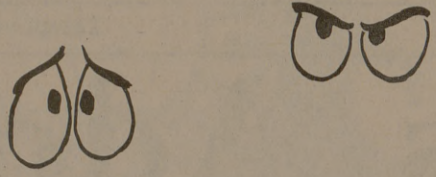


CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



EARLE MARCO

"The next time a guy is talking about a flour bomb, don't ask him what it is!"

LISTEN UP the batt forum

Editor, The Battalion:

On a campus that tolerates no extremist dissent, even in the form of political speakers who might disagree with views of those in power, and whose president quakes in his boots at the thought of SDS or AABL affecting the young minds he so zealously guards from "wrong ideas," I was shocked to see posters advertising retired Brig. Gen. Robert Scott's speech. Even The Battalion, sometimes better known for what it leaves out than what it prints, wrote the speech up as if it were similar to another Great Issues series. Clearly this speech was pushed by both Dr. Douglas, the voice of Wallace and "Let Freedom Ring" on campus, and the administration. Nothing gets that much publicity without their approval.

The speaker's extremism is indicated by his advertising pitch, "What's Happened to Patriotism?" It is confirmed by a look into the group bringing him here, the Brazos County TRAIN Committee. Doubters might call 846-3711 and hear Dr. Douglas. This week's topic is the Communist attempt to subvert American youth through the Beatles' music. He has accused Nixon of consorting with Communists and naming a Communist to the UN.

But this doesn't seem to frighten the administration, bent on protecting "young minds" here. Simple charges of communist or liberal associations could easily bar speakers from A&M, but no attention is paid to neo-Nazism, which is as dangerous as com-

munist. Why not Curtis LeMay and Robert Welch next? Welch might get a few laughs; he recently termed sex education a Communist plot to get American youth thinking about sex. Well, some Aggies might not swallow that idea.

This incident should establish in students' minds that the administration has nothing against extremist dissent — as long as it is their own brand.

But who knows—we may all be wrong and they will next ask Eldridge Cleaver and Madelyn Murray (A&M's first riot?).

Let freedom ring!

Daphne Magee

The TRAIN Committee is an off-campus organization with no ties to the university or its administration. The speech to which Mrs. Magee refers is sponsored by the group, which mailed The Battalion a publicity release concerning the program. We published a story March 11 based on that release; this in no way represented an endorsement, any more than reports of airline crashes should be considered endorsements of airline crashes.

Regular readers of The Battalion are probably aware, by the way, that announcements of coming Great Issues presentations are almost invariably front-page news; the story on Gen. Scott's speech appeared on an inside page, because as a community-news topic it was not considered to have as much news value as campus events such as Great Issues talks.

—Ed.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY

Does Phillip Luce realize that Tuesday night, when he spoke of the "BSU" stormily making demands on a riot-torn campus, most of the people in the audience thought he was talking about the "Baptist Student Union?" (Does that explain the disconcerting patter of laughter which followed your comment, Mr. Luce?)



He was referring, of course, to the Black Student Unions, which are a part of student activities on many campuses. Could be that this little misunderstanding on our part says something about the state of affairs on campus, a state which could be changed for the better with just a little effort on the part of students.

Two students at Washington State got into a little trouble with the cops. As a matter of fact, they got into a lot of trouble and one was sentenced to 30 days, the other to 90. The judge stipulated that they could start serving the sentences on weekends till school was out. Talk about sitting a restriction. What does a guy tell his girl?

At the University of Oklahoma, the ultimate in student demands is being realized. According to the Washington State paper, which covered the demands in an editorial, handicapped students at OU have threatened a campus "roll-in" unless a "handicapped vice president for handicapped student affairs" was appointed. Also at OU, Jewish students have demanded that an "Israeli general be named to oversee Jewish student affairs and a kosher kitchen."

And at the same university, language majors have staunchly demanded "French maids in the dormitories, native Mongolian counselors, Turkish baths, and Swedish masseurs."

The "demands," of course, were somewhat less than serious, and designed to point out the unreasonableness of a growing number of minority demands. However, many rational people consider each one of these OU demands at least as feasible as complete satisfaction of the ultimatums being delivered to college administrations across the country by such groups as the SDS and the Black Panthers.

At the University of Maryland, incidentally, students' "demands" were quickly met—on a somewhat more limited scale, perhaps. Male students numbering around 300

gathered outside the women's dorms between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. and "demanded undergarments." The girls obligingly tossed their panties and stuff out the windows, apparently satisfying the men. The night before, a nude girl had broken the monotony of the night with a mad dash across an open space on campus before several pairs of amazed eyes and into a waiting getaway car. So, at the U of M, as at colleges all over, we see once again that, indeed, everybody's got his own bag.

Speaking of bags, a successful panty raid on a dorm at St. Joseph's College, in Rensselaer, Indiana, ended with a record being set in the singles category—one guy grabbed six girdles in one trip through the place. Think of the catapult a guy could make with six girdles. On a calm day, you could just about bomb Bryan with water balloons.

Observers of the "sign-up" area will appreciate this one. At SMU, two students saw an empty table pushed up against a wall in the Student Center, much as would be the case next to the post office in our own MSC. Anyway, these two figured that what they would do would be to use it for a "sign-up" table, and they did. Everyone who came by was asked to sign up. When asked why, the two soliciting students simply said "For nothing." They drew 103 signers in the two hours they were there.

Did it prove a point? They think so: "At least no one can say SMU students are apathetic about everything now. When it comes to nothing, they're all for it."

On the SMU campus, a new organization called the Black League of Afro-American and African College Students has been allotted the unusually high sum of \$866.70. What is even more noteworthy than the sum, which was justified by an itemized budget which includes the engagement of speakers for the benefit of the entire student body, is the manner in which both the BLAACS and the student Senate conducted themselves. In an editorial, the school's paper, The SMU Campus, commended both groups for letting "rationality prevail" and generally proving the workability of "working within the structure, to try to keep open the lines of communication which on so many other campuses have been broken down completely."

Big news from Hardin-Simmons U is that the H-SU Cowgirl organization is "undergoing a complete reorganization." Among other drastic changes, it has now been officially "designated as the official hostess organization of the university." Way to go, cowgirls.

John McCarroll

Bare Facts Are Revealed In Psychology Club Talk

Some of them looked nervous and fidgeted in their chairs — others made salacious remarks. One girl was evidently embarrassed by the whole situation and then there were some who tried to look confident and reserved.

The speaker arose and walked to the lectern—a hush fell over the audience. "Well," he began, "I was going to show slides with my talk, but my department head advised against it."

Then there were some uneasy titters in the audience and one 19-year-old "dirty old man" actually guffawed!

For about a week there had been signs on the campus extolling a talk before the Psychology Club entitled "Observations in a Nudist Camp." Like all of the other fifty-minded souls on campus, I envied those in the Psychology Club but really didn't plan to attend the meeting.

SOMEHOW, Wednesday night, I found myself in a room all-too-familiar. It was a classroom that had been part of the Journalism complex in the sprawling basement of Nagle Hall before the department was moved to the Services Building.

Many a time had I sat in that

room and listened to lectures, but none so stimulating as that of Dr. James D. Preston, an assistant professor in the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department.

Really more out of curiosity than anything else, I attended the talk. I wanted to see what the speaker would look like since the posters had led us to believe that he had actually been inside one of these compounds and as everyone knows, to enter such a colony one must disrobe.

DR. PRESTON was quick to point out that he was not speaking from experience, but from research by a fellow sociologist (not exactly studying starving communities or dirty slums—eh?) who had visited three camps around Chicago.

According to the speaker, nudists justify their behavior by saying that nudity and sex are unrelated, there is nothing shameful about exposing one's body, sunshine on bare skin is healthful and there is pleasure to be derived from being free of clothing.

The nudists are evidently not as naive as they sound, as they set limits on the number of unmarried males admitted into their colonies. There is also a limit set on the number of trial visits a prospective sun-worshiper can make to a camp.

PERHAPS MORE as unwritten codes than anything else, they also frown on staring, telling dirty jokes or unnecessary body contact.

"They also prohibit dancing

within a nudist camp — I guess you could say they don't do cheek-to-cheek dancing," he continued.

Although it wasn't brought in Dr. Preston's presentation there are probably signs out over the camp reading: "No staring in this area." "Please remove your glasses."

"If you drink — don't get drunk — because: . . . alcoholic beverages may lead to release of sexual inhibitions which can in turn lead to overtures—and they certainly wouldn't want a guy running around with a six-pack under arm making overtures."

THERE ARE three things the nudists avoid (other than poison ivy): no talking about politics or religion—in that order we might add.

In short, the nudists impose more restrictions within their camps than in the outside world and then enforce them much more efficiently.

One club member asked the speaker toward the end of the talk:

"If they don't believe in drinking, telling dirty jokes, taking photographs, dancing, discussing sex, politics or religion, how do they avoid body contact—what do they do?"

"They play volleyball and are bored," another student asked quickly.

Sure they are.

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- 6:30 Wild Wild West
- 7:30 Gomer Pyle
- 8:00 Friday Night Movie—"This Woman Is Dangerous"
- 10:00 News, Weather and Sports
- 10:30 Judd For the Defense
- 11:30 Alfred Hitchcock

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