

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"No wonder I've been missing my classes—why didn't someone tell me we've gone to daylight saving time?"

'A Lot Of People In One Room...'

Everyone remembers the story about the sergeant and his post-hole-digging private.

Early in the morning, the sergeant had ordered the private to dig a two-foot deep hole at a certain spot behind the barracks. When the private was finished, the sergeant measured off two paces from the hole and told the private to dig a second hole there. A similar procedure was followed for the third, fourth and fifth holes.

That afternoon, when the sergeant designated hole number six, the private, believing that he was being put to work just to be kept busy, threw down his digging tools in disgust and stalked away.

The lesson of the story is obvious: If the sergeant had taken a moment to explain that he was searching for a broken water main buried two feet underground, he likely would have had little trouble getting the private to dig as many holes as needed.

Put another way, when orders are given, reasons—if at all possible—should be given with them.

Assuming the role of the sergeant this past week, unfortunately, was the A&M University Board of Directors. The directors refused to allow an A&M student on the board as a non-voting member but gave Student Senate President Bill Carter, who presented the proposal, no reasons for their decision.

Even after attending the board meeting Saturday and receiving a letter from the board Sunday, Carter still could only tell The Battalion Monday that the only reason the board gave that he knew about was that which he had read in the Bryan Daily Eagle.

The reason Carter read, reported in Sunday's Eagle, was the statement by Clyde H. Wells, board president, that seating an Aggie might mean the board would also have to seat student representatives from Prairie View A&M, Tarleton State, and the Texas Maritime Academy, all part of the A&M University system. This, he noted, would make for a lot of people in one room.

Surely the board must have considered factors other than the crowding effects four additional chairs would have on a room. But what are the other factors? Why haven't they been told?

The directors cannot expect Bill Carter or the A&M student body to accept the board decision based solely on Mr. Wells' statement. Neither can the board expect to dismiss the entire matter by suggesting, as it did in the letter to Carter, that he take his request to the State Legislature. Pointing to another spot to dig a hole does not help.

—DAVE MAYES

This Means You

Tomorrow night's Student Senate meeting could well be the most important of this year—possibly of several years. Student government has become a reality at A&M since last September, but it is now at a crossroads of crisis proportions. Its decisions concerning student elections have been challenged by an individual student, and they have subsequently been overruled by the administration. In an unprecedented move, the Senate has been directed to conduct a new election for its presidency.

Presumably, the rationale behind such overruling is that the Senate is not worthy of consideration as "the governing body of the students" (University Regulations, 64). What is done at Thursday's meeting will do much to strengthen or weaken that concept.

You, the student, must be vitally concerned with the future of this body and with its capability to continue representing your interests to the administration. Contact your representative today or tomorrow and let him know what you think—because ultimately, you will be the one to gain or lose from their decisions.

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the graduate

By MITTY C. PLUMMER
This final column is my last will and testament as both president of the Graduate Student Council and as an eight-year man. Having accrued little of material value over the past eight years at A&M, I must leave in this will the kind of thing that I did acquire in my stay here. Namely, I have gathered bits of knowledge by which I hope to go forth into the world and greatly profit by them. And so it is that my will consists of small bits of knowledge by which the beneficiaries of this will might profit.

To my graduate student peers, who I believe by their own talents shall in the next generation rise from the title of "presidential advisor" to "president" and from such as "head of research" to simply "head," I leave a brief respite from your toil in the form of the Graduate Student Spring Dance, this Friday night 8-12. It is an excellent dance, free of surveillance from the administration above and from the observation of undergraduates below. Free Cokes, Seven-Up, and ice are provided in this off-campus site at the K. C. Ballroom. The only ingredient missing is you.

NEXT, TO Margerita Shredder of the University Laundry, I leave my forgiveness for shrunken fish caps and black socks that, though they matched when I turned them over to her care, failed upon return to match in texture, weave, or length. It is easy to forgive you, Mrs. Shredder, especially now that you have been replaced by a machine affectionately known as the "masher."

To the KK's, I will never forgive you for handing out tickets at times in the past when there simply were not enough parking places for all. Yes, I know that like all bureaucracies, your job is to enforce mistakes, not to correct them.

I LEAVE to the music of the campus, "The War Hymn" and "The Spirit," a little less oddness. It seems to me that of the 92 words of "The War Hymn," 60 pertain to the University of Texas at Austin, while only 24 sing of A&M, and 8 are words... well, words like "chig-ga-raa-gar-em." Surely T.U., with its athletic budget of over one million dollars, does not need our help in advertising. "The Spirit," too, seems odd because, having either chosen a tune too long or

being insufficiently clever to write a second verse, we take to counting and spelling (such as T-E-X-A-S . . . , 1-2-3 . . . etc.) at the end. So I will that someone take this to heart and finish "The Spirit" with a few kind words about Texas A&M.

TO PRESIDENT Rudder I can leave nothing, since he already owns the whole plantation. What I might do is tell the world that you are much more pleasant in meetings with small numbers of students where your humor and true nature can show through the thorny vestiges of your office better than they can at, say, graduation, where most graduate students see you for the first time.

To the yell leaders I would leave a bit of imagination. Since I have been here not one new yell has been invented while a couple have dropped into disuse. If you aren't imaginative enough to create a yell of your own, look into the old "Longhorns" and "Aggielands" of the 30's to see how Old Army did it.

TO THE CORPS I was going to leave a coffin in which you and I both could bury the memories of the joy, the shouting, the strength of your youth. But for some reason I think that you will continue to change just enough not to need that coffin. You won't need it, that is, unless the rioters of Harvard persuade Washington to do you in with all other ROTC programs.

There is little I can give the Graduate College since I believe Dean Kunze is the sharpest, if shortest, dean we've had, and the women who work there the most beautiful anywhere. Mainly, I still have to submit a dissertation to them.

Finally, to the former students whose scholarship lured me here in the first place, I leave the gift I hold in highest esteem. But you'll have to wait for it. You'll have to wait until I finish my research. Yes, to you whose long cigars, long automobiles, and long waistlines, I have observed only at a distance as of late, I give you me.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
Aggie Christian Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. in room 3-D of the Memorial Student Center. Joe Wall will speak on "God Equals Christ: The Ultimate Equation."

THURSDAY
Houston Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 321 of the Physics Building. After-school party will be discussed.

Dallas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in rooms 3-B and 3-C of the MSC. Next year's officers will be elected.

Computer Science Wives Bridge Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. William Tauzel, 1405 Skrivanek Court. Please call Mrs. Gilbert Fox at 846-8090 for reservations.

Tonight On KBTX

- 6:30 Here Come the Brides
- 7:30 Good Guys
- 8:00 Beverly Hillbillies
- 8:30 Green Acres
- 9:00 Hawaii Five-O
- 10:00 News, Weather, Sports
- 10:30 Wednesday Night Movie—"John Goldfarb, Please Come Home"

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Editor, The Battalion:
To Civilian Students:

There just doesn't seem to be a way of expressing how thrilled and happy I have been since Saturday night when I was named Civilian Sweetheart. I know it is the dream of many girls and I feel quite privileged and honored to be the lucky one selected this year.

On a whole, Civilian Student Weekend could only be labeled "a success." The Bar-B-Q, the mud football game, the tug-of-war between the dorms, and the "Gemini Twin" dances were some of the events which I attended and thoroughly enjoyed! Aggies just know how to have a good time—that's all there is to it!!!

I am certainly looking forward to returning to A&M as soon as possible.

Your Sweetheart,
Nicki Stallman
Southwest Texas State
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Editor, The Battalion:
Many of the charges made during and after the recent election have been misleading. Extremist

elements will use and are using this atmosphere of distrust to further their own objectives. The few radicals who seek to divide the student body and break down any existing harmony between the civilians and Corps of Cadets are the same individuals who are claiming that the recent election and all elections at A&M are really a contest between the two groups are not among personalities.

Distrust by many Aggies could be eliminated if only the truth were known. Contrary to what some students would have you believe, the election was not along civilian-Corps lines.

It should be noted that a look at the number of non-regs voting in the Civilian Student Council races as compared to the total number of votes cast would show that more civilians cast ballots than cadets, yet nine of the 10 Senate offices were filled by Corps members, including two races where two cadets were running against one civilian. Evi-

dently there was much "cross-over" balloting.
Dale W. Foster '72

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