

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I had all day Friday off, no classes after 3:00 and Monday mornings off, but I couldn't get but six hours that way!"

— Sound Off —

**Editor, The Battalion;**  
I attended the Al Hirt concert and was surprised at the lack of courtesy that was paid to this fine performer. I am sure that he was embarrassed, as was I, at the large number of people leaving before the concert was finished.

If these people were so anxious to leave, they could have done it unnoticeably during the intermission. I can only think that these people were unthinking clods who knew no better.

I hope they learn from this letter and improve their performance at the next concert, or Texas A&M University will find it very difficult to attract talent to this campus. Both civilian and cadet students were involved in this affair. I hope that the Corps of Cadets trains men better than this before they become officers.

James S. Sharp  
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**Editor, The Battalion;**  
I was shocked at the lack of manners displayed by some of the members of the Aggie audience attending the Town Hall performance of Al Hirt. In my ten years as an Ag attending Town Hall I had never seen any display of rudeness from the audience until

I watched the exodus en masse which occurred about two or three songs after intermission. Surely those persons could have been more courteous by simply remaining gone at intermission's end, not walking out in the middle of the artist's performance!

Louis Van Pelt '62

**Editor, The Battalion;**  
Forty-five years after entering here as a freshman (83 Leggett and Battery C), I am rejoicing Texas A&M, this time as professor of chemistry. My second induction took place on Kyle Field about an hour after my arrival from New York.  
During the game, I felt—as the French say — "The more things change, the more they remain the same." I felt I had returned home.  
Even now, I am as proud of this year's team as of the one that beat Texas in 1925. From the earlier game, I remember Hunt and Sikes—Saturday I admired the punting of O'Neal.

I am not writing to praise any player, but to remind you that victory is not always the best preparation for difficult years ahead. According to one of your slogans, Aggies will make things happen. I know you will. "There is no discharge in this war."

Cordially yours,  
H. A. Liebafsky '26

TTI's Studies Approved By 13 Sponsoring States

The Texas Transportation Institute's highway safety studies, which have led to nationwide installation of life-saving breakaway signs, have been approved by the sponsoring group of 13 states and the District of Columbia.

And further studies on roadside hazards may be in the offing.

Mac Shelby, research engineer with TTI at Texas A&M, said the voluminous reports dealing with three phases of a \$367,000 study, had been received and approved by a policy committee of the sponsor group in a meeting in Houston.

FIRST PHASE of the report was a development of guidelines for design of safe breakaway roadside sign supports. These supports give way on impact to avoid a death-dealing crash. The State of Texas now has a program of more than \$1 million for installing these signs. In fact, all states which participated in the study either have started installing or have plans to install the safer sign supports.

"These sign supports have been hit on roads now 82 times without a fatality," said Shelby.

The second phase of the report dealt with the feasibility of impact attenuation devices on roadside objects. These devices include crushable materials and other devices which could be used with heavy, immovable objects such as bridge abutments to soften impacts.

"OUR REPORT" indicates feasibility and it opens the door for a small program we already have going on here," said Shelby. Lab experiments have been conducted with such materials as crushable honeycombed metal.

The third phase of the studies dealt with wind forces as a factor in the design of large highway signs.

In many cases, said Shelby, signs are designed to withstand winds which may not occur once in 50 years — a period of time much longer than the life of the sign itself.

TTI has conducted tests on signs with louvered design which allows the wind to go through but which can be seen in perspective by the motorist. Wind tunnel tests conducted here show reduction of as much as 40 percent in wind force but the cost is still a problem.

THE TTI report pointed up the desirability of re-evaluation of design theory in regard to wind forces.

"I think our studies are going to result in a reconsideration of the national basis for designing signs for wind frequencies," said Shelby.

At invitation of the sponsoring group, TTI submitted two proposals for further highway safety studies.

The first would be a diagnostic safety study on highway sign placement.

"THERE IS considerable feeling we could make safer installations if we move signs out and aim them like billboards," said Shelby.

The second proposal would continue investigation of the breakaway concept in construction of big overhead sign bridges—structures so large they couldn't be allowed to fall on the roadway.

"Our researchers have come up with some ideas, including one for three-legged supports — any one of which can be knocked out without the sign falling," said Shelby.

ADMINISTRATION OF the original research project which terminates Oct. 31 is the Department of Transportation, Federal

Highway Administration Bureau of Public Roads.

Sponsoring states are Texas, Alabama, California, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and the District of Columbia.

Officials of the Houston meeting included T. H. Huff of Texas, chairman, and J. E. Wilson of California, vice chairman. Also A. Taragin, F. J. Tamanini, W. J. Wilkes, A. C. Taylor, and C. C. Berge, all of the Bureau of Public Roads, and W. E. Carmichael and A. C. Kyser of the Texas Highway Department.

Cockcroft Death Is 'Great Loss'

The death of Sir John Cockcroft, Nobel laureate and stalwart of British science, "is a great loss to the world," Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi, associate dean of the College of Engineering, said Monday.

Sir John, 70, had been visiting distinguished professor of engineering at A&M.

"He was widely acknowledged

to be the outstanding scientist and technologist in his field in the world," commented Dr. Wainerdi.

It was Cockcroft and an associate, Ernest T. S. Walton, who proved that Einstein's famous equation for the conversion of mass to energy and vice versa (energy equals mass times the speed of light squared) was correct.

The equation was the basis of calculations for the atomic bomb.

The device with which the two British scientists proved the equation is known as the Cockcroft-Walton accelerator. It stands as a forerunner of modern-day accelerators such as cyclotrons, synchrotrons, and others.

For their work, Cockcroft and Walton were awarded the Nobel Prize in physics in 1951.

On a visit to the A&M campus, Sir John had the opportunity to see the five Cockcroft-Walton accelerators used in the university's activation analysis program.

He had been keynote speaker for an "Engineering for the 1970's" convocation at the university last March.

Rev. Anderson Services Held

Funeral services for the Rev. Norman Anderson Sr., former head of the Religious Education Department at Texas A&M, were held this afternoon at the A&M Presbyterian Church in College Station.

Rev. Anderson, 69, died Sunday in a local hospital. He served 35 years as minister of the College Station A&M Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in the College Station City Cemetery.

Rev. Anderson is credited with founding the Religious Education Department at A&M. He received a 25-year service pin from the university at the time of his retirement in 1963 although he was not on the A&M payroll.

The City of College Station honored Rev. Anderson by naming a street for him. A room in the YMCA Building at A&M also bears his name.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Anderson, College Station; a daughter, Mary Anderson Wilhelm, Lubbock; two sons, Dr. Norman Anderson Jr., Lubbock, and Dr. Fred G. Anderson, Houston; two sisters, two brothers and six grandchildren.

'Streetcar' Cast Tryouts Planned

A casting call for "A Streetcar Named Desire," first fall production of the Aggie Players at Texas A&M University, has been sounded by Director C. K. Esten.

Esten said anyone interested in theater arts is invited to try out for the Tennessee Williams play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Fallout Theater of Guion Hall.

The play opens Nov. 8 for a seven-night run in Guion Hall.

English Doctorate Now Offered Here

Texas A&M has added a Ph.D. program in English to its programs this fall.

Fellowships, assistantships and scholarships are available to qualified students.

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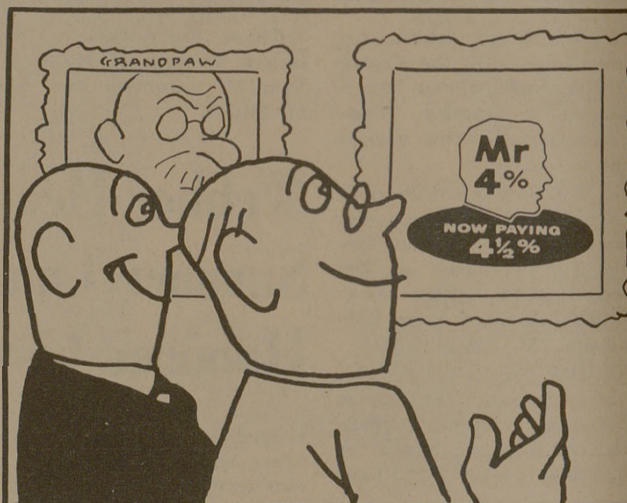
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AN OPEN LETTER!

Hello Aggies—

Welcome back home Aggies! We have missed you.

Well another school year is beginning and it is our hope you do well in all of your endeavors and that you accomplish all of your undertakings.

When you find time for recreation we hope you will visit us and renew old acquaintances. You know we are open 7 days a week 'til midnight and you'll always find some of your friends here.

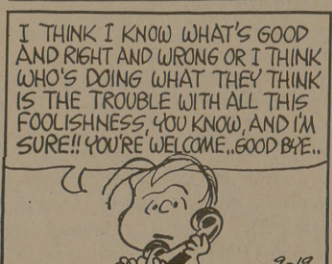
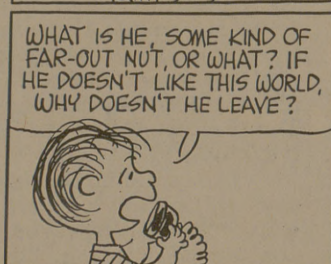
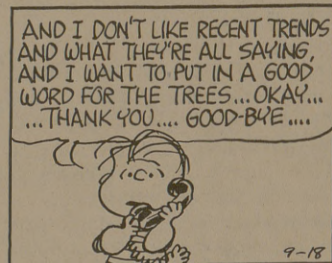
We've added a brand new 5x10 Carom table to our center and this now gives us 2 - 5x10 pocket tables, 2 - 5x10 snooker tables, 2 - 4 1/2 x 9 ft. pocket tables, 14 - 4x8 pocket tables, 9 of the latest pin ball machines, Toosball table (the new sensation form coast to coast and a new bumper table. We also have a new supply of jointed cue sticks from \$9.95 to \$95.00.

Let's all join forces and pull a little harder and help put the Aggies back to NUMBER ONE in 1967. It can be done!

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P.S. "The girls are still playing here!"

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