

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"You can't blame them for putting orange dye in th' fountain—they're trying to compensate for their effectiveness on the football field!"

John McCarroll

"tell you what I'd do"

Finding myself at the Tug-of-War was like stumbling into a coffeehouse in Austin and having my "I Like Dow Chemical" button accidentally fall from my shirt pocket. I was noticed.

Jack Abbott and Harry Snowdy with the MSC's Summer Directorate thought some picture of the second "Groad-hole" contest would be interesting. So did we.

As I got to the spot next to the Cyclotron, I happily began snapping the shutter as team after team was pulled into the near-stagnant pit of mud. As the "contest" continued, people randomly were being plucked from the throng of on-lookers and heaved into the mess by those who thought they were just too clean.

There I stood, in slacks and sport shirt with a camera (worth more than everything I owned) slung casually around my neck. I looked like I had just stepped from the pages of a Penny's catalog or something.

Before long all the film was gone, along with the other people in clean clothes. As the milling groups got closer to the area where I was situated, well—panic was near.

Then it hit me: "Throw somebody in so we can get another picture," says I. It worked. They would select someone and have a great time throwing him in for the benefit of the camera—two, three, even four times.

This reporter backed all the way to the car with the empty camera clicking madly away. It's amazing; the camera is even mightier than the pen. Everyone wanted his picture taken.

Literacy Council Named Citationist

The Brazos Valley Literacy Council has just been named a citationist in the Lane Bryant Volunteer Awards competition for 1968 and has been honored with a citation in recognition of outstanding community service performed in 1967.

A&M Grad Student Dies This Week

Air Force Capt. William O. Iehle, a meteorology graduate student at Texas A&M, died Tuesday morning of an apparent heart attack at his home, announced university officials.

Local funeral arrangements are being handled by Hillier-Funeral Home, with services pending at Campbell Funeral Home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Capt. Iehle, of 2307 Cindy Lane, enrolled at A&M last fall. The 31-year-old officer was a graduate of Florida State University.

Survivors include his widow; two children, Norbert Wendell and Kristin Elena; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Iehle of Villas, N. J.

The citation is a commendation of the nominee's outstanding achievement and means that Brazos Valley Literacy Council is being actively considered for one of two awards of \$5,000 given annually to encourage volunteer work designed to benefit the American community. One award is made to an individual, and one to a group. "To achieve the status of Citationist is in itself an honor," Jerome E. Klein, director of the Awards Committee, pointed out. "Fewer than 20 per cent of those nominated survive the rigid preliminary screening performed by a panel of faculty from Long Island University, to become so designated."

Nationally, the activities of the citationists reflect a growing concern on the part of the American public for the well being of its youth. Nearly 30 per cent of those cited are doing voluntary work in education and other areas essential to youth development. Race relations and poverty are also high on the list of the American volunteer's priorities. Other general categories include civic and/or community services, community betterment, work with the aged, mental and physical health.

New Automated Registration Reduces Time And Trouble

Texas A&M's new automated registration system passed its tests this summer with flying colors, university officials report. While A&M's big IBM 360/65 computer has been successfully gobbling up freshman enrollment data since early June, its big test came this month when it was called on to "build" schedules and tabulate fees for students who had participated in summer conferences.

Rising to the occasion, the computer produced registration material for 732 students in 13 minutes, with only one reject.

Elliott Bray, system analyst for the university's Office of Academic Affairs, thinks the time can be reduced for the next computer run later this month.

Average time per student for the first computer run was just a fraction over a second.

Bray notes the time required for the computer to "build" the schedules—determines class time for courses requested—took only one and one-half minutes.

The lone rejection, he adds, was the result of a time conflict in the student's class schedule.

Registrar H. L. Heaton plans to install the automated registration system for all students during regular semester, beginning at mid-term.

Freshman conferences this summer provided the university an opportunity to check the computerized technique.

The enrollment process averaged about 30 minutes for the typical student.

Registration normally requires several hours, with much of the time spent waiting in line.

Heaton notes the automated system will actually eliminate the standard two-day registration period, substituting pre-registration in which a student enrolls at his convenience during a six-week period the preceding semester.

In addition to "building" a class schedule for each student on the basis of data compiled during the student's conference with his counselor, the computer figures all financial considerations—room and board, tuition, lab fees and such variable as credit for scholarships.

An itemized fee statement is then forwarded to the student, who returns his remittance and is promptly provided his class schedule for the next semester.

"A student could conceivably be anywhere in the country Sunday, the day before the semester starts, and be in class Monday," Heaton observes.

Aside from being more convenient for the student, the automated registration system has several other advantages.

One major advantage of the new system is its emphasis on

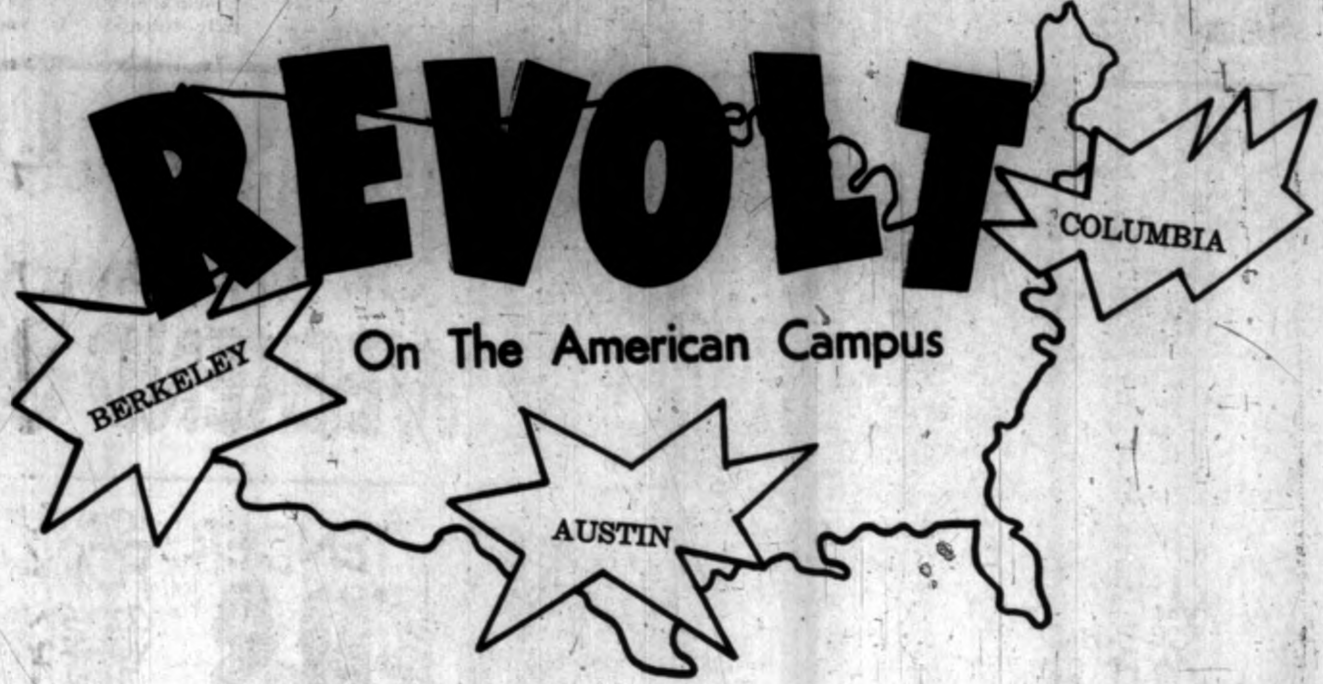
faculty counseling. "Students will have to meet face-to-face with their advisors to devise their schedules for the next semester," Heaton emphasizes. "This automated system will come nearer than any other method of assuring the student he gets the courses he needs—when he needs them."

"Every student will thus have an equal opportunity for placement in one of the choice time slots, whether he registers first or last," the registrar notes. The system also will allow administration officials to add more classes in advance if the number of students requesting a certain course exceeds expectations.

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