

## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Been talkin' baseball again?"

## Humor Flows To A New Low Gutter

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VERY BAT JOKES. The Sayre Ross Company, Donald Brockett, Josie Carey and Rosemary Parlak. Dell Publishing Co. 50c.

The title of this book, when translated, pretty well tells the tale. This 24-page, four by seven-inch, paperback makes its attempt at humor by punning any word that vaguely sounds like Bat.

"How can you tell a cowardly bat?"

"No batbone."  
This sort of thing fills the pages, and the reader is speeded up in his struggle through the volume by the faint hope that the next joke, somehow, just has to be better than the last.

Illustrations are simple draw-

ings of humorous (?) bats, and with one attempted-joke to a page, there's a lot of white space. In this case, the space with nothing at all printed on it comes out as the volume's high-water mark.

"What do they call a bat in Rome?"

"A Batalion."  
The introduction states, "The Sayre Ross Company, Donald Brockett, Josie Carey and Rosemary Parlak stand behind the extreme bat quality of jokes contained in this non-book."

Somebody should take the responsibility, and quickly clear the whole lot from the newstands before it reaches the public. A book like this is the best inticement for the institution of censorship ever published.

The American public should at all costs, be protected from VERY BAT JOKES.

Editor,  
The Battalion:

The other day I received the latest edition of the A&M school catalogue. Out of curiosity, I looked up our vacation schedule for the 1966-1967 school year. I came across something that seems to be in error. They state in the new catalogue that our Christmas Vacation next year is to extend from December 17, till January 2, 1967. In other words, we must be back for classes on January 2. This means that we must travel over the New Year's Day Holiday, which is one of the most dangerous holidays of the year. If a person happens to live out of state and he is driving, he must travel over New Year's Eve, which is suicide.

I can't figure out why the administration would want us to play Russian roulette with every drunk in the nation just so we can get back for classes. The administration must have made some sort of a mistake due to "red" tape.

Since The Battalion makes a great effort each year around

## — Sound Off —

Christmas to promote traffic safety, I hope that you can do something about this error. I am afraid that if something is not done about it, we are going to have a Silver Taps just after we get back from the Christmas holidays.

Richard F. Jones

Editor,  
The Battalion:

Happy to report that we had a fine Muster in Saigon. There were more than 80 Aggs ranging from the classes of '36-'65 present. Many were from Saigon and there were a few of us who came in out of the Delta and the provinces surrounding Saigon.

I'm writing to ask for help. I started a "pen pal" program here and have gotten far more Vietnamese than American participants so far. The Vietnamese are high school English students and because of differences in their school system range from age 14-21 with most in the upper level. Both boys and girls are participating.

If any of you Aggs are interested just send along a letter with name, address, hobbies, and brief biography and I'll get it to the proper folks.

Gig'em Aggies

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Editor,  
The Battalion:

I just want to ask a question—and if you can't answer it perhaps you would pass it on to those who may be responsible.

Last Mother's Day, on the campus of A&M, I watched Squadron 12, I believe it was, receive the award for the most outstanding or best drilled squadron on campus. They were marched front and center on the drill field, stopped in front of the reviewing stand, and everyone was told, in a most convincing voice, just how important this award was — how proud these boys should be — how much work went into it, etc., and were presented with their cords for everyone to see.

This year, May 10, 1966, the Fighting Aggie Band won this same award — it was simply announced at the morning gathering and the cords "were taken to them as they sat in their seats". Not one word was said at the huge gathering on the drill field that afternoon. Now I realize that academic excellence and leadership are more important than a mere band, but what a dull day Mothers Day, and yes, Final Review, too, would be without the music of that same band, as the Corps go marching by.

I say why not give the band the same treatment as any other unit that wins an award — or is that too much to ask?

An Aggie Mom

Editor's Note: Squadron 6 won the General George F. Moore award last year. This award, for the most outstanding military unit, is presented at the Mother's Day review. Company A-1 received this prize for the current year, and it was presented at the review as is the custom.

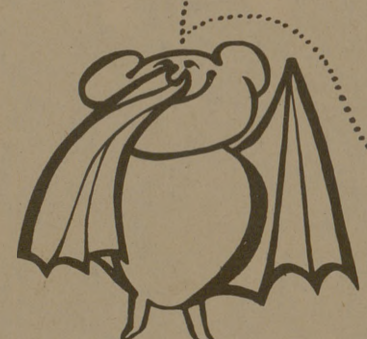
The Band won the marching cord this year, for the best drilled unit, and it is presented at the awards ceremony held in the morning before the review. Squadron 17 won this award last year. Again it was presented at the awards ceremony.

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(Compiled by Publishers' Weekly)

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Q: What is so funny?  
A: Very bat jokes

Q: WHAT DOES A BAT WEAR OVER HIS PAJAMAS?

A: A BATROBE

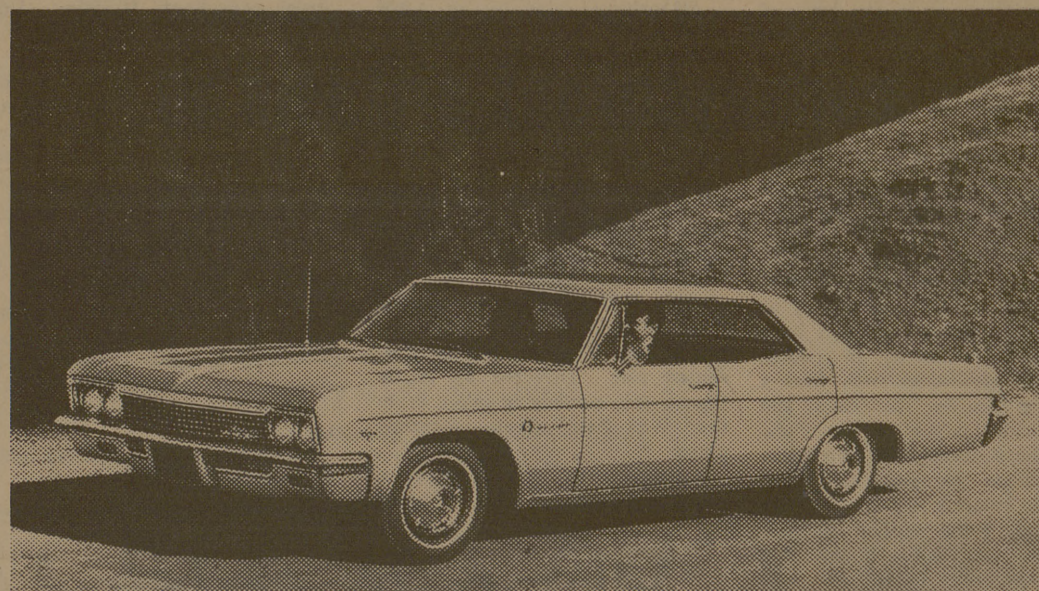
## Blaze Damages Systems Building

Fire caused heavy damage to heating and cooling equipment in the System Administration Building early Friday.

The blaze was reported at 4 a.m. by a passerby. Campus firemen snuffed the flames before they spread from a mechanical room on the ground level.

The four-story building houses the office of President Earl Rudder and several staff sections. It was constructed in 1932 at a cost of \$353,000. Replacement value would exceed \$1½ million, Parsons suggested.

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