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"... I'll be—some of th' stuff he's been talking about all semester is right here in th' textbook!"

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY
 Texas A&M isn't the only school preparing to stop whatever kind of disturbances are expected to be coming about in the near future. The following story appeared in the Hardin-Simmons University Brand:

"Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, a private fundamentalist institution of 4,000 students, does not permit its students to attend movies, dance, or read Playboy magazine.

"Although there are few activities or bearded students on campus, the president of the school, Bob Jones Jr., recently requested permits from the secretary of state to allow the four-man campus security force to carry Browning automatic rifles or Reising submachine guns." Said Brown in his explanation to the lawmakers, "The 2,000 young ladies at Bob Jones... have a right to go to sleep in peace and safety."

If the KK's are really to get those machine guns, those young ladies better relish what peace and safety they have now—even if there are only four cops.

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 Last week was "Amnesty Week" at the University of Minnesota, during which a student could return overdue books to either campus library without paying a fine. Students, who in the last two or three years, had paid fines which had built up so high that they just kept the book, obtained refunds for the amount in full upon return of the book. One student received

Listen Up

Editor, The Battalion:
 This letter concerns the controversy of an on-campus Afro-American Society. The black students of Texas A&M University have expressed their desire for such a club on this campus, but have been met with the closed-mindedness of university officials. I feel the university is making a bad mistake by not giving the blacks a chance to have a club of their own on campus. Closing one's eyes to a situation does not make it go away.

It was this same type of attitude that brought about the Civil War. The North was unaware of the thoughts of their fellow Americans. A compromise could have ended the differences that split this country in half.

I feel that a compromise here, at Texas A&M University, is in need. It would be wise for the university to allow the Afro-American Society to exist on this campus on a one year trial basis. If the organization proved itself harmless, it could be allowed to continue. However, if the Afro-American Society caused any interruptions to the rights of others to get an education here at Texas A&M, it would be discontinued immediately as an on-campus organization. This is not asking too much of either side and it is certainly a lot better than cracked heads, property damage and the press.

Brent Lamb '72

\$20.90 in refund.
 While the Minnesota Personal Ads abound with pleas of "Male student seeking liberated female 21-24 for casual dates, sex and country excursions," "Irresponsible young man desires company of irresponsible young woman (Responsible types need not apply)," and "Male student seeks female roommate with liberal ideas," one frustrated voice cried out for a partner not so easy to find. "Send me a girl who reads. 338-1974."

There is an air of discontent on the University of Minnesota campus, which has resulted so far in a petition signed by 50 employees of the Physics Department. They really weren't that stoked over students' rights, or civil rights, or any of that kind of stuff. Actually, what they wanted was for the bakery to go on delivering freshly baked doughnuts and coffee in the morning, following a university ruling that permitted no commercial enterprises on campus.

In the same vein of campus crusades, the Communications Center for Academic Reform at the U of M sponsored a belly button contest. The school newspaper featured a closeup of the first-place navel.

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 Four hundred demonstrators gathered on the U of M campus last week to protest the refusal of a landlord to rent an apartment to a black couple, only to find that about two hours earlier, the landlord had already agreed to rent. The protest was then changed to a "victory celebration" for the "system." Professor Hubert Humphrey, who was to be a speaker at the rally, commented, "This is the first victory celebration I've had the chance to attend in the past few months."

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 Students at the University of

Oklahoma have the opportunity for nightly thrills at a nearby club, which features topless entertainment. The fact that the only people entertaining are a bunch of guys in a group called the Shroud seems to be of minor importance.

Southwest Texas State now has a real bobcat for their mascot. In fact, most schools do have a live representation of the name of their team, whether it be a bear, a falcon, or a wolf. So when are we getting a real live "Aggie"?

Thanks Old Army..

for a great year. We appreciate your business, and we want you to know it. We sincerely hope that our dealings have been as pleasant for you as they've been for us. And for the men that are leaving, come on in and let us buy your books one more time. We'll pay the best price - as always - and shake your hand one more time.

Loupot's

A Commitment

For all its delicate parts and intricate plans, the high-flying Apollo 10 would never have gotten off the ground if it hadn't been for its launching pad. Had the pad failed to support the tremendous weight of the rocket or failed to withstand the terrific heat from its engines, the launch would have become a holocaust of horror.

The 1969-70 Battalion staff, with hopes for the coming school year nearly as high as Apollo's destination, also recognizes the need for a launch pad strong enough to withstand the weight of pressure by special interest groups and endure the heat of criticism by all. For whatever course The Battalion will take will depend largely upon the strength or weakness of this foundation.

The Battalion platform, then, rests on these three pillars:
 The Battalion pledges to seek the truth. The truth will be approached along two avenues. In its news columns, this newspaper will strive to keep the public informed of significant events, reporting the facts as fairly and completely as technical knowledge and experience permit. The Battalion will strive to present impartially both sides to every important question, and let the public decide which holds the greater portion of truth.

On the editorial page, The Battalion will accept the responsibility for analysis and criticism of public affairs and public policies. Editorials will be based on facts and effort will be made to weigh them fairly. The Battalion's aim always will be to help lead the average citizen to a better understanding of current issues. The Battalion, however, does not hold a monopoly on wisdom. Rather, truth is best found through debate and the free competition of ideas.

The Battalion pledges to maintain its independence. A&M President Earl Rudder last week at the Student Publications banquet urged the Battalion staff to "strive to report and print the truth." He also asked that the newspaper give no special preferential treatment to any group, be they student, faculty or administrative. The staff concurs with the president's sentiments, believing that objectivity decreases as personal involvement increases.

Independence implies no censorship, and this is true. It is also true that a staff member of University Information reads student-written copy every day before it goes to press. His job is only to make sure that the news is not libellous and that it is within the bounds of good taste.

The Battalion pledges to provide leadership. Milton said: "To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." The Battalion will endeavor to express a decided opinion on all public questions, being careful to distinguish between clear thought and useless noise. When the climate on today's campuses is such that communication too often breaks down to confrontation, when protest too often brings police and when common sense so often seems so uncommon, The Battalion cannot and must not do less than speak out with conviction, and often.

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