfire Show 'Right Well'

By LANI PRESSWOOD
They billed it as a protest performance but the only protest heard was a complaint that the show ended too soon.

Johnny Cash and Company did play Brazos County on Bonfire night after all and they played it right well. No, not in G. Rollie White Coliseum, but in an establishment known as the Lakeview Amusement Club.

Granted, Lakeview is a bit off the beaten path, but the establisment was rewarded with the fast-paced, professional show they had expected.

Most of the crowd spread out on the hardwood floor, and the longer past the scheduled take-off time it got, the harder the floor became.

After about half an hour though, the Statler Brothers bounced out and jumped into a zippy, hand-clapping number, which set the tempo for most of the evening.

The boys from "the Shenandoah Valley" of Virginia whipped through several selections, winding up with their current hit about countin' flowers on the wall and watchin' Captain Kangaroo.

Next on the docket came June Carter, who told a few earthy jokes and displayed a twangy, brassy voice which betrayed traces of artificiality. After Miss Carter's performance many were ready for an encore by the Statlers but by then it was time for Big John to make his entrance.

Decked out in a dark suit and vest with an open-throated white shirt, Cash was the one the people came to see and their reaction showed it. Backed by the Tennessee Three and at times by the show's other performers, he belted out his numbers in a deep, powerful voice, with the piston-like, railroad beat which has become his trademark.

After each song he was usually greeted by a volley of requests from the audience. With a good bit of malt flowing amongst the crowd and with spirit high anyway, a commotion seemed likely.

Three numbers came to mind as the top crowdpleasers — "It

Ain't Me, Babe," "Ring of Fire," and "The Orange Blossom Special." On the last one Cash cracked out a pair of harmonicas and accelerated to the wildest, most frenzied pace of the night. When the show ended, its uninhibited and well-entertained audience gave Cash a warm ovation — spontaneous, sincere, and standing.

After talking with well-wishers and reporters for perhaps an hour, the troupe settled themselves for a long, midnight haul to Lafayette, La. The private bus then turned around, eased out of the almost-deserted parking lot, and rolled off into the dark autumn night.

Mike Reynolds Dr. Billy Graham's Team Looked Like Winner In Dome

The stadium is filled beyond its capacity. The red, orange, blue, black and yellow seats are obscured by the humanity filling them. Above the stadium is the plastic and girder maze that comprises the roof on the only indoor sports palace in the United States. It is the dome in Houston.

The field is still arranged for the battle of football. The yard markers are quite visible on the faded, green turf that has sagged beneath Mantles and Koufaxes during the summer months. There is a game being played.

The scoreboard emits its usual lighted gleam and music flows from the 2,000 speakers. The spectators raise their voices in support of the contest.

It is a very important contest. The President of the United States is once again on hand to view the game. He sits in the glassed-in, private world of the private box to the left of the scoreboard. He leans forward in his great golden chair to get a better view of the contestants. He is still weak from his operation.

The preliminaries of the game have been completed. It is now left to the stars of each team to deliver the victory. The hero for the side strides forward to meet the public and the moment. He is tall. He is young. His blue eyes gleam. His blond hair shines in

The tarpaulin is stretched over Kyle Field. Semi-weekly midnight yell practices are halted. Daily rehearsals by the band have ended. Emphasis shifts to G. Rollie White Coliseum and a rounder ball.

Football season is over. Glancing backward we find an Aggie record of 3-7, including two near-misses. But the scoreboard didn't tell the whole story of football at Texas A&M for 1965.

Modern football relies more on atmosphere for its success than any other sport. Who could imagine football today without bands, supporters, newspaper writeups and rivalry?

Examining these contributors to this year's A&M season, we find praises and criticisms in various corners.

—THE AGGIE BAND. Under the leadership of drum major Ellis Gill and the creativity of director Col. E. V. Adams, the Aggie Band made perhaps its most remarkable showing ever. Its halftime performances in

the Baylor, TCU, Rice and TU games were as good, if not better, than any intermission shows in history.

Demonstrating maneuvers that sometimes left the spectators spellbound, sometimes relieved, always impressed, the band went through another undefeated season. Or, at least, it was undefeated when it participated.

Through no fault of its own, however, the band was forced to forfeit halftime shows to Louisiana State, Georgia Tech, Texas Tech and Arkansas.

An Executive Committee ruling handed down last spring prohibited the musical unit from attending contests more than 250 miles distant from College Station. The ruling eliminated the group from four games, leaving a horde of disappointed Aggie supporters from four states in its wake.

Refusal on the one hand to sanction distant trips for the pride of Aggieland and increased emphasis on the other hand of the A&M image are at least confusing, sometimes embarrassing and at the most contradictory.

If the university's image is of chief concern to the committee, it would do well to reexamine this ruling and permit the band to represent Texas A&M at all conference and whenever possible, at intersectional tilts.

—THE TWELFTH MAN. The Spirit of Aggieland became an active force and a well-respected one this year with a revitalized Twelfth Man. Using logical restraint, the A&M student body gained new respect across the state and was indeed an image-builder.

Under the encouragement — almost demands — of Coach Gene Stallings, the Twelfth Man curtailed its unsportsmanlike activity of shouting while opponents barked signals.

No longer did the state press ridicule the Aggies. No longer did other schools eye A&M students with scorn. No longer was A&M the most unlikely prospect for the conference sportsmanship cup.

The group's conduct was vastly improved at no cost to its effectiveness as a spirit generator. Spirit continued to flow from the Twelfth Man as it always had, but in a more refined way that met with favorable response.

Head yell leader Joe Bush and his four assistants were largely responsible for this improvement, but it took a man like Stallings to initiate the change and break an ill-founded "tradition."

—THE CORPS OF CADETS. Deviating from its normal march-in procedure, the Corps displayed its talents in four pre-game reviews that brought early fans to their feet.

The cadets entered Kyle Field from the southeast side this year instead of the north and exited to the southwest instead of southeast. What transpired was an extended march that gave east side fans a close-up view of the parade.

While the new route drew criticism from cadets stubborn to change, it provided better exposure for the units from all fans and was indeed an improvement.

—SEATING ARRANGEMENT. A cramped situation in Kyle Field's A&M section for the home opener was duly corrected in time for the last three contests

and allowed adequate room for students to comfortably stand and breathe.

The first game's crowded section was due to a failure in the athletic department to allow for A&M's increased enrollment and the natural increase in attendance that accompanies a new coach and potential winner.

Although the situation was corrected for the SMU, Baylor and TU games, athletic and Student Senate seating officials should have gained a valuable lesson from the nightmare opener and should be alert to prevent similar circumstances next year.

All in all, football at Texas A&M fared pretty well in 1965. With a winning team in the not too distant future, A&M took steps this year to insure a winning environment.

Mortimer's Notes

FOR THE RECORD: Only 13 more school days (after today) till Christmas

Somebody hasn't been paying much attention to Southwest Conference football this year The All-Conference selections came out over the weekend, and Aggie end Ken (Dude) McLean was omitted

The word was out during the season that if Dude had been on a winning team, he would have been a likely choice for All-American

But to leave him off the mythical SWC all-star squad is an inexcusable injustice Perhaps the writers and coaches were not impressed because A&M didn't whip everybody

If the Aggies had had many more Dudes, however, that wouldn't have been the case

Being somewhat of a writer myself, I can understand where the sports scribes might have missed the boat: perhaps they were too busy eating roast beef sandwiches in the press box all year to notice

But the coaches — well, that's a different story Their chief concern when they sent a team against A&M was double or triple-teaming the Dude

Note for area small businessmen (that means small in economy, not stature): the Small Business Administration is continuing its program of assistance by sending a representative to Bryan on the second Wednesday of each month

Interested persons may contact the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce for more information

Deadline for filing for fish elections is 5 p.m. Thursday Election is set for Dec. 9 with runoff on Dec. 16

Filing is running pretty fast for some posts, but rather slow for Election Commission (no one has filed), social secretary (one applicant) and pre-vet representative to the Student Senate (two have filed)

Three dictaphones and a transistor radio were stolen from the Chemistry Building last Tuesday night or Wednesday morning Campus security is investigating See Ya 'Round — Mortimer.

By Charles M. Schulz

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