

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Laughing at those corn-ball jokes didn't do it!"

## Reds Make Port A Shooting Gallery

The Pentagon has disclosed that Communist freighters delivering supplies to North Vietnam's port of Haiphong have fired at U. S. warplanes.

The military officials said that the planes had not been hit and had not returned the fire. There was no identification of the ships involved.

American pilots, up to this point, have had to contend with what has been termed the most effective anti-aircraft defense ever devised while making their daily raids over North Vietnam. Now they must watch for fire from ships of supposedly non-combatant nations who shoot at them from the safety of the harbor. The harbor has been labeled off-limits to American bombs by Washington.

Red anti-aircraft fire has been extremely successful thus far due to the restrictions placed on the American airmen. Red gun emplacements are often situated in civilian populated areas where the U. S. planes are forbidden to return the fire.

Only when the guns are located away from these areas have the pilots been allowed to silence them.

Red airfields are also off-limits to American attacks. The Communist Migs must leave the ground before the Americans can attack the enemy jets.

And now another "don't" area has developed into a potentially deadly obstacle to the bombing. Anyone with a gripe against the Americans can now get into the act. Bring the whole family. For the price of one boatload of supplies brought to Haiphong Harbor, get three shots at the American jets. Knock one down and the captain of the vessel gets a teddy bear.—J.G.

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## Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:  
Dear Sir:

While visiting the campus Friday, March 17, with a friend who is a former student of the University of Texas, we parked his car in front of the MSC next to the drill field. Since a practice review was going on I thought it was a good turn to let him see the corps first hand. He got a first hand show all right. When we returned, two of his tires were flat. As a former student I was very humiliated, and more con- siderated by the cryptic, four-letter words and tobacco juice further decorating the car.

Fighters, this happened in the veritable front yard of our campus and to a former student to boot, me! It was not good bull. Neither did it reflect what I believe to be the true spirit of Aggieland. Let's not let this happen to any other 'sips who might visit us.

We wish to thank Mr. Buck Weirus of the Former Students Association who was most helpful in getting us on the road.

Sincerely,  
C. A. Bedinger, Jr. '64

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To the Editor:

It seems that we're still beating the proverbial dead horse. On Feb. 9, the Battalion devoted space to the issue of clothing regulations. On March 31, we had another repeat performance of the same.

The editor rests his case on two points: One, that such regulations are in the "bluebook." I read it twice. The second time because I didn't believe the first. Never had I seen a university with such a voluminous list of laws, doctrines and dogma. Even still, I assumed that most of these rules were to be taken with a grain of salt. The clothing regulation was one such rule.

Laws are made to protect the people which they govern. Likewise, a school sets down rules which are to help the student. Many of these rules are flexible and subject to revision. Sometimes laws are archaic and when such is proven to be the case, they should be revised or omitted.

Less than ten years ago, few people would have dared to wear Bermuda shorts or torn off pants. Now it is accepted fashion in the U. S. and neither our government nor society has toppled because of it. Much the same can be said for shoes without socks or no shoes at all.

We have passed the days of high button shoes and stiff neck collars. Since fashion and the acceptance of various modes of fashion are changing, obviously archaic rules about fashion should be changed.

Reflection upon the university

himself freely. An excellent example of this administrative domination occurred during the fall semester when the issue of political clubs on campus arose. End result — Political Forum farce.

How is the student to grow and expand if he is suppressed every time he turns around. Growth and expansion are what the college or university campus is for.

One's education does not come solely from books or classroom material.

Is it right for a few to dominate so many? A campus needs rules and regulations, but not ones that defeat one of the university's main objectives: to THINK FOR ONE'S SELF.

The role of the University should be to provide an atmosphere of learning and free thought, not to suppress it. Clothing regulations are but a small part of the basic issue: ADMINISTRATIVE DOMINATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

Jack Smyth '66  
Landscape Architecture

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Editor, The Battalion:

PHEW  
A question to our sockless crew

If you feel you've lost a right Have you tried to get the rule changed

Have you tried to shed some light?

Have you told it to the Senate Or written letters to the Ed? Instead of using your feet

How 'bout trying your head? Yes, I'm really for you You and all your kin I'd like to help you out

Which way did you come in?

Dan Galvin '64

### Bulletin Board

Today  
Ag Eco Club will meet in rooms 112 and 113 of the Plant Sciences Building at 7:30 p.m. Will discuss spring picnic.

Wednesday  
Aggie Wive's Bridge Club will meet in the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Hillel Foundation will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 800 Jersey. There will be a supper and discussion with other religious groups.

The Brazos Valley Gem and Mineral Society will hold its regular monthly meeting in room 229 Chemistry Building April 5th at 7:30 p.m.

All A&M University students, faculty, wives, and any other persons interested in rock collecting, fossil collecting, cutting of gem stones, and the metal arts of making jewelry are invited to attend the meetings.

## New Directors Welcomed Into A&M Student Facility

By MIKE PLAKE  
Battalion Special Writer

The Texas A&M Baptist Student Union welcomed its new director recently with a flourish of activity.

At a recent bi-weekly vesper service, Bob Birch introduced himself to students with a short testimony and personal history. Refreshments and a social were scheduled after the service.

Birch and his family moved here from Tampa, Fla., where he previously served as assistant pastor and minister to Youth at Spenser Memorial Baptist Church.

"We had a great deal of activity on the University of South Florida campus and were involved deeply in student work," Birch said.

Through the activities with those students and by his own experience with Baptist Student Unions on the campus of Stephen F. Austin College, Birch has learned to relate the Christian experience as one "essential to a happy, powerful life." Formerly a Methodist, Birch began attending vesper services at the BSU there and became interested in reading the Bible.

"That was what you might call my conversion," he said. "That's when I began to realize something of the life that Christ has to offer a person."

The Aggie BSU had been without a director since the summer, when Prentiss Chunn died of a heart attack.

Birch was quick to commend the Aggies in their work with-

out a director. "They have shown a real faithfulness," Birch said. "It takes a lot of courage to try to keep up a full-time religious program with a small group of full-time students, but they did it and enjoyed it."

He outlined the plan for BSU activities for the coming months. "We have four areas we want to emphasize: Studying the Bible, Prayer, Evangelism, and Christian fellowship."

"What our program consists of is simple. We want to honestly and sincerely show people how real Christianity works, and we want to invite them to share the joy of the Christian life with us."

Birch is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He attended Ashbury Seminary, and Brite School of the Bible. He also has a B.A. in religion from Texas Christian University.

## Drug Raid Nets Five At Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP)—Five young men, four of them reported to be Texas Tech students, were arraigned Monday on charges of possession of narcotics.

The five youths were arrested shortly after midnight Monday morning when Lubbock police raided a party a block off the Texas Tech campus.

Police said they questioned about 65 other young persons attending the party.

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