

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Th' guys in th' outfit appreciate your support of the basketball team, but couldn't you display your enthusiasm in some other way than letting your hair grow until they lose a conference game?"

Mortimer's Notes

Well, Happy New Year! I know it's a little late, but this is my first chance to wish you the best for '66

I got back to school yesterday and discovered that I was a week late Could have sworn we were supposed to start classes Jan. 10

Oh, well, I just missed two major quizzes, was dismissed from another class for too many absences, had my grade lowered a letter in another and had one helluva time explaining my stupidity

But, anyway, I'm back and should have plenty of time now to record my observations of campus life in the metropolitan area.

And speaking of metropolitan areas, I was in Dallas a couple days after the Cotton Bowl and the city was still trying to recover They told me downtown was a madhouse New Year's Eve With both the Cajuns and Porkers in town, I could see why

While I was in the city, though, I tried to see "Thunderball"—the latest James Bond flick But the line was too long (they were selling tickets for the next day's matinee), so I went down the street and watched "Battle of the Bulge" It's a great Tiger Flick for all you warmongers Battalion movie expert Lani Presswood said he saw it, too, and even HE liked it And that's pretty good, coming from a non-reg

Well, back to campus I'm never going to miss a whole week again So much happened

Like four issues of the Daily Jerden, with all of the sports writer's exploits on page one Well, not ALL of his exploits, but the ones of his hitchhiking episode anyhow

And then I noticed that the Student Senate is going to study operations of Student Publications Maybe the Student Publications Board should initiate a study of the Student Senate How can the students be sure they are adequately represented by their senators?

Also, I was relieved to hear that there were no Silver Taps last Tuesday

And was I ever shocked! The circle is being demolished A pat on the back for the City Council who had been plugging away for years and finally got some action

A New Year's toast to the basketball team after winning their first two conference games They go after a third one tonight when they take on Arkansas We're Number One, We're Number One That's the cry here now

I heard a story about the Maggie last Saturday night who had a date with one of her male friends (one of many) They were casually driving down Highway 6 (which runs both ways) and the Maggie spotted a car in the bushes in Hensel Park "That guy must be lost out there in the bushes," she remarked to her date

It took her a moment to realize that perhaps he wasn't lost at all, that maybe he had some reason to be parked in the bushes She blushed

Speaking of stories, I heard a rumor — just a rumor, mind you — that not everyone is so displeased with all the Aggie jokes floating about Even some Aggies think they're kinda funny Some I heard over the holidays were, some weren't But everywhere I went, I was greeted with, "Did you hear the one about the Aggie that"

Most of them I had heard, but not as Aggie jokes See Ya 'Round—Mortimer.

Mike Reynolds

Outside Activity Makes School Fun

Ever now and again, college gets to be a pain in the neck to some people. The day in and day out attendance of classes, the monotony of studying and doing homework and endless rhythm of menial tasks begin to drag them down.

Others seem to breeze through the week without a care in the world and stand waiting to take on any and all situations.

What seems to make the difference?.. Whether it is at A&M or on some other campus, the monotony-breaker of college life is extra-curricular activities.

What do upperclassmen do for fun?.. Where do they make new friends? How do they seem to get more out of school? To the first or second year college student these questions may be a puzzle. To the upperclassmen, they may count like the beginning of some more fatherly advice. They might as well stop reading right now. If they haven't discovered the secret by the time graduation is becoming more than a dream, then they never will discover it.

Some students seem to fit right in with the pattern of life in college. Usually they discovered the secret of extra-curricular activities in high school. Look into their histories and you will see class presidents and the like. It was natural for them to fit in when they got to college. It was already second nature to them.

I don't have to tell you what the extra-curricular activities are. All you have to do is look in the yearbook and take your pick of the groups you find there. Publications, government, social organizations and many others fill the list. Start little at first. Everyone has to be a fish for one year. There has to be someone in the club for the president to tell what to do.

Then try for a secondary post in the organization. Before you

know it, you are on your way. The positions can take you around the social whirl, the state, the U. S. and even follow you through life. The people you meet and make friends now can make and conceivably break you in later life.

Now that I have had my say on that topic, I will come down off my pulpit and talk to the masses.

There is such a thing as going to the extreme. Some people join everything they can lay their signatures to. The results of this can be seen by taking a look at the seniors around you. If they complain of day in and day out attendance of classes, the monotony of club meetings and endless rhythm of menial tasks for a mob of different organizations, they have what may be known as Who's Whoitis. The name is derived from juniors that run madly about the campus trying desperately to find some more points for their rating in some organization.

First thing you know the second semester of the senior year is rolling around and the old Grade Point Ratio comes rolling downhill and buries them under a hill of disappointment when their buddies walk off with that diploma.

That is, if they are still on their feet, they feel disappointment. That little building over their in the trees fondly known as the Student Health Service is just full of the ones that crack. If you go home, they'll crack you over the head. The circle gets tighter and tighter, just because someone told you to join an organization on campus.

Where is the happy medium. I can't say for you. Everyone has a different one. It is up to you to find it. College will no longer seem a drudge, that is for sure. It may become one madhouse of a scramble.

Have fun. Try joining. Don't leave at semester.

Criminal Code Analysis

Part 1

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Criminal law in Texas has been overhauled with the adoption of a new Texas Code of Criminal Procedure which went into effect Jan. 1.

Praised by some, criticized by others, the revised guide to criminal trials updates and in general liberalizes the old 1925 code.

Defendants, always protected under the American constitutional system, now have much more protection. Texas criminal procedure has been placed more in line with federal court thought. The new has been a sweeping change in the handling of criminal cases in the state.

Among the most widely discussed and debated changes in the code are provisions dealing with bail bond, confessions, rights of counsel, pre-trial news coverage, jury rules, punishment and probation.

The revision has received plaudits from defense attorneys and some prosecutors, while other prosecutors and police chiefs have claimed the new code will make it harder to obtain convictions.

The code touches far more people than those in the legal or enforcement professions. A new chronicle of personal rights has been written, which more definitely defines the guaranteed individual rights to a fair trial.

Engineered by the State Bar of Texas, the code was adopted by the state legislature during its 1965 session. Various federal court rulings precipitated the revision.

The Supreme Court in 1961 tossed out previous definitions of "due process of law" and launched into case after case redefining the clause.

Mapp vs. Ohio that year started the trend which has since been expanded in such landmark cases as Gideon vs. Wainwright in Florida and Escobedo vs. Illinois.

But it was the Mapp case which set the precedent. An illegal search uncovered pornographic literature in Mapp's possession which he was convicted. In reversing the decision, the Supreme Court also threw out previous rulings that evidence uncovered in an illegal search could not be considered a violation of individual rights.

In Gideon vs. Wainwright the previous requirement for counsel (state-appointed if necessary) was expanded to include felony cases.

The Escobedo case further expanded the right to counsel to include suspects when police investigation shifts to accusation.

Texas criminal law observers were not disturbed by the Mapp and Gideon cases particularly, since both matters under fire were already adequately covered by the existing state code. However, the court began to expand its interpretations—in cases such as Escobedo—Texas lawmakers saw it was time to change. Also, various weaknesses in the old code (such as limitations placed on judges) contributed to the revision campaign.

In these articles we will consider how the code:
1. Has altered provisions for confessions and right of counsel.
2. Further protects individual rights.
3. Saves time and expense in trial procedures and still provides for punishment and rehabilitation of society's wrong-doers.

Course Critique: Professors Rated

It's that time of the semester again, when every professor is looked upon by his charges as a smirking, inhumane wretch who dedicates his entire spirit for the next few weeks to the unrelentless torture and methodical destruction of the student's will to live.

But even as we all prepare to gird ourselves for the miserable days of agony that inevitably appear twice a year, there is a tiny speck of hope for us downtrodden fellows faintly gleaming in the distance of Washington State.

The University of Washington student body must have decided they were tired of being trodden upon by professors so they devised a clever means of retaliation; a mammoth edition which literally tears the guts from the faculty.

The book is called Course Critique, and as the title implies it systematically reviews the best and the worst of the university's course offerings. It is lavish in its praise and merciless in its contempt for what the student consensus feels to be inferior offerings.

But Course Critique goes further than just offering opinions on courses. It also includes a section rating the faculty.

Professors are rated from A to E, the latter signifying a deplorable ranking. The book pulls no punches; names are printed and more than one poor prof has his hide torn off by caustic commentary.

All 25,000 students at Washington were allowed to participate through distribution of questionnaires. The results were screened and analyzed by a select group of doctoral level individuals and the findings were published in book form a year ago.

Needless to say, the book is a roaring success. Harvard has published a Confidential Guide which details both the best and worst of the academic offerings. That effort is compiled by the editors of the university student newspaper.

Other campuses in the North — only a handful, actually — have shown interest in a similar endeavor whereby students can be allowed to express sincere opinions on the quality of courses and the men who teach them.

Such an ambitious venture would cause a more than mild reaction among the faculty on this campus and any campus, and understandably so. Nobody likes to be panned by an unequal.

Yet a Course Critique could work here. Perhaps it would not be wise to have all students render judgments on courses and profs, although that would be the ideal situation.

But what harm would there be in permitting graduating seniors who are Distinguished Students or honor graduates to critique the past four years of instruction?

Can you imagine some professor opening his new Aggie Course Critique and finding this statement entered under his name:

"He tries to dress as if he were one of the boys and his lectures sound like a broken record."

Or "he's the best reader to hit the campus in years."

Or "he can cram more tripe and fewer pertinent facts into 50 minutes than the next 10 profs."

Or "he hasn't updated his notes in 12 years and the only constructive thing he does is throw sleepers out of class."

Such a project would result in a mass outcry of indignation from the faculty and there would be hell to pay for somebody — probably the students.

But if a Course Critique could be handled responsibly it might well prove beneficial to a department head attempting to upgrade his curricula and staff.

It's not so far out as it seems, and what harm could come from it if it were done properly?

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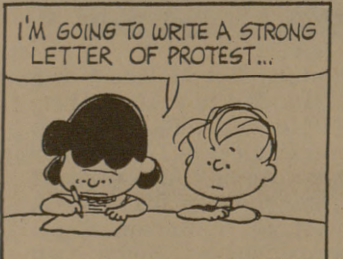
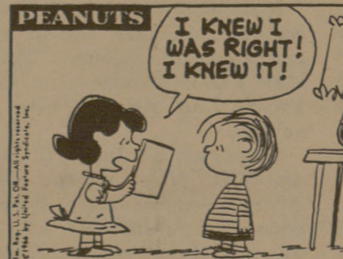
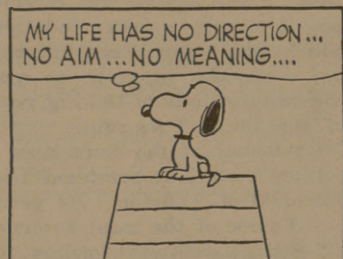
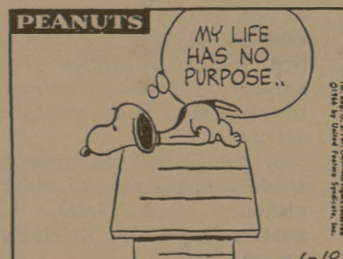
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