

# from a back-row seat

By Monty Stanley

Believe it or not, to some people the topic of student rights at A&M is not only meaningful, it is also an area which could even lead to some improvement in our narrow little academic world, if carried by the right people in the right direction. One of these people who is really interested in the topic (interested enough, that is, to get off his can and do something about it) is Student Senator Jim Stephenson.

As stated in this column last week, Jim was appointed last year as A&M's representative to the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association (TISA). This year, he has been elected to serve as the organization's state coordinator. The policies and actions which he and TISA support should be of some interest to readers of The Battalion, as they have much relevance to what is happening all over the country today.

Bearing in mind the somewhat suspicious attitudes held towards student rights by administrators, faculty, construction workers, librarians, delicatessen owners, and in short, nearly everyone but students, the column will start with a simplified background history of TISA, and then report some of the actual actions which have been taken by the organization to show that TISA is a group of interested people with a legitimate, straight-forward, honest goal. They are student activists, yes. Anarchists or destructionists, no.

The organization got off to a somewhat noncommittal start back in 1949 (That's read "Ole Army Days" for you fifth-year seniors), when its single redeeming feature, according to Senator Stephenson, was a well-organized travel program for students. You know the kind — tour Europe, work in England, and all that. Many of these types of programs had a tendency to fall through at the last minute, and an organization such as TISA offered some degree of protection against such an event.

The organization remained for most purposes an ineffectual body until these last few years. Included in the interim was a sort of a feud with the University of Texas (the one at Austin; that's all they had back then, if my history is correct). It seemed that TU always wanted to run the show and make all the decisions. So all the other colleges, or at least most of the 45 or 50 schools that belonged, banded in a kind of coalition against the University. In any case, after the feud, membership fell off to its present membership of about 30 schools, the largest of these being the University of Houston.

Well, with one thing and another, and with the "student problem" becoming what it is now, and with the general heightening of interest in civil rights and in particular of the civil rights of students, TISA became visualized by some as the type of organization which could actually do some good for the student.

For example, TISA sponsors a student lobby in Austin. The students involved are mostly law students from TU and are headed up, interestingly enough, by Al Reinert, who was originally elected student body president of A&M last spring, who is studying for his master's degree in political science at the University.

Students in this lobby work closely with the Austin legislators, letting them know just how Texas students feel about certain bills being acted upon. For example, TISA's lobby supported House Bill 451, which would allow a student attending a private school to be subsidized by the government. The reasoning here is that in the long run, it would be more economical and more practical to expand the schools we have now—including private schools, through their use of this subsidy—than to build all the new state schools which are presently being proposed.

If you'll recall, last year's Senate resolution that A&M's Board of Directors should include one (1) non-voting student member, simply to be a voice of the student population's desire, was answered with, well, sure, it was a commendable idea, but if A&M had a representative, then all the schools in the A&M system would have to have one, and that would just be "too many people in one room."

This matter was taken to TISA, which lobbied for a bill to provide for a non-voting student member to be on the Board of Directors of all state-supported schools. The bill failed. But that's beside the point. The point is, here's the kind of thing TISA is involved in. It's real. Instead of a student indignantly saying, "Somebody ought to . . ." he can now have a hand in getting it done. At least he can voice an opinion to someone who can get it done if enough fellow students feel that way. TISA is as yet a more-or-less untested organization, but with the number of students it would be possible to get behind such a group, the possibilities are quite encouraging.

Not that there are any rights which we should have but do not presently have here at A&M, of course. Or can you think of one, maybe?

## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Have you noticed that there is a direct relationship between our interest in talking football and the last game we played each week?"

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## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 3B and 3C of the Memorial Student Center for an Alcoa panel presentation and a business session.

Business Administration Women's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Brazos Room of the First Bank and Trust. Phillip Goode of the College of Business Administration will speak on the Legal Rights of Married Women. Anyone requesting further information about the club should call Carlene Gregg at 823-0166 or Donna Wynn at 822-1145.

Agricultural Engineering Vives Club will have an ice cream supper at 7:30 p.m. in Mrs. Pat Jones' home, 213 Mobiltown.

Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture Club will discuss summer job experiences and welcome new members at a 6 p.m. dinner in the Chicken Shack, Bryan.

Marine Biology Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Building J.

Wildlife Biology Association will hear Dr. Clarence Cottam, director of Welder Wildlife Ref-

uge, speak on "Pesticides in the Communities" at 7:30 p.m. in the Chemistry building. Petroleum Engineers Club will hear a guest speaker from the Oil Co. at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2 in the Doherty building.

WEDNESDAY

Data Processing Management Assn. will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2A of the MSC.

Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 2 of the Military Science Building.

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Eight student scholarships and unrestricted grants totaling \$11,200 were presented this week to the Petroleum Engineering and Geophysics Departments by the Pan American Petroleum Foundation.

Pan Am vice president J. C. Johnston of Houston made the presentation at a Memorial Student Center luncheon honoring the scholarship recipients.

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TONITE AT 7:15 - 9:15 ADULT ART SERIES "BLOW THE MAN DOWN"

By Charles M. Schulz

## Listen Up the batt forum

Editor: I just returned from a graduate class in Sociology that happens to meet at night in the Military Science Building on Wednesdays. Tonight during class we had the doors open. Two senior cadets (names unknown or I would have talked to them personally) came down the hall talking rather loudly. When one of the women in the class appeared at the door to close it, both cadets issued complimentary catcalls until they reached the other end of the hall, all the while boots and spurs echoing noisily in the empty corridors. I'm not knocking the boots and spurs—I wear a pair myself! However, the catcalls were a vulgar insult to the girl, and an embarrassing disruption to the entire class and the professor.

Sure, I realize this was only one isolated incident. But I've been at Aggie land for 6 years, long enough to know that this is quite typical conduct for many individuals. I don't claim to be innocent when it comes to giving whoo-ah's at inappropriate times, but this tonight was gross and flagrant exhibitionism. I feel certain that neither of these people

would have considered doing this had they been alone, and without a buddy to cavort with. How can these people, or any of us in the Corps, resolve such displays with the widespread belief (or should I say, misconception?) that Aggies are gentlemen?

I don't expect to initiate a new moral conscience for the Corps at A&M. What I am saying is that, as maturing college students, seniors in particular should demonstrate their newfound judgement when any situation arises like this calling for restraint. I personally believe that its always time for good bull, but not always the right place.

Bill Sontag '70

Editor: Once again, Campus Security has used the old "fear routine" on the people at A&M. In a front-page story in Friday's Battalion, Chief Ed Powell casually mentioned that there are "other ways of solving the parking problem." Specifically, he mentioned that at Austin, the students and staff have to park outside the campus and walk in.

It was pointed out in the article that a total of 244 parking

spaces will be lost when current and planned construction on campus is completed. It is interesting to note that 158 of these will be day student spaces behind Guion Hall.

The crowning insult to the collective intelligence of all students, faculty and staff came near the end of the story when Chief Powell commented on future plans to eventually have elevated and underground parking. He said that this would probably necessitate "\$150 to \$300 per year parking permits."

Perhaps it should be pointed out that many cars on this campus are not even worth \$300.

The figures in the story show that this is but another example of horror tactics being used to keep the faculty, staff and students in line.

By the way, this is my third year at A&M and I have yet to receive a traffic citation of any kind from the Campus Security Department. I drive a white Pontiac, license number RKW-648. Perhaps next week I can report if I contracted a bad case of "ticketitis" after this letter is published.

Tom Curl

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