CADET SLOUCH

"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

'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.

Powell, who has spent the last eight months in exile at Bimini in the Bahamas, warned Sunday of a "civil war" this summer with young blacks and whites "fighting the middle-aged white power structure."

The cavalier 59-year-old self-styled black power leader warned that "You old people better get in line. Powell did not predict the revolution would be between

black and whit but welcomed white youth as "troops. Referring to himself as as "the old man of the sea," and Harlem's "Big Daddy," Powell does not support any candidate for President but feels Negroes "are the only ones who can save the country.

Powell, who was ousted from his Congressional seat for alleged misuse of funds and for evading criminal procedures in a libel case, said the revolution would make "a better America—it can't get any worse, baby.'

It seems hard to understand how a man with such a lack of character can maintain his position of leadership in But to many who live there, in the squalor of tenements,

he is the example of wealth, influence and a flippant attitude which has long told contemporaries where to go. Although Congress revealed Powell was misusing his

constituant's money for his own purposes they continue to place him on a pedestal.

Now Powell has boarded the bandwagon as the Negroe's champion against a "white racist society.

But Powell represents no one but himself, deceives the people he represents, and retreats to a vacation spot when the climate gets hot at home, while sporting well-taylored clothes, companions and cigars.

Instead of finding a solution to a touchy social situation within his district, he promotes contempt for his Congressional associates, while leading with a line of defiance against the "white power structure" where he has nestled for many years.

'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.

That the column has rarely been used for much more than political announcements rather than a healthy exchange of opinion relates directly to the students who read the paper and who have opinions but do not speak.

We wish to provide for responsible student opinion.

"Sound Off" letters must be signed, although the name may be withheld upon request in certain circumstances Letters should be no longer than 300 words. Be concise and to the point.

Letters should be typed. Letters will not be accepted which represent personal attacks or which contain potential-

No opinion of the editor or of the editorial staff is quite as important or as interesting as the opinions of the student body, and of each individual.

Comment on topics which interest you and on the editorial comment presented.

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. These posters were placed there for a purpose of keeping you informed. With elections approaching there will be many posters on campus. Your thoughtfulness will be apprecia-

Don McLerov Student Life Chairman Student Senate

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 civil-

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 Thurs-

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."

> Joe Hely '69 Yell Leader Candidate

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. This clearly indicates a lack of contact between that class and its' officers. What can we do to correct the situ-

First, we can hold a few class

Youth will help "navigate the gulf between peoples of Texas,"

State Senator Barbara Jordan

"Let's begin anew, let's start

again in the spirit of 1776," the

state's first Negro woman sena-

tor urged at a Political Forum.

An overflow crowd heard Sen-

She called "the quality of life

in Texas" the primary issue of "Texas Politics in 1968," her as-

signed topic from the student

"Give us new ideas, new in-

novations, not the same old solu-

tions to the same old problems,"

All of the state candidates fav-

or education and oppose crime,

dealt realistically with the plight

of Texas cities," Senator Jordan

there is "no place to reduce gov-

ernmental expenditures" in meet-

ple than any state in the nation,

thought to the quality of the state

populace. Ills have been treated

Texas numbers more poor peo-

the recalled in urging more PEANUTS

ing required services.

"BUT NONE of them have

The Houston attorney said

ator Jordan declare "white racism

predicted here Friday.

must be given up."

the senator pleaded.

she pointed out.

forum.

though 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 maximum effective use, the counideas 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

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

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 short very few of the candidates have let the student body know what their platforms are.

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 BATTAL-ION, 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:

Political Forum Speaker Urges

Belief In The 'Spirit Of 1776'

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

with patchwork rather than bold,

dramatic solutions, the senator

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 govern-

\$122.8 million in new monies

must be provided in the nearing

special session of the Texas Leg-

SENATOR JORDAN noted

"There is no place to cut ex-

penditures," she said. "Quality

of life for every man, woman and

child living in Texas must be

those who ignore the recent re-

Commission on Civil Disorders.

port of the National Advisory

"They don't want to talk jus-

In the question period follow-

ing her address, Miss Jordan re-

iterated her support of President

"I am not for Bobby Kennedy,"

Senator Jordan condemned

mental services.

islature.

considered.'

tice," she said.

she emphasized.

Johnson.

- Sound Off meetings throughout the year. Al- these evils are, but your stunning Mr. Rowton, want to yield to bar- knuckles in both hands defend 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 council is virtually unknown. With as this, either. For solid, documented proof read your second cil could be used to convey the 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. This is another case of blaming the riots on everyone but the rioters. It is a shame that so many citizens of our nation, including yourself

(3!) series of editorials give good baric force and take the easiest a Negro from white thugs. 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 based on racism, I suggest 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 your facts more closely in against whites. In the all out effort to help the Negro, the rights tic remarks, you would find of the whites have been sadly neglected. An example of this is your own article. Suppose Martin three-fourths of the Negro Luther King had been the candidate in Jackson, Mississippi, and sixty-four percent overall. the white racists had caused loss was in an election with sev of life. You probably would have prominent candidates, inclurightly blamed the whites for representative Richmond Flow the deaths. So why discriminate who ran on a civil rights sl against Wallace and give him the wrong end of the boot.

Wallace's platform is based on states rights. He wants more state than any other governo 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 handpicked black racists; but 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

many of our other candi would have gotten involved so much at stake? If you George Wallace's platform you consult those who know best, and those least affecte liberal slander; that is, the pe of Alabama. If you would o of racking your brain for sar in the last gubernatorial ele Mrs. George Wallace polled in Alabama, while gaining Almost all the Negroes in bama will vouch that Wallace done more for the Negro in any state. The liberal contro press and broadcasting netwo try to pose Wallace as a syr of hate by using statements f power of the polls, the Am can's sacred right, doesn't lie

If anyone would like to disc Wallace, I invite them to con by Dorm 17, room 416.

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mittee studying liquor laws, s

stepped the issue. He sent

committee the 29-year-old

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fining "open saloons" acted

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the attorney general, must

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Attorney General Martin, ca

ernor Connally.

Ardis V. Almond

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 olitical 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 that an amendment to the s 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-Former Atty. Gen. Waggoner

Carr, campaigning for governor,

argues no constitutional bill can

be written on the subject, and public.

constitutionality of the new " saloon" definition. House committee, which compiling a report for the cial session this year, was vised that the Liquor Con Board should be "more for right" to regain confidence

Bulletin Board

The Pre Medical Pre Dental Corps is invited. Society will see a movie at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the Biologi- Club will elect officers for cal Sciences Building.

The Southern Louisiana Hometown Club will reorganize at 8 The Bell County Hometown C p.m. in the Main Lobby of the will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Ro

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

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 Fermier Hall. Pierce will spe of the Memorial Student Center. on the role of the engineer in All return volunteers and any- manufacturing plant.

The Corpus Christi Hometo year at 7:30 p.m. in the Memo Student Center.

The Lubbock - South Pl

Hometown Club will make pl for an Easter party at 7:30 in Room 3B of the Memorial dent Center. The Garland Hometown

will meet in the Lounge of Memorial Student Center at p.m. and go to Willow Grove dinner. The Mechanical Engineer

Seminar will hear John Pierce of the Johnson & Johns Manufacturing Plant in Sh man at 10 a.m. in Room 303

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