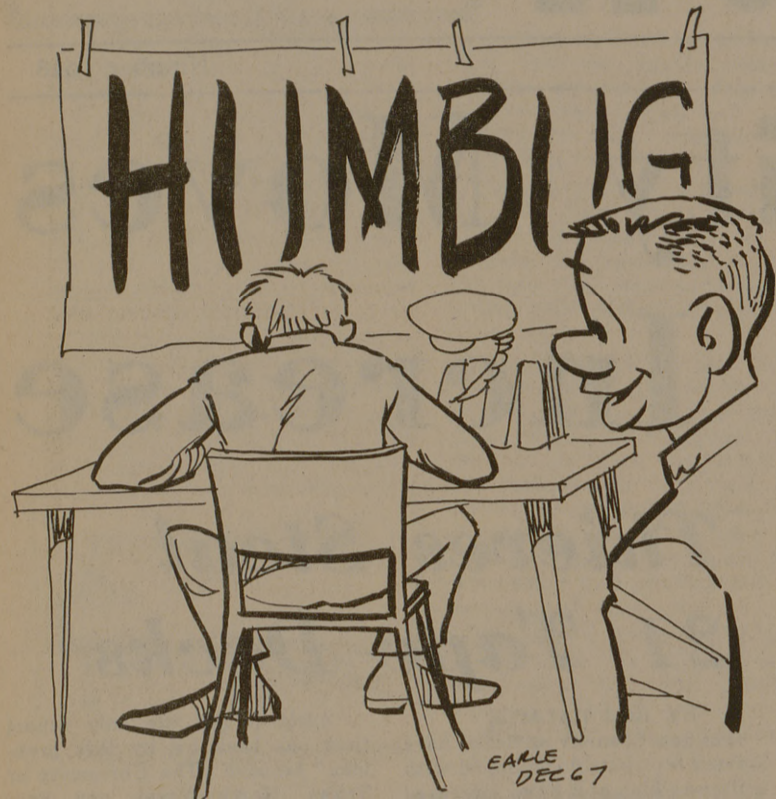


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I understand you had trouble with your quiz!"

Will A&M Vote In Choice 68?

You say that you're under 21 years old and would not normally be able to vote in the next Presidential election. You're old enough to fight, you're intelligent about politics and feel that college students should have the opportunity to express their choice of candidates.

Now you can. But would A&M students take the time and have the interest to vote in a college Presidential primary?

The Battalion received a letter from a group calling themselves "Choice 68." Their Board of Directors consists of student body presidents and student newspaper editors. They included a prospectus about the proposed election, and indicated that they also sent a copy to the student body president—Jerry Campbell.

"Never in the nation's history have so many college students been so well informed about the major issues of the day. Yet, to a large extent isolated from their society, they have little opportunity to express their political views in a unified, coherent manner," says the group.

Choice 68 indicates that participation in their national Collegiate Presidential Primary is open to all colleges, universities and junior colleges, and will be "a major political event sufficient to merit the nation's attention and consideration."

This is a constructive form of student action and participation in national affairs.

TIME magazine has agreed to underwrite the national administrative costs, and on each campus a major non-partisan organization would ensure maximum student participation and provide finances.

The colleges and universities which have already indicated that they will participate include almost every major university in the nation and have enrollments totaling more than two million students.

Clearly, this is a well supported, and constructive method of student participation concerning the views and candidates of today's politics.

We believe that A&M should also participate in such a Collegiate Presidential Primary, and should receive the attention and support of the students.

We are interested to know what you feel about the success of such an election on this campus. What about it Aggies?

Bulletin Board

MONDAY

The MSC Travel Committee will conduct a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center to explain opportunities for A&M students to live, work, study or travel abroad in Europe this summer.

The Ag Eco and Sociology Wives Club will have a handicraft program at 7:30 p.m. at Bi-City Hobbi-Kraft, 1001 S. College Ave.

TUESDAY

The American Marketing Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 3-B and C of the Memorial Student Center. Guest speaker will be E. E. Galloway, manager of gas marketing with Texaco Oil Co. in Houston.

FRIDAY

The DeWitt-Lavaca County Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Yorktown.

TUXEDO RENTALS At Iva Starnes mens wear 822-3711

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'Brain Drain' Hurts India, Europe, Africa Economies

By LYNN HEINZERLING Associated Press Writer LONDON (AP) — This is the "brain drain."

India needs doctors for a desperate campaign to reduce the country's birth rate. But 1,600 Indian doctors are practicing abroad.

Spain needs 3,000 chemists for its developing chemical industry; at least 7 per cent of the graduates emigrate.

Switzerland is short of engineers. Its Federal Institute of Technology says about 2,500 Swiss engineers and scientists live in the United States.

Germany lost more than 4,000 scientists and engineers to the United States in 1956-66. Ten per cent of the 34,000 doctors in German hospitals are foreigners, mostly Asians.

GHANA HAS only one doctor for each 15,000 inhabitants. About 100 Ghanaian doctors practice in Britain, Canada, West Germany, the United States and Ireland.

Britain has lost an estimated 2,000 doctors to the United States while 4,000 doctors from Asia and Africa help maintain the British National Health Service. Britain lost 2,700 engineers, technologists and scientists through emigration last year and the flow continues.

As far back as the Renaissance artists, architects and scholars were on the move in Europe.

THEY ARE still on the move. But the emphasis now is on chemists and agronomists, biologists and physicists, engineers and mathematicians, the thinkers and doers of the atomic age and space exploration.

And on physicians, whose ministrations become more important as populations multiply.

Britain, with its cultural institutions, its 18th century industrial revolution and the empire, has been a focus of this movement for centuries. Now the balance of incoming and outgoing talents is running against her.

"THE FUTURE prosperity of the country depends on skilled manpower," says the minister of technology, Anthony Wedgwood Benn.

He lost his ministerial calm when Westinghouse Electric advertised here for atomic scientists specializing in fast breeder reactors, a field where Britain excels.

In an angry letter Benn told Britain's scientists:

"Britain's economic and political future depends upon all our industries applying modern engineering technology right up to and over the frontiers of present scientific knowledge. That is what you are doing for us. We depend on you. And so, indeed, in a real sense does Europe because it is British technology within a wide community that will secure Europe's future, too."

A COMMITTEE set up by his office reported several weeks ago that the total outward flow of engineers and technologists from

Britain has doubled in six years.

The loss to the British economy through the emigration of a young engineer of top grade is put at \$72,000. Taking into account higher salaries paid in the United States, the committee estimated the engineer's value to the American economy at \$187,200.

"The significant point is that for every young, high-quality engineer who emigrates to the United States, the British economy in effect presents the American economy with a gift of the magnitude indicated in these figures," the committee reported.

Higher salaries available in the United States are an important factor. Another attraction is the lower rate of taxation in most other countries. British income tax and surtax in the higher brackets ranges between 40 and 90 per cent.

Text Is Authored By English Head

A freshman English textbook authored by Dr. Lee J. Martin, English Department head at Texas A&M, is scheduled for publication March 1 by Prentice-Hall Inc. of Englewood, N. J.

The 200-page paperback, "The Five - Hundred - Word Theme," stresses basic rhetorical principles of expository writing, exclusive of mechanics. Martin said the book is the result of overhead transparencies and a television series being used in teaching freshman English at A&M.

Sound Off

Editor,

The Battalion:

I am writing this letter about a problem on our campus because I think it is a definite problem that concerns a large number of students. The problem is the appearance of many of our civilian students.

I'm not just talking about haircuts, because whether I dislike the length some boys (?) wear their hair, it is their right, I guess I'm talking about clothes and general appearance and common courtesy, especially in the dining hall.

It is generally accepted as common manners to remove one's hat while eating. It is also common courtesy to wear acceptable clothing while eating in the company of other people, that is to say not wearing T-shirts, athletic clothing, and other sundry items to meals. Also it is considered polite to eat with acceptable table manners, not as if you were babies who turned over and made a mess of anything you didn't like.

These are things that I am sure every one of us knows yet it seems a large number of us have forgotten these simple yet basic ideas of good taste. Everyday contact with these neglected policies should be enough to convince people that there should be a change of thought on the existing dining hall habits.

However, if there is a need to site an example I suggest the past Thanksgiving meal. This is a special meal and it has been accepted policy to dress up for that meal and the upcoming Christmas meal.

Since there seems to be a question as to what constitutes proper clothing on this campus, I will give my definition to "dressed up" clothing—a coat and tie! (and for the "wise-guys," that includes slacks, socks and yes—shoes.) At the Thanksgiving meal people showed up in everything except what was proper for the occasion. The few people that did show up in proper attire were the ones that seemed out of place. There is something wrong with our sense of values if this is the real case.

Our Christmas meal is coming up, this is the chance to see if we are mature enough to see fault with our present policies and correct them to meet proper and decent standards. Are Aggie jokes just something to laugh at or are they the bitter truth? Only we can answer that question.

Steve Bancroft '68

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