

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... Couldn't this Bonfire be a plot by the faculty to make us appreciate class?"

John McCarroll

"tell you what I'd do"

About the closest I'd ever been to anything like my appendix operation was back in the seventh grade when sugar cubes were still legal and everyone assembled at the local high school for polio immunization.

When my stomach first began giving me trouble two weeks ago, I went over to the University Hospital. There, because it was Friday, were quite a few other students complaining of stomach pains. We were lined up and a nurse shoved thermometers in everyone's mouth.

As she backtracked down the line she would pull out the thermometers and announce in a loud voice: "There's nothing wrong with you — here, take these blue pills."

Well, needless to say I just prayed that I was running a fever, because it didn't feel like Sbisas pains this time.

After a few hours it was into the operating room at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan and everything came out all right.

There is possibly nothing more frustrating than trying to recuperate from an operation.

Everyone is always trying to cheer you up. They crack funny jokes and bring you hilarious books to read. They turn on Jonathan Winters and generally try to make things bright and happy.

Believe me, when you've got stitches running the obstacle course around your abdomen there is nothing more painful than to laugh.

It's really not the laughing that hurts, it's trying to contain it that really causes discomfort. When a laugh starts, it is in your throat, then travels the length of your esophagus and finally is smothered in your lower gut. When a laugh is forthcoming, you can tell, and try to cut it off before it reaches your sensitive area, but to no avail.

This hurts even more because stifling a laugh down there (especially if you're a jelly belly like me) is like trying to pull the little tiny hairs from your nose without making your eyes water.

One thing is for sure—if anyone tries to make me play Santa this Christmas there's not going to be too many tummy rumbling "ho, ho, hoes".

Sign of the Times

Last night's special Student Senate meeting was something of a milestone in student-administration relations. For the first time anybody can remember, a major proposal has been explained to representatives of the people it will affect before any action is taken, rather than being acted on and then passed down from on high. The fee-increase proposals explained by Howard Vestal make sense, and the need for such an increase seems clear as well.

The idea that people should have some say in what's going to happen to their pocketbooks isn't radical, of course; but in the hazy world of students' rights, such a change in the administrators' policy represents an historic shift in attitude which student leaders here find encouraging. What's more, the give-and-take in this and in an earlier, informal meeting with students on the proposals have produced suggested changes which show the students' thinking in the measure to be voted on by the directors. The result, we feel, is a highly workable and agreeable plan.

We haven't reached Nirvana by a long shot, of course, but it's not because the Student Senate and administration officials aren't trying. Already we can see improvement from the days of the "public-relations lapse" that made computerized registration a touchy point around here, and the "new attitude" to which Senate Vice-President David Maddox referred last week, seems to offer hope of bridging the Acceptability Gap.

THE BATTALION

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ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY
Texas Tech has changed its calendar for next fall semester in a way that is unique among state-supported schools in Texas. School will begin Aug. 26 and end Dec. 20, allowing everyone to be completely finished with the semester by the Christmas holidays. Depending upon final schedules and dates of spring registration, this will give the student from 23 to 32 days of vacation, at a time when he can really make good use of a break in studies.

If schools are to stay on the present semester system, rather than switch to the quarter system, as many schools have done, this seems a decent compromise, at least as far as date scheduling goes. It might be enough to make the semester system worth holding onto, which is good news for those of us who get nauseated at the thought of three sets of finals rather than just two.

As a matter of record, it is the considered opinion of this columnist that Finals Week is a subversive, malicious, premeditated attempt by "Them" to destroy what little peace of mind is claimed by the American student today.

"Student Apathy?—Not Here" was the name of the editorial in the Del Mar Foghorn, which was followed by a story about their baseball team, which a few brave individuals are trying to form. So far, 16 players have shown interest. Heck, that's 6 or 7 more than you really need.

One problem that has been publicized in nearly every school newspaper received by The Battalion is that of student parking. Angelo State College in San Angelo looked into the figures involved in their present problem. It turns out that they have allotted twice as many faculty parking spaces as there are faculty members while, conversely, there are twice as many students as there are student parking places. The gripe, of course, is that students feel they should have at least an even start in the parking race since they do pay a parking fee supposedly for that right.

The University of St. Thomas in Houston is sponsoring a stimulating series of "screenings and discussions" entitled "The Film Revolution." Six top-flight contemporary film directors will be appearing in Houston in the next month to appear in the series. Featured last Tuesday was underground film director Andy Warhol, in his first appearance since his near-fatal shooting after the premier of his last film, "The Imitation of Christ."

The big campus crusade at Washington State University is for a fairer pricing of gasoline in the area. For some reason,

Bulletin Board

SATURDAY
The Industrial Education Wives Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the Cashion Cabin at Hensel Park. The club is holding a Social Pot Luck Supper for husbands and wives, and members should bring a meat dish and dessert or salad.

SUNDAY
The Unitarian Fellowship will hear the Reverend J. Frank Schulman at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 305 Old Highway Six, South. Schulman, Minister of the Emerson Unitarian Church in Texas, will present the topic "The Pope and the Pill," an examination of the Pope's encyclical 'Humanae Vitae' (on birth control), the effect it is having on the Roman Catholic Church, and what it means to people in general.

Tonight On KBTX

- 6:00 News, Weather and Sports
- 6:30 Wild Wild West
- 7:30 Gomer Pyle
- 8:00 TX Friday Night Movie—"Calamity Jane"
- 10:00 News, Weather and Sports
- 10:30 Judd for the Defense
- 11:30 Alfred Hitchcock

Pullman residents are paying 38.9 for regular and 42.9 for premium gas, five or six cents higher than the average price in towns only a few miles away.

The Baptists have officially released the Baylor medical school. According to an AP report, the Baptist General Convention of Texas voted overwhelmingly to sever its affiliation with the school, so that it would be able to accept federal and state funds.

Rain on the night of a pep rally failed to dampen the spirits of Texas Tech fans the week before the Baylor game. Said the University Daily, "Rain wet down almost 500 Techsans packed into the intramural gym Thursday." It must have been a real rouser, because "Echo chamber atmosphere afforded by the gym made for a deafening sound at times, although the gym was only partially filled."

Let it not be said that the student activists never find the real answers to any problems. As reported earlier, there has been much student dissatisfaction with the student union and Chuck Wagon. So, a regular old student protest was made, complete with pickets, boycott circulars, student-supported food lines and such, in an attempt to bring the facilities to their knees. This group included SDS protestors who stood in the entrances calling anyone who crossed their picket lines "scabs." According to a student checker at the Chuck Wagon, the protest was just great—it was staged by the "nickle and dime customers," and because of it, "all the paper, garbage, and other filth is outside today."

The latest in a long line of bids for Tech's new name—Texas State University and Technological College. TSTUTC? Well, that's at least better than one name suggested for the Institute.

Listen Up

Editor, The Battalion:
There are many pressing problems that the Class of 1972 must face. The direction of Texas A&M University will depend on the actions taken by the Class of '72. I have decided to run for freshman representative to the Student Senate so that I can take an active part in shaping the future of our school. I believe in the basic principles that have made Texas A&M the school that it is today. I also support equal representation for all Aggies. My main goal is to do whatever I can to build Texas A&M into an even better university. Your support of my efforts will be greatly appreciated.

David Moore '72

Editor, The Battalion:
I have a problem, one which I'm sure many of the girls in this area share. I would like to come to the Aggie Bonfire, just previous to the Turkey Day Game, but unfortunately I do not have a date.

My name is Ann Fort, I'm 5'7" tall and weigh 117 lbs. I have long blond hair and blue eyes. I am 20 years of age. I know no Aggies that are my age, and that's the problem.

I live in Bryan, but have no phone in my home. I live at 308 W. 27th, apt. 1. I will answer any letters of inquiry sent to me. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ann Fort

(This may be the only college newspaper in the country to have printed, in one month, three letters to the editor from girls seeking dates—four, in fact, if you count the one from Lynne Lizard and Patti Pig. Of course, this seems to be performing a public service, and that's one of our goals; but it's gotten to the point that we're seriously considering changing the name of "Listen Up" to "The Dating Game."—Ed.)

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