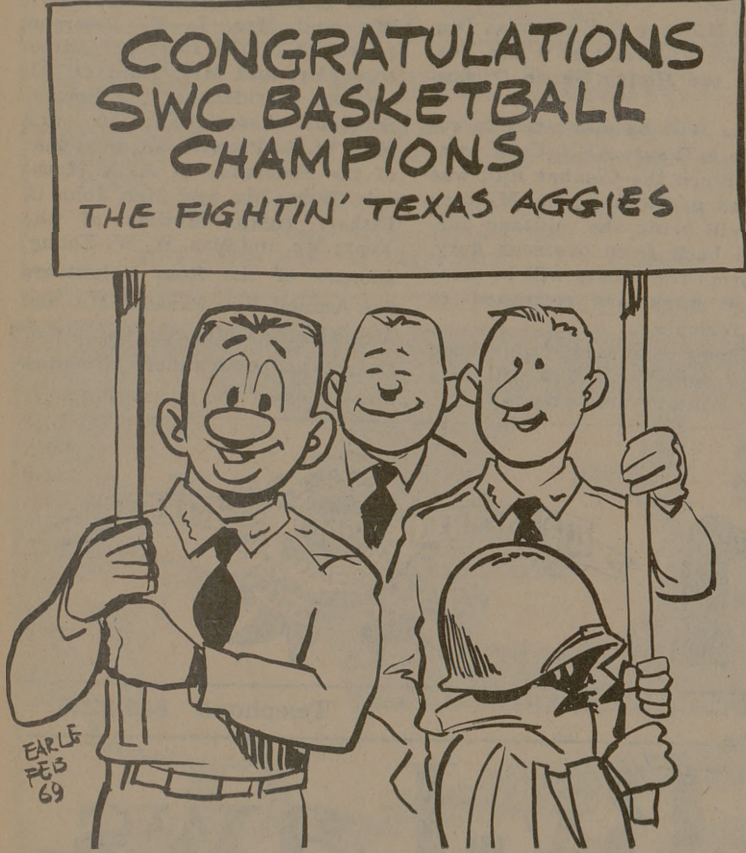


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Boondoggling Hurts Student Senate

To those of us who have been around A&M more than a couple of years, the rise of an effective Student Senate to promote student viewpoints in the university administration has generally been an inspiring and stimulating experience. The Senate's new look is a refreshing change from the days when its most newsworthy projects were those of the civic-club variety, and there seems to be good reason to expect that the improvement will continue.

But occasionally—particularly in the last two meetings—the Senate's conduct has been less than inspiring. Cases in point:

● Last week, Senators dickered at length over a resolution condemning defacers of campus buildings. Much of the argument centered on just what types of defacing should be exempt from this dictum, and this was eventually resolved in a dramatic showdown vote against exempting the huge class numerals atop the Academic Building and in another vote which stipulated that "Beat the hell out of t.u." is not to be considered a defacement of Sbis Hall.

● The first half hour of last night's meeting was taken up by a reading of each Senator's telephone and post office box numbers and living address to check the accuracy of Senate records. Had each Senator been asked to write down this information instead, the meeting could have gotten started much sooner and in a more businesslike atmosphere.

● On two voice votes last night, both overwhelmingly one-sided, disgruntled Senators on the losing end insisted on "divisions of the house," or standing votes, which required time to count. (The votes came out 32-9 and 38-3).

It should be noted that the second situation probably will be alleviated by President Bill Carter's appointment announced last night, of three executive assistants (non-Senators) to help with secretarial chores. This should mean more time for actual Senate work at the meetings.

But it will take a concerted Senate effort to cut down on the time-consuming and wasteful boondoggling that sometimes delays worthwhile activities. Student Senators are, after all, students first and Senators second and debating-society techniques are luxuries they can ill afford. The actual time lost in meaningless haggling is only part of the problem; the resulting mental fatigue makes for impatience as the clock inches toward midnight, and that is not the best frame of mind for making decisions that affect the student body.

It could well be that the somewhat cloistered character of Senate meetings—with very few spectators, if any—brings out the sophist in some Senators, and that a more practical approach would be produced by having present some of the people whom the Senators represent. The Battalion, in cooperation with Carter, has begun publishing the agenda for each meeting, and we hope this will help increase student participation by giving advance notice of the items to be discussed.

At any rate, the impediments to effective Senate action don't seem insurmountable or even major; indeed, they have not demonstrably detracted from the unprecedented number of accomplishments the Senate has made thus far. (The ten by-laws were passed with a minimum of wrangling, for example.) But there is room for improvement in every organization, and the much-improved Senate is no exception.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY
Southwest Texas is growing up now. First, there was a boycott, and then, last Thursday, more than 200 students gathered to protest the contract renewal of their college president. The demonstrators had planned a sit-in, but it rained. Consequently, it turned out to be a stand-in for all those except the real sticklers for principle.

According to the SWT College Star, there is a student government candidate at tu in Austin who "blames outside agitators for campus unrest, rejects the idea of putting a student on the Board of Regents and likes Frank Erwin Jr." In his campaign for the student body presidency, he is attempting to reverse the national trends toward disruption, disobedience and despair, saying "The vast majority of students on this campus (tu) are satisfied with the present university administration." Good luck, ol' hoss.

There is a new club being formed at TWU called the Gig 'Em Service Club. Among the projects proposed are a service to arrange rides for girls wanting to come to A&M on weekends, a dating service, and the sale of A&M articles in the TWU bookstore.

Also proposed at TWU is the elimination of Saturday classes. Gad, just imagine having Saturday classes. Would that call for Sunday drill? The thought staggers the mind.

Del Mar College in Corpus Christi is sponsoring a little "instant group therapy" this week. Anyone who has any problems or just anything to say is invited to come to the auditorium of their Methodist Church to form up for what they call "The Psychomat." The idea is an awful lot like the theory behind the "Encounter," discussed in an earlier issue. Whether student uprisings will be good or bad in the long run may be debatable, but they sure are causing people to finally just plain care about others' thoughts.

Washington State University has found a way to catch the

Classes In Archery Start Saturday

The Brazos Bowman Archery Club will sponsor archery classes beginning Saturday, from 9 to 10 a. m., at the archery range on University Drive (Farm Road 60) across from the Country Kitchen Restaurant.

Membership to the club will not be necessary to participate in the lesson, according to Club Reporter John Bendele. The only fee will be to replace lost or broken arrows. Instructors will be club officers and members, including the national champion, Bendele said.

Additional information is available from James Ross, club president, at 823-0802, or Bendele, at 846-3091.

Officers' Wives To Give Coffee

The Army Cadet Wives Club is giving a coffee Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center, room 210.

A panel discussion headed by the wives of Army Officers will discuss "Happiness is Being an Army Wife."

Wives of Army cadets, fiancées and girl friends of advanced Army cadets are invited.

Tonight On KBTX

6:30 Wild Wild West
7:30 Gomer Pyle
8:00 Friday Night Movie "The Killers"
10:00 News, Weather & Sports
10:30 Judd For The Defense
11:30 Alfred Hitchcock

interest of those students who ignore the payment of their fees or completion of their registration. They have simply sent out 800 letters that begin with the words, "You are being disenrolled," followed by a red arrow pointing to whatever amount is due, or what they need to do to complete their registration.

Last week's sports award, which went to an outstanding athletic supporter from Austin, may have been given just a bit prematurely, not to take away from that brilliant performance on the part of tu's sports columnist. He still must rank highly on the list, but the latest bid for the Sour-Grapes award (or the Unmunched Bunch, as it's called backstage) comes from Rice University's Thresher. It was written, of course, about that one pointer over the Owls, and ended with this flourish: "So back to College Station they marched—to the tune of that Yogi Bear song which houses the words of the Aggie War Hymn, and beneath the banner of Truth, Justice, and the Aggie Way . . . They had successfully defended the Farmer Way of Life." Meanwhile, while the avid Rice fans (Come on, give them credit—just because none of them came to College Station for their earlier game doesn't mean they don't have any avid fans) chant "Wait till next year," Aggies simply offer the advice, "Suck it up."

In the credit-where-credit-is due department, however, it must be mentioned that, in response to the issue of whether or not ROTC should be a part of colleges, Rice students—both graduate and undergraduate—have offered the staunchest support for the program.

From Long Island University's Seawanhaka comes this short but potentially useful advertisement: "Did you ever miss a good movie because you didn't have a date? SECUR - A - DATE 275-4900." Would you believe "Did you ever miss a date because you didn't have a good move?"

SENATE

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Redding chose Senator Blaine Purcell as his co-chairman.

Election Commission President Gerald Geistweidt introduced several changes in election rules and regulations that were discussed and, after some amendment, approved by the Senate.

Under the revised rules, pre-vertebrary freshmen will be allowed to vote in freshman elections and elect a senator for representation during the sophomore year.

A proposal to make the president of the Election Commission a member of the Senate Executive Committee was defeated.

SIGN OF THE TIMES
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Another bit of Mississippi River lore is about to pass away.

For years the U. S. Engineers has posted the river stage on a large sign on the bluff overlooking the river for the benefit of the pilots guiding the big Mississippi towboats.

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A&M Board Gets Water Bond OK

A measure which allows the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M System to issue revenue bonds for extending and improving the water and sewer systems on its campuses was passed Wednesday (February 26) by the Texas House of Representatives. The Senate passed the bill, Feb. 13.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Bill Moore and Rep. Bill Presnal of Bryan, "was necessary due to the rising needs of the institutions of the Texas A&M University System," Rep. Presnal said.

Previously, the Board had the authority to issue revenue bonds for only minor construction of the water and sewer facilities. The proposed law was needed due to the increased growth of the campuses.

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Bulletin Board

SUNDAY
The Rugby Club of A&M will practice weekends at 3 p. m. and weekdays at 5 p. m. on the field across from Deware Field House in preparation for a match against t.u. in Austin March 8.

MONDAY
Texas A&M Chapter of DPMA will meet at 6:30 p. m. in the Holiday Inn Banquet Room for a get-acquainted session, to be followed by a meal at 7:30. Charles L. Davis, DPMA International president, will be guest speaker. Division 3 Chairman Dan Lucas will present the charter.

Industrial Education Club will meet at 8 p. m. in the Building and Loan. Mary Gandy of Merle Norman present a program on "Cosmetics and Their Use."
Industrial Engineering Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the Courtesy Room of the Bank A&M. Mrs. Emily Riter, District Home Demonstration Agent, will be the featured speaker. All E.E. wives are invited.
B.A. Wives Club will meet 7:30 p. m. at Beverly Inn (Townshire). Beverly Brakley present a style show. All wives are invited.

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