CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Now, as I understand you, you need to leave early because your grandmother died?"

Newsweek Surveys Student Opinions

Sometimes one of the best ways to resolve our own problems is to listen to someone else's.

As one of the finer schools in the Southwest A&M works not only independently but often in harmony with universities throughout the nation.

There is the saying that "Boys will be boys" and in many respects A&M students hold similar opinions to other students across the nation.

Lacking direct data from our own students, a look at the opinions of other students may give us an insight into some of our own probable reactions.

A recent survey of American college student opinion on major issues shows them to be far less rebellious and much closer to adult views than is commonly believed.

The poll was conducted by Newsweek magazine and represents a cross-section of 8,700 students from 150 col-

Among the highlights of the survey: On Vietnam only 17 per cent advocate a unilateral halt in bombing and withdrawal of U. S. forces, while 34 per cent would escalate the war effort to seek a military victory, and only eight per cent, as of last January, would call a cease fire and seek negotiation as is now being attempted.

On the draft, the survey showed that 44 per cent of the students disapprove of someone who rejects his military obligation, while 37 per cent accept his position if he is

Sixteen per cent failed to pass judgement saying it was a personal decision.

On politics, no Presidential hopeful received a plurality. Highest is New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy with 15 per cent backing for the Presidency. President Johnson and Richard Nixon each received 11 per cent, Nelson Rockefeller 10, George Romney 9, and Ronald Reagan 8.

There was a big shift on as to who the students thought was today's "Big Man on Campus."

Thirty-nine per cent said they preferred the "good student or intellectual," while 17 per cent selected the "involved, aware" student. No other grouping drew more than 9 per cent and athletes didn't even figure in the returns.

Votes for "the person in the world who you most respect," included 19 per cent for a parent or relative, followed by 3.4 per cent for John F. Kennedy, and then two per cent for "myself".

Most students—some 73 per cent according to Newsweek—are content with the college they attend and would return again in given the chance to begin over. Sixty-three per cent said they wanted to get advanced degrees.

If the survey is relatively accurate and represents a true cross-section of opinion, then in many respects A&M can see its own face.

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— Sound Off —

The Battalion: A few days ago I witnessed something that destroyed most of my pride that I felt in going to A&M. Does this sound familiar?

Well, the letter that was printed in The Battalion Thursday was about as one-sided as could be, and omitted a few facts.

The facts are, to start with, that any person should have a right to dress and do as he wishes to the extent that it really gets ridiculous. There are very few students on campus that have gone beyond their rights. This boy that hails from Atlan-

ta, Georgia, I think, is one of these few. In addition to having extra long hair, he has obscene insignias on his motorcycle helmet. We have respectable girls and women on campus that maintain higher moral standards than

But does he have a right to wear this riding down the streets of A&M in front of visitors and our female students?

Also, some of these guys dress like "vigilantes" with no socks and ragged clothes with shirt tails hanging out.

These guys also have records of some kind in school or out of school. Not all of them, but some do, as I know for a fact.

There are also quite a few of these people that disgust the people of A&M that have a little higher moral standard than they

If you are lucky, you will find maybe one per cent of all Aggieexes to back you because maybe they have turned into criminals or have very little reasoning as Mr. Sorrells does.

I again say I believe in rights 100 per cent. If you think these guys are all right and the country and western Klan are wrong, well go west, young man, all the way to Berkeley and leave this college to decent people.

Larry Huddleston '70 Chief Martindale '70

Editor, The Battalion:

In my wanderings across this campus to and from classes I mistakenly stumbled across a piece of literature that I feel this campus should be totally aware of. This piece of literature to which I am referring calls itself an "underground newspaper," the name of which is "Paranoia."

I believe it has several worthwhile articles that somehow have failed to catch THE BATTAL-ION's eye, or were passed over as material of sheer nonsense, non-truth and unworthy of space in THE BATTALION.

Instead of printing articles that are excerpts from the A.P. and U.P.I. presses, which any newsconscious Aggie can read in a newspaper or hear on a radio, I think that THE BATTALION would rise to the level of a spaper reporters printed some of the controversial issues that are on this campus.

Rick Miner '70

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Editor.

The Battalion:

Upon arriving at Texas A&M University, a person finds himself wallowing in a tide of "Howdy, Sir," military and corny strands of "Your Cheating Heart" being played by the follow-your-motherand-don't - forget - your-perfectcountry type boys. And, while floundering around, he mutters under his breath, "where are the open minds; where are the intelligent people; where are the pople who have thoughts?" He tries to raise himself above the

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him to find if there are people who have opinions, people who don't hang onto every word that dribbles from the mouth of Lyndon Baines. But, he is probably unsuccessful.

Yet, at last, there is something that he can look to. This is Texas A&M College's new underground newspaper, "Paranoia."

A&M Students, look up! At last we have freedom from the unthinking stagnancy which engulfs this campus. At last we have people who look at the hard, bitter truth of today's issues. Texas A&M is coming around to the enjoyment of the true purpose of the university. That purpose is to re-examine everything that has been taught in the light of new developments.

I will tell you what the reaction to this newspaper will be. The corps will call it "the work of the hippies." The cowboys will call it "the work of the Communists." But, Aggies, I beg you to read it out; face the facts. It may completely destroy your sense of security, everything which you have been comforting yourself with in the midst of war. But would you like to be ignorant and secure or wouldn't you rather see the bludgeon that is about to strike you over the head so that

you can "duck" in time. Listen to the faint applause of the intelligent, and perhaps you will hear that applause grow. Someday, you may hear a standing ovation and be able to call Texas A&M a University.

Ryan Bernard

WS Junior Catches Cave Salamander

from the Edwards Plateau area of Texas has been captured by David W. Mabie, a junior wildlife science student.

Mabie is keeping the animal, technically a typhlomage tridentifera, in a wildlife science laboratory. Three other similar salamanders, died almost immediately in captivity.

To date, in almost two weeks, Mabie has been unable to induce the salamander to eat in captivity. He's hopeful that a mixture of brine shrimp and several vertebrates and invertebrates will stimulate the creature's appetite.

Dr. R. J. Baldauf, A&M Wildlife Science Department head, said the species was first described in 1965. Although numerous scientists have mounted specimens in collections, few have live ones. The albino salamander measures about one and onefourth inches in length.

mals which can be found no other place in the world live in the Edwards Plateau area. Pictures of the animals are used as illustrations in textbooks, he added.

Mabie, until recently a resident of Austin (6205 Brookside Dr.) caught the uncommon salamander in a Comal County Cave near New Braunfels during a collection trip in conjunction with a herpatology class.

Fifty-five members of a herpetology class collected 33 different species of amphibians and reptiles in a weekend outing near San Marcos and Wimberley. Included in the catch, in addition to a rattlesnake, alligator lizard and cliff frogs were two salamanders related to the blind cave salamanders. One was caught at the headwaters of the San Marcos River, the other at Fern Bank Springs near Wimberley.

REACTION

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and a half, some of them cutting classes, in order to vote, revealed that the election wasn't run as efficiently as it should have been.' JOHN P. MALINE agreed with other candidates that there were discrepancies in the election.

"I think the decision to hold a new election is a good idea, even though I'm not planning on running again," he said.

ALLEN D. JANACEK said: "I consider that Thursday's election was unjust to the Corps of Cadets.

"Not to my disadvantage, because I didn't get that many votes, but to the leading candidate's disadvantage. I will not campaign again for the office, but I do not support any certain candidate." COLLIER R. WATSON suggested a program to unify the

civilians and Corps members. I do not plan to campaign actively," he said. "I think the whole election was kind of messed up. I've got a feeling that there will be harsh feelings between the civilians and Corps members be-

cause of the over-all results."

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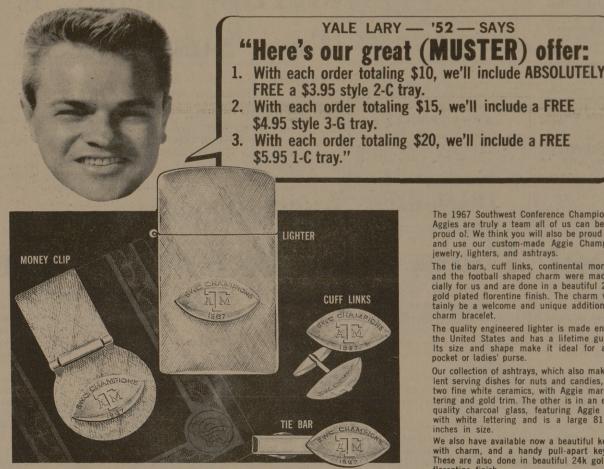
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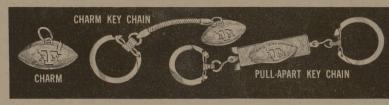
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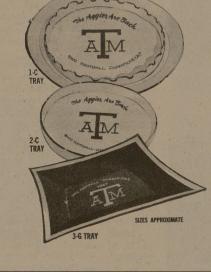
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