

# At The Movies

with Bob Peek

Is the most violent and grotesquely realistic movie yet made also the year's best picture? Maybe not, but by any relevant standard *The Wild Bunch* is an exceptional motion picture.

It has been years since there has been a truly original plot in a western movie, and accordingly, outstanding westerns have been results of fresh, skillful screenwriting, flawless direction and superlative performances by the actors.

Needless to say, few westerns have fulfilled all these qualifications. Those that have are classics. Such movies as "Shane," "High Noon," "The Magnificent Seven" and "The Professionals" are the dramatic equals of any of the best movies the industry has ever created.

"The Wild Bunch" is the story of a group of old-time desperados who are being pushed out of their profession by the irresistible expansion of American civilization in the early 1900's. They are getting old, the "jobs" are few and the loot is skimpy. After failing in an attempt at robbing a railroad depot, the bunch heads for Mexico, looking for one last big job before calling it quits.

The bunch gets its job and does it "just like in the old days," but each knows the romance is gone, and that his time is over. Fittingly, they die in an explosion of violence such has never been seen on the screen before.

Direction and photography are impeccable. The style of photography used in each scene contributed almost as much to its impact and meaning as the dialogue, sometimes more. It's a movie that must be seen to be believed.

No discussion of "The Wild Bunch" can ignore the subject of violence. The special effects

of violence in this movie are frighteningly real. Although this reality prompts many viewers and critics to violently condemn it as immoral and sick, it seems to me that it's stomach-turning aspect is the movie's greatest moral value. The sheer reality of this movie's violence destroys the romance of violence.

"The Wild Bunch," "Bullit" and

"Bonnie and Clyde" are all violent movies that I would take my children to see. After seeing it, they would never want to do anything violent to anyone. Could you say that about any John Wayne picture?

By the way, do you really want me to review "Darby O'Gill and the Little People?" I didn't think so.

## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

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# Campus Briefs

## Mexicans Tour Fire School

Twelve management officials from Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), the national petroleum company of Mexico, toured the university's Firemen Training School Thursday and watched a "light water" demonstration.

Fire Control Engineering Co. of Fort Worth sponsored the trip, which included instruction and tours in Fort Worth, Texas A&M, Bay City, Houston and the Manned Spacecraft Center.

A synthetic foaming agent designed for fires in oil storage tanks was demonstrated at A&M's Brayton Fire Training Field by Fire Control Engineering Co. president Werner Barwinkel.

## Dr. Rose Award \$7,800 Grant

Dr. Timothy L. Rose, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a \$7,480 Research Corp. Frederick Gardner Cottrell grant for research entitled "Molecular Beam of the Dynamics of Photodissociation."

The Milwaukee, Wis., native said the work is concerned with the effect of light on chemical species.

"The understanding of the primary processes in photodissocia-

tion reactions can lead to new systems which can be used for lasers, it helps explain the forces that hold molecules together and is applicable to the initial reactions which result in air pollution," Dr. Rose said.

## 5 Staff Members To Attend Workshop

Five University staff members will participate in a workshop sponsored by A&M's Sea Grant Program at Texas A&I University in Kingsville Dec. 11-12.

Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr., A&M vice president for programs and director of the institutions' Sea Grant Program, will present the program's aims and objectives at the meeting which will bring together representatives from 25 Texas colleges and universities.

The workshop, entitled "Educational Programs in Marine Affairs: The University View," will explore the needs for marine-related curricula at the junior college and college level.

Dr. Robert M. Sorenson, assistant professor of civil engi-

neering, and Adm. James D. Craik, superintendent of A&M's Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston, will present reports on the educational activities of their divisions.

## Meat Expert Joins Faculty

Dr. Gary C. Smith, nationally recognized for his lamb carcass quality research, has joined the Animal Science Department as an associate professor.

Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of the College of Agriculture, said the new staff member's main activities will be teaching and conducting meat science research as an associate of Dr. Z. L. Carpenter.

## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

MSC Chess Committee will host the A&M championship chess tournament at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3A MSC. Competition Saturday will begin at 8 a.m.

SATURDAY

Texas A&M Sailing Club will have sailing classes and conduct races from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Country Club Lake on S. College Avenue.

MONDAY

Polls Committee will meet at 7:15 p.m. in Lounge A-2, west of the University Hospital.

# LISTEN UP

the batt forum

Editor:

As freshmen at A&M, we were appalled and disgusted with an incident occurring Thursday evening in Sbis Dining Hall. As two Aggies with longer than usual hair entered the hall expecting to eat the evening meal under civilized dining hall conditions, they were greeted by a most nauseating display of bad manners and vulgarities. Upon the entrance of the two, a large group of their fellow aggies (?) mounted their chairs and the tables (amid the trays and food) and proceeded with a series of cat-calls and whoops. It could be observed that a majority of these "whoopers" were attired in

western apparel. In the first place, these two individuals were bothering no one and warranted no such outburst. Secondly, pushing aside common courtesy and tolerance, as sanitary human beings, it repulses and sickens us to know that the tables on which we must eat have been tread on by boots and other footwear that have no doubt been exposed to unsanitary conditions, possibly even a stockyard or corral. These actions only indicate immaturity and a lack of concern for the hygiene of others as well as themselves.

Don Plitt, Ken Walker,  
Tom Raney  
Class of '73

## Chem Prof Given Research Grant

An A&M chemistry professor has been awarded a \$3,000 Research Corp. Frederick Gardner Cottrell grant for research entitled "Stereoselectivity in Intramolecular Oletion Alkylations."

Dr. Kenn E. Harding, assistant professor of chemistry, said the proposed research is designed to increase knowledge related to the key step involved in the biogenesis of terpenoid natural products, including steroids such as cholesterol and cortisone.

The purpose of the proposed research is to examine chemical systems which allow additional insight into the chemical processes involved in cyclization reactions.

## Tonight on KBTX

6:30 Get Smart  
7:00 Billy Graham  
8:00 TX Friday Night Movie  
"Pharaoh's Woman"  
w/Linda Cristal  
10:00 TX Final News  
10:30 TX Friday Late Movie  
"Saskatchewan"  
w/Allen Ladd



Dr. Malcolm Bane  
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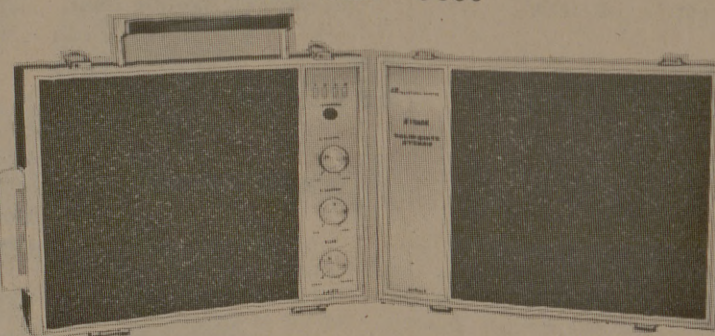
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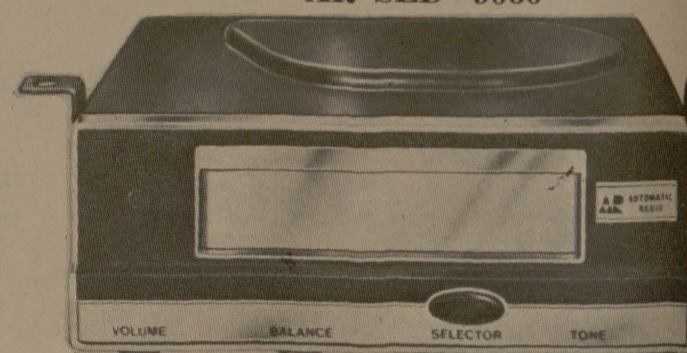
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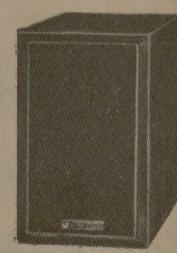
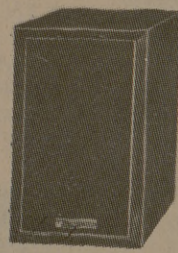


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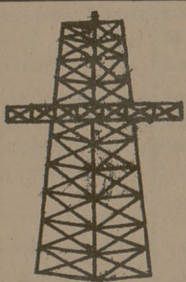
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