

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"When he goes for privacy, it's a letter from his girl!"

Employment Down, Output Increases

During the first four months of 1960, Detroit manufactured 149,000 more cars with 136,00 fewer workers than in 1955.

In recent years, textile output has increased 56 per cent while employment has fallen 35 per cent.

And by 1975, according to an article in Man Magazine, an estimated 20 million office and factory workers will be replaced by machines.

The problems of unemployment and automation are growing. The career you're preparing for today may not need you tomorrow. It may not exist.

Some keys to survival are education, flexibility, and a constant effort to upgrade job skills.

It is true that automation also creates new jobs. By 1970, a quarter of the nation's labor force will be employed in semi-professional or technical which did not exist in 1930, according to the article.

It is the unskilled and semi-skilled workers whose jobs will be rendered obsolete.

"The employees who cannot adapt are headed for extinction or for marginal survival doing the most menial of tasks," the article noted.

Former Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg says that for a worker to survive he must be "flexible, be willing to upgrade or develop entirely new skills, abandon one area of the country for another and get a thorough education."

Throughout your college career, you must examine your future job in light of a new technological era, take courses to prepare for automation, and be prepared to constantly train, retrain and continue your education.

Even Dow Chemical requires its janitors to have a high school education and pass a battery of aptitude tests. There may be some far-reaching merit in burning the midnight oil for those upcoming finals.

Editor, The Battalion:

I am writing this letter in regard to the recent letter in "Sound Off" by Ryan Bernard. I feel Mr. Bernard came off his handle in his letter and made several statements which were not true and made some generalizations which were not verifiable.

To begin with, Mr. Bernard is speaking about the criminality of the cowboys, referred to the incident last fall between Mitchell and Leggett halls. Myself, I don't think anyone involved, cowboy, longhair, or otherwise is a criminal in any sense of the word.

Mr. Bernard said that a cowboy struck another boy shorter than he was. This is true, but what he left out was that "shorty" started the scuffle and aggravated the cowboy. Also, the only knife involved in this incident was the one used to cut down Leggett's sign.

If Mr. Bernard feels this isn't true, let him produce some of these people who were allegedly held at knife point. I doubt if you'll have many volunteers for that farce.

Also, Mr. Bernard mentioned that the cowboys were the ones to use the "R. E." to embarrass the young ladies. I can't deny that he did see some cowboys display this end of their personalities, but we all know that this method is known to all Aggies and not restricted to the cowboys or longhairs or any other single group.

I think this is something which none of us are proud of and which Mr. Bernard wanted to pass off on the cowboys.

Then, Mr. Bernard proceeded to make some snide remarks about the manner in which we dress. Well, friend, have you ever looked at what kind of hat President Johnson or Governor Connally wears? I'll tell you, it's western.

Men were wearing western hats and high-heeled boots a hundred years before you ever had a hair on your head, and will probably be doing so long after we are both gone. Can you give us any examples of respected men in our nation today with long hair, beards, mustaches, and wearing motorcycle helmets with obscene material on it?

Please don't misunderstand, I'm not trying to justify the vigilante action taken in the haircutting of "our dear friend from Atlanta, Georgia." He has his rights as a citizen to look as absurd as he wishes.

But even you must admit he does look a sight better since that incident.

Bill Clampit

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:

In the moments before Muster began, I sat watching G. Rollie White fill up. Just about 98% of the people had uniforms on. Another 1% were civilians and the remaining 1% were guests. My hat is off to these civilians who were there and to those who attended Muster elsewhere. But when these figures are compared to the ratio of total enrollment for cadets and civilians, I think this points out some sickening attitudes.

When we can't fill G. Rollie White to honor the men who fought and died to establish freedom for Texas, and the Aggies who have been taken from us this past year, I wonder what our type of Aggie we are turning out today.

The Corps was there—where were the civilians? The civilians who are also hard to find at Yell Practice? The civilians who are bothered by the Corps drills on Saturday mornings?

Well, let me tell you something—without the training the Corps has given A&M men in the past, you wouldn't have the great name of Texas Aggie to associate with. And it makes me sick to think that these people, who think more of the bag, the flick, or the tube than they do of Muster, wear the same ring I do.

Mike McLennan '68

Editor, The Battalion:

This year will be the first time that I will not donate a pint to the Aggie blood drive. It's not that I'm against the drive—what I am against is the "come-on" used to lure one into donating blood.

They claim: "Anyone who donates blood is eligible to receive unlimited amounts of blood for himself and his family during the coming year."

I have heard of several cases where, for some reason, blood was refused, and I know of two cases firsthand. First a hometown bud was hit by a drunk during the Christmas holidays, and is still in the hospital today. He needed lots of blood; and if several Aggies had not come through, he would have been in bad shape.

Second, an outfit bud's parent needed blood during an operation. Again, blood was refused, and he had to give a pint of his own blood for the operation.

Again, let me say it is not the blood drive but the false claim made by the blood drive as my reason for not donating a pint.

John Thompson '69

(Editor's Note: Alpha Phi Omega Blood Drive Chairman Tommy Thomas said that APO was not aware of such practices. He said anyone with such a problem should contact the Student Senate for aid.)

By Robert Gonzales

Through Corps Channels

The 9th Annual Class Induction Banquet given for seniors by the Association of Former Students will be held May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Sbis Dining Hall, and will feature a steak dinner with all the trimmings. Speaker for the occasion will be John Caple '52, former class agent and businessman from Fort Worth. Seniors may go by the Association of Former Students Office in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center and pick up a free banquet ticket and your windshield decal.

A platoon of four squads and spent approximately five hours at the Heavy Equipment School west of the campus. The platoons were given a series of objectives to take and were engaged by freshmen and sophomore aggressors. Leadership positions within the platoon were rotated so that each cadet had an opportunity to display his ability to the observing senior cadets and Army officers present.

Bulletin Board

TODAY

The Hillel Club will elect officers for next year at a 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Hillel Foundation.

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

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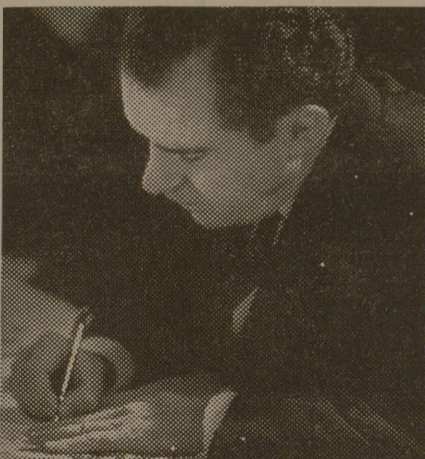


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You can't just wish your way out of the kind of problems we've got today. You've got to think them through—and that takes a lifetime of getting ready.

**Think about Viet Nam.** A brutal conflict that tears the nation. A new kind of war against a new kind of enemy, that requires new concepts of concerted military, political, and diplomatic effort. This is a time when we must explore every avenue toward settlement—but keep our guard against the temptations of a camouflaged surrender.

**Think about your dollar.** Weakened and shrunk by buy-now-pay-later politics, eaten by taxes, threatened by the balance of payments and the gold drain. It's going to take skill and understanding to get an \$800 billion economy back on the track—and keep it there.

**Think about your children.** About their schools. Their college. Will there be a place for them? And the world they inherit. Will it be worth inheriting? Will they have a world to inherit?

**Think about the cities.** About the civil war ripping our nation apart. About violence and crime and despair. About the need for both the rule of law and the light of hope. About the new statesmanship needed to

make our nation whole again by making our people one again.

**Think about the world.** Its complexity and its challenge. Russia. China. NATO. SEATO. the OAS, the UN. Europe. The Middle East. Africa. Latin America. Asia. Nuclear arms and diplomatic maneuvers. A world entering the most dangerous period in its history, and looking to the United States for leadership that can take it safely through.

**Think about the Presidency.** Its awesome powers and its lonely responsibilities. The range of things a President has to think about, know about. The great decisions that he alone can make, and that may determine the fate of freedom for generations to come—and even the survival of civilization.

**Think about the one man** who is best qualified for that office. With the sure hand, the balanced judgment, the combination of seasoned experience and youthful vigor. The one man who has gained a perspective on the Presidency unique in our time—from 20 years in public life, eight of them at the very center of power—followed by a rare opportunity to reflect and re-study, and to measure the pressing needs of America and the world in this final third of the 20th Century. The one man prepared by history for the world's toughest job—the one man who can really make a difference in these troubled, dangerous times.

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By Charles M. Schulz