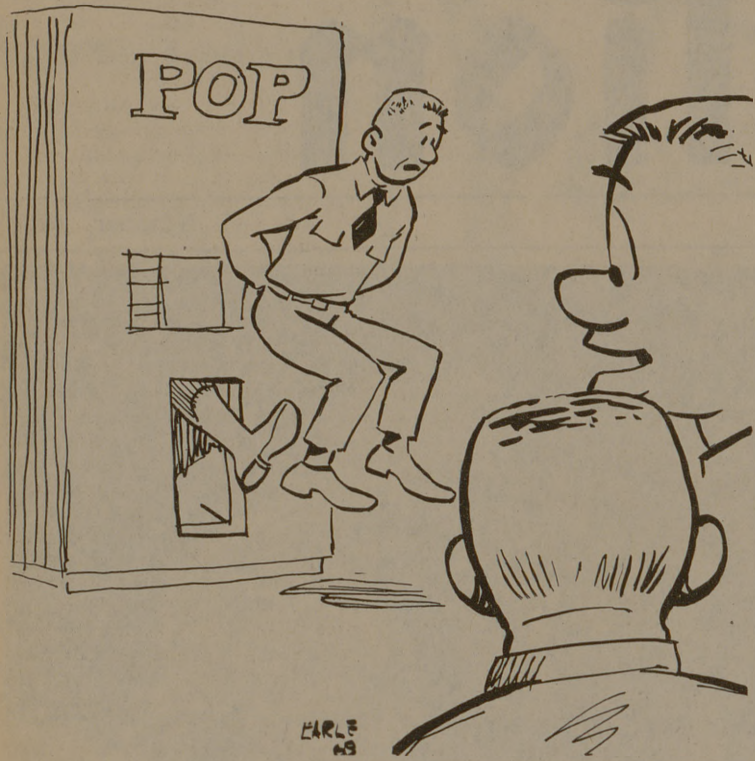


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"A new first—a machine that kicks back!"

Bilingual Program Needed In Texas

U. S. Commissioner of Education Harold Howe said Thursday that the American concept of education is still in the cowboy and Indian stage with "the good guys wearing white hats and skins and speaking unaccented English."

Speaking in Austin, as reported by the Houston Chronicle, Howe said typical American education equates Anglo-American origin and ways with virtue, goodness and even political purity.

Only the Spanish-speaking Americans in the Southwest have successfully retained their rich heritage, despite the attempt at cultural assimilation through cultural disdain.

"A distinctive Spanish-Indian-American culture survives in the U. S., but the cultural backgrounds of Spanish-speaking children have produced a staggering amount of educational failure in the American school system," Howe said.

Eighty-nine per cent of children with Spanish surnames and Spanish as, the first learned language drop out of school before completing a regular 12-year program, Howe said.

Howe felt that the notion of Anglo-Acultural superiority among children who come to school having spoken nothing but Spanish, yet are expected to speak English does a great disservice to both the children and the nation.

The system is like a Texan traveling to France to further his education only to find that all the courses are taught in French. Without any adjustment made for him to learn the language the professor talks on as Texas Joe first fax pas and then drops out altogether.

Recently a number of legislators including Texas Senator Ralph Yarborough have introduced legislation in Congress which would provide for bilingual programs for Spanish-speaking children.

As Howe says, this way a child could immediately begin to learn in Spanish while studying English, instead of waiting until after he has learned English to begin his education.

While schools in the East promote and sometimes require the study of another language in grade school, in Texas some schools require that nothing but English be spoken.

The nation of Anglo-English superiority has seriously hurt a potentially golden opportunity for all Texas children to be fluent in two languages, while giving a great boost to Spanish speaking children who suffer under present educational conditions.

A bilingual education program for Texas' secondary schools could be one of the biggest steps forward for a state which otherwise has ranked low in educational excellence and teacher pay.

Editor, The Battalion: In Thursday's Battalion, freshman Arnaldo Cantu justified civilian lack of attendance at Muster by attacking the Corps of Cadets and the military system used to build the Aggie Spirit. It is quite true that Muster is mandatory for all cadets, but the cadet is neither forced into joining the Corps, nor is he forced to remain a member. Freshman Cantu further questions to find exactly what Aggie Spirit may be. Aggie Spirit is not a set of actions, such as building the Bonfire, attending Yell Practice, Silver Taps or Muster, rather it is the feelings which an Aggie has for his school. These outward signs are tangible evidence of the Aggie Spirit. He asks how many cadets would attend Muster if it were not mandatory. We would suggest that he examine the list of Aggie Musters around the world by former members of the Corps of Cadets. We believe this answers his question. We are not trying to indicate this person's decision not to accept the military system at A&M which by necessity is mandatory in many ways. However, we do not feel that this freshman has the right to belittle our efforts to show our love for A&M and its traditions because we accepted the military tradition of A&M.

We do not believe that this freshman is correct in his assumption that most Corps members were there because it was mandatory, if he wishes to prove it let him try. This is not meant to be an open attack on civilian students, it rather a denunciation of the assertions that Aggie Spirit is a mandatory farce. We hope the civilian students will become an active member of the Twelfth Man, as it would be beneficial to the Corps, civilian students and A&M.

Class of 1970, Company A-1, Proud members of the military tradition upon which Texas A&M is built.

Editor, The Battalion: I am writing this letter in reference to Mr. McLennan's letter in Wednesday's Battalion and his comparison of Corps and civilian attendance at Muster.

I agree that civilian attendance at Muster was small, but from

where I was sitting it didn't look like 98 percent of the people had uniforms on. I believe that Mr. McLennan's patriotic flag waving for the Corps has obscured any common sense he might have had.

According to Tuesday's Battalion, there were more than 5,500 people in attendance at Muster here. If two percent were civilians and guests, that would be 110 people, leaving supposedly about 4,390 in the Corps. Even if every room in the Duncan area was occupied, this would make a total of only approximately 3,500 cadets and if 200 was added to this to account for the day students in the Corps, this would bring the figure to only about 3,700. According to Mr. McLennan's "new math" there are almost 1,700 ghost cadets somewhere on campus.

Mr. McLennan wrote of the great men the Corps has turned out in the past. I hope that the great men A&M turns out in the future will not be as biased and ignorant of the facts as Mr. McLennan. It makes me sick to think that these people will be wearing the same ring as I will.

Mike Hughes '69

Editor, The Battalion: Last night I received a copy of the "underground newspaper" Paranoia. I was, unfortunately, not in my room when the paper was delivered. Therefore, I will have to write their offices to register my opinion.

Although I disagree strongly with some of the views expressed in the paper, I was favorably

impressed with the fact that, with the exception of the article "I C hooosMcCarthy," there was no UNFAID campaigning. This, unfortunately, has not been the case in The Battalion. I have viewed with great displeasure the metamorphosis of Sound Off from a platform of student opinions to a method of cheap politicking. This trend was especially noticeable in the April 23rd edition.

In the April 23rd edition the letters to the editor section degenerated into a contest to see who could get the most number of signers for a politically oriented letter.

I hope, in the future, the editor of The Battalion sees fit to eliminate this trend and return Sound Off to its former status.

Frank Koppersmith '70

Editor, The Battalion: I am writing in regard to the recent letter in "Sound Off" by John Thompson. Mr. Thompson stated that he wasn't giving blood because of the "lure" used in getting people to donate blood. Perhaps Mr. Thompson has forgotten the real reason for donating blood, so that blood is available to those who are in need.

Mr. Thompson seems to think that the methods are more important than the cause. The real reason for donating blood is the benefits given to those who are dying and are in need of blood.

Perhaps if people didn't think of themselves so much, there would have been blood available when his friends needed it.

Dale Boyd '71

— Sound Off —

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5:15 P.M.—Young People's Class
6:00 P.M.—Worship
7:15 P.M.—Aggie Class
9:30 A.M.—Tues. - Ladies Bible Class
7:15 P.M.—Wednesday - Bible Study

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7:30 P.M.—Wednesday Vesper

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11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:00 P.M.—Sun. Single Stu. Fellowship
7:15 P.M.—Wed. Student Fellowship
6:45 A.M.—Fri. Communion Service
Wesley Foundation

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9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service
7:00 P.M.—Preaching Service

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Sunday Service
11:00 A.M.—2 P.M.—Tues. Reading Rm.
7:00-8:00 P.M.—Wed., Reading Rm.
8:00 P.M.—Wed. Evening Worship

FIRST BAPTIST
710 Eisenhower
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:10 P.M.—Training Union
7:20 P.M.—Evening Worship
6:30 P.M.—Choir Practice & Teachers' meetings (Wednesday)
7:30 P.M.—Midweek Services (Wed.)

SECOND BAPTIST
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Church Service
6:30 P.M.—Training Union
7:30 P.M.—Church Service

OUR SAVOUR'S LUTHERAN
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9:30 A.M.—Bible Classes For All
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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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9:45 A.M.—Bible School
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:00 P.M.—Youth Hour
7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
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FAITH CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P.M.—Evening Service

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
11:00 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship

A&M METHODIST
8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
10:55 A.M.—Morning Worship
5:30 P.M.—Campus & Career Class
5:30 & 6:00 P.M.—MYF Meetings

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
26th East and Coulter, Bryan
8:30 A.M.—Priesthood meeting
10:00 A.M.—Sunday School
5:00 P.M.—Sacrament Meeting

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Homestead & Ennis
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
10:50 A.M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P.M.—Young People

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9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
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7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship

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"Those three are always together," remarked Lisa's mother. She was referring to her little daughter, who is seldom seen without her beloved collie, and her well-worn rag doll. They are constant companions.

"Lisa is very sensitive about friends," her mother continued. "And this week she came home from Sunday School with a very important lesson. Her teacher told her about God's love, and how He never leaves us. Lisa came skipping into the house and announced, 'Now I have three good friends, and the best one of all is Jesus.'"

Little Lisa had indeed learned a wonderful truth. All of us need to discover it for our own lives. For every life needs the companionship of God. Let your church bring this hope and promise to you.

Sunday Exodus 33:7-23	Monday Joshua 1:1-7	Tuesday II Kings 2:1-14	Wednesday Matthew 11:7-19	Thursday John 14:18-31	Friday Philippians 1:3-11	Saturday James 4:1-10
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