

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

DRIVE CAREFULLY
AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Checklist

One of the things that makes Christmas such a sentimental time is the unearthing of old, time-worn, nostalgia-milking items that are traditionally forgotten from one December to the next. The Batt editorial page is no exception to this tradition; after all, we're as vulnerable to that epidemic of Christmas GAS as anybody else.

Without further ado, then, we bring you excerpts from an editorial in the Dec. 19, 1967 Batt:

"Local merchants may say that happiness is Bryan-College Station, but for most Aggies happiness will be seeing the campus in their car's rear-view mirror as they leave for the holidays... Everything looks warm, rosy and promising; but the most important thing to remember is that Santa laughs Ho Ho Ho and not Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum. And when you drive, that can make the difference between a warm and a cold body... We'd like you to enjoy many more holidays, and watch the clock change in Times Square until Guy Lombardo fails to host New Year's Eve or the sun fails to rise in the east—and no one knows which will come sooner."

It's become pretty trite to point out that the human body was not designed to withstand head-on collisions and that if you drink you shouldn't drive and vice versa. But there are a few positive pointers concerning winter driving which have recently been called to our attention, and we'd like to share them with you here...

- Is the cooling system properly checked and filled with anti-freeze?
- Has the electrical system received adequate inspection and attention?
- Are tires adequate for proper traction on ice, snow, or wet roads? Some areas may require use of snow chains; if you have them, do you know how they should be installed?
- While the car is warming up, window areas should be cleared free of ice and snow—including the outside mirror.
- Brakes should be pumped to slow down or stop on slippery surfaces.
- Keep a good distance behind the vehicle ahead, allowing enough room to stop instantly if you have to.

These points, of course, can be found in your car's owner's manual, but that sometimes takes a while to locate under all the bottle openers, misfolded road maps and Tiger-rama cards in the glove compartment.

Merry Christmas and all that.

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ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY

At the U of H, there are little red survey ballot boxes above each Daily Cougar newstand. These were opened for the first time this semester, in an effort to prepare them for use in the "1968 Super Fantastic Home, Mother, Flag, and Apple Pie Groovey Cougar Christmas Tree Contest." It turns out that the survey boxes yielded quite a variety of non-survey miscellany. Enough, according to the editor of the paper, to necessitate the quiet removal of the Cougar staffer who cleared the boxes and is now in the advanced stages of "raving paranoia." Among other things, the boxes yielded a rich harvest of cigarette butts, matches, coffee cups, ice cream and gum wrappers, numerous invitations and notes addressed to the newspaper staff (all "pregnant with hate and malice"), a 12¢ donation to the staff, two ball point pens (one of which worked), 12 library check-out slips, a stamp pad, one electrical engineering examination, and a \$1 donation "for the expressed purpose of buying peacocks."



The editor of the student newspaper at Mary Washington College in Virginia has really thrown herself into controversy with a November issue on "Christian Radicalism." The issue featured a front page picture of Jesus Christ in the form of a "wanted" poster. Among the charges levied against Jesus were "conspiring to obstruct the draft by requiring followers not to kill, practicing medicine and wine-making without a license and interfering with businessmen in a temple." The article described him as "typical hippie—beard, long hair, sandals, young," and said he "may be encountered in any slum pad, love-in or anti-war demonstration," but was less often seen in church or suburbia.

At Texas-El Paso, you can tell the sorority a girl belongs to by her "uniform," which will generally consist of a dress and a blazer. For example, Kappa Delta favor olive green, the Tri Deltas wear bright orange, while the AE Phi favor green culottes.

A special experimental dormitory has been created this year at TCU, it was announced in the Skiff. Filled with a select group of the top students, it is also manned part time with faculty members chosen as "dorm dons," who spend time in the dorm and take part in evening discussions. Evidently, from this new type of dormitory arrangement is supposed to evolve a new type of "evening discussion" on the part of college students.

In the field of random statistical good poop, Washington State's Evergreen announced that in the period 1955-1964 WSU produced more Negro sociology doctorates than any other school in the United States. Their total of 5

Negro doctorates was 27.8 per cent of the total number produced.

Whitey struck back in New York, at least on the high school level. White students at racially-mixed Central Technical High in Syracuse held a demonstration, including chants of "W-H-I-T-E" and placards reading "White is beautiful." A formal demand was made by the delegation for police protection from assault by their Negro schoolmates.

From Chicago comes the AP report concerning two Mundelein College coeds who were recently surprised when a newly-released ex-convict entered their dormitory room, apparently through an unlocked door. According to the wire, the girls—both psychology majors—got the convicted rapist to settle for a kiss from each and a three-hour interview on their personal lives, their friends, their activities and their college work, and ended the frightening interview with the announcement that they had to "go shopping for groceries." The intruder offered to go along but fled the scene when he spotted a parked police squad car. He was later apprehended and charged with attempted armed robbery and attempted burglary. What is it, now, about "the best laid plans of mice and men...?"

What's Happening At The MSC

By PAT LAFFERTY
In past columns I have stressed attendance to Memorial Student Center events. I would now like to encourage participation. If you've found that in spite of all your studies you still find time to hang around the "C" or "bag it" every afternoon, perhaps you ought to use this time finding your place on campus. I direct

this not only to freshmen but to all who have an interest in what goes on around campus.

As I mentioned last week, the MSC is accepting applications for Committee Chairmen and executive positions on its Council and Directorate. Of course, everyone can be in a position of leadership, but anyone with the ability to contribute by filing for positions on one of their four committees.

You'll have time to think about this over the holidays, for applications will be accepted until Jan. 13. For further information and application forms contact the Student Programs office at MSC.

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