

# — Sound Off —

## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Graduating seniors tend to relax during this time of th' year so we've developed this system to keep them on their toes! We leave this note on their doors that says 'report to Registrar's Office to review discrepancy in degree plan!'"

## HHH Announces Bid For President

Democratic hopes for a nationally strong candidate came alive this weekend when Vice-President Hubert Humphrey announced his candidacy for President.

Like President Johnson, who fell into the relative obscurity of the Vice-Presidency until Kennedy's assassination, Humphrey had been a small supporting voice to Johnson until the latter announced his decision not to seek a second term in the White House.

Humphrey has been a tireless campaigner for present administration policy and the fruits of that labor may pay off in November.

In private consultation President Johnson must have assured Humphrey that he would support him and lend weight at the Democratic National Convention.

With the knowledge that Johnson would back him, that Kennedy is not well supported in behind-the-scenes political circles, and with his Minnesota colleague McCarthy on a platform not broad enough to encompass the sentiments of a nation, Humphrey must have announced his candidacy on Saturday with confidence in an ultimate victory.

While the Republicans are running a circus of "today-a candidate tomorrow-a drop-out" candidates (Rockefeller is apparently in the running again, Humphrey, like President Johnson, is declaring that with unity of effort our goals and ideals can be achieved.

Humphrey declared that "1968 is not the year for frenzied or inflammatory rhetoric, or for finding scapegoats for our problems. It is the year for common sense. I will resist the temptation to deceive either the people or myself."

The Vice-President notified his opponents that he intends to "fight hard for the nomination, but I do not intend to divide either my party or my nation."

Humphrey has the backing of organized labor and business, as well as the support of regular Democrats in the South who would have voted for Johnson.

He has the support of Texas Gov. John Connally, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz and many Senators and Representatives.

Humphrey has been a prime example of the excellent civil servant and will receive a top efficiency rating (ER) by his boss.

His speeches for the President's Vietnam and domestic policies have been carefully written as to court Johnson's full support and confidence.

But it will be interesting to discover in the next few months whether the vice-president has a strong platform and a brilliance of his own.

## Bulletin Board

**TODAY**  
The Student AVMA Auxiliary will have a constitutional-change meeting at 8 p.m. in the Texas Room of the Bryan Building and Loan Building.  
The American Marketing Society will elect officers and make final plans for a sales clinic at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 3B-C of the Memorial Student Center.

**WEDNESDAY**  
The Texas A&M Sports Car Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 203 of the YMCA.  
The Texas A&M Research Foundation will meet at 4 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium.

## THE BATTALION

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# URGENT!

Juniors and Sophomores

May 3 is deadline for turning in proofs for 1968 Aggieland at the University Studio.

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
You're right, Mr. Clampit (may I call you "Jed"?). . . men were wearing western hats and high-heeled boots a hundred years ago. However, if I remember correctly, long hair and beards were prevalent, too. As a case in point, look in an American history book under "Lincoln" . . . Also, a hundred years before that there weren't any cowboy hats or short haircuts. Remember men like Ben Franklin, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson? Earlier still, there was another man with long hair . . . I believe his name was Chris . . . Yeah, that's it . . . Chris Columbus. And even earlier I seem to remember quite a distinguished fellow who had long hair, a beard, and a mustache . . . he even wore sandals and a robe. Here again the "vigilantes" stuck. Today we have Easter.

Yes, our friend from Atlanta does have his rights to look as absurd as he wishes, but I've seen you standing in front of your mirror shaving wearing nothing but your jockey shorts, your gray hat, and your orange boots.

By the way, Buck Owens has pretty long hair, too, so go practice roping a saw-horse and confine your shears to sheep . . . by your own admission you were one of the guys who participated in the "shaving" of the boy from Atlanta. If you can look ridiculous in your way, so should the Georgian be allowed to look as ridiculous in his . . . without a bunch of goat-ropers playing barber.

D. W. Breech '69  
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Editor,  
The Battalion:  
I would like to answer Mr. Cantu's letter concerning the civilian attendance at Muster. First, why use the Corps as an excuse for the poor showing of civilian students?

Second, he is wrong about the reason why so many Corps members attended Muster. The outfits did not march to G. Rollie White and there was no roll call taken to insure everyone's attendance. Mr. Cantu obviously has either not been in the Corps or was not in it very long. If he was, he would be surprised at the number of times a Corps member could "get away" with not attending functions with no repercussions if he desired to. The reason Muster was attended by so many members of the Corps was more of pride than of obligation. Pride in the tradition of this school.

True, some attended because of fear of being missed, but what about the juniors and seniors? I seriously doubt that anyone would have said anything to them if they had chosen not to go.

Aggie Muster is attended by Aggies throughout the world and many times these Aggies go to a great deal of trouble to attend them. The civilian students say they are as much Aggies as Corps members and some of them are and some are even more so. I can see not attending Yell Practice, football games, Silver Taps, Bonfire, or a multitude of other activities, but what kind of Aggie won't go two blocks to attend the largest Aggie Muster in the world?

Walter L. Cloyd '68  
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Editor,  
The Battalion:  
I feel that I must take issue with Mr. Cantu's letter in the April 25th *Battalion*. I base my statements on the fact that I am a Junior in the Corps and asso-

ciate with Corps members of all classifications.

For the record, a great deal more than most of the Corps members were present at Muster because of the Aggie Spirit rather than the fact that it is a theoretically mandatory function. I say theoretically mandatory because even though in the Cadet Articles the penalty for absence from Muster is defined, there is no actual attendance check implemented. To be sure, the attitude of Corps members toward attendance at Muster eliminates the need for such an attendance check.

It is my feeling that those people in attendance at Muster were there because of a tremendous inner pride in being a Texas Aggie. I say this about all those in attendance, Corps, civilian, and guest. However, it is also my contention, and where the conflict comes in, that the number of Corps members would not have dropped had attendance been voluntary. This last statement is based on my associations during the last three years in the Corps and I can assure that it is justified because of this inner pride that the Corps goes so far to instill.

Everett C. Miller '69  
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Editor,  
The Battalion:

This letter is in regard to Mr. Cantu's letter in the April 25 edition of *The Battalion*. So you say, Mr. Cantu, that the Corps attended Muster because it was mandatory. Well, I can tell, because you are a civilian freshman, that you know little about Texas A&M, a school with a prestigious past and present, in which the Corps attends Muster because it is something that we believe in where there is no formation or roll call and there is nothing mandatory about our attendance, therefore I feel that you have no right or reasons for the statements that you've made.

We (the Corps) are oriented through our life at A&M as to what traditions are and the reasons for them, and therefore we strongly believe in them or we wouldn't be a member of the Cadet Corps, and this is why we attended Aggie Muster.

They always say that the weak try to displace the prestige of the strong; well until you have some sound reasons to stand on, don't try it again. You also stated that you wanted no part of the Aggie Spirit because we were made to attend Muster, well until you find out what the Aggie Spirit is, we want no part of you.

Bill Richardson '69

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