

"... When he said he'd look through my paper, I somehow expected something more . . . !'

## City Looting, Racial Hate Share Blame

During the past several years the President has been fighting three wars. He has attempted to preserve a booming economy, win some sort of victory in Vietnam, and stem the tide of social and racial unrest.

Last Thursday's assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, an advocate of non-violence, was a symptom of the most painful internal problem since the Civil War.

A society where stereotypes of minorities are as much a part of early training as tying a shoe lace, cannot move toward complete equality in one hot summer.

Dr. King's assassination is an example of extreme reaction to social pressures which have demanded changes

The white community has been asked to analyze its I'm sure there will be some disinferiority complex which apparently needs whipping boys among minorities to feel superior to something.

The assassin joins Lee Harvey Oswald as an evergrowing committee of killers who attempt to preserve the status quo, slow social change and maintain a self-concept of

their manhood through murder. But just as the implications of last Thursday's murder are far greater than the killer could even consider beforehand, so are the implications of wide-spread civil disorder, burning and looting by a relatively small number of Negroes

who smile at cameras as they burglarize unmolested. While making headlines, they destroy the already poor communities in which they live. Most store owners will not return. Business from outlying areas will decrease with the net result that center city will become even more bleak.

While making headlines, they necessitate the mobilization of troops to restore order-22,000 Army and 34,000 National Guard troops during the past week. The result feeds anti-American proprogandists.

While making headlines, they even sway "liberals" toward a more conservative view of civil rights, a view which is becoming more impatient with Negroes who demand equality under the law while blatantly disregarding that

The pendulum which was swinging slowly away from racial bigotry has been given a push in the other direction

by senseless murders and over reaction to those murders. Rioting in the dozens of American cities this week can only be attributed in part to the death of Dr. King and to

frustration of economic conditions The burning and looting is a study in mob action where there is limited awareness of present action and no realization of future implications.

Dr. King's murder is the most disgusting form of racial hatred, but a society which will not move without such violence to shame and shock it into action is just as blame-

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a university and community newspaper.

My, my. Seems as if some of us human beings at this Institution of Higher Learning on the Brazos have gotten into an argument over what kind of hair clippers should be used when one is called upon by his friendly lynch mob. I claim no knowledge of the "facts" concerning the "Rape of the Lock" Incident (forgive me, Alexander Pope), but I do have some misgivings on Friday's goldplated morality stand by Messrs. Huddleston and Martindale.

From the top. The clothing regulations do exist, and it is said they should be enforced as long as they are law. But look, this man has hair and lots of it. Being the exception rather than the rule, we may judge that this man does not have the "proper haircut" as noted in Paragraph 58 of the University Regulations. Therefore, he is in violation of the law. He is flouting society. He must be punished. So we jump him at night and proceed to assault and battery him with sheep shears. That's good!

But whoa, fellas. Mustaches

are not mentioned as being hair of the illegal variety. (Such growths are quite common with our men of the Navy.) Someone in his blind anger to right the wrong goofed. Overstepped bounds on society's part. Oh well, it was done in the name of morality.

Obscene insignias. Such atrocities. While we guzzle our beer defended individual rights. Their

and read our pornographic literature and guffaw at sheep paddock jokes, this man has obscene markings on his motorcycle helmet. How low has this person's morality sunk? What a vile creature.

I refer the illegality of no socks and ragged clothes with shirttails hanging out to the University Regulations (same place). Yes, these "vigilantes" should be turned out. My, how their dress disgusts us. I'll bet they don't remove their hats inside of buildings, either. May they forever walk in tobacco juice. And they must really be rotten, mean, and low with the huge records they have. Nothing like pointing this out when we judge a man for his new crime of leaving his shirt-

So much for my cynicism. The remainder of Friday's tirade throws out the old song of such people having lower moral standards than us "good Ags," about how anyone who does not warp his mind as Huddleston and Martindale must be of a criminal nature or be a dimwit. Of course we can always leave if we happen to think differently. Don Parr

The Battalion:

In the April 5th edition of The Battalion there appeared a letter by Huddleston and Martindale denouncing a previous letter which

#### **AAUP CENSURE**

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ing. We haven't fired anybody." Dr. Gibbs said he had no idea whether a move would be made at the convention.

"BUT SINCE they took the trouble to write the report, and have it published in the bulletin, cussion on it.'

Censure to the university could mean a number of things, according to Dr. Krise.

'There are two ways to be censured," he said. "Like Sam Houston State College, where the board of directors was censured, but the president was excluded: or censureship could be invoked on the whole administration."

"Mainly," Dr. Krise said, "censure might affect recruiting of faculty members and graduate

"And as seen in the midwinter bulletin in the investigating committe's report, Texas schools have been having a bad time of it."

THE REPORT included Sam Houston on its current blacklist. Texas Tech at Lubbock was removed from that list last year after offering one of three professors who were fired a full professorship with tenure.

"As for an institution's image, that blacklist is not the

place to be," Dr. Krise said. When asked what he expected if A&M is censured, A&M President Earl Rudder said, "I imagine there will be a few who won't come here because of it. There will also be a few who come here in spite of it."

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John Fuller . Mike Plake

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"We've had some very fine professors join us since the bulletin containing the Gibbs case was

published," he said. If the AAUP takes action on Texas A&M, it will be influenced by recent changes regarding the State Coordinating Board's policies toward faculty members.

"THERE IS some hope that the situation which brought us to this stage of developments will be rectified," Dr. Krise said, speaking of a recent decision of the A&M System Board of Di-

In its report, the AAUP investigating committee stated that, Though there may be some hope from outside the university, for example in the recommendations of the Coordinating Board, the inadequate faculty role in the governance of the university (A&M) . . . offers little hope of early improvement in the climate of academic freedom and

The Board of Directors has since met with President Rudder, and decided to "immediately implement the State Coordinating Board's statement on academic Freedom, Responsibility and Ten-

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letter, I felt, had one valid point. display of obscene insignias. However, this in no way is related to the individual's right to wear his hair and his clothes in any unobscene manner that he so desires regardless of how ridiculous it may look to anyone else.

Sound Off —

Although Huddleston and Martindale claim to be for an individual's rights 1000% they at the same time advocate subjecting this person's unalienable rights to majority rule, popular opinion, and mere value judgments. It often disheartens me to see Aggies (who so strongly profess to be patriotic Americans) so badly misconstrue and have so little understanding of the one really important thing that separates the United States from Soviet Russia, the concept of unalienable individual rights.

Huddleston and Martindale also imply that individual and unpopular ideas on dress indicate a low moral standard. Morals have nothing to do with popular opinion but are based upon the principles of right conduct rather than law or custom. Has no one thought that in an effort to change opinions, it might be moral to rebel against hypocritical society values, especially if society is intent on trampling on an individual's rights in the process of sustaining these values?

Perhaps, if the letter defending this man's rights appeared onesided, it is because it is a logically moral fact that an individual's rights must not be compromised if justice is to be achieved.

Not so much in the spirit of vengeful judgment but rather in the spirit of constructive criticism, if Huddleston and Martindale want to see a perfect example of a one-sided, littlereasoned, "highway-six-runs-bothways" type of letter, they should take a look at their own.

My views are adequately represented in a statement by our late President, Mr. John F. Kennedy, in reference to his book Profiles in Courage, in which he stated "These . . . are the stories of such a democracy. Indeed, there would be no such stories had this nation not maintained its heritage of free speech and dissent, had it not fostered honest conflicts of opinion, had it not encouraged tolerance for unpopular views.'

Larry Hembree '68

Editor. The Battalion:

Speaking as a member of the hated minority - open-minded people who think-I feel I must comment on the atrocious act which occurred at our University

got a forceable haircut and shave.

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a short time ago. Of course, am referring to the student who

Anyone who believes that this This was in regard to the public action was justified, because it was done to make him a "good Aggie," is the popular concept of an Aggie, one who doesn't need to think in college, has a closed mind, and does absolutely no thinking.

This action was inexcusable and I am sorry to say that this act as perpetrate by the kind of Aggie who is in the majority on this campus. I am speaking of the

non-thinking fool. The students of this school must remember we are not all in the Corps and therefore, some of us are forced to think. But it will only be when the fools try to think open-mindedly that we can call our University a great Universtiy on all levels.

Charles McClain Freshman

The Battalion:

This is to protest Ryan Bernard's letter (in your April 5 issue), in which he applauded the appearance of Paranoia, Texas A&M's current off-campus newspaper. Mr. Bernard seemed to think that Paranoia's advent marks and end to the "unthinking stagnancy which engulfs this campus." He has overstated his case. He ignored the fact that Paranoia is not the work of a majority of the students on this campus—not even a dozen people were involved in its production. Paranoia is not the result of a grassroots movement - not even after its publication did it capture the attention of the student

Did Mr. Bernard forget or just fail to notice that Paranoia can hardly call itself a newspaper, since it did not get around to reporting both sides of the issues it treated? In its one issue to date, Paranoia pretended that the Administration had no opinion about Professor Gibbs' situation in the School of Veterinary Medicine, and it presented only the dove's side of the Viet Nam issue. An attempt to "re-examine everything that has been taught" would be more honest if it did not have its own head in the sand.

The issue of Paranoia that I saw was very shoddily composed and noticeably poorly edited. I would remind Mr. Bernard that to sustain its reader's interest a newspaper must not ignore the canons of good journalism, and I would submit to him that a competent artist would be a valuable addition to Paranoia's staff.

Before we have an organ of

"free speech," as Mr. Bernard it, we will need to see a changes away from the cur situation. Before Paranoia comes that organ, it must cha its format and style. Until Mr. Bernard might well be a li less enthusiastic.

Tom Sathre \* \*

Editor,

The Battalion:

It's a real shame that Ag have not been afforded the or tunity to obtain a complete ed cation. Our university is re nized as one of the top acade centers in the United tSates. it seems that the education system begins and ends within confines of the classroom.

The Memorial Student Cen has been successful in bridg part of the educational gap w student organizations like Stu Conference on National Affa (SCONA), Great Issues, Town Hall. But even these f programs fail to bring the stud an essential phase of his educ tion. This essential is the A It is essential in that it is a me um by which ideas may be changed.

Too often we fail to thoroug appreciate the artistic atte for we have not had the cha to become familiar with art for and their development. I through this familiarization t the viewer is able to draw cer accurate conclusions about worth of an art object.

Because A&M has been marily an all-male institution has realized little need for thi associated with the art reals is the desire of the Contemp Arts Committee (CAC) to cha all this. CAC has incorpor four programs to meet the dents' needs. They are Lite Arts (a program designed bring prominent lecturers writers to our campus), Fine A (set up to bring the thea music, and dance to A&M), Exhibits Committee (designe bring art displays from all the North American Contine and the Film Series (brings A&M art films, foreign and mestic). Each of these com tees has a strong desire to ser the students and faculty in t worthy capacity, but they n your active support. Anyone terested in perpetuating the Ar on the A&M campus should c tact Tom Ellis, c/o Contempor Arts Committee, MSC, To A&M University; or call 846-630 Tom Ellis

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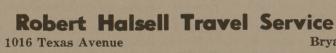
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