

At The Movies

with Bob Peek

All you Aggies who don't care about the quality of a movie as long as it has gunfire, flames, blood and skin are wasting your time reading this column. Hustle over to the Campus and see **WHERE EAGLES DARE**. People with good taste, however, would be better off watching t.v. re-runs of "The Guns of Navarone," or even "Father Knows Best."

The best thing "Eagles" has going for it are Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood, but Burton is obviously ill at ease in an inadequate role while Eastwood is outrageously miscast.

Burton and Eastwood are the leaders of a group of WWII commando-types whose apparent mission is to rescue an American general who is being held captive in a windswept castle, high in the Bavarian Alps. This castle, incidentally, is the headquarters of the Gestapo. The general is there because the Germans believe he has important information about the coming Allied invasion of Western Europe.

The general, however, is not a general at all, but a corporal posing as the real general. The whole mission is a British scheme to discover the names of several German agents who had penetrated MI-6, the wartime English

secret service. The service was so infiltrated that the only man the high command could trust with the full truth of the mission is Burton. Eastwood was sent along because he was an American Ranger, a service which the Germans had failed to penetrate. The other British commandos were unknown factors.

Predictably, three of the commandos are double agents, and one by one they manage to kill everyone but Burton and Eastwood. At this point the five are captured by the Germans as they discuss last minute plans in the local Bavarian gasthaus. From here on the action is more reminiscent of a Keystone Cops chase scene than a serious adventure.

The escape from the German captors and the "daring" entrance into the castle are strictly warmed-over Mission Impossible. With one exception, what takes place inside the castle can only be described as ridiculous.

That one exception, however, might just make the rest of the movie bearable, if you can overlook all the other stupidity in Alistair MacLean's script. The scene in which Burton and Eastwood rescue the "general" and trick the Germans into revealing their list of double agents is a brilliant piece of work which pro-

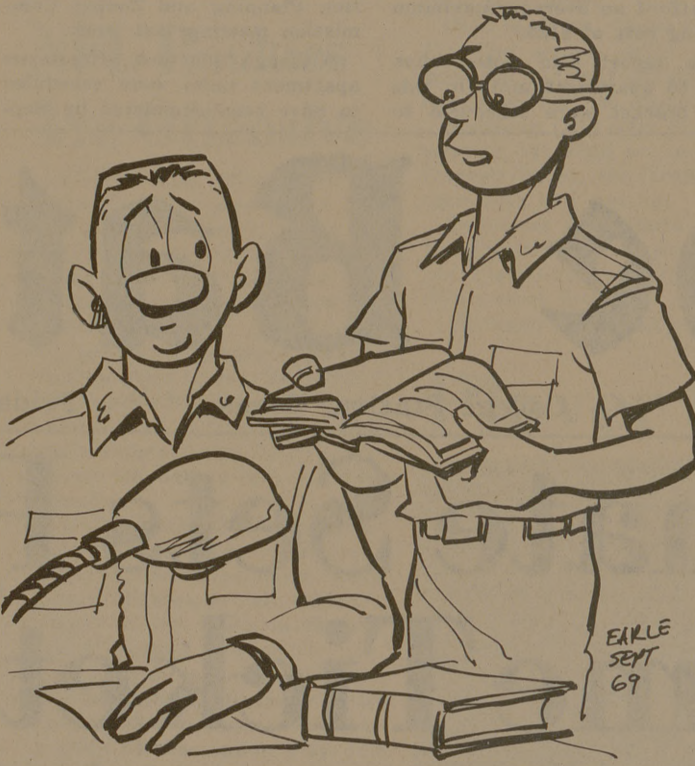
vides a delightful plot twist and some amusing dialogue.

The rest of the movie is pure Mack Sennet comedy. Unfortunately, comedy was not MacLean's purpose.

Clint Eastwood was starkly out of place. From his Early James Dean haircut to his Texas twang, Eastwood was obviously in the wrong uniform (German), the wrong war and the wrong century. I kept looking for his poncho to appear under his tunic, and wishing he would go off camera to look for it. That was all bad enough, but when he killed about half the garrison's best trained Wermacht and SS troops it was just too much to believe.

Burton was simply too good for the part. He always looked as though he were about to jump up, throw down his cap and shout "I quit." Perhaps it would have been better if he had.

Despite its myriad inadequacies and inconsistencies, "Where Eagles Dare" is fun to watch if you don't take it seriously. If you want to see a good, believable war picture, see "Castle Keep" or "Bridge at Remagen" when it comes to the Campus. And catch "Tobruk" on this fall's NBC Monday-tuesday-thursday-friday Night Movie. Your patience will be rewarded.



"I've caught up with my studies for my daily assignments and the first major tests, so I thought I'd begin to systematically study for final exams! As an experienced upperclassman, can you show me how to begin early preparations for finals?"

Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:

Last weekend I went to L.S.U. While on their campus I noticed many dirty, long-haired people. The campus was filthy and most of the grass was trampled or non-existent. In contrast, our campus is neat and clean. The vast majority of non-regs have decent hair cuts and all are clean. I'm proud to be an Aggie.

Monday night my dorm went to yell practice. At 6:45 we were among the first to arrive. A few minutes later a group of fish were climbing over our backs to get to the front row. At the same time they were telling us how anyone without a uniform on wasn't an Aggie. The outfit behind us wildcatted "Beat the hell outa the non-regs." We wildcatted back "Beat the hell outa yell practice was spent in what can only be described as a brawl.

I realize some outfits feel some childish compulsion to sit in a certain "favorite" area at each yell practice. Why not just get to Kyle Field first and stake out the area? Hasn't that Fightin' Texas Aggie Football Team got enough problems without a divided twelfth man? Instead of

the twelfth man beatin' the hell outa each other why not get together for at least yell practices and be a strong united twelfth man.

Al Bradley '72
Charlie Sanders '70
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Editor:

As a non-reg who lives off-campus, I have been able to watch events that have developed between the two so-called "warring factions" on campus. I have noticed a pronounced change in attitudes among many Aggies. Students on both sides of the campus are making an all-out effort to eliminate any possibility of clashes over irrational actions.

In reality no factions exist except in geographical terms. The existence of only one body of Aggies is borne out in campus voting patterns, mutual assistance in times of need, and Thursday's steak fry by Davis-Gary residents for Squadron 6 members.

What I have noticed on campus is a revival among many Aggies of the traditional "Howdy" and introductions. While this

practice has always been common among members of the Corps of Cadets, it seldom went further.

Just today, I had two fish whip out to me, heard numerous Howdy's, and had at least half a dozen cadet upperclassmen walk up beside me and introduce themselves.

This is not only a one-way affair. I also received several Howdy's from other non-regs and witnessed three civilians take the initiative in introducing themselves to cadets.

Referring to a recent incident and accompanying complaints, I say that those who seek to point up mistakes by students, emphasizing their membership in the Corps or their civilian identity, are actually causing the demise of the "Twelfth Man."

The Corps can not be categorized by the behavior of some fish, nor the civilians on the basis of a letter. All cadets or all non-regs should not be judged on the actions of a few.

If this judgement does take place, there will cease to be Aggies and in their place will be "two warring factions."

Dale W. Foster '72

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Bulletin Board

SATURDAY

Industrial Engineering Wives Club will have a picnic at 6 p.m. at the new home of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Wortham, 755 Sunny Lane, Bryan. Industrial engineering faculty, staff, married students and their wives are invited. RSVP with Judy Meier at 846-3900.

Texas A&M Newcomers Club will have a family picnic for first and second year newcomers at Area 2 in Hensel Park from 6 p.m. until sundown.

Please bring enough meat for your family plus either a vegetable, salad or dessert to serve 12 and place setting for your family. Beverages will be furnished. For further information, contact Mrs. Reznat Darnell, (846-8595).

MONDAY

Industrial Education Wives Club will have their annual reception at 8 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Handball Club will meet and elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in G.

Rollie White Coliseum. A film will be shown.

Memorial Student Center Camera Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2C-D of the MSC. Membership cards will be issued.

The Chemical Engineering Wives Club will hold its annual "Get Acquainted Party" at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. R. R. Davison, 303 Crescent Drive. Invitations have been mailed to all known Ch. E. Wives. Anyone who has not received an invitation should contact Mrs. Adrian Hutton (846-2393), or Mrs. W. J. Kerns, president (846-7340).

TUESDAY

Marketing Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center. Guests will be Dean of Business Administration John Pearson and Dr. James McNeal, head of the Marketing Department.

WEDNESDAY

Houston Hometown Club will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in room 321 of the Physics building. Plans for the Rice game will be discussed.

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Actor of Year
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In
"CHARLEY"

At 9:45 p. m.
"HOW SWEET IT IS"
With Debbie Reynolds

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No. 1 At 7:30 p. m.
"WHO IS MINDING THE MINT"
With Jim Hutton

No. 2 At 9:40 p. m.
"SON'S OF KATIE ELDER"
With John Wayne

No. 3 At 11:45 p. m.
"THE DETECTIVE"
With Frank Sinatra

EAST SIDE
At 7:40 p. m.
"GREEN BERETS"
With John Wayne

At 10:00 p. m.
"COOL HAND LUKE"
With Paul Newman

WEST SIDE
At 7:40 p. m.
"HELL'S ANGELS '69"
At 9:45 p. m.
"WILD IN THE STREET"

Five Students Win Floriculture Grants

Five students majoring in Floriculture have won scholarships totaling \$2,250.

Four of the awards are F. W. Hensel Scholarships in the areas of nursery management, landscape horticulture and commercial floriculture.

Carrell J. Wendt of Bellville received \$500 in nursery management, and another \$500 went to Fredrick C. Hazekamp of Portamus, N. J., in landscape horticulture.

Two Hensel scholarships in commercial floriculture, each for \$500, were awarded to Miss Lina L. Kitchens of Austin and Roy Pittman of Amarillo.

Professor A. F. DeWorth, in charge of the Floriculture Section, said the Hensel scholarships are provided by the student Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture Society from proceeds received in operating the student floral concession on campus.

Perry R. Ragsdale of Tyler received a \$250 scholarship in landscape horticulture presented by the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas.

College Hills PTA To Hold Open House

The College Hills Parent-Teachers Association will hold open house at the College Station elementary school from 7 to 8 p. m. Tuesday.

PTA President Carl E. Shafer said the open house will honor the school's teachers and administration. Members of the school board also have been invited, he added.

Shafer said the teachers will meet briefly with parents on the school patio before going to their classrooms, where they will display student work.

All College Hills parents are invited, Shafer emphasized. He said parents may join the PTA that evening.

A prize will be awarded to the class which has the largest representation of parents.

Hospitality co-chairman for the open house are Mrs. Richard Baldauf and Mrs. Haskell Monroe.

Military Science Adds 3 to Staff

The Military Science Department has added two new officers — Lt. Cols. Teddy A. Ritchey and Donald J. Johnson — and a non-commissioned officer, SFC Charles F. Walker, to the ROTC faculty, announced Col. Jim H. McCoy, professor of military science.

Both 1955 A&M graduates, the officers are assistant professors of Military Science. Walker is an advanced section instructor.

Colonel Ritchey, 38, was previously on the Fourth Army staff in his hometown of San Antonio. He studied industrial technology at A&M. The armor officer's 14 years military service includes

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(BIGGER THAN)
"I, A WOMAN"

CAMPUS

TODAY & SATURDAY
Clint Eastwood
In
"WHERE EAGLES DARE"

MIDNITE FROLIC
SATURDAY NITE 12 P. M.

STARTS SUNDAY
Richard Burton
In
"STAIRCASE"

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At 7:40 p. m.

"GREEN BERETS"
With John Wayne

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"HELL'S ANGELS '69"
At 9:45 p. m.

"WILD IN THE STREET"

By Charles M. Schulz