

University Supported A Moratorium Day

Whether they realized it at the time or not, most members of the A&M community—students, faculty and staff—supported a Moratorium Day Wednesday.

The "shade tree" debates that afternoon, of course, revealed that many community members, especially students, were generally opposed to the views of the Vietnam war advanced by the relative handful of black armband wearers, the most active supporters of the nationwide Moratorium.

But regardless of anyone's stand on the Vietnam issue, nearly everyone who involved himself in the day's events gave strong, if tacit, support to another Moratorium which incorporated three basic ideas:

There was first the Moratorium on violence. Before Wednesday there were nagging doubts in many minds about how students and administrators would react to a demonstration on campus, whether planned or spontaneous. Many could only foresee trouble and danger. As it turned out, there was a demonstration of a sort in front of the Academic building, the "shade tree" debates, which probably involved more than 200 students at one time. And throughout the afternoon there was verbal confrontation after confrontation, as black armband debated cowboy hat and military uniform, but in nearly every instance it was the voice that was raised and not the fist, and the eye that flashed and not the steel. And in the evening, when the 80 or so students marched by the highway up to their meeting place and back, there were insults thrown from passing cars, but no bottles. Coolness was demanded all day and demonstrated all day by nearly everyone—black armband, cowboy hat and

uniform. University administrators were cool too as they, and hence everyone else, observed a Moratorium on certain university regulations. The university could have moved and suspended on the spot shade tree debaters for having "unauthorized meetings on campus" or for belonging to a "group which might bring discredit to the university." Campus Security officers at one point did try to break up the crowds, but when it became apparent that the students did not wish to leave, they were wise to let them continue talking.

And by their talking, the shade tree debaters observed a Moratorium on silence. For perhaps the very first time here at A&M, cowboy hat and black armband were actually communicating face to face with words and ideas instead of from a distance with icy stares or derisive shouts. Oh, they still got mad at each other, and some still shouted at others, but still they were hearing what the other side had to say. And this is the whole idea. Fear and distrust, the parents of hatred, are usually present in the absence of knowledge. Communication provides knowledge, and knowledge, if in large enough doses, understanding.

We commend the participants of Moratorium Day, black armband, cowboy hat and uniform, for their non-violent actions and their courage to speak out. We commend the university administration for its wisdom in handling the entire affair.

And we urge the calling of another "Moratorium Day" soon which enables the university community to engage in more non-violent, anti-silence demonstrations.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"By the time this is published everyone will be in Fort Worth, so why do anything?"

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
MSC Chess Committee will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Room 211 in Francis Hall.

SUNDAY
Alphi Phi Omega will have the last pledge ceremony of the fall semester at 8 p. m. in the Birch Room of the MSC.

MONDAY
Flying Kadets and Texas A&M Aeroclub will discuss club flight regulations and begin a free ground school at 7:30 p. m. in the Art Room on the third floor of the MSC.

Lubbock Hometown Club will elect officers at 6:30 p. m. at Ralph's Pizza.

Industrial Education Wives Club will hear a demonstration by Mrs. Nita Atkins at 8 p. m. in the Medallion Room, Bryan Utilities.

Fine Arts Group of Texas A&M is rehearsing for a Dec. 7 concert of Christmas music at 7:30 p. m. each Monday in Fellowship Hall

of the First United Methodist Church, 505 E. 27th St.

\$75 Stolen From Ralph's

A thief took \$75 Wednesday night from Ralph's Pizza in the North Gate area.

Ralph Segar, owner, told College Station police that the money was in a bag behind the counter. He said he first noticed it missing about 11:30 p.m.

Police theorize the thief reached behind the counter and walked off with the money.

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Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:
When is the last time anyone has taken a good look at the dome of the Academic building? Despite the efforts of nature (or the caretakers) to clean up the paint on its surface from the daring escapes of our valiant young men, there now appears in even bigger, bolder, and whiter numerals the number 73. Well, it seems that the students are bound to have the last word in painting up State Property.

synonymous with the necessary bodily excretion we call feces! Now, for crenouloud, just who here can dare to have the audacity to do this? (Would that I had film for my camera to take a picture of that to show with this letter.)

The Academic building is the center of our campus and the center of our history. I realize that there are those among us who do not appreciate the school here. But, whatever person or persons are responsible for this insult to Texas A&M University should be quite pleased with him-

self. This same person or persons should have the grace to remove that four-letter word. Need they be reminded—as does any group—that the painting of state property is quite illegal?

To the students who read this, I will say that if you think I am a killjoy or an agitator (as I have already been labeled) for bringing this to your attention, that is quite fine with me! But do you not agree that there is a limit to anything?

Let us keep some form of decency on our campus—especially our Academic building.
Bill A. Ashworth, Jr. '70

At The Movies with Bob Peek

There was some show at North Gate Wednesday night. If you need a title, The Weird Guys would be as good as any. As groups of Moratorium Day protesters passed the intersection a block north of the Campus Theater, 15 or so beer-guzzling, sweatshirted, Stetsoned "Aggies" for no apparent purpose heckled and taunted the students.

As one group of eight men and one girl walked by, ignoring the challenges of the "Aggies," the frustrated cowboys shouted such taunts as "faggots!," "peace queers!," and such intuitive questions as "You guys believe in God?" One obviously wise individual offered the enlightened observation that "The truth of life is Pearl Beer!" This comment was accompanied by numerous "who-ahs."

In a speech earlier this year, Texas A&M President Earl Rudder referred to members of vari-

ous student protest groups as "kooks, anti-militarists and just plain lousy Americans." It seems to me his logic was a bit twisted. I wonder what he thinks of the obscenity so freely voiced by the heckling, taunting "Good Ags."

The show isn't much better at the Campus Theater this week, either. The Good Guys and the Bad Guys is one of the dullest, most predictable, most un-funny comedies I've seen.

The previews promised an engaging comedy of the "Support Your Local Sheriff" variety. The movie fails to deliver. The only good scenes were in the previews.

"Good Guys" must be one of the worst "comedowns" either Robert Mitchum or George Kennedy has ever had from a good script to a bad one. Kennedy must especially regret his appearance in this movie. As his Academy Award-winning performance in "Cool Hand Luke"

demonstrated long ago, Kennedy is deserving of much better roles.

Don't be put off by the first five minutes of Some Kind of a Nut. The cheap camera tricks of the movie's introduction would give anyone a headache, but once those are gone you can relax and enjoy a genuinely hilarious motion picture.

Don't be put off by the cast either. Dick Van Dyke and Angie Dickinson co-star, but the show is no "milk and cookies" situation comedy. Situation comedy it is, but it is adult in content and style.

The plot is simple. A Manhattan bank teller (Van Dyke) is stung on the face by a bee, and consequently must forego shaving while the sting heals. He takes three weeks vacation and returns with a full beard (neatly trimmed). His audacity upsets everyone at the conservative establishment, and he is promptly fired.

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