

Sound Off

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Editor, The Battalion:

Last week I made my first visit to your campus. I am a student of the University of Texas at Austin and I wasn't expecting too much out of Aggieiland. I had received a bad impression of Aggieiland because of the traditional rivalry between our schools and because of last year's Turkey Day game. To say the least, I was pleasantly surprised. When I came down Highway 6 and saw the view of your campus from the north, my ill will toward your campus began to crumble. It is impressive and, as I learned later, full of 92 years worth of, well, I hate to admit it, glorious tradition.

I watched my best friend glow with pride as he told me about the campus and its landmarks. He told me of your M. S. C.; the 52 American flags at Kyle Field; and the 52 trees at the drill field which made me respect you and made me treasure the good rivalry we have. A good rivalry such as we have is best built on mutual respect.

Then on Thursday afternoon I went on a little tour of the campus. I was awed by your new library and I could feel the "Esprit de Corps" in the Corps Dorm area. The last place I went to on my little trip was to the Systems Building. Of all places on campus I wanted to see, this was near the top.

I was almost sick at my stomach at the sight of the inside walls of the Systems Building. There must be 30,000 different names, signatures, dates, and other graffiti permanently inscribed on the walls. I was shocked. This terrible sight just doesn't make any sense. The only way I could make this mess fit in with the M.S.C., the bonfire, the spirit of "MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN" is to think that the Aggies are really Southwest Conference Chumps instead of the Southwest Conference Champs.

Any visitor, who may have no other opportunity to see the Spirit of Aggieiland, who visits the Texas Forestry Department Headquarters, may leave thinking that it actually may take four Aggies to replace a light bulb.

Now I'm not pro-Aggie, as an orange-and-white blooded Longhorn Bandsman, I am definitely opposed to ya'll (on Thanksgiving Day afternoon) but I feel that our rivalry should be based on respect. I can't respect something as Un-Aggie as that trash on the walls. You Aggies pride yourselves on your "strict, military discipline," but the nerve center of your school's operation looks as scummy as our hippies.

As a final point, you realize that it is easy to say "Dumb Aggie." Maybe this is because you would let this trash accumulate for thirty years before cleaning it off.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the Chairman of your Board of Regents, President Earl Rudder, and the Association of Former Students. Maybe all of ya'll can "MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN!"

See ya' in Austin on Turkey Day!

Jay Jackson
The University of Texas at Austin
Member, The Longhorn Band

Editors Note:

The Systems Building was built in the early 1930's, and to say that the Aggies of today (or any other time for that matter) are to blame for the defacing is not quite fair.

According to Robert Jenkins, planning engineer with the Physical Plant Department, the building was left open and largely attended at all hours of the day and night for years.

ANYONE could come and go as they pleased, at any time.

The names and dates, if closely inspected, do not necessarily reflect upon the students at A&M.

At the moment, a project is underway to find means to correct the unsightly situation, and retain the original decor of the building as much as possible, said Jenkins.



"They're from another campus protesting our football team!"

Pope Discusses LSD, Marijuana

Society has no more room for real adolescence, according to one authority.

Ed Pope, extension human development specialist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, blamed such an attitude for much of the drug use and "youth revolution" today. He said a youth doesn't have time to grow up gradually at his own pace.

"Youth are thrust from childhood into adulthood too fast in our culture," Pope said in an interview at Texas A&M University. "They have no time to discover a real sense of identity."

But youths have always been searching for their place, Pope said. They have just quit swallowing goldfish and wearing raccoon coats.

Many turn to drugs for "kicks" and to help in their search. Although they are not new, drugs are getting the attention today.

Why? Pope said that through modern communications and the nation's emphasis on science, youth know a great deal more a great deal earlier in life than they ever did before.

From this combination of greater knowledge about everything and less time to digest it gradually, arise confusion, conflict and protest in all forms, from drug use to college campus revolts, he said.

"It is difficult for young people to decide who they are and because of this they find all kinds of protest against lack of opportunity to grow up gradually at one's own pace," the human relations specialist said.

"But it is unfortunate that the public is being scared to death of marijuana and LSD," said Pope. "They are scared to such a degree that they fail to learn about the positive achievement in research and therapy accomplished through their use."

Some of the supervised medical research and therapy include treatment of alcoholics and use

in psychotherapy. Pope cited LSD research by Dr. Kenneth Godfrey of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka, Kan.

In one LSD treatment, called psychedelic, Godfrey found the patient presumably able to see himself in a different and more acceptable way. This treatment is used with alcoholic and psychoneurotic patients.

In another treatment, termed "psychohylic," LSD is thought to lift the forgetting barrier so one may be able to work with the unconscious material brought up during the drug experience.

Godfrey's report said LSD and like drugs may, after sufficient research, prove to be a boon to the psychiatrist in the treatment of mentally ill patients. However, there is no question that this drug is not magical. It is a tool for well-trained individuals to use, Godfrey reported, warning that unwise use is likely to be the vehicle to mental illness.

Pope said the main danger of LSD is having a bad trip with no one on hand to guide the user. "You can't tell how you will react to the drug," he said. "It depends on personal makeup and the type of LSD he takes."

Drug use is a medical, psychological and social problem, the specialist said. No one is sure of the effects of drug misuse on any of these angles but "we need to work on the problem from all three angles."

Coffee Slated Honoring Hall

Faculty and other members of Texas A&M will attend an appreciation coffee Monday for Dr. Wayne C. Hall, University graduate dean and academic vice president. He requested a leave of absence to accept appointment by the National Research Council.

Member of the A&M faculty since 1949, Dr. Hall will serve as director of fellowships and advisors for new programs in the NRC Office of Scientific Personnel in Washington, beginning Sept. 1.

The coffee will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. It is sponsored by a seven-member Wayne Hall Appreciation Committee including Melvin R. Callham, M. L. Greenhut, Richard A. Geyer, H. O. Hartley, David W. Roebert, Charles H. Samson and Johannes Van Overbeek.

The committee emphasized that the coffee is open to all employees of the University system.

Hall joined the A&M faculty as assistant professor of plant physiology, was promoted to professor in 1954 and became department head in 1958. He was named graduate dean in 1960 and also academic vice president in 1965.

John McCarroll

"tell you what I'd do"

Heard a funny story on the way to the typewriter this morning about two fellows who got locked in the library the other night.

Seems that since there is so much moving going on over there that something like that was bound to happen. Anyway, the story goes that these two students were working late back in the stacks of the old library when one of them noticed that it was past midnight.

The buzzer that usually signals closing-time must have been disconnected during the moving procedures and by the time they noticed the time, it was about 12:05, just about the same time the lights went out.

After a moment or two for silent prayers, the two moved from one door to the next trying to find a way out. With no success they finally remembered what Alexander Graham Bell invented and called the campus security office to tell of their plight.

Feeling a little safer by receiving reassuring news that representatives from the campus security office would be there in seconds they waited, and waited . . . and waited . . .

Finally they called back and asked what the delay was all about. They were once again assured that their saviors were on their way, but a little disgruntled about being called out at that time of the night.

Sure enough the two trapped students, feeling as if there was no hope, frantically searched for another exit that had not been tried before.

They found one door they had not tried in their first futile attempt at escape—one marked "For Emergency Use Only."

Well THEY thought this was emergency enough for anyone. Here they were already frightened by the thought of having to spend the night there with Socrates and Homer and the rest of them, they naturally did the only thing that was open to them.

They cautiously opened the door . . . nothing happened. They found themselves in a small room with another door opening to . . . well they didn't know, but anything was better than the thought of getting a thorough dressing down by the K.K.'s or spending the night there.

Frantically, they both scrambled for their last hope for freedom.

A pause . . . and then one of them turned the knob. It opened!

Yes, the door opened and so did all hell for that matter, they had tripped the ear-piercing, nerve shattering burglar alarm.

Seeing moonlight and safety they did the only thing that two scared students could do: they sprinted for the safety of their car and sped away into the night with the alarm still clanging behind them.

By the way, they were both over 30 years old. . .

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WEDNESDAY
"A Raisin in the Sun," starring Sidney Poitier.

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