

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I don't see why you would go to th' trouble of making a new quiz when you could give that wonderful quiz you used last semester!"

This Week Full Of Varied Events

Some may say that there's nothing to do here at A&M during the week and on the weekend; everyone, or nearly everyone, goes home anyway if given half a chance. But this week will be full of activities which should prove to be very entertaining if students take advantage of them.

Last night Town Hall presented another in its series to a near capacity crowd in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Johnny Mathis Show provided some of the greatest entertainment to come to the campus.

Tonight the Aggies take on the Arkansas Razorbacks, who are currently sharing the cellar with Texas Tech. The varsity game begins at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Gen. Hamilton H. Howze, U. S. Army (ret.), will deliver a Fourth Army ROTC guest lecture. His address will be the "Battle of Chancellorsville" and will be presented at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center. The lecture will be open to anyone interested in Civil War history, Robert Manry, will speak Friday night. Manry, in the United States, Dr. William S. Dix, will present a University Lecture at 8 p.m. in the MSC. Dr. Dix will speak on "New Challenges to University Libraries" and how it applies to A&M.

The Harkness Ballet, one of the nation's youngest but greatest ballets is scheduled for a Thursday performance at Bryan's Municipal Auditorium. This is sponsored by the Town Hall Committee and is an "Extra." This will prove to be different than any entertainment presented at A&M this year. Tickets are on sale at the Student Programs Office in the MSC.

One of the most adventurous ocean-going sailors in history, Robert Manry, will speak Friday night. Manry, who holds the world's record for captaining the smallest boat ever to cross the Atlantic non-stop, will give his own colorful account of "Tinkerbell's Run for Glory." His presentation is sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee as a feature of the "World Around Us" series.

This year's Sophomore Ball will feature Neil Ford and the Fanatics Saturday night in Sbisa Hall. The semi-formal dance will begin at 8 p.m. and last until midnight.

Now, anyone who says that there is nothing to do at A&M this week must certainly be looking for an excuse to complain. We're not saying that there is always this much activity on campus, but students should take advantage of it when there is.

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— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:

Since the Batt's policy on publishing letters has become so obvious lately, I will first of all state that I do not intend that this letter even be considered for printing, so with that in mind I will not have to be particularly careful who or what I criticize, nor will I be concerned with length.

I hope your editorial of Feb. 10 represented a new trend; that of regularly printing editorials. An editorial, regardless of its point of view, is better than none at all.

You were correct in recognizing that A&M students are apathetic, which is perhaps a generalization not applicable to all of us. I think, however, that this apathy is not a problem in itself, but is rather a symptom of an underlying problem. You cited last spring's election turnout as an example of this apathy, and you wondered why a popular Corps member and an athlete didn't draw votes. Perhaps being popular, in the Corps, or an athlete are not adequate reasons to compel masses of students to overwhelm the polls. Perhaps no one voted because there was absolutely no reason to vote. We might as well hold elections to determine who should be waiters in the cafeteria. I'm sure such an election would arouse equal interest among the students. Why vote for a name in a voting machine when that name doesn't represent a stand on an issue? Issue is the key word, not apathy.

Here is where the Battalion comes in. I realize what your position is, and perhaps I understand President Rudder's concern for our image. But I can not see how this concern over image could be so great as to quash all dissent, criticism, and discussion in the Battalion, which should be a forum for differing views. Instead of wasting space berating TU you could at least report some of the vital issues. I would bet that many students were either totally or partially unaware of what was going on during the controversy last fall. You could have mentioned the matter of the budget, which may well be cut in half, according to the Bryan Daily Eagle. Look at the effect a proposed budget cut is having in California. U of C's students don't plan to take it lying down. Should we do less?

Now that I am on the subject, I feel that you have completely misunderstood the situation at Berkeley. Do you actually believe that the noisemakers there represent the other 24,000 students? And how do you suppose Berkeley has reached its present status at the pinnacle of the academic world? Certainly not by being obsessed with image. The agitation apparently hasn't frightened off the Ph.D.'s or the more conservative students. The greatest damage to Berkeley and the University of California system will be done by the reactionary elements among the people and in the state's government.

I think President Rudder's fears of the "specter of Berkeley" are completely unfounded, mainly because A&M is of a vastly different character than Berkeley. Cal is an urban school and is located in an "intellectual hot-spot" so to speak. On the other hand, very little big-city influence is found here at A&M. Furthermore, the so-called "new left," which is responsible for most of the agitation at Cal, is non-existent here. If there were persons of this inclination around A&M, strife and agitation would be in evidence right now, perhaps in reaction to the absurdity of the clothing regulations. The Berkeley specter is therefore no excuse for preventing public exchange of ideas and criticism.

Finally, no matter how much the Batt looks down its nose at TU, one has only to read the Daily Texan to see an example of a student newspaper. I don't know how you'd run the Batt if you weren't restricted, but I hope it would be differently than the method now in use.

Sincerely,
 C.R. Glover '69

P.S. This letter is not directed to you personally, but to the position of editor which you represent.

Editor's Note:
 The Battalion has never stopped being a "forum for differing views," except for a couple of weeks immediately following the transition last fall; this action was, of course, taken in accordance with our policy of holding down publicity on the situation, as pointed out in the Feb. 10 editorial. The only letters that have

not been included in "Sound Off" since that time concerned personal grievances without general interest, and, as such, did not merit place in a "forum."

As for Mr. Glover's observation that "many students were either totally unaware or partially unaware of what was going on during the controversy," we would like to point out that the Battalion was probably least at fault for such a condition. Any student vitally concerned with the issues at hand could have made inquiries elsewhere; to expect a full, unbiased account, giving both sides of the question, in the newspaper whose staff had an obvious vested interest in the controversy, would be sheer folly.

Mr. Glover has taken issue with an admittedly vague portion of the editorial "We don't want another Berkeley" was not intended to read "We don't respect the University of California at Berkeley as an outstanding academic institution." The "specter of Berkeley" refers to specific instances of mob rule by the "new left." It is certainly not a blanket indictment of the University of California.

As for our "berating" of TU, a similar explanation is in order. "We don't even want another University of Texas" referred specifically — at least, in this instance — to that element of the students who have participated in the many demonstrations and marches in the name of assorted "causes," some of which have earned national news coverage, which unfortunately reflect on the majority. The A&M student

Houston Rodeo To Recognize Foreign Ags

Officials of the Houston Livestock Show Association have invited all Texas A&M international students to attend the 1967 Livestock Show and Rodeo opening day, Feb. 22.

The opening day of the rodeo and show has been designated "Texas A&M Day," and the Aggie Band will lead the parade and participate in the show. All the international students and their wives will be guests of the Livestock Association. Robert L. Melcher, foreign student advisor, said he hopes the students will attend if possible.

Buses will leave at 4 p.m. from the front of the YMCA Feb. 22 and will return about 1 a.m. All students wishing to participate in this program must ride on these buses, Melcher said.

body has a long way to go from apathy to that extreme, and we feel there is a desirable point somewhere in between. We hope it can be reached soon.

Incidentally, Mr. Glover might be interested to know that the "student" newspaper at TU is managed by Bob Hilburn, a veteran newspaperman. Hilburn reviews all stories and editorials before they are published, according to the Dallas Morning News' Oct. 29, 1966, story on his appointment. He was hired by the Texas Student Publications Board — a situation very similar to our setup here.

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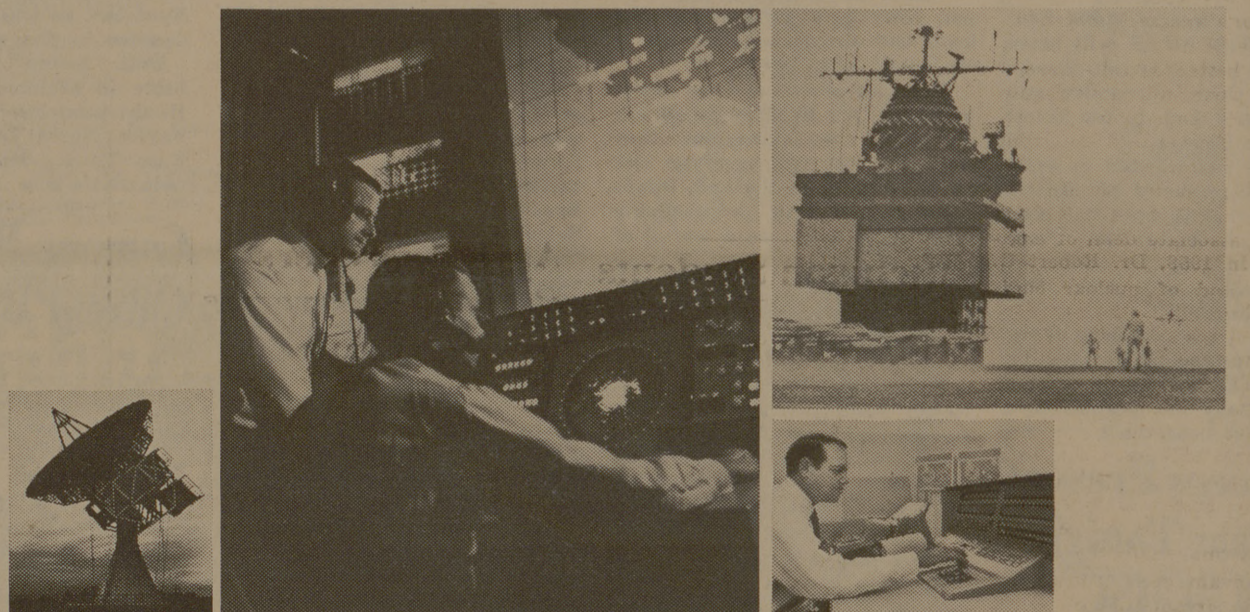
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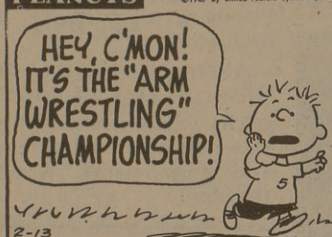
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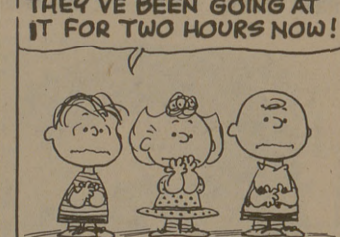
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