

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"No question about it—it's th' biggest in th' whole dorm!"

Editor,
The Battalion:

This letter is in reference to the conduct of the Aggies at the Trinity basketball game on Monday, Dec. 4. By now, most everyone knows what happened concerning Trinity's air horn and teddy bear. A sports writer from San Antonio was at the game and in his column on Sunday, 10 Dec., he had this to say: "Now—Texas A&M may have the SWC's best band, finest football team, the world's greatest shot putter, and more school spirit than the College of Cardinals. But it also must lay claim to the rowdiest, crudest, most uncouth basketball fans it has ever been my displeasure to sit before."

"The uniformed Corps members were a credit to their school, remaining orderly throughout the game and even acting as peace-makers in at least one post game incident. But their civilian-clothed peers' conduct was disgusting and asinine."

It is really a shame when this kind of news is printed in a state wide newspaper. And it is really a shame when the civilian-clothed persons bring this kind of ridicule to A&M.

It's really a shame that one group of students can bring a bad name onto the school when the other group has worked since 1876 to give it a good name.

David J. Craighead '70
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Editor,
The Battalion:

Numerous cases of theft from locked cars have been reported the last two weekends. Stereo tape decks and radios lead the list of stolen articles. These items were taken from the designated lighted parking lots in both living areas on campus. So far the criminals have gotten away each time. Some cars have been ransacked directly under street lights! This is not the first time this has happened.

There were also sifilar cases last year where the thieves and/or stolen merchandise were never found and apparently no preventive solutions to keep someone from striking again were taken. It must consume some time for someone to unlock several cars in an area from the outside and to remove a firmly bolted radio or tape system.

It seems as if a regular security patrol would sooner or later see something going on in one of the lots if the campus is patrolled throughout the night. I for one would like to know what plans our administration has in solving this problem.

Bob May '70
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Editor,
The Battalion:

I'm sure that many of those with cars here on campus, and those without, will agree with me on the deplorable conditions of stealing items out of people's cars!

In one lot in particular, I know of a student who lost two tape decks within a four-day period!! Most of those with tape decks soon find them gone; in some cases leaving only wires dangling; in others, not even the wires are left. Tape deck, cartridges, and all are gone.

This is something that all Aggies should hang their heads in shame about! It is really bad when a student returns to his car to find it missing at least a hundred dollars' worth of equipment. To compound this, the knowledge that a fellow Aggie probably swiped these items is quite high and should sicken everyone!

If we can't trust fellow Aggies, who can we trust?

The Campus Cops are to blame, in part, for allowing stealing to persist. Their indifference to the problems revolts me. All they do is throw their hands up in despair, saying, "would you like to do the job?"

I just reply that that is why I am going to college, so I don't have to. It must be admitted that the Campus Police have few funds from which to draw to augment their personnel.

The K. K.'s, instead of writing so many dang parking tickets, should worry more about the thousands of dollars lost each week and weekends from break-ins and worry less about whether or not you're parked in the right lot.

There should be a point here. The cops shouldn't need to have

extra men on the payroll. We, as Aggies, should be able to trust our fellow students! It is as much the fault of the security system as it is of the students; really it bears more directly on the students.

One other point. Those who get carried away with knives, by sticking them into other people's tires, ruining four good tires (in many cases) should be shot. I hope they enjoy seeing them going down, because the owner sure doesn't.

Not only is it expensive, but one would be quite surprised at the inconvenience and wasted time it takes to fix them. How

are you going to get the car to a service station?! This is pure destruction; nothing can be done with the tires afterward.

What do you say some of us grow up and act our age, rather than like a six-year old?! This reflects on us all, not just a few individuals!

An Irate Aggie,
Bruce L. Crumley '67



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Open Letter To Draft-War Survey

Dear Sir:

We received your kind invitation to join with other "student leaders" and add our name to the list of those opposed to the war in Vietnam.

As you say, "I notice that you are not yet represented." A&M enjoys a reputation of engaging in many worthwhile causes, such as the blood drive which the Student Senate is conducting for our soldiers in Vietnam this week. But that's in direct opposition to your movement, isn't it?

You call yourselves the Young People Draft War Survey. We agree with your statement that "We think the opposition to the Vietnam War among draft age men is greater than President Johnson appears to believe."

How unfortunate a position for those wishy-washy youths who enjoy freedom they are unwilling to protect.

You then say, "As student body presidents and campus newspaper editors, we are personally troubled by the war." We agree, for as editors we are also troubled by the war just as any citizen would be while his nation is fighting.

The statement you wish us to sign says, "I believe I should not be forced to fight in the Vietnam War because it is unjust and immoral." Bravo, well said ye philosophers of omnipotent knowledge and bravery.

We're glad that you added a touch of humor to the letter by printing the names and colleges of some of your previous signers to this declaration.

Especially, the seven girl editors who are reaffirming their stand that they "should not be forced to fight in the Vietnam War." Surely they don't think we would let women fight. By the way, they are women, aren't they?

Anyway, thanks but no thanks. We'll have to graciously decline your invitation to add our name to your list of unsatisfied, emotional and of course, just and moral "student leaders."

We would hope that you would have a chance to visit A&M sometime and personally circulate your petition among your fellow youths in the Duncan area of our campus. With much affection and sympathy,
The Battalion Editors

Blood Drive Aims Toward Collection Of 700 Units

The Aggie Blood Drive moved into its third day today as the Student Senate moved toward its goal of 700 units of blood.

Blood Services of Houston is accepting donors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the basement in the Memorial Student Center, through Saturday.

The blood will be part of a Defense Department reserve for fighting men in Vietnam.

The A&M blood drive is one of several conducted throughout the United States for use by the Armed Services.

Midwestern University in Wichita Falls gathered 282 pints of blood in a three-day collection ending yesterday.

Through Tuesday Aggies had given 184 units. The drive was halted Wednesday for freshmen runoff elections.

Beulah Responsible For Discovery Of Ancient Ground Sloth Skeleton

AUSTIN (AP)—Hurricane Beulah uncovered a 120,000-year-old skeleton of a giant ground sloth, University of Texas scientists reported Wednesday.

Remnants of other ancient life—a large camel, a bison, a horse and hard and soft shell turtles—also were found, but they were only fragments.

The 15-foot-long skeleton of the sloth was one of only a few such skeletons ever found in North America and appears to be one of the most complete. It was found in a cliff on the Stanley E. Smith estate in Port Lavaca.

Editor,
The Battalion:

I'm enclosing an article written in the Sunday's edition of the San Antonio EXPRESS/NEWS. Needless to say, I was very disturbed after absorbing the contents of this article.

I'm not in a position to pass judgement on the problem presented in the article since I did not attend the game in question. However, both sides to the picture should be properly presented before any apologies are to be expected or made.

If a poor sportsmanship problem exists with some students at A&M, I suggest that the responsible person or persons make attempts to insure that the problem does not occur at future athletic events. Such problems are individualistic in nature and can be properly corrected through self discipline practices.

Please encourage the students of A&M to practice good sportsmanship when supporting the fine athletic programs of our school.

James L. Felkner '65
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Editor,
The Battalion:

Our family purchased nine tickets for the Texas-A&M game. We were a sad bunch when we met our four youngsters from Houston; they had forgotten their tickets at home.

This letter is to express publicly my sincere appreciation to Mr. Irvin and the young lady in his office for their time and courtesy. The young lady checked the records, Mr. Irvin issued a pass, I was introduced to Joel Hunt—it turned out to be a great day for us and for the Aggies. May the Spirit of Aggeland never falter, and on New Year's Day—Gig 'em Aggies. Our only son is an Aggie of '64.

Mrs. Raymond P. Toman
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Editor,
The Battalion:

We think the Battalion is wrong in circulating the self-condemning article, "Commando Group Sick Aggie Joke", in response to the O.G.C. article reprinted from the Daily Texan.

Do you have evidence that an O.G.C. ever existed; and if it did, where they Aggies; and if they were, did they steal anything from t.u.; and if they did, did they write the letter to the Daily Texan?

You have assumed that we are guilty, admitted it, and condemned us! THANKS! But you do not represent A&M on this!

We are not defending vandals and thieves, but our honor—until any proof otherwise, we are innocent!

Andres Zamarripa '67
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