

Editorial

# Here's One For The Road

The National Safety Council's November newsletter includes an intriguing reprint from the bulletin of a Detroit insurance agency. It's particularly applicable today, just before thousands of A&M students take to the road for Austin and then points east, west, north or south.

"In West Germany," the item states, "two identical cars, equipped with recording instruments, made similar 1,000-mile trips from Hamburg to Rimini on the Italian coast. One driver attempted to make the best time he could by driving as fast as the law would allow. The other

driver took it easy, avoiding all risks and moving primarily with the normal traffic flow.

"The results showed that the fast driver used his brakes 1,339 times (including four emergency stops), passed 2,004 cars and was passed by only 13 cars. The slower driver used his brakes 652 times (with no emergency stops), passed 645 cars and was passed by 142 cars. The fast driver took 20 hours and 12 minutes to make the trip. The slower driver took 20 hours and 43 minutes. (The 31 minutes difference amounted to only a saving of 1.5 minutes per hour.)"

This, we might point out, would mean about three minutes saved between here and Austin.

"A skeptical West German motoring club, after learning of these results, ran a test of their own," the report continues. "An 800-mile-trip from Cologne to the Breener Pass was made. In this test the slower car took an additional 21 minutes to make the trip. For the 16-hour run, this was a savings of only 1.4 minutes per hour.

"In both tests the fast cars used much more gas besides the additional wear and tear on brakes, tires, engine and driver.

"The National Safety Council reports that approximately 40 per cent of all traffic deaths are the results of speeding."

If you're as skeptical as the West German motoring club, why not run your own test? Compare your usual hell-for-leather going-home time with the time it takes you under the "slower" test conditions outlined. You've got only minutes to lose and a lot to gain, including extra gasoline, tire tread and maybe a few lives.

## John McCarroll

"tell you what I'd do"

Copyright laws are great protectors, but in the November issue of Sports Illustrated, things have gone too far.

As nearly every Aggie in the Free World knows by now, the national magazine did a great story on A&M and its traditions.

On the index page is a photograph of an Old Army fish kissing his girl after an Aggie touchdown. Printed on either side of the amorous shot is the demanding statement:

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The campus phone system is working out real fine this year and should really be a great success. Of course, I also believed that spoolies, 3-D glasses, baby moon hubcaps, coonskin caps and hula hoops were here to stay.

Town Hall deserves a pat on the back for the fine effort this week by actually having the "Union Gap" down here for a special attraction.

So far this year Brenda Lee, Leon Bibb and the Four Seasons have canceled their performances.

Next year, if they play their cards right, Town Hall could sign Sophia Loren, Frank Sinatra and the Beatles and replace them with Mrs. Miller, Crazy Legs Carone and his all-male ballet company and the Allen Military Academy Band.

## Bulletin Board

Mr. H. Harold Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, will speak to the Aggie

Christian Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4 on the second floor of the YMCA. His topic will be "The Name of the Game is Love."

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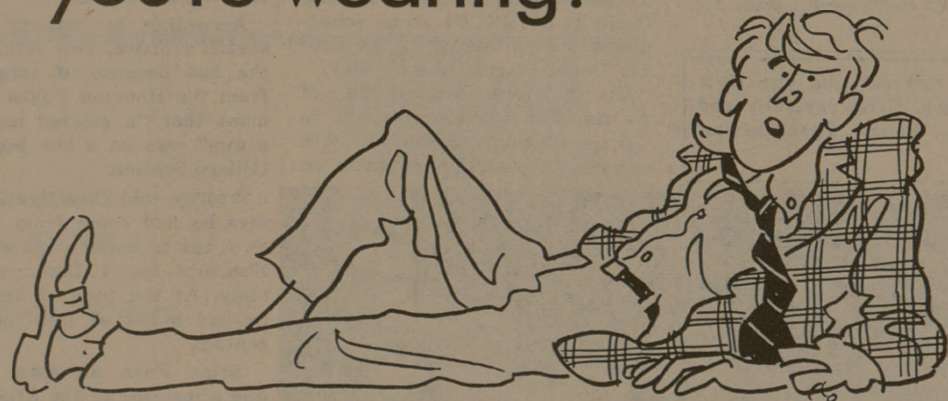
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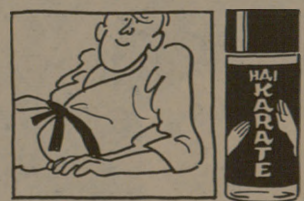
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## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I wonder how the sips feel, knowing that our team is serving as the screening committee for the Cotton Bowl?"

## What's Happening At The MSC

By PAT LAFFERTY  
The Yanks are coming — and they'll be here tonight! The South must rise again — but only to go to the 8:45 p.m. performance at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The group known as "The Union Gap" includes a so-called general, a sergeant, a corporal, and two privates headed by Gary Puckett, lead singer and noted song writer - arranger. Tickets are on sale now. See you there tonight!

Twenty-eight leaders from the MSC are planning a three-day trip to New Orleans in December to attend the regional convention of the Association of College Unions International. The purpose of the convention is to discuss problems and their solutions associated with student centers.

A concern of the MSC is the beautiful tradition of recognizing

it as a living memorial to those who gave their lives in the World Wars by not walking on its grass. While everyone associated with A&M is aware of this tradition, there are those who come here not ever having heard of A&M. It is with this group that we must be most patient. There is no need to be rude to these people, as has been noted in the past, when a simple, courteous explanation of the tradition would suffice. Why send people away from A&M thinking we're a bunch of boors?

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