

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"We like your opinion, Mr. Slouch! We think we have one of th' biggest football signs!"

Yell Practices Lack Civilian Support

Monday night marked the second Aggie yell practice of this still-young football season. The turnout was as disappointing as the outcome of the first two football games.

When a yell practice is scheduled, the yell leaders can always plan on looking up and seeing nothing but uniforms. Civilians at yell practice are scarce. The Corps is there because they have to be. But they want to be in Kyle Field, too. Aggie spirit is ingrained in Corps members from the moment they arrive at College Station.

The non-regs have a special way of getting the spirit about an hour before a game and losing it after the game is over. Yet they want the best seats and all the glory, but they can't seem to find time during the week to come to yell practice.

The Corps marched in at the SMU game and received good exposure and good publicity for the university. And bad seats. When Corps members reached the sections roped off for them, they found the area densely populated with civilians.

Corps juniors sat from about the ten-yard-line to about five yards deep in the end zone. As if this wasn't bad enough, civilian juniors decided they would stand on the senior "wood" and obstructed other juniors' view.

The same thing happened to the seniors. Some Corps seniors were sitting as close to the end zone as the 15-yard-line. The prospect of the same fate doesn't leave much to look forward to in the three remaining home games.

With the expansion of Kyle Field, this problem could be remedied. It seems a poor solution to segregate civilians from the Corps, but it may be the only one unless someone can come up with a way to control the civilians and get them to honor the location reserved for the Corps.

When the upper deck on the east side of Kyle Field is completed, it would be possible to have separate sections for each group.

It's something for everyone to think about, and something for whoever makes seating plans to do something about.

It's too bad that so few have to ruin things for so many.

—C. H. R.

Bulletin Board

TODAY

The Scuba Diving Club will meet in Room 305 of Goodwin Hall at 8 p.m.

Entomology Wives Club will have their first meeting at 8 p.m. at 602 Woodson Dr. in Bryan.

THURSDAY

El Paso Hometown Club will meet in room 2A of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Beaumont Hometown Club will meet in the Fountain Room of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

Port Arthur Hometown Club

will meet at 7:30 in the Lounge of the YMCA.

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 108 of the Academic Building.

Bell County Hometown Club will meet after yell practice in Room 205 of the Academic Building.

Aerospace Engineering Wives Club will have a reception for all new members and faculty wives at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Richard C. Thomas, 914 Stanfield Circle, Bryan.

Editor, The Battalion:

I would like to advise you that the A&M Club of Baton Rouge has completed arrangements for our hospitality room at the Belmont Motor Hotel, located on the Airline Highway in Baton Rouge for Saturday, September 30, 1967.

We would like to extend an invitation to all students and faculty who plan to be in Baton Rouge for the A&M-LSU game, to come by and visit with us and take advantage of our hospitality room.

An announcement of the above information in "The Battalion" would be appreciated.

Yours truly,
Hugh O. West '55
President

Editor, The Battalion:

Open Letter to All Freshmen
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Texas A&M University and also to tell you a little about Phi Eta Sigma.

Phi Eta Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923 to encourage scholarship among first year college men and to honor those who make outstanding records. The requirements for membership are high; a grade point average of 2.5 or better during the first semester in college or an average of 2.5 or better during the first full year. Everyone who attains this average is eligible regardless of academic major.

I hope all of you do well during your time at Texas A&M and I also hope many of you will be eligible to become members of Phi Eta Sigma at the end of this semester or this year.

Michael J. Welch
President, Phi Eta Sigma

Editor, The Battalion:

In an attempt to bring more outstanding major cultural events to this community and to raise money for charitable and civic projects, the Bryan Rotary Club in January, 1967, brought a national theater company production of "Porgy and Bess" to the

Bryan Civic Auditorium. The play was presented to a capacity audience and produced \$1,200.00 for Stage Center, Inc., the Carnegie Library, and the Junior Museum.

Our club decided to continue the presentation of nationally-known artists in order to make more cultural events available to our community and to raise money for various civic projects.

We were very pleased when the Town Hall Committee Chairman, Robert Gonzales, and members of his Selection Committee (which included A&M students, faculty, faculty wives, and citizens of the Bryan-College Station community) contacted us to ask if we would be interested in sponsoring and underwriting a new concert series. This seemed to be exactly the type of project that we had been thinking of. It offered us advantages of having University staff with concert managing experience available for our programs—it offered us the opportunity to work jointly with the University's Town Hall Committee—and the numbers and the concerts offered us seemed to be of the high type that we had hoped to present. We decided to underwrite and finance new series, called the Bryan Rotary Community Series. The ticket sales have been most pleasing. To date, ticket sales amount to \$11,400. Over 800 season tickets have been sold. To break even on this project we must sell approximately 300 more season tickets.

In order to have a small "balance forward" to begin the 1968-69 series, we need to sell 400-plus tickets.

We have been very happy to receive many favorable comments from A&M faculty and administrators telling us that the addition of this new series, which offers the community more recreation and cultural events than ever before, makes it easier for them to retain and bring in outstanding faculty. Many of them have told us that they feel that the statement made in years past that this community was a "cultural void"

is no longer true.

In order for this series to continue, we must at least break even. This is our appeal to the citizenry of this University community to purchase tickets for the Rotary Community Series and help us keep this fine program.

All seats are reserved. Season tickets costing \$13.50 each will enable you to see five major presentations, which include the following: (1) The Houston Symphony Orchestra with Andre Previn conducting, September 29; (2) Carlos Montoya, October 30; (3) "The Roar of the Greaspaint, The Smell of the Crowd," February 13, 1968; (4) Mary Costa, March 8, 1968; and (5) Lorin Hollander, April 9, 1968. In addition, all season ticket holders will be the guests of the Town Hall Series with general admission seats to two major events: (1) Mantovani, November 8; and (2) Fred Waring, December 6. We believe that this is an outstanding bargain. Most of these numbers will be available in Houston where each presentation would cost \$3 to \$7, plus the cost of driving to Houston, hiring babysitters, buying meals, etc.

For tickets and additional information, call the Student Program Office at Texas A&M University (846-8722); or any of the following Rotarians — Tom Sweeney (846-7225), John W. Hill (846-8773), H. G. Kenagy (846-6330).

Our big date is September 29. Be there with your season ticket to hear and to see the world-famous conductor, Andre Previn, conducting one of the nation's outstanding symphonies, the Houston Symphony.

Sincerely,
A. Cecil Wamble
President, Bryan Rotary Club;
Research Engineer, Texas Experiment Station, Texas A&M University
John W. Hill
Chairman, Rotary Community Series Committee; Personnel, Insurance and Safety Department, Texas A&M University

Professor Receives \$2,000 Grant For Studies From Ford Foundation

L. C. Wood of Waco, a Paul Quinn College professor who is working on a Ph.D. in education at Texas A&M University, has received a \$2,000 Ford Foundation grant in support of his dissertation research.

The grant is part of a Ford Foundation program for upgrading faculties of small colleges.

Wood, 1115 Lewis Avenue, will write his dissertation on "The Role of the Visiting Teacher in Public Schools." He is in his third year of doctoral work in curriculum and instruction.

Dr. Donald G. Barker, chairman of doctoral programs in

A&M's Education Department said Wood has completed his residence work and is teaching at Paul Quinn this fall.

Wood is an associate professor in the Waco college's teacher education program. He was a visiting teacher in Waco schools. The Holland High School graduate received bachelor and master degrees at Baylor.



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U. S. Skydiving Has Claimed 41 Lives So Far This Year

By AL SCHAY

Skydiving, a sport developed from an aerial emergency escape technique, has taken 41 lives in the United States this year.

The death count, including 16 in a record single disaster last month, already exceeds by seven the previous one-year high, 34 in 1963.

The 41st death was a bizarre suicide by a jumper whose wife had died in a skydiving accident. John Wasik, 27, deliberately plunged 3,200 feet to earth from a plane over Florida Sunday without opening either of his two parachutes.

The first design for a parachute was produced in 1495 by Leonardi da Vinci, who called it a "tent roof." But the first jump on record was not made until 1783, when Louis Sebastian Lenormand of France descended safely by parachute from a high tower.

Capt. Albert Berry made the first successful parachute jump from an airplane, in 1912 at St. Louis, Mo.

Today, parachuting has become a sport for thousands. They leap from planes, guide their fall with body movements, go through gymnastic maneuvers and delay opening their chutes until the last possible moment in an effort to land on a target.

The sport's development has been a boon to some industries and a joy to thrill-seekers. It also has been a headache to some government agencies, and a tragedy to some participants.

One of the most tragic episodes in the sport's history involved the Florida couple, John and Rickie Wasik.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, Rickie, 22 and making her first jump, plunged to her death near Rock-

ledge, Fla., airport. On Sunday, jumping from the same plane at the same hour, John leaped to his death with hands held in attitude of prayer rather than pulling the ripcord.

Friends said Wasik, an aerospace writer at Cape Kennedy, Fla., had blamed himself for his wife's death.

U. S. sports parachuting had its worst disaster last Aug. 27, when 18 skydivers plummeted into Lake Erie and 16 of them drowned.

On Monday, the National Transportation Safety Board blamed the pilot, and instructions by a Federation Aviation Agency traffic controller. It said the pilot should have ended the mission because of cloud cover, and that the controller's erroneous radar identification of the jump craft resulted in its being off position.

The parachutists themselves, "all of whom were experienced and aware of the hazards of

jumping under the prevailing conditions, were not without fault," the board added.

Retired Brig. Gen. William T. Ryder, America's first commander of paratroopers, observed after the accident that skydivers leaping from planes above clouds are like motorists driving at night without lights.

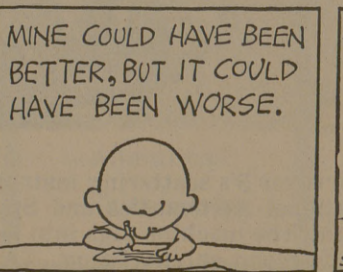
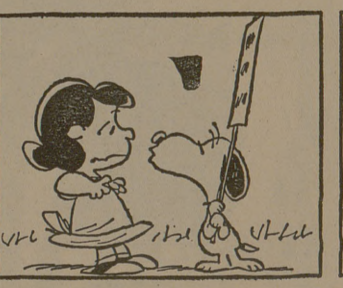
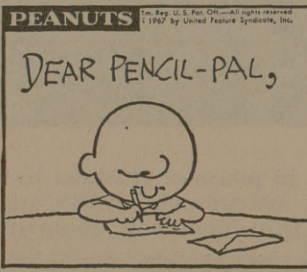
And Jacques Andre Istel, founder of the U.S. Parachute Association and lifetime president of the association and the International Parachuting Commission, said that if a parachutist jumps through clouds, he violates federal regulations, association regulations and "principles of both common sense and morality."

With regulations and improvements in parachute technology and jumping techniques, why the deaths?

Gen. Ryder thinks it's a matter of two basics: Man overestimating his capacity, and a lack of adequate training.

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