#### College Station, Texas CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

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Editor,

The Battalion,

litigation continues.

ority news coverage so that a

top-ranking Corps personnel have

cial sanctuary from open criti-

cism, this must be the first time

that adequate publicity has been

given to the wanton abuse of

(Aggie Band), and I sincerely be-

lieve it is one of the finest organ-

izations any Southwestern uni-

today. However, there's always

a few wormy apples in every bar-

Court is an example of their in-

ability to see their responsibili-

ties to those who make their posi-

tions even exist (i.e. the thous-

ands of good jokers that make up

the majority of the Corps). This

might well be the time to air

some of the dirty laundry which

I'm not critical of the charges

has got pretty deep in higher

"R.H.I.R." by the Trigon puppets.

I spent four years in the Corps,

for several years enjoyed a spe-



"It sure is heart-warming to know that T.U. was so accommodating in helping us make th' civilian weekend such a success, and especially our new baseball game tradition!"

# THE BATTALION Tuesday, March 29, 1966 Brenda Lee Tremendous Read Battalion Classifieds In Town Hall Appearance

By LANI PRESSWOOD **Battalion Amusements Editor** Brenda Lee. Brenda, Brenda,

Brenda. As a senior with the calendar date May 28 circled in red, I can honestly say that Town Hall saved the best for last. Up to Saturday night, the Brothers Four and Peter, Paul and Mary were in just about a dead heat in entertainment memorysville over the four-year haul.

No longer. It's Miss Dynamite by the width of a refreshing smile, and by the length of a ringing, heartfelt note.

They billed her as the world's top female vocalist and a large, cheering Aggie crowd found out why Saturday.

Her performance was moving, stunning, explosive. She sang literally as if there were no tomorrow, as if this was her last performance. She seemed to throw all she had into each song, and the emotional and physical effort she put forth was something to see.

Brenda belted out no less than 21 numbers, and you had to wonder how she could possibly get her breath fast enough to run through them with a pause only for the enthusiastic applause between each one.

Decked out in a satiny white

evening gown and fairly radi- end of the show. ating vitality and emotion, the 4-11 dynamo displayed a voice of almost unbelievable power. If White Coliseum has an acoustics problem you sure couldn't tell it while she was singing . . . and sing she did. She knocked out all of her big

hits, including "Jambalaya," "I'm Losing You," "All Alone Am I," "Sweet Nothins'," and her blockbuster, "I'm Sorry."

It's easy to pick out the highlights of some shows but in her performance there were nothing but highlights. There wasn't a single slow moment in her entire act.

If anything, she seemed to get better and better as the evening wore on, and "The Walls of Jericho," "Bill Bailey," and "When across especially well toward the

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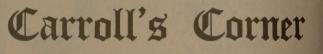
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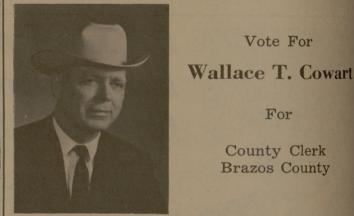
Each of her songs was delivered in a deep, earthy, natural voice, packed with feeling. She roamed all over the stage, got down on her knees, almost bent over completely backwards several times, and slapped her right thigh unmercifully during her most frenzied numbers.

Through it all she was backed by The Casuals, a lively, talented six-man combo who put on a fine performance themselves the first half of the show.

In her dressing room, Brenda was calm, poised and friendly, expressed a personal preference for classical music, and revealed that she plans to perform in Viet Nam next summer.

And if her presence can't boost our war effort over there then The Saints Go Marchin' In" came it's high time we headed for the negotiating table.





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#### of the privilege of student-admin- no discipline. Although it is no secret that istered justice. \* \* \* Editor, The Battalion,

— Sound Off

The Staff of The Battalion deserves a hardy congratulations for taking a stand on the Cadet Court issues. What should concern us, at this time, is were there irregularities in the Court, were irregularities then the entire system should be reviewed, if not then the whole subject should

continue to bring more controverbody of Texas A&M University.

der the formalities of a trial is to bers can bring to the fraternity. be very, very naive. In this situ- These new members tend to be of First, let me say "Congratula- ation Cadet Martin had to be the same sociological, economic, tions" to The Battalion for the found guilty - or cadet rank re-Staff, Inc. I hope sincerely that no idea what really happened at this incident will receive top pri- the drive-in grocery where this unfortunate situation began, but true picture of the outcome of the I cannot believe that Cadet Marproceedings will be presented to tin's actions, however disrespect-

Harry Hulen, '64

#### if there were irregularities were versity has to offer to young men they fostered by the Corps Commander, and most important, did the Corps Commander use the rel. This slip-shop abuse of Cadet Court for personal revenge against the Cadet in question. It is now of minor importance whether or not the charges are correct, but was the Court correct? We are not faced with the future of Cadet Court, if there

be dropped. This stand is a milestone in The and if the accused is guilty he Battalion's history and a great one. I hope that the Batt will sial subjects before the student

and cultural background as that long overdue expose of Corps duced to insignificance. I have of the old members. The basic purpose of fraternities is to join together to achieve social ends. Their leaders are elected by popular vote. Except for a very short period of time as a pledge, the entire student body as future ful, warranted this pitiful misuse members are subjected to almost By contrast, in the cadet corps most incoming freshmen are assigned to their companies by

academic majors. In this way they are thrown together with people of different backgrounds. The purpose of cadet companies is to provide military training for its members. Leaders at A&M are supposedly selected on the basis of their qualifications for their jobs. It is certainly not a popularity contest. Members of cadet companies are subjected to strict discipline from the first day of their freshman year to final review of their senior year. By the way, cadet companies are not allowed to buy alcoholic beverages with their unit funds. Fraternities are certainly allowed this consideration.

The purpose of this letter is not to degrade fraternities, nor is it to glorify the Cadet Corps, but to point out some of the basic facts about the Cadet Corps which has

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should pay dearly for those are serious charges. Let us hope that "the powers that be" will review all aspects of this case and be fair to those involved and to Texas A&M. It might well be that a change from diamonds to buttons would aid considerably in the clearing of the rather odiferous atmosphere which has enshrouded Corps Staff for all too long a time.

Doug Johnson, '65 \* \* \*

Editor, The Battalion.

echelons.

It is certainly the duty of The Battalion to report such incidents | as the recent Cadet Court trial of Cadet Mike Martin. Your editorial was biased in favor of Martin, but one shameful element of truth is beyond dispute. The Cadet Colonel of the Corps debased himself and his proud office by appearing as plaintiff at a trial where everyone from the accused to the court president were his subordinates. A commander's word has to be accepted by those under him, for unquestioned yet carefully used authority is basic to any effective military structure. To believe that this authority can exist outside a courtroom and then, somehow, evaporate unName withheld by request.

\* \* \* Editor. The Battalion,

Regarding Dean of Students James P. Hannigan's quote in the March 24 issue of The Battalion which said, "Cadet Companies are really little fraternities in all but name.

Fraternities are allowed to pick their new members on the basis of prestige which these new mem-



tion.

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