

Off The Record by Gary McDonald

VOLUNTEERS—JEFFERSON AIRPLANE

Jefferson Airplane and the entire movement has progressed a long way since "Somebody To Love" and love, peace, and flowers and all that. At this point the Airplane are hard core revolutionaries and "Volunteers" is a hard core revolutionary album. They explicitly define their enemy

and leave little to the imagination as to the tactics to be used in overcoming him. For example, they sing, oh, so sweetly:

"All your private property
Is target for your enemy
And your enemy is we!"

Strange as it may sound to some, they consider themselves patriots. After all they are "Volunteers of America":

"We are voices of chaos and anarchy
Everything they say we are, we are
And we are very proud of ourselves."

Listening to the Airplane albums in chronological order, their disillusionment, changes in ideals and strategies become obvious like the grievances of the original American colonists, who at first remained loyal to the king, but because of repression and failure to resolve those grievances in a satisfactory way, they drifted, or rather were pushed farther away until they were ready to sever all ties with the royal government. After listening to this album, one expects there is to be another shot heard 'round the world. And isn't Jerry Rubin really a recent incarnation of Samuel Adams?

Ignoring the politics of this album, if that is at all possible, this is an album with some of the best lyrics, harmonies, improvisa-

tions, and melodies that the Airplane has ever done. And they have done some great ones. Grace Slick on "Hey Frederick" has not sounded as good since the days of "Somebody To Love" and "White Rabbit." The melody is perfect for her eccentric vocal style. Drummer Spencer Dryden's "A Song for All Seasons" is an amusing look at the internal and external strife today's bands face. "Wooden Ships," written by guitarist Paul Kantner, in conspiracy with Steve Stills and David Crosby of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young is a poignant cry from their generation. Urgently, but not as plaintively urgent as C, S, N, Y's version, they sing, "We are leaving, you don't need us."

If the politics of this album seem offensive, try to ignore them, because the album is a masterpiece of contemporary music. And if anyone is assembling material for a time capsule, this is a must.

Environment Teach-In Meeting Thursday

Faculty members and students interested in establishing an environmental teach-in at the university have been urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Architecture Auditorium.

Bill Voigt, senior architecture major, said the purpose of the teach-in is to establish an awareness of our environmental problems.

"At present," he said, "a national Teach-In is moving along very rapidly with 120 campuses participating."

"There is no question that in the long-run, the environmental challenge is the greatest faced by mankind," he continued. "Distinguished scientific authorities have been warning for years that mankind is rapidly destroying the very habitat on which he depends for his survival."

Civilian Menu Panel To Convene Thursday

Students with suggestions on how to improve Sbsia Dining Hall services should contact a member of the Civilian Student Menu Board, according to Howard Perry, director of civilian student activities.

The board meets at noon Thursday in Sbsia Dining Hall.

Student members of the board are: Pat Wertheim, 402 Hotard, 6-9944; David Alexander, 312 Hughes, 5-6000; Shelton Wallace, 127 Davis-Gary, 5-1566; and Van Kinerd, 50 Milner, 6-2118.

Assistant Chosen For Vet College

Lyndon Kurtz, a native of Rosenberg, has been appointed administrative assistant in the College of Veterinary Medicine, announced Dean Alvin A. Price.

Kurtz will be responsible for administrative functions in the college and will coordinate College of Veterinary Medicine information services, visitors' tours and educational displays.

His assignment to the recently-created position was effective this month.

Kurtz joined the university from Trans-Western Pipe Line Co., where he was assistant material controller in Houston.

He graduated from Wharton Junior College in 1963 and A&M in 1965 with a degree in agricultural economics.

City To Host Open House

The City of College Station city officials will host an annual Christmas "come-and-go" Open House from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Friday in City Hall, 101 Church St.

Campus Briefs

Mayor D. A. Anderson said the open house is a custom which originated with the founding of the city and has been continued over the years, affording an opportunity for all citizens to join in fellowship with their elected representatives, city officials and city employees. Refreshments will be served.

Immediately following the close of the Open House, the City Council will convene its December meeting, he said.

Dr. Bridges Elected To National Post

Dr. Charles H. Bridges, head of the Department of Veterinary Pathology at the university's College of Veterinary Medicine, has been elected vice president of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists for 1970.

A native of Shreveport, Dr. Bridges graduated from A&M in 1945 with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree. He also holds the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

The American College of Veterinary Pathologists is a certification board for the profession specialty.

Dr. Bridges joined the A&M faculty in 1955 as associate professor, was promoted to full professor in 1959 and department head in 1960.

Physicist Scheduled To Speak Thursday

A physicist who is internationally known for his research and teaching of astronomy will give a physics colloquium here Thursday.

Dr. A. Dalgarno, professor of astronomy at the Harvard College Observatory, will speak on "Metastable Hydrogen and Helium" at 1 p.m. in Room 146, Physics Building.

The Cambridge, Mass., educator has an international reputation in applications of quantum mechanics to atomic and molecular physics, theoretical chemistry, planetary atmospheres and astrophysics.

Dr. Dalgarno is on the editorial boards of "Planetary and Space Science," "Chemical Physics Letters" and "International Journal of Quantum Chemistry."

A&M faculty, staff, graduate students and the public are invited. A coffee is scheduled from 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Two '67 Graduates Distinguished in Army

Two A&M graduates of 1967 have been distinguished for Army service.

First Lt. Thomas J. Morgan of Port Arthur earned the Commendation Medal at Fort Hood for service as executive officer of a

1st Armored Division unit. He is with Troop C, 3rd Squadron of the division's 1st Cavalry.

At A&M, Morgan studied history, was a member of Company G-2 and summer Memorial Student Center directorate president.

Second Lt. Manzell L. Shafer of Trent completed the 16-week helicopter pilot course at Fort Wolters and is in advanced flight training at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. An agricultural journalism major, he was Cadet Corps information officer, member of the Ross Volunteers and "Agriculturist" editor.

Schad Named Winner Of Design Contest

Douglas R. Schad, junior nuclear engineering student from Bryan, has been named a winner in the 1969 James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation national engineering student design competition.

Dr. James H. Earle, head of A&M's Engineering Graphics Department, said Schad received a fourth place cash award of \$250 for his entry, and automobile luggage carrier called "Tilt-A-Carry."

J. T. Coppinger, assistant professor, was Schad's faculty adviser on the project.

The awards are given for the best written papers offering solutions to engineering problems related to steelwork in structures, or to products, machines, or devices constructed primarily of steel.

Schad, a Navy veteran, works as an operator at the university's Nuclear Science Center.

San Antonio Radioman To Address 'Hams'

Roy Albright, American Radio Relay League director of San Antonio, will speak at a special Thursday meeting of the Memorial Student Center Radio Committee.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting in Room 145 Physics is open to all "hams" and persons interested in amateur radio, announced committee chairman Rick Oshlo of Dallas.

Albright will discuss very high frequency (VHF) transmission and show a film, "The Ham's Wide World." Committee member Ted Wittliff of Taylor said the talk and film are non-technical and will provide background for individual's considering becoming hams.

"Everyone is welcome," Wittliff indicated. "The program will be especially informative for those who have had no radio or electronics experience."

The scheduled film is narrated by Barry Goldwater, one of the nation's best known "hams."

"Christmas Eve Through the Centuries" THE FIRST CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The scripture reading found at verses 18 through 21 of St. Matthew, Chapter 1, was used in a Mass conducted by Pope Sixtus III in the Church of St. Mary Major in Rome about the middle of the 5th Century. Tradition states that this was probably the first Christmas Worship service held on Christmas Eve.

The story is still told of a great artist who many years later visited a humble home during Christmas in which a little girl was celebrating her gifts. Among other things she had received a plain fan. The artist asked for the fan stating he would paint a picture on it. The girl turned away saying impudently, "You won't spoil my fan". If only the girl had given her cheap fan to the artist, he would have returned it to her with a beautiful picture and an increase in value perhaps of thousandfold.

Our lives may be as small and as cheap and we may be still clinging to them as the Master Artist asks for them. He wants our lives to serve and enjoy fellowship with Him. That fellowship is the true and genuine meaning of Christmas.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

Eagle Pass Hometown Club will have pictures taken at 8 p.m. on the MSC steps.

Aggie Christian Fellowship will hear Bill Priebe discuss "The

Dating Game" at 5:30 p.m. in Room 145 Physics.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will elect a Cotton Ball Sweetheart and discuss a Christmas dance at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge between Dormitories 6 and 8. Members are requested to bring pictures of the girls they wish to nominate.

Orange County Hometown Club will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Academic Building.

THURSDAY

Dewitt-Lavaca Hometown Club will discuss Christmas party plans and have the club picture taken at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor lobby of the MSC.

Brazos County Post 4692 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a social at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Home.

Matagorda County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 304 Physics.

MONDAY

Chemistry Club will have pictures taken for the Aggeland at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Chemistry building.

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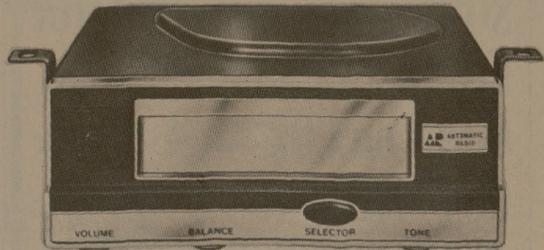
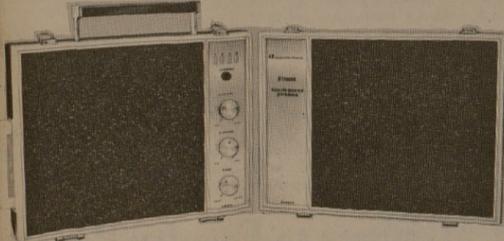
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