

# At The Movies

with Bob Peek

Alice's Restaurant is hard to classify. Is it a comedy? Is it a tragedy?

Inevitably, the answer must be that it is both. The movie refuses to be neatly pigeon-holed into either category. Director Arthur Penn has taken Arlo Guthrie's hilarious, satirical record and transformed it into an experience of elation and melancholy, joy and despair.

In the story, Arlo drives up to Stockbridge, Mass., to visit his friends Alice and Ray Brock (James Broderick and Pat Quinn) in their home, a converted church. They have made their home a sort of "mini-commune" by removing the peys from the church.

All the humor from the record is still there. After a monumental Thanksgiving feast which produced an amazing pile of garbage, Arlo and his friend Roger attempt to "dump it at the dump." Sadly, the dump was closed on Thanksgiving. After searching around for another dump they finally dump the trash off a cliff when they see

that there is another pile of trash at the bottom. They decide "one big pile is better than two little piles."

An elderly couple driving by the scene report it to the police, who react properly to what was to them the biggest "crime of the decade." This includes taking "27 eight-by-ten colored glossy photographs with circles and arrows and paragraphs on the back of the scene of the crime." Of course the judge is blind.

Arlo's conviction is his downfall with the draft board. His "criminal" record of littering denies him the honor of serving his country like any good all-American hero.

But beneath all the comedy is an underlying theme of tragedy. Arlo's father Woody Guthrie is slowly dying of a disease of the nervous system. The blissful life in the commune breaks up from the pressure of internal strife between the inhabitants. One of the group dies of an overdose of heroin, and his funeral marks the end of their life in the

church. In all, it's an experience well worth your time.

Everyone with the slightest bit of romanticism in him should see Camelot. The word is synonymous with enchantment, and so is the movie. In the uncut version of the movie it is almost impossible to find fault with it.

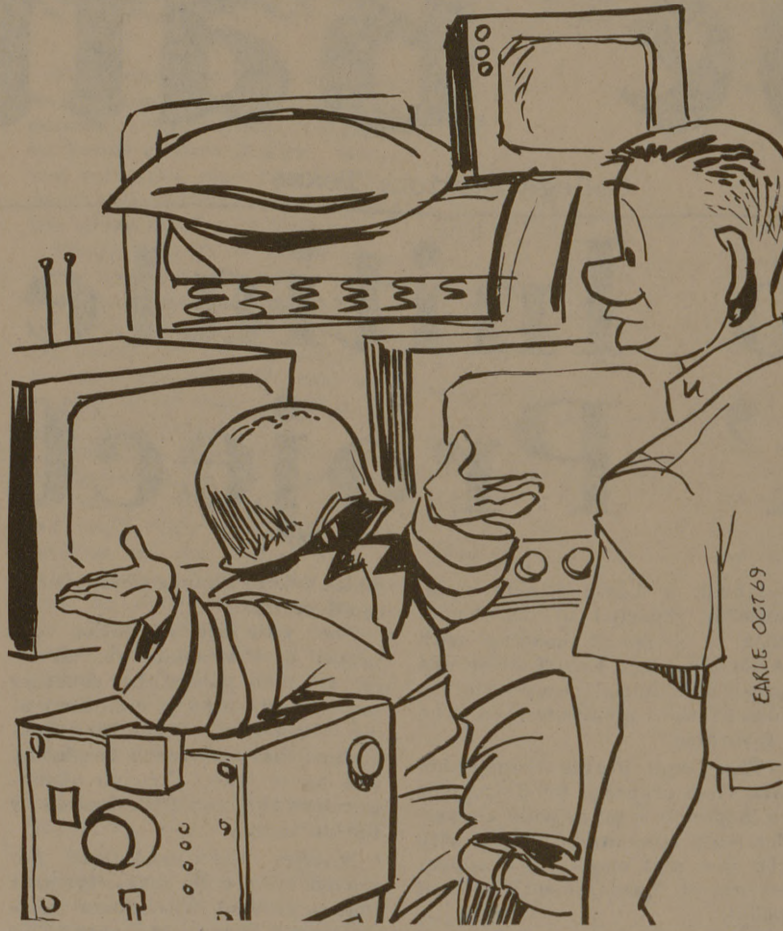
Vanessa Redgrave and Richard Harris provide regal performances, and David Hemmings is appropriately evil as Arthur's bastard son Mordred.

The music is beautiful, and the direction and photography is magical. The most dangerous point of a musical is when a character stops speaking and begins to sing. All too often, songs seem inappropriate and distracting. Camelot is a magnificent exception. The songs come in the right places and the performers deliver them perfectly.

When the house lights go up and you begin to leave the theater, you know that Camelot will never be forgotten, the kingdom or the movie.

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... Because my set went out during A&M's last televised game—that's why!"

# Campus Briefs

### Animal Science Prof To Lecture Thursday

Dr. A. C. Warnick of the University of Florida Animal Science Dept. will lecture here Thursday on crossbreeding and calf crop percentage.

His talk is set for 11 a.m. in Room 132 of the Animal Industries Building.

Dr. A. M. Sorensen of the A&M Animal Science Dept. said the visiting lecturer's experience includes work in Argentina on a special fund project dealing with ways to improve calf crops. He also received National Science Foundation travel grants to the 1961 World Congress on Reproduction in Holland and the 1964 Congress in Italy.

Committee will meet with university officials at noon Tuesday at Sbisca Cash Cafeteria.

This committee has been established to discuss laundry operations and to serve as a communications link between students and the University Laundry. Students who have suggestions concerning the operations and policies of the laundry are invited to contact one of the following committee members:

Allan Byrd, Schumacher 408, 5-2506; Allen Mikulencak, Mitchell, 83; Jimmy Alexander, Davis-Gary 417, 5-3557; Robert A. Harding, Dorm 2 Room 114, 5-2350; Jack C. Hollimon, Dorm 6 Room 301, 5-3240; Albert Kinkead, Dorm 2 Room 110, 5-1950.

### Emergency Course Set Next Week

A practical course on emergency care and transportation of the sick and injured is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of A&M Methodist Church, 417 University Dr.

Invited to attend the three-day course of lectures and demonstrations are ambulance attendants, policemen, firemen, safety engineers, rescue squads, nurse, public health, civil defense, and others who handle persons sick or injured in accidents.

The course, given free of charge, is sponsored by the Texas State Department of Health and the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Society.

Dr. J. T. L. McNew, a Bryan physician, is program chairman of the Training School.

## Ford Mustang Will Be Pacer

It was announced today in New York by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company, that Mustang has been chosen by American Raceways, Inc., as the 1970 Official Pace Car for Texas International Speedway and other American Raceways, Inc., facilities.

The first appearance of Mustang in its official role will be at the Inaugural Event at Texas International Speedway on November 9th — the final event of the '69 Can-Am Series.

Each track in the American Raceways Complex will have its own distinctive Mustang color. Texas International Speedway's Pace Car will have a special "Texas Red Paint Job". In addition, "Special Official Pace Car" kits will be available at Ford dealers in the Texas International Speedway market area

so that they will be able to identify themselves and their customers with the track.

The cars will be Mustang mach 1 models with 428 Cobra Jet engines.

Mr. Lawrence H. LoPatin, President of American Raceways, Inc., stated in New York that, "Mustang was chosen as the 1970 Official Pace Car for all the American Raceways' tracks because of its highly commendable position as America's No. 1 compact sports sedan; its obvious influence on the performance market in the country; and its most important role in the growth of the popular Trans-American Sedan Series inaugurated in 1966.

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### Model of Compressor Given to M.E. Dept.

A cut-away model of a refrigerant compressor has been given by Lennox Industries of Fort Worth to the Mechanical Engineering Dept., announces Dr. C. M. Simmang, department head.

The model of the company's L2 line, designed and built by graduates of Texas A&M now at Lennox, will be useful as a visual aid, he said.

Making the presentation were Sid Parker, '54 graduate in electrical engineering and now manager of Research and Development, Air Conditioning Compressors; Dick Cawley, '59, mechanical engineering, chief engineer in the same division; Charles Ellis, '59 mechanical engineering, chief project engineer, and Sam Taheri, '69, chemical engineering, project engineer.

### Laundry Committee To Meet Tuesday

The 1969-70 Student Laundry

### Singing Cadets Cut New Album

A new album entitled "The Old and the New" has been recorded by the Singing Cadets and is currently on sale, according to John Roby, publicity chairman for the organization.

The album, recorded in Houston at the ACA studios last spring, can be bought at the Memorial Student Center Gift Shop or at The Exchange Store for \$5.00, Roby said. It can also be ordered through the mail by sending \$5.50 to the Singing Cadets, Box 5718 College Station, he added.

The first side, Roby explained, contains old favorites from the past, such as "Porgy and Bess Medley" and "Wade in the Water." The second side has such new popular songs as "Love Is Blue," "Going Out of My Head," and "Windy," he said.

Profits from the sale of the record, Roby said, go toward scholarships for members of the Singing Cadets.

## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT  
MSC Chess Committee will have a beginner class at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3B of the MSC.

SUNDAY  
Brazos Ornithological Society will meet at 7 a.m. in the parking

### On KBTX Tonight

6:30 Get Smart  
7:00 Brady Bunch  
7:30 Hogan's Heroes  
8:00 TX Friday Night Movie "Last Sunset" w/Rock Hudson  
10:15 TX Final News  
10:45 Friday's Late Movie — "Mark of the Hawk" with Sidney Poitier and John McIntire

lot of the Redmond Terrace Pharmacy, College Station, for a trip to Somerville Reservoir.

MONDAY  
Industrial Education Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the Girls' Club, 306 W. 24th St.

Agricultural Economics and Sociology Student Wives Club will have a Tupperware party at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Jones, 1217 Haines, College Station.

WEDNESDAY  
Aggie Christian Fellowship will hear Steve Atkinson discuss "History and Christianity" at 5:30 p.m. in Room 3C of the MSC.

THURSDAY  
Chemistry Wives Club will tour Stacy Furniture Store, Townshir shopping Center, at 8 p.m.

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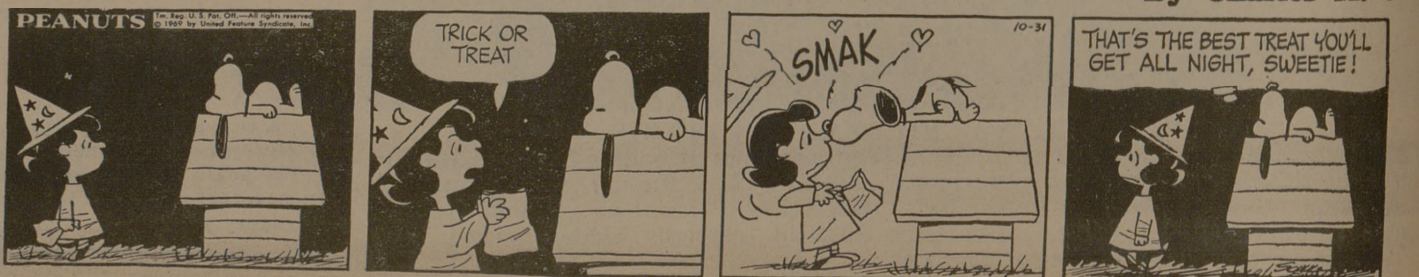


### WAR OF THE BUTTONS October 31

The young boys of two neighboring French provincial villages are traditional rivals and, over some past insult long since forgotten, have begun a "war." Buttons are the trophies of the conflict, and each captive is unceremoniously stripped of all he has.

TONIGHT 8:00 P.M. MSC BALLROOM

### PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

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