

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It's from Texas A&M—A case of soap!"

Students Say No To Board Rule

The real issue of last night's march on President Rudder's home was not to prove Texas A&M is joining the ranks of "sit-ins, sit-outs, or standouts" at other Texas universities.

Neither is the \$20 raise in student services in dispute. The problem is the mandatory ruling that A&M civilian dormitory students must pay board fees. In effect, this action by the board of directors requires most students to eat on campus, or more specifically, in Sbsisa Dining Hall.

It is a fact that the current Texas A&M University catalog contains the disputed policy. It states: "All students living in the dormitories are required to pay for board, room rent, and laundry." (BULLETIN OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 1, 1966. EFFECTIVE 1966-67.)

It is also a fact that the Board has waited until now to enforce the policy.

And the reaction to its enforcement is obvious. The question in mind is not whether Sbsisa dining hall serves good or horrendous meals, or whether the civilian student body is turning Texas A&M into a "cookie-pusher" school.

The real problem is much more basic. It is whether Texas A&M students will be allowed the right to choose meals on campus or off.

It is a matter of choice, not price.

Art Club Schedules Meeting In Architecture Auditorium

Brazos Valley Art Association will meet May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the School of Architecture auditorium for a program and the final quarterly business meeting of the year.

According to Mrs. B. G. Foster, program chairman, Chartier Newton, Assistant Professor of Architectural Design, will give a slide lecture on the subject, "Creativity". She stated that Mr. Newton is a native of Tyler, a graduate of Texas A&M and the Cranbrook Academy of Art, a member of American Institute of Architects, a former designer with the firm of Caudill, Rowlett & Scott, and a former head of the design department of Harrell & Hamilton in Dallas. He won second prize this year in a national design competition, for a civic plaza in Kirkwood, Mo.

Mrs. Richard H. Thomas, president, will be in charge of the business meeting following the lecture. Yearly reports of cur-

rent officers will be given, and officers for the 1967-68 year will be elected.

Persons within a fifty-mile radius of Bryan-College Station who are interested in joining the association are invited to attend.

Automobile Association Calls For Auto Theft Prevention Campaign

The American Automobile Association, Texas Division, today called for all-out local support for the National Auto Theft Prevention campaign to help end the current sharp increase in auto thefts throughout the nation.

In urging strong public action, Wm. M. Coffey, general manager pointed to figures recently released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation showing an increase of 12 percent nationally in stolen automobiles in 1966 over 1965. The increase was second only to robbery which jumped 14 percent over the previous year, according to the F.B.I.

"Nearly 100 cities already have announced plans to participate in the national effort by conducting local campaigns," Coffey said.

"This initial response to a problem which can be reduced substantially by an alert public has been tremendously encouraging," he said. "Growing public support

Editor, The Battalion; Dear Sir:

In Tuesday's article dealing with the requirement that all Fall '67 dormitory students pay board, The Battalion stated that the move was taken "as a matter of equity and to provide a basis for better food service." (The Battalion, April 25). Supposedly, the resulting increased volume should provide a groundwork for improved service. However, the statement regarding equity is ambiguous in that it cannot be determined whether the meaning is that of economic or social equity. If economic equity is implied, the statement would contend that the move could ease a situation in which the student pays less than the value of his board. Such reasoning is fairly clear. The implication of social equity would be that of fairness and impartiality. If this is the case, fairness and impartiality to whom and for what purpose? The reasons for such a major alteration in student life should be clarified by the Battalion.

Sincerely,
Howard L. Huddleston '70
Gary A. McElvaney '68
John H. Moores '68

Editor, The Battalion; Dear Sir:

I see by today's Battalion (April 25, 1967) that another student right has fallen prey to the administrative ax. I am referring to the decision of the board of directors to make the payment of board compulsory for all dormitory students. The directors claim that such action "is being taken as a matter of equity and to provide a basis for better food service planning." Apparently, this "matter of equity" means that the

Corps Units End Housing Division

Wednesday was the deadline for Cadet Corps units to distribute housing cards and Drills and Ceremonies applications to their members, according to a memorandum issued by Lt. Col. L. K. Walker, assistant commandant.

Each unit received housing office room reservation cards and commandant's room reservation information cards, plus applications for Drills and Ceremonies status for the fall semester. Cards are to be filled out and returned individually to the civilian counselors in the Military Science Building.

Cadets planning to apply for Drills and Ceremonies status—non-membership in the ROTC programs—must return the application with their cards. The memorandum stated that cadets whose contract status is in doubt should complete the D&C forms.

All Corps units will be housed in the Duncan area and part of Hart Hall beginning this fall.

100 FREE BIG BONUS STAMPS

With \$10.00 Purchase or More Coupon Expires April 29, 1967.

The National Auto Theft Prevention Campaign, coordinated by the Department of Justice and sponsored by 19 national public and private organizations including the AAA, was formally announced by United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark, March 1, and has been endorsed by President Johnson.

The massive information campaign is aimed at reminding the motorists to remove the keys from the ignition of his car and locking the vehicle.

"If we can achieve this goal, auto theft can be reduced greatly," Coffey said. He noted that 500,000 cars were stolen in the United States in 1966. FBI figures show that 40 percent of the cars stolen had the keys in the ignition, while 80 percent had been left unlocked.

dining halls are not paying their own way, and the officials wish to blame the students who choose to eat elsewhere. But if the University cannot provide meals which are comparable in quality and price to those which are available at nearby restaurants, then dissatisfied students are perfectly within their rights to take their business elsewhere. And any attempt to obstruct this right of free choice is certainly not in accordance with the highest democratic ideals.

As far as "better food service" is concerned, that is a song which has been sung time and again, and it is beginning to have a hollow ring. If the food service is going to be of such high quality, as the administration claims, then it should bring the students back to the campus dining halls without the under-handed coercion which has been approved by the board of directors. Apparently, the board itself has little confidence in its proposed "better food service."

I would like to implore fellow students who feel that this action is unjust to send letters of complaint to the members of the board who are responsible for it. I also suggest that pre-law students check the statutes of this state to see if this university can indeed refuse entrance and a room to a student simply because he wishes to eat off campus.

R. L. Singletary '69

EDITOR, THE BATTALION:

Aggies everywhere, take heart! The Administration has done it again. We all know how they have strived to protect our young minds from the corrupting influence of those degenerate politicians, and our fine bodies from the inevitable decay that results from wearing no socks. Now, in their latest efforts to protect our mothers' sons and in the interest of our tender stomachs, they have decreed that we shall all partake of the tasty, vitamin-choked food served by dear old Sbsisa.

Keep your chins up, Aggies, and never fear; Big Brother is taking care of us.

Jack M. Whiteside, '68
P. O. Box 6467

Editor, The Battalion; Dear Sir:

This Thursday, April 27, each student has his opportunity to vote in the general elections thereby becoming active or continuing to be active in student affairs. The officers elected in this election will be those leaders who voice the opinions of the student body in the following:

1. Controversial issues on campus; 2. campus operational decisions made for the student body by the elected student officers and their committees; 3. mediating functions between students and university officials.

It is the student's obligation to evaluate each candidate's qualifications in order that a wise, beneficial vote may be cast, a vote in favor of a more active, more efficient Texas A&M. Each student interested in airing his opinions on campus issues next year can qualify by voting this Thursday in the general elections. A good qualified set of officers will insure an effective vote next year for student suggestions. Best we vote.

Sanford T. Ward
President Elect,
Senior Class '68

Editor, The Battalion; Dear Sir:

The little that we have now is slowly being taken away from us. (See Sound Off April 25.) If the students of this school are ever going to arise, now is the time. We have a purpose, so let us rid ourselves of our cloaks of apathy and raise our voices.

Why should people who eat only two meals a day have to pay for three? Why should people who leave on weekends have to

pay for food they don't eat? Why get up at 7:30 to eat a meal when we can conveniently get up at 9:30 and patronize someone besides the people as Sbsisa? Why eat leftovers everyday and food we dislike? Why should we pay more for less quality when a lot of us are paying our own ways through college.

The people in Sbsisa need not grow fat on our misfortunes. Efficiency should be the key to the operation of Sbsisa.

If we are going to be burdened by raising prices, I feel that we deserve to see a published financial statement of Sbsisa's operation. There is bound to be another alternative.

DO DORM AND BOARD HAVE TO GO TOGETHER?
William J. Hendy '70

Editor, The Battalion; Dear Editor:

While bearded beatniks and degenerates on other campuses burn draft cards, stage anti-war demonstrations, and throw eggs and paint at Johnson and Humphrey, Aggies send lengthy telegrams with hundreds of signatures in support of the war effort.

We don't gripe much about a student senate which has little or no voice in the affairs of the administration or welfare of A&M students.

But I don't think the Aggies will be quite so passive when the administration attempts to dictate that we must eat on campus.

When the board of directors passed the resolution requiring students to pay board, it appears to be an embarrassing confession that the food service is so miserable that Sbsisa cannot operate at a profit without forcing students to eat there and pay for meals which many Aggies won't get when they leave campus for the weekend.

When a privately-owned eating establishment offers such poor food and service, it usually goes

out of business because people won't eat there. If Sbsisa can serve good enough meals, Aggies will want to eat there. Sufficient numbers to make dining hall operation profitable then close it down. But don't force us to spend our money on such poor food.

Editor, The Battalion; Dear Sir:

As is well known on the campus, the University of Texas recently came out with bumper stickers proclaiming 1967 as "Year of the Horns." In relation to this, someone on the campus devised a retort to the t.u. sticker in the form of "Year of the Horns—Ho, Ho, Ho!"

I am well aware of the fact that t.u. is the arch rival of Texas A&M, but t.u. is not only football opponent. Since defeating t.u. does not constitute a winning football team, and winner in the broadest sense what we here at A&M should be striving for. In this respect, most commend t.u. for its positive-oriented backing of the football team. At the same time I must confess utter disgust with those who proudly display the "Ho, Ho, Ho!" stickers, showing their great concern for t.u.'s success, instead of supporting their own team.

We here at Texas A&M may help instill a winning desire in our football team through positive support to win all games not just to defeat t.u. If we can accomplish this, we will definitely defeat all our football rivals, as well as t.u.

Danny Davis '67



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