

John McCarroll

"tell you what I'd do"

Letters come across the desk of an editor at a fantastic rate. Anyway that's what I've always been led to believe. It seems that lately no one has seen fit to write a letter to the editor—kind of discouraging.

Then it happened. One of the brightest letters of editorial comment came across this desk the other day.

One Patrick J. Scott, a senior electrical engineering major, gave us a break. He wrote one of the most humorous satires that I've seen in a long time.

In his letter he referred to a mistake which appeared on page one of last week's issue which was the misspelling of the word "miracle" (just to set the record straight.) This mistake will, no doubt, go down in journalism history. So will his letter.

It was really a pleasure to receive criticism from a pro like this man.

He approached the problem beautifully. To begin his satire he chose small-sized stationery and hand-wrote his letter. He even left all of his crossed-out words and corrected spellings right there in the letter. Such finesse!

Next he made grammatical errors at a fantastic rate. We had 294 square inches to fill on page one last week and made that staggering mistake. Yet in his first three sentences he managed to fit in two grammatical errors! This man could work with the best of them.

Yes he is a remarkable satirist. In his short letter he was able to convey his message clearly.

We must agree with Mr. Scott—we hate to see anything second-rate about A&M. And he did a really first-rate job.

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Another Aggie joke: A sophomore marketing major entered a beauty contest and won.

This student won a regional elimination in the 13th Texas Beauty Pageant runoff. C. J. Patterson however is a Maggie and not an Aggie.

Carol stacks up well against her competition. She is 5-3, 115, 35-24-35.

When she competes against 17 other regional winners Saturday night in Waco for the right to represent Texas in the next American Beauty Pageant, she faces a slight disadvantage—she's the only A&M student that has ever entered a beauty contest.

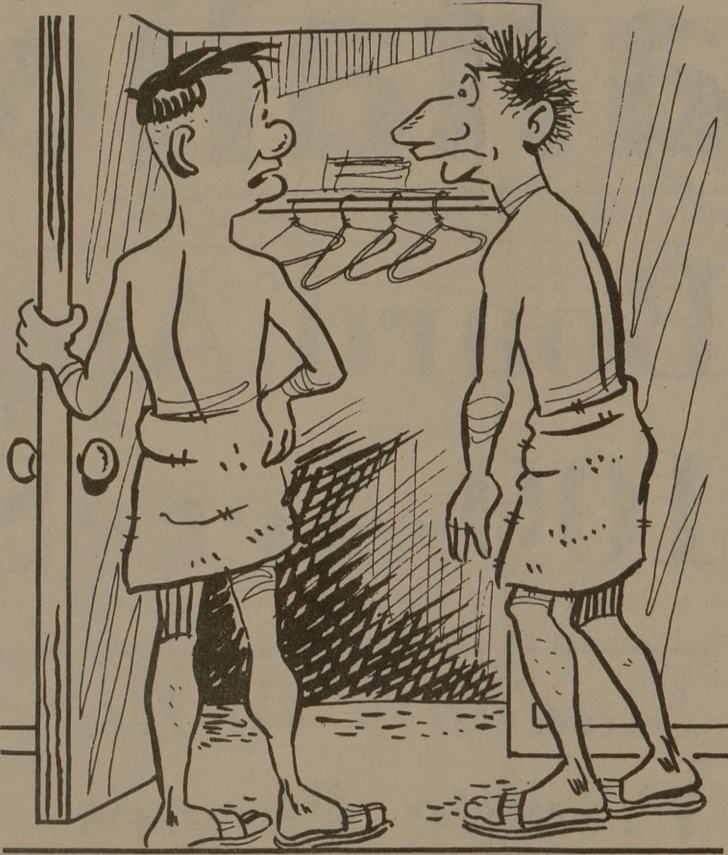
Let's hope she starts a new tradition here and we can be the home of the Southwest Conference Football Champs and the most beautiful girl in America.

It may draw more football players and beautiful girls if she did.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Sound Off



"BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO PICK TH' LAUNDRY UP!..."

Editor,
The Battalion:

I was pleased to hear of the generous sacrifices made by the students of Texas A&M in their recent gesture to help feed the orphans of Vietnam. I have seen the tragedy of this war reflected in the faces of the orphaned children throughout Vietnam, and can assure you that your gift is most welcomed.

Gerald F. Faulkner '64
Advisor, Vietnamese Navy

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Editor,
The Battalion:

For the past three years I've read the Battalion and seen many mistakes put on it's (sic) many past pages. Most of them have not seemed too gross or negligent, but the rate at which they have been appearing in the past year seems to have increased somewhat.

It seems ashame (sic) that a student newspaper which is distributed over a considerable area outside of Bryan-College Station cannot be thorough enough to catch mistakes such as the one I've enclosed. It seems apparent that someone is too lazy to consult a dictionary, too rushed to check, or incompetent as a proof-reader.

Sure, mistakes happen to everyone and I'm not excepted; but I can just see a teasip showing the "Batt" around to his friends and saying, "Hey! Look what the Aggies have done now."

Maybe I've blown this incident all out of proportion, but I don't like to see anything second-rate about A&M when a little more thought and effort can make it first-rate.

Patrick J. Scott '69

Editor's Note:

See Column this page.

Esquire Says A&M No Hippie Heaven

Texas A&M is no hippie heaven, Esquire magazine points up in its September issue.

"Is there a campus left that hasn't been touched by student rebellion?" Esquire asks in its back-to-school section.

At the height of last spring's nationwide campus offensive, an Esquire editor typed a letter on plan stationery and mailed copies to 10 pillars of the national community.

The letter read in part:

"I am the father of a bright, healthy young man who will be entering college next year, and to tell you the truth I'm worried. I do want him to get a good education but I don't want him to turn into a bearded, pot-smoking, draft-dodging leftist.

"David is a straight-A student, so I imagine he would not have too much difficulty getting into a good school, and fortunately I can afford to send him anywhere, whatever the tuition.

"... I don't care where the

colleges are located; I'd send my boy to the farthest corners of this country just to get him a decent place of higher learning."

Replies from the organizations placed Texas A&M on a limited list. Answers came from the YMCA, DAR, Shriners and Knights of Columbus, among other

TTI Gets Contract For Dallas Project

Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute has been awarded an \$847,000 contract by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads to provide a computerized traffic control system for Dallas' North Central Expressway and supporting street system.

TTI Director Jack Keese said the first phase of the three-year project should be operational within a year.

Keese noted the \$847,000 represents only federal participation. Funds furnished by the Texas Highway Department and the City of Dallas will increase the total program to "considerably over \$1 million," he added.

The Dallas project will be an expansion of programs which TTI has operated in Houston the past four years and in Detroit since 1966.

Keese said the TTI system will control Central Expressway traffic between downtown and the new Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway.

The Texas A&M research institute will establish an office in Dallas Sept. 1, the director noted, with an initial four-man staff. The staff will be headed by Dick McCasland, a research engineer who has been associated with TTI 10 years and has been in charge of the Houston Gulf Freeway project since 1964. Several members of TTI's staff in College Station and Houston also will participate in various phases of the Dallas project.

First phase of the Central Expressway program, Keese explained, involves installation of a digital computer to monitor traffic sensors which will be installed along the freeway and on the adjacent street network.

A control system then will be installed on the freeway entrance ramps, he continued, with the computer monitoring and controlling these traffic signals on the freeway and arterial streets.

"We expect to have the computer and sensors installed on the freeway within a year," Keese said. "The following year we will expand the surveillance and control system into the arterial street network."

McCasland noted the Dallas project "will start where the Houston project leaves off."

"The Dallas freeway control system will be installed as an operational system, based on the findings and results of the Houston and other freeway control projects," he explained.

"It's an implementation of research results," McCasland added.

He said the principal objective of the Central Expressway project is the design and evaluation of a control system that coordinates the operation of a freeway and supporting arterial street network.

Postal Station Plans Revealed

A contract has been awarded to Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Redmond to build a new postal station in College Station and lease it to the Post Office Department, Postmaster General Marvin Watson announced this week.

Known as the College Hills Postal Station, it will be erected in the Redmond Terrace Shopping Center on South Highway 6.

Construction is expected to start immediately with completion seen before the end of the year.

The new building will be leased to the Post Office Department for 10 years with options to renew the lease, Watson said.

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