

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Frankly, I think it's more than just a student report, I think it's a test case to see if I read reports when they're handed in!"

'Big Daddy' Powell Back In Harlem

The rooster has come home to crow. But unlike other birds in the spring, this one has come back to tear nests apart instead of building new ones. Adam Clayton Powell returned to Harlem last week to seek reelection to the Congressional seat from which Congress once removed him.

'Sound Off' Policy

In the past, the "Sound Off" column of the Battalion has provided space for the free expression of student opinion. Its purpose is to allow dialog or comment about an editorial or a news story appearing in this paper, and to provide a means for students to present fresh insights and opinions of their own in other areas.

Editor, The Battalion: This letter is concerned with bulletin boards in our dorms. It is often considered "good bull" to tear down posters placed on the bulletin boards.

Editor, The Battalion: I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all the members of the class of 1970. My name is Bobbi Van Ness and I am a candidate for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

I want to become an active, working member of our class. If elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer, I would try to serve the entire class, Corps and civilians alike.

I wish I had the chance to meet more of you in person, but because of extenuating circumstances, campaigning in the dorms wasn't feasible. I really would appreciate your support Thursday.

Bobbi Van Ness '70

Editor, The Battalion: "I thought you were running for Yell Leader, Joe." This has been a recurring question ever since the two Battalion articles (March 19 and 21) did not list my name among the other Senior Yell Leader Candidates.

The mistake was not the Battalion's, but it has had a crippling effect on my campaign. So I would like to take this opportunity to publicly affirm: "Yes, I really am running for Yell Leader."

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Joe Hely '69 Yell Leader Candidate

Editor, The Battalion: Although this letter is by no means a substitute for personal contact, as a candidate for class office I would like to use it to convey my ideas to you.

Recently, while talking with some classmates about school politics, I tried to name my class officers. I must confess that I could name only two. I asked a number of my classmates the same question and got the same negative results.

First, we can hold a few class

meetings throughout the year. Although class meetings are notorious for getting nothing accomplished, they do acquaint the class with its officers.

Also, a class bulletin put out periodically by the class officers could be used to inform the individual of class activities.

In addition, an improvement could be made on the class council system. The existence of this council is virtually unknown. With maximum effective use, the council could be used to convey the ideas of each individual to the class officers.

I feel that by making these changes, each and every individual will have a louder and more direct voice in the affairs of his class.

If you feel the need for a stronger voice in your class, I ask that you remember my name when you vote Thursday.

Chip Somerville '70 Candidate for Vice-President

Editor, The Battalion: With election time less than a week away, students at A&M should be deciding whom they will vote for. However, this is more difficult than it seems. Sure there have been many handshakes, posters and cards; but more important very few of the candidates for office have publicized their intentions if elected.

In the past the majority of the officers have been Corps members and have tended to be more representative of the Corps. Therefore the candidates should make known whether they are civilian or Corps and if they will represent the student body as a whole or represent the minority.

The candidate has several ways that he can make himself better known. He can use The BATTALION, write letters to the individual students, write letters to their dorm, or post in public places letters informing the students of their plans. Perhaps the Student Senate or the Civilian Student Council could publish a list of the candidates and whether they are Corps or civilian. In some way the candidate should better inform the students about himself and his platform.

John D. Fambrough '70

Editor, The Battalion: Congratulations! We are pleased to see that, in the March 20th issue of The Battalion, you have succeeded in triumphing over the manifold evils of good newspaper reporting. Unfortunately for you we will not tell you what

these evils are, but your stunning (31) series of editorials give good evidence as to what they are not. It was with loyal admiration that we read the list of subjects on which you implied that you were informed. We used to wish there was more expression of opinion (tricky Dick ???) in the Batt, but now we wish you'd kept your mouth shut. And don't think that we shouldn't write on such as this, either. For solid, documented proof read your second paragraph dealing with the subject of college newspaper editors ("Some of them look like they don't know which way is sideways.")

John Wooton '70 Howard James '69

Editor, The Battalion: In your article, "Things To Come," in the Wednesday, March 20, Battalion, I was appalled by your attack on George Wallace's right to campaign for the Presidency of the United States. You insinuated that since a race riot, started by his opponents, caused loss of life, he should pack up his bags and go home.

Mr. Rowton, want to yield to barbaric force and take the easiest way, even when it affects such a basic American privilege as running for public office.

The Negro has every right to work toward equality and against the evil of discrimination. But things seem to have defeated their original purpose. There is an ugly scar growing from the civil rights strife—discrimination against whites. In the all out effort to help the Negro, the rights of the whites have been sadly neglected. An example of this is your own article. Suppose Martin Luther King had been the candidate in Jackson, Mississippi, and the white racists had caused loss of life. You probably would have rightly blamed the whites for the deaths. So why discriminate against Wallace and give him the wrong end of the boot.

Wallace's platform is based on states rights. He wants more rights for the individual, not just more protection for the Communists and criminals. He wants our nation to regain the world's hope and esteem that we have lost through years of softness.

George Wallace is not a racist! The night before young Wallace was to fight for the "Golden Gloves Championship," in which he was the favorite, he broke

knuckles in both hands defending a Negro from white thugs. How many of our other candidates would have gotten involved with so much at stake? If you think George Wallace's platform is based on racism, I suggest that you consult those who know him best, and those least affected by liberal slander; that is, the people of Alabama. If you would check your facts more closely instead of racking your brain for sarcastic remarks, you would find that in the last gubernatorial election Mrs. George Wallace polled over three-fourths of the Negro vote in Alabama, while gaining only sixty-four percent overall. This was in an election with several prominent candidates, including representative Richmond Flowers who ran on a civil rights slate. Almost all the Negroes in Alabama will vouch that Wallace has done more for the Negro in his state than any other governor in any state. The liberal controlled press and broadcasting network try to pose Wallace as a symbol of hate by using statements from handpicked black racists; but the power of the polls, the American's sacred right, doesn't lie.

If anyone would like to discuss Wallace, I invite them to come by Dorm 17, room 416. Ardis V. Almond '71

State Capital Roundup

By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association AUSTIN, Tex. — First flurries of activity on the 1968 presidential campaign front remind that it is going to be a long, long political year.

Entry of Sen. Robert Kennedy into the contest for the Democratic nomination set off more speculation than action.

Less than a week after Kennedy's announcement, however, a Beaumont college teacher announced he had accepted an invitation from the senator's office to head up his drive in Texas. Ron Platt, chairman of the small group known as Texas Liberal Democrats and a Lamar Tech assistant professor, said the Texas Committee for Kennedy soon will open an Austin office.

Dissenting Democrats of Texas reaffirmed its support of Sen. Eugene McCarthy for president despite Kennedy's emergence. Co-Chairman Don Allford said DDT welcomes efforts of the Kennedy backers and expects help from them in some areas in opposing President Johnson. DDT claims a force of about 3,000 working to organize precinct conventions for McCarthy.

On the opposite end of the political stage, supporters of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace held their state convention here and kicked off their drive for 14,259 signatures to petitions. Petitions are necessary to get Wallace's name on the November ballot as presidential candidate of the new American Party headed in Texas by former State Sen. Weaver Moore of Houston. Signers must not participate in Democratic or Republican primaries or conventions.

State Democratic Committee, meanwhile, has emphasized its support of President Johnson. Gov. John Connally has announced he intends to head a Texas delegation to the national convention committed to the president's renomination.

To date, there is little evidence of any major effort to take the Texas Democratic conventions away from Johnson.

Texas Republicans, already leaning toward Richard Nixon, were left one less choice when Gov. Nelson Rockefeller announced he would not campaign for the nomination.

DRAFT CALL UP State draft boards must furnish 2,378 men in April and, for the first time in two years, part of the group will go into the U. S. Marine Corps. Figure compares with the quota of 1,947 for the Army in

March and is the largest monthly call for draft boards since October, 1966, when Texas' share was 2,845.

Local boards will send 8,500 men to armed forces examining and entrance stations in April for pre-induction physical and mental examinations in preparation to fill future quotas. March total was 7,200.

April induction and pre-induction quotas were mailed to local boards by state Selective Service headquarters in mid-March. National quota for April is 48,000, of which Army will get 44,000 and Marines 4,000. Draftees are in 19-25 age bracket.

MIXED DRINK DEBATE SHAPING UP One of the great debates of the season seems to be over the method of legalizing sale of liquor-by-drink.

Former Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr, campaigning for governor, argues no constitutional bill can be written on the subject, and

that an amendment to the state constitution's "open saloon" law is necessary to legalize mixed drinks. Eugene Locke is campaigning heavily for local option mixed drinks bills, as has Governor Connally.

Attorney General Martin, called on for advice by the House committee studying liquor laws, stepped the issue. He sent the committee the 29-year-old opinions of former Atty. Gen. George Mann that the legislature in defining "open saloons" acted "in obedience to command of the people." While acknowledging the legislature can change law, Martin suggested that courts, like the attorney general, must test constitutionality of the new "open saloon" definition.

House committee, which is compiling a report for the special session this year, was advised that the Liquor Control Board should be "more forthright" to regain confidence of public.

Bulletin Board

TODAY The Pre Medical Pre Dental Society will see a movie at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building.

The Southern Louisiana Hometown Club will reorganize at 8 p.m. in the Main Lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

The Agronomy Society will meet to work on and finish plans for the Cotton Ball at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Agronomy Building.

The Skin and Scuba Diving Club will see two films at 7:30 p.m. in Room 305 of Goodwin Hall.

WEDNESDAY The El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Academic Building.

THURSDAY The Peace Corps Club will organize at 5 p.m. in Room 2D of the Memorial Student Center. All return volunteers and any

one who has applied for the Peace Corps is invited.

The Corpus Christi Hometown Club will elect officers for next year at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The Bell County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205 of the Academic Building.

The Lubbock - South Plains Hometown Club will make plans for an Easter party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3B of the Memorial Student Center.

The Garland Hometown Club will meet in the Lounge of the Memorial Student Center at 7 p.m. and go to Willow Grove for dinner.

The Mechanical Engineering Seminar will hear John H. Pierce of the Johnson & Johnson Manufacturing Plant in Sherman at 10 a.m. in Room 303 of Fermier Hall. Pierce will speak on the role of the engineer in manufacturing plant.

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Political Forum Speaker Urges Belief In The 'Spirit Of 1776'

Youth will help "navigate the gulf between peoples of Texas," State Senator Barbara Jordan predicted here Friday.

"Let's begin anew, let's start again in the spirit of 1776," the state's first Negro woman senator urged at a Political Forum.

An overflow crowd heard Senator Jordan declare "white racism must be given up."

She called "the quality of life in Texas" the primary issue of "Texas Politics in 1968," her assigned topic from the student forum.

"Give us new ideas, new innovations, not the same old solutions to the same old problems," the senator pleaded.

All of the state candidates favor education and oppose crime, she pointed out.

"BUT NONE of them have dealt realistically with the plight of Texas cities," Senator Jordan contended.

The Houston attorney said there is "no place to reduce governmental expenditures" in meeting required services.

Texas numbers more poor people than any state in the nation, she recalled in urging more thought to the quality of the state populace. Ills have been treated

with patchwork rather than bold, dramatic solutions, the senator claimed.

She proposed an agency for development of human resources with "invest in people" mission. Opposition was expressed to a reduction in state expenditures because of the need for governmental services.

SENATOR JORDAN noted \$122.8 million in new monies must be provided in the nearing special session of the Texas Legislature.

"There is no place to cut expenditures," she said. "Quality of life for every man, woman and child living in Texas must be considered."

Senator Jordan condemned those who ignore the recent report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. "They don't want to talk justice," she said.

In the question period following her address, Miss Jordan reiterated her support of President Johnson.

"I am not for Bobby Kennedy," she emphasized.

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