

# Waring's Opinions Not For Stage

We have watched with great interest the controversy in The Battalion's "Sound Off" columns about the propriety of entertainer Fred Waring's remarks during a Town Hall performance last week.

We were there and have first hand knowledge of the bandsman's statements and how he added them as an extra touch to his show.

One letter writer attacked the credentials of Waring to make statements about the marchers, protesters, draft-dodgers and draft card burners, and "the disgusting displays as we had around the Pentagon."

Two other writers rebuffed the first and asked him what credentials he had to judge Waring's remarks and then added some of their own along the God, mother, country and apple pie route.

Everyone has seen acts which display a little flag waving, and tastefully add a little zest of patriotism. Everyone enjoys seeing the colors unfurled and a dedication to the principals of liberty, and support of the country no matter what position it's in.

But Waring, realizing he was in the den of Aggieiland and a great military tradition, got a little too zealous.

There is no justification for a phrase such as "they should take all those draft cards, put them into a pile, set them on fire and then throw all the draft card burners on top."

This is a phrase attributable to the communists who boast "anyone in Russia can say anything ONCE." Maybe that would solve all this protest stuff in the U.S.?

The Germans had an even more effective way of eliminating dissent and shabby-looking, non-working philosophers. Still another solution?

Waring indicated he had a son in Vietnam, and congratulated Aggies for having more than 600 men serving there.

Anyone can understand his fervor when he knows his son may die while others, an undeniably shoddy-looking, mindless mob, picket the Pentagon.

But when the audience attended Town Hall they were looking for entertainment, which they certainly got, not for personal opinion, which they certainly got.

We fully support and respect our fighting men in Vietnam. We honor our country AND our President.

We admire the way the two gentlemen wrote in, fully supporting Fred Waring, his credentials, and his right to opinion and his method of presenting such opinion—the stage. But we wonder why these two clapped so loudly and laughed so long when Waring remarked about burning draft dodgers. They have an opinion too, although their stage is the entire country.

## Bulletin Board

### TODAY

The Austin Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggieiland and discuss plans for the Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The Small Business Administration will have a representative in the Chamber of Commerce offices from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Anyone interested may come by or call for an appointment.

The College Station chapter of the American Meteorological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 305, Goodwin Hall. Guest speaker will be J. Neumann, head of the Meteorology Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He will discuss Rain Stimulation Experiments in Israel.

### THURSDAY

The Texarkana Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggieiland at 7 p.m. in the Lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

The Eagle Pass Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggieiland at 8 p.m. in front of the Memorial Student Center.

The Midland Hometown Club will meet in Room 2-C of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The El Paso Hometown Club will discuss Christmas parties at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-C of the Memorial Student Center.

The Amarillo-Panhandle Area Hometown Club will elect a sweetheart at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotunda of the Academic Building.

The Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will discuss plans for the Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the YMCA.

The Garland Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggieiland at 7:45 p.m. in the Lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

The Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will discuss plans for a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA.

The Falls County Hometown Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 232 of the Physics Building.

The San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet in Room 108 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m. Christmas party tickets will be distributed.

The Fort Bend Hometown Club will discuss plans for a Christmas party in Room 3-A of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Corpus Christi Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The Galveston Island Hometown Club will discuss plans for a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The Beaumont Hometown Club will discuss plans for a Christmas dance at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2-D of the Memorial Student Center.

The Matagorda Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Aerospace Engineering Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the Bank of A&M.

The Dallas Hometown Club will discuss plans for a New Year's Eve party in the Lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

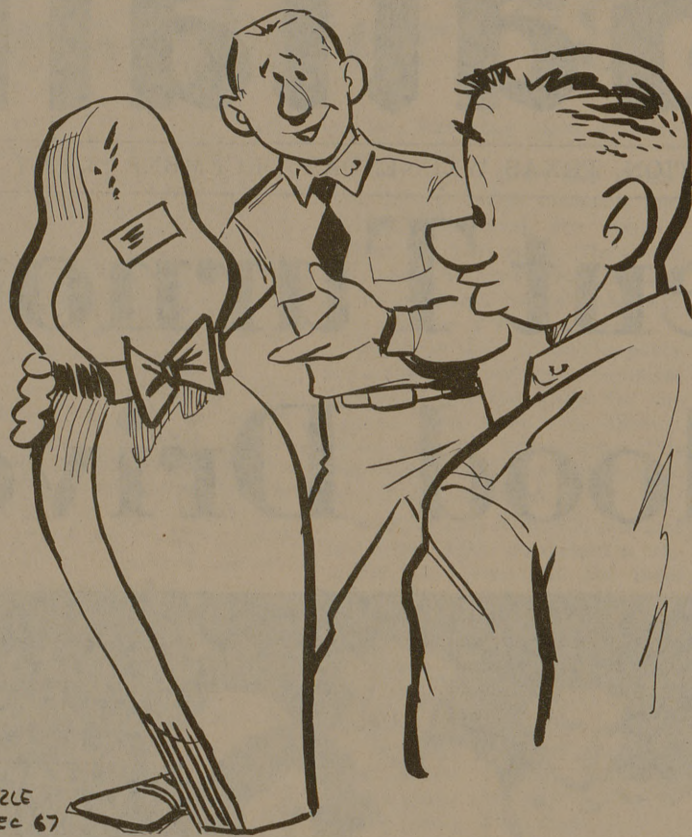
The San Antonio Hometown Club will discuss plans for a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 145 of the Physics Building.

The Mechanical Engineering Seminar Program will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 303, Fernier Hall. Prof. M. J. Fox Jr. of the Industrial Engineering Dept. will discuss labor relations and the young engineer.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Greenhut, head of the Economics Dept., will have open house for all economics majors, graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and wives from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Greenhuts', 3802 Stillmeadow Drive, Bryan.

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



EARLE Dec 67

"You've got to admit—it's an interesting package!"

## — Sound Off —

### Editor,

The following is an article which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune concerning smoking and smokers. The writer is Will Jones.

"An open letter from a Non-Smoker to All Smokers: Having trouble kicking the habit? Well, I'm sick of hearing about it. I'm sick of the whining and hawing and yapping about the surgeon general's report. I'm bored with all the jokes about the trouble you're having trying to give up cigarettes.

"For 40 years I've lived in a world dominated by smokers. I have complained very little. I've accepted the fact that this is a smoker's world. But I'm through being quiet about it.

"Do you know how you smokers look to those of us who don't smoke? You are ill-bred, ill-mannered, inconsiderate slob. You may think you look glamorous like the smokers in the ads and the movies, but you don't. You have a nasty habit and you look ridiculous. Furthermore you stink. Your clothes stink, your breath stinks and you stink up the whole world around you.

"I play a little game with women who expect me to light their cigarettes. I out-wait them. Some give up and light their own. Others ask for a light. Last night one babe said, 'Well, aren't you going to light my cigarette?' I replied, 'No, I'd rather you didn't smoke.' She lit up anyway and that got me mad. I grabbed the cigarette out of her mouth, snuffed it out and tore it to shreds.

"Do you think I am rude? I asked. 'Yes' she answered. 'I am not half as rude as you,' I told her.

"I've had it up to here with sore, red eyes caused by other people's smoke. I've had it up to here with burned rugs and floors and furniture because of slob who not only are slaves to a habit but are so fumble-fingered they can't even handle it. And unless you smoke in absolute fireproof privacy, with other smokers, you are intolerable. You are the enemy."

Kenneth Ziegenbein '68

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### Editor,

You are to be congratulated for calling attention, in your editorial of December 8, 1967, to certain ethical questions raised by the recent heart transplant performed in South Africa.

In order to stimulate further discussion of these questions, I would like to suggest that as preface to such discussion we must acknowledge that recent advances in medicine force us to re-define the terms "living" and "dead."

For example, in the 19th century a man who had ceased to breathe was "dead," and not too many years ago, a man whose heart had stopped was "dead." This suggests that being "living" or "dead" is relative to available medical skill and resources.

In these terms, your question, "What if two patients were dying and there was only one heart available?" becomes most interesting. If I were one of the patients, I would want the physician involved to use their skill and the one heart to aid the patient who by medical criteria had the best chance of survival and longevity. How would you decide if you were one of the patients?

Manuel M. Davenport, Head Department of Philosophy & Humanities

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### Editor,

Congratulations to the campus traffic planners for adding another obstacle to the campus gymkhana. The addition of tanktraps on the corner of Lamar and Houston will surely prevent future collisions and also detour traffic crossing the campus via Snook.

Local traffic problems seem to be solved spontaneously with too much concrete and too many tickets and not near enough foresight.

Wilott Heerde '68

## QUEEN

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"ROSIE"

## CAMPUS

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### PEANUTS



# Gunman Forces Two Students To Take Him 'To The Big Man'

AUSTIN (AP)—A car carrying two college students held by a pistol-pointing man they never saw before crashed against the entrance of the state capitol Tuesday night, ending a wild chase.

The occupants, also including the gunman's 5-year-old son, escaped serious injury.

Police held the gun waving man without immediate charge while they checked his identity and background.

Norman Paul Brown, 18, of Dallas and Walter Sheffield, 19, of Houston told officers they were en route back to Southwest University at Georgetown when the man halted their car 10 miles south of Austin.

"Take me to the big man at the capitol or I'll kill you!" they quoted him as saying as he pointed a pistol at their heads.

Police gave chase after their automobile ran a traffic light in downtown Austin near the capitol, where the students said their captor ordered them to drive up the steps "to the big man"—presumably a reference of Gov. John Connally, who was not in the building at that hour.

The car also traveled the wrong direction on several one-way streets and went through other

traffic signals before it rammed a pillar at the north entrance to the statehouse.

Brown and Sheffield said their captor talked wildly about a gang "trying to kill me" and asserted the pursuing officers were part of that gang.

The youths and police who talked to the man later quoted him as stating he had just arrived from California and had relatives living near Austin.

Both students jumped out on opposite sides of the front seat as the car was wrecked. A police cruiser skidding to a halt alongside struck Brown and hurled him atop its hood. He was dismissed after hospital treatment for scratches and bruises.

Officers learned the gunman had been involved in an auto accident earlier. They found his car in a ditch beside the highway south of here.

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