

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... You must be mistaken, sir—there's been no water fight around here!"

## Proposed Civilian Change Excellent

One of the most important programs for civilian student coordination and growth was presented last night by Ed Cooper, director of civilian student activities.

In a report submitted to President Earl Rudder, he outlined a pilot residence hall program which would vastly improve the present lack of interest, cooperation, and constructive activities among civilians in sports, social, dormitory, and academic life.

Texas A&M's evolution from almost an all-male military university to a highly mixed student body with 3,700 on-campus civilians makes it mandatory that prompt action be taken to effectively coordinate civilian activities and to help produce a "whole man."

Cooper cited obstacles to organization which included "dorm daddies", who instead of planning and coordinating activities, were tied to menial tasks of inventories, work orders, and housekeeping, at a student ratio of 185 to one.

He also cited present apathy toward student government, and "sluggish or non-existent" Civilian Council action with all energy directed toward only one yearly event—Civilian Student Weekend.

Also lack of any cohesiveness, little effort of civilian students to acquaint themselves with fellow dormitory residents, fractional participation in intramural athletic activities, lack of interests in school traditions, lack of dorm organization, a weak orientation program for new civilian students, and especially poor communications.

Cooper also noted an increasing amount of vandalism, theft and disorder, with burned cards and containers, damaged telephones, vending machines and little respect for lounge furniture.

His 37-page report details the exact method of implementing a "residence hall" program for civilian students. To a great degree it solves the many problems of an ever larger mass of unguided civilians at A&M.

Briefly, it would increase the number of housemasters by four times leaving the ratio of students to housemasters at 50 to one. It would provide councils and judicial bodies within EACH residence hall (dormitory.) They would plan activities, insure adequate communications, judge and punish those who vandalize or violate rules which they themselves have established. Appointment to the councils would be made by all those residing in the dormitory.

Maintenance would be improved. Proper study conditions would be self-imposed. Qualified upperclassmen could volunteer to help underclassmen with their academic problems. Interested civilians would greet and orientate new freshmen in the fall. Each dormitory or residence hall would recognize academic achievement among students by awarding keys and special plaques, and recognize leadership potential with recommendations for appointment on a council.

Improve interest in healthy athletic competition between halls, and renew interest in traditions common to both Corps and civilian life.

Each residence hall would be renovated to include a television lounge, a study lounge, a reception lounge, and office space for hall supervision and operations.

Common radio and television antennas might be installed for each dormitory, and an area of Sbis Dining Hall would be designated for residence hall use for banquets, and special programs planned by students.

The pilot program in the residence hall plan would begin next fall in Leggett, Milner and Dorm 18. The most important concept is that it will work through student initiative and be administered by students and with student approval. Its importance and support among civilian students cannot be over emphasized.

## Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion, College of Science, Class of '69:

I am a candidate for the position of Representative to the Student Senate from the College of Science, Class of '69. I come from Bellaire, Texas, and am a Pre-Med major with a 2.2 G.P.R.

If I am chosen to represent my college, I will work for the following changes in addition to the regular duties as a representative.

1. Set up a panel of faculty and students in each department to consider new courses which might be offered and suggestions for improvement of the current curriculum.
  2. Remodel the University Traffic System, in particular parking regulations with an eye to the future traffic problems here at Texas A&M.
- I have the experience neces-

sary to help these ideas become a reality. I served as Representative from the College of Science to the Student Senate for the year 1966-67. During that time, I served on the University Traffic Committee, the MSC Music Subcommittee, and the University Traffic Court.

I feel that I am the best qualified candidate to represent all of the senior members of the College of Science. Please vote for me on Tuesday, May 21.

James A. Mobley '69

Editor,

The Battalion:

The "Cadet Slouch" cartoon of the Thursday, May 16, issue of The Battalion seems to be lacking a caption. We would like to supply one. Here it is:

"I see the Election Commission won another election."  
Jack Mac Gillis '70  
Bob Dowling '70

## CIVILIANS

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... residence hall positions."

Currently, students report that few dormitory governments are organized to any degree of effectiveness. One reason, they report, is a permeating lack of interest in the student government of that dormitory or that student body.

Cooper bombarded this idea with another.

"The pilot programs next year are only an idea, a proposal to get the civilian students on this campus started on their way to take the positions of leadership and responsibility they should rightly fully fill.

"IF THEY show interest in the project, if they participate in it, the large degree of apathy now found in the dormitory governments and programs would leave in the face of an active, dynamic force, which would provoke student thought and action."

Other proposals in the pilot program for next year:

—A "Big Brother" program for incoming freshmen. An upperclassman in his dormitory would write the student over the summer, explaining what his hall provided in the way of activities and programs. He would also explain to that student what would be expected of him."

Cooper explained other new concepts in terms of the pilot projects for dormitory 18, Leggett, and Milner Halls:

"One thing we hope to do is to select names for all the halls, instead of numbers.

INSOFAR as the pilot pro-

## Student Scholars Being Nominated For Scholarships

Principals of Texas high schools are nominating outstanding students this month for President's Scholar awards at Texas A&M.

Twenty-one President's Scholars will be named during the first week of the fall term, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

The awards to next fall's high school seniors are for \$1,000 a year to study at Texas A&M.

Robert M. Logan, director of student aid, said 1,500 principals have been notified that forms nominating the outstanding student of the present junior class are due by June 15.

"We have already received 150 nominations," Logan added. "They are outstanding young men that any college or university would be proud to have as students.

"We hope that every high school in the state will nominate its top junior student so that he might be considered for the award."

The award of \$1,000 a year for up to five years will pay all of a student's required expenses at A&M. To receive benefits, the recipient must apply for and accept entrance at A&M, Logan said. Selection will be by A&M's Faculty Scholarship Committee.

gram, however, we have progressed a little further.

"Student government personnel within each of the three halls will be appointed before the end of this semester after careful screening. They will serve until the dormitory programs are enacted, and the students themselves set up a new election next year."

"These officers would take the initiative in developing a proposed constitution for their respective halls, which would outline elective offices, judicial organization, hall rules, and regulations, activity programs, student club fees, and other needed provisions."

COOPER said the following officers would be elected from the students who have indicated they will reside in the halls reserved for the pilot programs: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and councilmen.

"We hope to at least double the number of participants in the student government in the dormitories."

Appointed officers will be: Intramural Director, Social Director, Publicity Director, and Food Services Representative.

Cooper suggested the installation of common radio and television antennas for each dormitory.

HE ALSO said that an area should be designated in Sbis Hall where residence hall clubs and dormitory groups could schedule special banquets and programs. Those groups would pay for the special dining privileges provided.

In conclusion, Cooper said:

"I am pleased to report that the general approach of this new program has been endorsed by Dean Hannigan, President Rudder, and other members of the University Executive Committee. Last week, the Civilian Student Council endorsed the program by resolution. The response from returning students living in the three pilot dorms has been most encouraging."

"The whole purpose is to see if we're on the right track for a workable pattern for developing the potential of the civilian students.

## Bulletin Board

SATURDAY

The Amarillo Hometown Club meets immediately after the Maroon-White game, at the South Parking lot of Guion Hall. From the parking lot, members will proceed to an outdoor party.

SUNDAY

The Student A.V.M.A. Auxiliary is having a pet show Sunday afternoon. Registration will begin in College Station. Awards will be given, including one for the largest pet, the smallest, the most unusual, the best groomed, the ugliest, the prettiest, and the best dressed. An entry fee of fifty cents will be charged. Children to the age of 12 are invited to enter their pets.

MONDAY

The Industrial Engineering Wives Club will hold its final meeting of the semester in the Medallion Room, Bryan Utilities Building, at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

The Junior Council will meet in Room 2A, at 7:30 p.m., the Memorial Student Center. Refreshments will be served. Final plans will be made concerning the Boot Dance. The meeting will be short.

## PEANUTS



## Nixon Describes 'New Alliance'

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard M. Nixon said Thursday that a new alliance of Republicans, New Liberals, the New South and black militants will affect the future of all Americans for generations.

Nixon, front running candidate for the Republican nomination for president, said this new majority "is not a grouping of power blocs but an alliance of ideas."

His remarks were prepared for delivery in a speech over the CBS radio network at 8:30 p.m.

The former vice president said, "Republicans state that this nation has become great not by what government has done for people but what people have done for themselves.

"The role of government is to do for people what they cannot do for themselves... open up opportunities, mobilize private energies to meet public needs, protect and defend every citizen, create a climate that enables every person to fulfill himself."

The New Liberal, according to Nixon, is saying the same thing in another way, calling for a workable form of "participatory democracy." Differentiating between the New Left and New Liberal, he said, "They feel — quite wrongly — that they have to tear down in order to build. The New Left has a passion, while the New Liberal has a program."

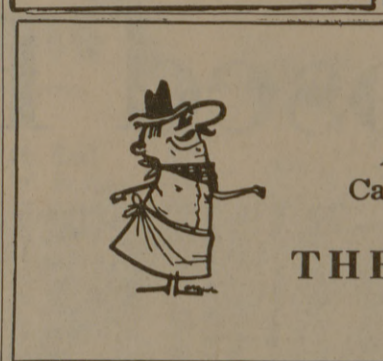
He said, "The New South is building a new pride, focusing on the future, pressing forward with industrial development through resurgent private enterprise, forging a new place for itself in the life of the nation.

"Its new voices are interpreting the old doctrines of states' rights in new ways — those of making state and local governments responsive to state and local needs," Nixon said.

Black militants talk little about handouts of welfare, he said. In-

If a visitor stands with his back to a fountain in Rome and throws a coin into it over his shoulder, he is said to be assured a return visit to the Eternal City.

stead, they speak of dignity of ownership and pride. "The message of giveaway, of handout, of permanent welfare is no longer of interest to people who want dignity and self-respect," Nixon said.



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