



"I don't really need to leave early for the holidays, it's just the challenge to see if I can talk him into it!"

## A Campus Of Sheep

"Sheep are noted for making paths in fields because they habitually follow without question, never bothering to make up their minds."

"The same seems to be true of Aggie pathmakers... The pathmaker pounds the same ground, day after day, until bare ground shows where grass once flourished..."

"On the campus of a school dedicated to the creation of leaders, there now exist the symbols of a campus of sheep."

Those remarks are from an editorial in the May 18, 1966 Battalion. If they sound applicable today, then they're a monumental tribute to the immutability of Aggie land.

But two major differences exist between the A&M of 1966 and the present: The appointment of a campus landscape architect, Robert H. Rucker, has indicated the administration's interest in taking campus beautification seriously; and at least one student, graduate economics major Lawrence Stelly, has launched a drive to further that goal. Whether these differences can mean results, of course, will depend on whether 1969's students will be any easier to shake loose from those sheeplike ways than in 1966.

The major drawback to this sort of crusade is obvious: it's so unglamorous as to seem hokey, or even picayunish. At many other colleges, a headline like "Civilians Postpone Resolution On 'Keep Off Grass' Plan" would most likely deal with controversy over marijuana use. So far, that topic hasn't even become part of the general conversation, much less the goal of official student legislation here; and certainly, there are many other items of more importance to the improvement of this university. But as long as taking action on the relatively minor goal of removing a few campus eyesores isn't preventing those other items from being discussed, why not take action?

When Stelly proposed his resolution to the Civilian Student Council last week, he probably had anticipated somewhat modest approval, coupled with ideas on how to implement plans for eliminating sheep-trails. What he got was a debate over the effectiveness of resolutions in general, followed by a tabling of the motion for committee consideration.

Still on Stelly's agenda are the Student Senate and the Senior Council. The former seems sufficiently concerned with those more basic improvements that it won't spend time bickering over the pros and cons of sheep-trail policy statements; the latter could be effective in reaching seniors in the Corps, where only seniors are allowed on the grass.

But until somebody besides Stelly and Rucker shows some interest in campus beautification, the trails will continue to cross-hatch key areas like the Academic Building mall and the main drill field. Paths on the grass, alas.

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## ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY

Washington State University's Board of Control has endorsed a commendable idea that could stand to be aired around here. It is a proposal that, if passed by the school's faculty membership, will allow students "to initiate their own courses." This would enable students to fill their general curriculum with interesting, worthwhile courses not offered in the standard curriculum. This representation of younger ideas would give the student a more meaningful say in his own education and could also throw some much-needed imagination into the field of curriculum planning.

Last week, the U of H administration vetoed a request by the SDS that Mark Rudd, leader of the Columbia SDS riots, be allowed to address the student body on campus. The SDS has also been advised that it could not hold conventions at either the University of Texas or the University of New Mexico. In any case, as a result of these incidents and other conflicts of opinions, the SDS at the U of H has split down the middle, leaving seven people in the original membership, according to the Daily Cougar. The split was reportedly between the "old line anarchists" and the "new democratic centralists." Looks unpromising for the SDS, at least on the U of H campus. On the other hand, how much harm can be done by a split when the founding principle was anarchy in the first place?

At Victoria College, the pinnacle of the social session was finally reached at their annual Western Day. The climax of the celebration was reported to be made up of events such as the tobacco-spitting contest and the pie-eating contest, hopefully not in that order. It is rumored, incidentally, that next year there will be a Cool-Hand Luke Egg-Eating contest. In all likelihood, it will be followed by another picnic innovation, the Spontaneous Egg Toss.

Hardin-Simmons University also plans to hold a tobacco-spitting contest at their rodeo this year if, in the words of their dean, "The committee could come up with no better events." Now really, dean, what could be better than a tobacco-spitting contest? Hall hockey, maybe, but then that's a game for city slickers. Also on the agenda for this year's rodeo are a cigar-smoking contest and a beard-growing contest, (that is, if they don't find out the recently expressed "real reasons" why students and professors wear beards).

The editor of *The Jolly Roger* from Victoria College inadvertently named herself among the group of which she was speaking when she profoundly remarked, "April Fool's Day seems like a special day set aside for fools." It must be recognized that this chick has quite an amazing grasp of the obvious.

Believe it or not, those clowns at Tech—the Red Ropers—use that bell of theirs at baseball

games, too. Also from Tech, a psychology professor has forsaken the ever-present, overworked white rat in his laboratory studies, and has switched to prairie dogs. As a matter of fact, he has just finished compiling what the University Daily describes as "the first atlas of the brain centers of the black-tail prairie dog." In all fairness to the professor, however, Psych 408 students at A&M would still rather fight than switch.

St. Joseph's College in Indiana recently underwent the same change as A&M, that is, from an all-male to a coeducational institution. The immediate reaction was slightly different, however. The school rented a bunch of full-sized highway billboards in Indiana and surrounding states, and decorated them with this declaration: "Now we've got Brains and Beauty—St. Joseph's (Co-ed) College." A&M could easily follow suit, with a couple of minor slogan alterations. Like, maybe "Now we've got Brains and, well, Girls—Texas A&M (Co-ed) Institution." No, seriously, though, discrimination against Maggies is just another example of dangerous bigotry (Really—some of my best friends are Maggies. I just wouldn't want my sister to marry one). Besides, on the A&M campus, we can surely find better, more worthwhile things to discriminate about than sex. When you think about it everyone would benefit from a good Female Studies plan, if it were open to everyone.

## Listen Up

Editor, *The Battalion*: To the Class of '71:

I want to thank all of you who voted for me in last Thursday's run-off election. It will be both an honor and a pleasure to serve you as next year's MSC representative. I promise that I will do my best to fill that position and uphold the trust you have placed in me.

Mitch Timmons '71

## CONFAB

(Continued From Page 1) who will serve as host for the convention.

SCONA captains and the areas that they will serve are: Derick Bonewitz, Houston; Taylor, Dallas; Ken Fenoglia, Fort Worth; Sam Garcia, San Antonio; and Mark Satterwhite, Corpus Christi.

Mel Hamilton will serve as captain in the Midland-Odessa area, and Flannigan will conduct drives in Tyler and Longview.

"Black-Africa—the dilemmas of development," is the topic for next year's SCONA conference scheduled for Dec. 11-13, Lessee announced.

"THE TOPIC was selected from four topics submitted by the planning committee to the executive committee of SCONA, because we feel that it is a vital problem that is going to involve America more and more in the future."

Other topics presented by the planning committee were "The Problem of Student Dissent," "After Viet Nam—What?" and "Latin America."

Six possible roundtable discussion topics for next year's conference were listed by Mayfield. They are (1) the problems of emerging nations, (2) United States' relationship with black Africa, (3) the U. S. responsibility in Africa, (4) tribalism versus Nationalism, (5) black Africa, the last frontier; and (6) economic aid in Africa.

LESSER announced that John Scott, special editor of "Time" magazine, was the first invited speaker for next year's conference to accept.

Mayfield listed Dean Rusk, former secretary of state; Eugene Rostow, brother of last year's SCONA keynote speaker, Walt Rostow, assistant secretary of state for African affairs; and Dr. George Sheppard, chairman of African studies at the University of Denver as invited speakers who have not notified SCONA on whether they will accept or not.

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